

COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUES STATEMENT ON 'WORKER'

The National Administrative

Committee of the CPUSA, on Thursday issued the following comment on the inspired accounts that appeared in Thursday's commercial press regarding a recent meeting of the National Executive Committee and its recommendations in respect to the Daily Worker. (This comment was approved, with John Gates in opposition):

"The regular monthly meeting of the National Executive Committee, CPUSA was held on Dec. 20, 21 and 22. A press release on the meeting will be issued Dec. 31.

"Meanwhile, the National Administrative Committee deems it necessary to clear up some false rumors that appeared in the commercial press relating to the meeting and the Daily Worker.

"The facts are that a committee on the press appeared before the NEC and reported on the continuing heavy deficit and the desperate financial straits in which the paper finds itself. From the report it became clear to the NEC that the Communist Party which has always organized major support for the Daily Worker could no longer assume responsibility for organizing in time sufficient financial support to maintain the daily newspaper. This is so because of the sharply increased costs of production which have already adversely affected the People's World and other labor newspapers, as well as because of the unsatisfactory situation within

the party.

"The Committee was also convinced that the continuing losses incurred by the Daily Worker would in a short time jeopardize the possibility of saving the weekly Worker unless drastic measures were taken now.

"Therefore, the NEC—with Gates voting No and Charney abstaining—voted to recommend to the owners and staff of the Daily Worker and Worker—in the absence of any last-minute and sizeable financial contributions to save the Daily—to suspend the Daily and to reorganize themselves so as to be able to save the Worker.

"The NEC is confident that the Worker can be preserved and built, and pledged its full support to this end. It recognized that the self-sacrificing efforts of the party members and the friends of the Daily Worker to save the paper have not been in vain and that at the very least a weekly Marxist press will be maintained.

"It was also agreed that the above recommendation would only become final and would be made public after the full National Committee of 60 was polled on this matter. This poll is now under way.

"In view of these facts the NAC declares that the press interview of John Gates on this matter was completely unauthorized, and that such public statements on the part of any individual constitute a violation of the most elementary organizational principles common to all working class organizations."