

# DAILY WORKER PICKS GERSON FOR TOP POST

A new Communist party move to rebuild The Daily Worker was made known yesterday. Simon W. Gerson, party spokesman at last month's closed national convention, was appointed executive editor, effective Monday.

The choice for the newly created top operating post was announced by John Gates, editor in chief. He said, "We intend to fight our way back to a position of full legality as a newspaper expressing a certain point of view in the market place of public opinion."

Mr. Gerson, who is 48 years old and a former city editor of the paper, said he would give up party posts as New York State legislative chairman and national civil liberties committee chair-

man. He has held the state post for eleven years and the national post for two.

From 1938 to 1940 he was assistant to the Borough President of Manhattan. In 1952 he was acquitted in Federal court of charges of conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the Government by force and violence.

Gates and other editors of the paper, whose daily circulation reportedly has slipped to 7,395 copies, will retain their present titles.

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