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An Opportunity Afforded by the Holiday Season

BY THE TIME this column appears the holiday season will have begun. Workers will be busy stretching their family budget to buy Christmas gifts. Plans will be made to spend social evenings with relatives and friends.

Without in any way detracting from the festivities and family obligations, it seems to me that Communist and progressive workers should ask themselves what they can do during the holiday season for the cause of freedom.



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There is one thing that every reader of the Illinois Edition of *The Worker* can do to help bring "peace on earth and good will towards men," and that is, to get one or more subscriptions for *The Worker*.

The Worker is engaged in a most important subscription drive to get 40,000 new readers. In Illinois, we have set as our goal the getting of 3,000 new subscribers. While the campaign nationally is already in full swing, in Illinois, the campaign has hardly begun. And yet, there is more reason for this campaign being successful in the prairie state than elsewhere, because we now have an Illinois edition of *The Worker*.

Members of the Communist Party, progressive trade unionists, who will be renewing old acquaintances during the holiday season, can utilize this period for introducing *The Worker* to these relatives and friends.

If this opportunity which the holiday season opens up would really be utilized to the full, then during a period in which there is customarily a slump in activities, we could reap important gains for the circulation drive in Illinois.

The leaders and members of the Communist Party have a special responsibility in this respect. There is no more important task than to bring the truth to the people, and the best way to do this is by winning readers for *The Worker*.

Let's get out of our lethargy and really do this job as it must be done.

Many times, comrades and friends approach me and ask what they can do about the trial of the twelve communist leaders which is scheduled to open on January 17th. There are many things that can be done, but frankly, I do not know of anything more important than to see to it that a growing number of workers get the message of the Communist Party as brought to them through its weekly paper.

There is an old saying, that one ounce of truth is worth more than a pound of lies. We see all around us the effect of the pounds and TONS of lies circulated by the reactionary big business press. Let's go out and add to the ounces of truth, without which it is impossible to stop the drive towards war and reaction.

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