

Lightfoot Urges Worker Support at CP Convention

CHICAGO. — In his report to the state convention of the party Claude Lightfoot, chairman of the Illinois Communist Party, stressed the great need of support to the working class press.

He told the convention that the party's work to strengthen the press is of "decisive importance." He emphasized the need for changes in the paper, saying "The Worker should be transformed into a fighting, crusading paper which not only points up the problems of people's every day living, but should become an educational medium for socialism."

Lightfoot stated:

"If this convention does not take

some immediate emergency steps, there will be no Worker left to discuss. The present subscription drive lags considerably. No doubt there are many factors which cause the problem. But the main reason is that no real fighting spirit exists in the ranks of the party and its leadership to do the job that has to be done.

"Those comrades who are allowing differences with Daily Worker policies to promote passivity in building the circulation, must be reminded that it will be far easier to make the necessary changes in The Worker if it is alive than it will be if it becomes a corpse.

"The national committee has issued a call for a national circulation and financial drive to begin April 1 and end June 30. In our district, we must strive to rebuild a certain competitive spirit and carry through our responsibilities with honor."

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down in the GOP platform during last summer's convention.

"But we are appalled to see how in his inaugural address the