

Funds and Subs

LAST week there was a slight pickup among the trade unionists who support The Worker in the Sub Drive. The Packinghouse workers announced that they were beginning to get rolling and proved it with a few subs. The auto workers and the electrical workers came through with a few more. We must say that although what came in is too little, it is not too late to get rolling.



ALBANY PARK friends of the Illinois Worker doubly honored this paper last week. They ran an affair to raise funds for our paper. The affair was run in honor of an outstanding supporter of our paper, Lil Green. It was a gala occasion as Lil's many friends dropped in to say hello and to pay tribute to her many contributions to the progressive movement.



A GROUP of West Side supporters of the paper gave \$74 last week as a tribute to a dear friend who had passed away recently. They were deeply moved by the loss and wanted to show their feelings to some degree with this contribution.



FROM a group of professional workers \$94 came in. Additional funds was contributed by some friends of ours who are members of the AFL. Our Albany Park friends. And from auto workers. These are just a few of the reports. There are more that will be reported in the future.



CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Illinois Communist Party chairman, issued an open letter to all party members and sympathizers calling for an intensification of effort to carry out the objective of raising \$25,000 by July 4, \$5,000 of which is earmarked for The Worker.

The letter stated in part:

"Our organization is now at a turning point. New opportunities for our party to begin playing a significant role in today's struggle are ever increasing. But we are not yet geared to take full advantage of the new situation. There are many unsolved problems which tend to prevent us from doing this, not the least of which is the present financial situation.

During the last year the internal discussion we've had, coupled with other developments, tended to weaken the morale of the organization to such an extent that former contributors withheld their usual contribution or reduced it drastically. As a result we've faced one crisis after another. And now when the objective situation is getting better we are hamstrung by the lack of funds.

"I, therefore, call upon all members and friends to get behind the present drive. Everyone is urged to make the maximum contribution and to solicit funds from friends and former party members. Members who have been out of touch with the organization are urged to contact their club chairman or other officers and inform them what they are prepared to do to make the drive a success. Every dollar contributed will be used to help break our present isolation from the people."