

CP Meeting Backs 'Worker' Drive

THE FULL NATIONAL committee of the Communist Party, which met in New York April 27 and 28, expressed its "unanimous and most determined conviction" that the Daily Worker and The Worker must be maintained, and pledged its full support to the editors and staff in the current critical circulation and financial campaign.

A report on the Marxist press evaluated "the great service these papers have contributed to the current efforts of progressive Americans in the developing mass movements for outlawing of the H-bomb and for peaceful co-existence, and for active support of the freedom and independence of the nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America." The report detailed the contributions made by

the papers in advancing civil rights and civil liberties and reflecting and helping organize the fight for the needs of labor, the Negro people and farming population, and noted its improved role "in the battle of ideas and in popularizing the American Road to Socialism."

At the same time it turned critical attention on "the need of improving the reportage of life and events in the socialist lands, especially providing a more thorough-going Marxist analysis of the foreign policy of those countries."

Following the report and discussion on the press, in which almost every member of the Committee took part, there was a unanimous vote to adopt the report and recommendations.

A 20-member executive board was set up to function between

quarterly meetings of the full committee, and William Z. Foster was elected chairman emeritus. The 20 were George Blake Charney, Benjamin J. Davis, Eugene Dennis, Earl Durham, Fred W. Fine, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, (conditional upon her acceptance upon coming out of prison May 27) William Z. Foster, John Gates, James Jackson and Sidney Stein, all of New York; also David Davis of Philadelphia, Claude Lightfoot of Chicago, Hy Lumer of Cleveland, George Myers of Baltimore, Carl Ross of Minneapolis, Michael Russo of Boston, Martha Stone of Newark, Carl Winter of Detroit, Dorothy Healey of Los Angeles and Michael Lima of San Francisco.

The executive committee was

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instructed to organize its work, elect the necessary subcommittees and heads of departments. After its next full session, the national committee will announce the names of all chairmen and secretaries elected.

Major policy matter dealt with in addition to the press was the fight for civil rights. The committee approved a report by former City Councilman Davis which cited the peril of a new filibuster, the growing, many-sided popular movement for support of the Supreme Court decision on desegregation, and the responsibility of the progressive forces in the labor and peoples movement. He noted the widespread support for the non-partisan May 17 Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom to Washington and the call of its advocates for white trade unionists and others to back the movement.