

CLOSING DATE SET BY DAILY WORKER

**Paper Will Suspend Monday
After 34 Years—Sunday
Edition to Be Continued**

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The Daily Worker will cease publication after next Monday, according to an announcement in today's issue of the Communist party organ.

The end of The Daily Worker, thirty-four years after it began publication, will leave the Communist party only with the weekly Worker, hitherto The Daily Worker's week-end edition, as a newspaper organ. Suspension of the daily newspaper was decided upon at a meeting of the Communist party's National Executive Committee, last Dec. 20-22, though no reference to that meeting is made in the two statements published today.

Today's Daily Worker says that "we have been informed by the Communist party that it is not in a position to help raise the large amounts needed immediately to meet our deficit, which ran to \$250,000 in 1957." It notes that "It is pointed out that lower party membership, diminished resources and unresolved party differences combine to bring about an unsatisfactory situation."

Defeat for Gates Seen

Persons close to the Communist party yesterday interpreted the closing of The Daily Worker as a defeat for John Gates, editor in chief of the paper and leader of the party's right wing. He publicly protested last month against the decision to close the paper.

Mr. Gates is also editor of The Worker, which survives and is to be expanded, but inquiry at The Daily Worker yesterday indicated there was some doubt whether he would be able to retain the post.

Though today's announcement speaks of the "temporary suspension" of the paper, Mr. Gates' adherents do not expect that he will again be given a daily Communist newspaper through which to speak. There are suspicions in this faction that the substantial funds still remaining available to Communists in this country will be used later to begin a newspaper that will speak for the all-out pro-Moscow faction headed by William Z. Foster, Mr. Gates' opponent.

The paper's circulation in recent months has been put by Mr. Gates at about 5,000, against a peak of 20,000. The weekly Worker's circulation now is said to be about 10,000, against a peak of 80,000.

The paper's history was a stormy one. It was noted for the violence of the abuse it directed against the capitalist system and persons who had left the party, including those who had been on its staff.

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