

NOT ENOUGH MEMBERS

Building The I. L. D.

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Who can measure the benefit that the I. L. D. has rendered to the victims of capitalism in these ten years of its existence. It has entered the dark, dank cells of innocent victims, has brought their cases into open court, has seized them from the very grasp of death, had them freed and restored them to their weeping wives and helpless, hungry children.

But there is still much immediate, urgent work for this tireless giant to do. There are many, many locked up in prison cells whose long line stretches from ocean to ocean and across the cruel, bloody South that must be rescued. The I. L. D. is in the fight to stay. It will employ the best legal counsel,

it will arouse thousands to defend them to the last ditch and prove their only "crime" was an endeavor to free the worker from wage slavery.

There is but one obstacle in the way—not enough members. Each one of you friends and sympathizers may be only one—but the sum total of all of you together will make a worth while number—enough to carry on the great work that lies before us. Start now by joining the I. L. D. Let us send the I. L. D. forward towards its next birthday better equipped than ever before to carry on.

—Lucy Parsons,
Widow of Albert Parsons, one of the Haymarket martyrs.



San Francisco honors its dead. This picture shows the first section of the parade held on the waterfront on July 5 to honor the memory of those killed during the strike last summer. 25,000 marched.

Lucy Parsons' words speak for themselves. They tell the whole story. The I.L.D. is faced today with some of the greatest battles in its history—battles that have to be fought at the same time. Herndon, Scottsboro, Mooney, Gallup, Burlington, and on hundreds and hundreds of less known fronts.

Only a powerful, mighty organization with thousands upon thousands of members can meet the tasks that face us today. Building the I.L.D., recruiting our friends into our ranks as members—that is the task of the moment.

We invite the branches of the I.L.D. to write in and describe their experiences in recruiting—their problems,

shortcomings, etc. We want this page to be the proving ground of many exchanged experiences—not only in gaining new members, but in keeping the old ones. How do you conduct your meetings, how much educational work, what kind? We want to learn from each other how to build our I.L.D. into the powerful shield of the working class that it must become in the face of advancing fascism and war at home and abroad.

Readers of the Labor Defender, join the I.L.D. Urge your friends to join. Don't put it off until another day! Act now!

JOIN THE I. L. D.

What We Stand for:

Organization of the best available legal defense, supporting the broadest united front mass defense in behalf of victims of ruling class terror; to supply adequate relief to the political prisoners while they are in jail; to support and maintain their families until they are free; to fight for the freedom of all class war prisoners.

Please send me all the necessary information about becoming a member of the I.L.D. including the addresses of all district offices.

Name

Address

City State

Age Where do you work

Union, political or fraternal affiliation