

TEN GOOD REASONS

Why

YOU SHOULD BUY A 1936 STAMP

and an Appeal by

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Ten cents a year to aid the I.L.D. in its vital work of defense and relief to labor's neediest. Ten cents a year to help fight terror and reaction. Ten cents a year to assure America's fighters for freedom—an ever ready champion.

HELP LABOR'S PRISONERS—a cry which will surely find response in the heart of every liberty loving man and woman, every friend of labor. This cry, from behind the high stone walls of America's jails and penitentiaries, from the shattered homes in company mining towns, in textile centers, in the slums of city streets—has long since been heard and answered by the International Labor Defense. The victims of reaction of yesterday and today who were defended by the I.L.D. know its strength and appreciate its efforts. The victims of tomorrow must be assured of the same aid and support.

For ten years the I.L.D. has championed the cause of labor before the courts, has rallied mass support behind labor's prisoners standing before the bar of "justice." For ten years the I.L.D. has supported to the best of its ability the wives and children of labor's prisoners. Growing reaction, throughout the land, is adding seriously to the burden of our responsibilities and obligations. In order to meet them, the National Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense, has issued this 10c stamp to **HELP LABOR'S PRISONERS**. This stamp should be in the dues-book of every organized worker in the United States.

NEW REPRESSIVE LAWS ARE COMING: says Congressman MARCANTONIO about HR. 5945 which has already passed the Senate, "This bill will be used to prosecute labor leaders in labor disputes when the militia is called out, when any strike takes place in any locality of the United States."

NEW BILLS RESTRICTING CIVIL LIBERTIES, PROVIDING SERIOUS PENALTIES HAVE BEEN PASSED IN MANY STATES: Arkansas, Delaware, Indiana, Tennessee already have laws barring all political parties from the ballot which advocate overthrow of the government by "force and violence," "sedition or treason," and who do this "advocating" by radio, speech or press.

A HOST OF ILLEGAL VIGILANTE GROUPS ARE IN OPERATION attempting to stamp out our democratic rights, among them: America Blue Corps, American Reds, American Concentration, Inc., American Defenders, American Vigilante Intelligence Service, Hollywood Hussars, Secret Sentinels of Yonkers, Men of Justice, White Legion.

1935 brought a vast increase in the number of arrests for labor activity: I.L.D. reports showing only about 35% of the total number of such arrests show—5,277 arrests during the last year, 3,143 as a result of strike activity; 842 around struggles of the unemployed for work and relief; 716 as a result of anti-war and anti-fascist activity. Multiply these figures by three and you get a pretty accurate picture of the work the I.L.D. is called upon to do.

CALIFORNIA'S I.L.D. last year handled at least one case every single day of the year; **CHICAGO'S** an average of two cases every day and **NEW YORK CITY—THIRTY!**

RAIDS AND KIDNAPPINGS supplement the attacks of the police throughout the land. The victims of these attacks must be defended. In 1935 there were 15 kidnappings involving 26 labor leaders and organ-

izers. There were **TWENTY-NINE** police and vigilante raids that did enough damage to get into the newspapers.

ONE EXAMPLE of these raids from Jackson, California, reported by a victim: "Gun-bearing citizens led by sheriff's officers routed pickets (gold mine workers) at the gates of two famous gold mines and then completely destroyed the strikers camp which in the meantime had been set ablaze during the night by vigilantes. The sheriff's army then went into action again. Stoves, chairs, tables, boxes, everything that had been collected by the pickets was thrown into the blazing rooms of the strike headquarters."

FIFTY-ONE were killed in economic struggles in 1935, **THIRTY-FIVE** shot down on picket lines; **TROOPS** were used **TWENTY-TWO** times in **FIFTEEN** states; Gov. Talmadge of Georgia can account for **THREE** of these instances of the use of armed force against strikers; Hearst's bright boy Gov. Landon of Kansas, called his militia out once.

DEPORTATIONS are increasing—27,744 foreign born men and women were deported from the United States in the last two years. Deportation proceedings, following strikes, against militant foreign born workers are on the up-grade; **100 BILLS** providing stricter deportation laws are before the Congress at this moment.

ALMOST all of the outstanding labor defense cases of the last year were participated in directly or indirectly (by aid to particular united front defense committees) by the **INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE**. Only a few reminders—Oklahoma unemployed, Eureka strikers, the Criminal Syndicalism cases in California and Oregon, Gallup, Burlington, Alaska,—in addition to the continued struggle for the freedom of the Scottsboro Boys, Angelo Herndon, Tom Mooney, J. B. McNamara, and our brothers across the seas in Germany, Italy, Spain, Cuba, and other fascist and colonial countries.

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