

BUILDING THE I.L.D.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

In preparation for the Fourth National Convention of the I.L.D., District Conventions have been called in the following Districts: Philadelphia, November 24th; Boston, Anthracite District, December 1st; Chicago, Southern District and San Francisco—December 8th; New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland—December 15th; Los Angeles—December 21-22nd. Seattle has had a successful District Convention on October 27th.

WITH THE LANGUAGE SECTIONS

Steps are being taken to form a Spanish and Chinese Section of the International Labor Defense. Branches and Districts are requested to help establish connections with the workers speaking these languages and to report any connections they may have to the National Office.

Ed. Stoklas is the new secretary of the Slovak Section, who is putting new life in the Slovak Branches. He can be communicated with at 347 East 72nd Street, New York, N. Y.

T. J. Kurowsky, secretary of the Polish Section, moved to New York and established his headquarters in the National Office of the I.L.D. All communications pertaining to work among Polish workers should be sent to the Polish Section, 80 East 11th Street, Room 402, New York, N. Y.

Louis Sass, secretary of the Hungarian Section, just returned from an extensive organization tour and reports great success. District Conferences of the Hungarian branches will be held in the various districts on December 8th. The Hungarian section has at present 34 functioning branches.

MANY NEW BRANCHES FORMED

O. J. Arness, of North Dakota, is doing splendid work in the Agricultural District. Branches have recently been formed in Williston, Sanish, and Belden, N. D.

San Francisco District is reporting good work. E. Levin was recently elected District organizer. Comrades Margaret Hunt and Jim McCrary are largely responsible for success of the I.L.D. in the East Bay region. Branches have been formed in Oakland (Fred Beal branch), Eureka and Long Beach, Cal. Branches have also been organized in New Orleans, La., among the marine workers; in Rochester N. Y., and in Westville, Ill.

I. L. D. CASES

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MICHAEL PICCOLLELA was arrested in New York, April 26, 1929, charged with illegal entry and is now facing deportation to fascist Italy. The I. L. D. has appealed the decision of the court which ruled that all seamen in this country less than three years are subject to deportation, after it had ruled five years.

ROSAKI was arrested in Seattle, Washington, at an anti-militarist demonstration, in August, 1929, charged with illegal entry and held for deportation to fascist Hungary.

RADE RADIVOVICH and JOHN VOICH were framed on a charge of illegal entry and held for deportation, being arrested March 20, 1929. The I. L. D. won the case, but the Federal Government is now fighting the decision and the I. L. D. is fighting the government appeal.

MIKE ZALDOKAS, who was arrested in Pittsburgh, February 15, 1927, charged with illegal entry and sedition, is now being held for deportation. He is out on \$2,000 bail pending the I.L.D. appeal.



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Sentenced to from 6 months to 10 years for flying Red Flag in Children's Camp in California. Standing (left to right) Sarah Cuiler, acquitted; Bela Mintz, Esther Karpiloff; Seated: Yetta Stromberg, Emma Schneiderman and Jennie Wolfson.

Branch Officers at Work

By A. JAKIRA

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of a series of articles on organization published in the LABOR DEFENDER. The first two articles dealt with the following subjects: (1) How to arrange a branch and (2) A defense branch at work. The article in the next issue will deal with the proper organization of mass meetings and various other undertakings of the I.L.D.]

The main officers of a branch of the International Labor Defense are: Recording-corresponding Secretary; Organizer; Financial Secretary; Labor Defender and Literature Agent. A chairman is elected at each meeting. Larger branches should elect a Branch Executive Committee. Delegates to the City Central Committee are elected in all towns where such a committee exists.

The Recording and Corresponding Secretary keeps in touch with the higher committees, making reports to them and receiving all communications. He calls the meetings of the branch to order and reads all communications at the meeting and keeps minutes.

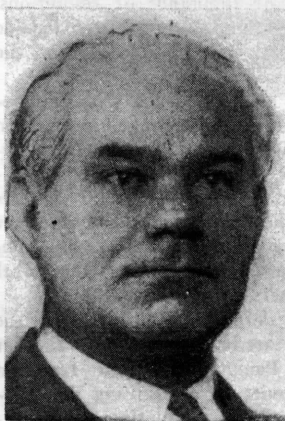
The Organizer should see to it that all officers and committees function properly. He should see to it that all affairs, mass meetings, tag days, house-to-house collections, demonstrations, etc., are properly organized. He is to devise ways and means of recruiting new members, of keeping the old members and to make them active in the defense work. He is to keep a record of those members who do not attend meetings and see to it that they attend. He is to compile a list of friendly organizations and see to it that they affiliate on a collective basis and that they otherwise cooperate with the I.L.D. in every way possible.

From this it is to be seen that the functions of the organizer are of utmost importance and a live wire should be selected for this office.

The Financial Secretary issues the membership books to the members, orders dues stamps and all other necessary supplies for the branch, collects dues, keeps records of all moneys received

and expended. He should get a numbered duplicate receipt book which can be purchased from the National Office. He should issue receipts for all money taken in. An audit of the books should be made at least once in three months. At the end of each month, he shall submit a written financial report to the higher body and should keep a duplicate of this report for his own files. Report blanks can be secured from the National Office.

The Labor Defender and Literature Agent takes care of all the literature of the International Labor Defense and of the Labor Defender. He should see to it that all members of the



M. E. Taft, I.L.D. Organizer, now on tour for the Gastonia and Anti-Terror drive, Labor Defender and I.L.D. Drives.

branch are subscribers to the Labor Defender and that each member does his share in securing subscription for the Labor Defender from other workers and friends. He should also see to it that the branch orders a bundle of the Labor Defender for sale at mass meetings, at union meetings, meetings of fraternal and other labor organizations, among workers in the shops, and in special house-to-house campaigns. The literature agent is also to see to it that articles and reports are sent in regularly to the Labor Defender, either by himself or by the other members of the branch.