

"Build The I.L.D." Final Plea of Jakira

FROM his sickbed in a New York hospital, just before he died March 20, Abram Jakira, organization secretary of the I.L.D. issued an appeal to build the I.L.D. They were his last words.

He was unable to write the statement himself, owing to his weakened condition, so he had to give it verbally to a stenographer. It follows:

"The I.L.D. must at this time be rapidly built to a mass organization, stressing especially its mass activities and mass agitation. In looking over the dues reports for December, January and February, we

find that we must again issue an appeal to all our district and sub-district organizers and to all the branch secretaries as well as the individual members.

"The Eight Months Plan of work called for a quota of more than 12,000 dues paying members by March 18. Figures for December, January and February, while they showed an increase in comparison with the previous months, did not reach the quota of over 12,000 by March 18. We now aim at 16,000 by June 28.

"Every organization is therefore called upon immediately to place this question of

dues payments on the order of business and take the necessary steps which will raise our membership to the quota set.

"Special attention must be paid to proletarian competition with which the drive began, but which was neglected. The branches also failed to carry on in the main the instructions in the 8 Months Plan about regular house-to-house canvassing. Only by taking the most rigid action will we be able to carry out the 8 Months Plan." Let us all join in renewed efforts to carry through Comrade Jakira's last plea for building the I.L.D.