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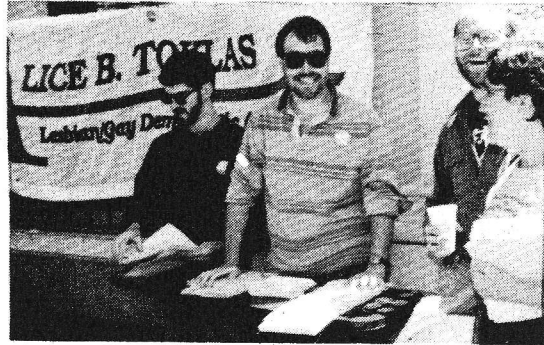
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**10,000 new
Democrats
in S.F!**

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by Robert Barnes
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ALICE'S IRONING BRIGADE



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LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) is a statewide bipartisan association of organizations and individuals which has as its predominant focus the promotion of effective and responsible AIDS policies and practices. Affiliates represent the major AIDS service providers and affected populations especially the gay and lesbian community and people of color.

LIFE was formed in the spring of 1986 in response to the flurry of activity surrounding AIDS in the California Legislature. As 47 separate pieces of legislation (an increase of almost 800% over 1985) began winding their way through the houses of the Legislature, votes were being taken which were counterproductive to the formulation of an effective state response to the AIDS epidemic. Capitalizing on the AIDS hysteria and rampant homophobia, legislators were frighteningly successful in moving bills which should have never seen the light of day.

Visionaries in the gay communities in San Francisco and Orange County moved swiftly to secure funds to support a full-time professional lobbyist in Sacramento. With equally farsighted forces from Los Angeles and Sacramento joining the effort, LIFE began on June 1 with a threefold purpose:

- To retain a full-time Sacramento lobbyist
- To provide a grassroots advocacy network
- To ensure that the effected communities has a voice in the State's handling of the epidemic.

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