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Ask Residents To Put Out Lights as Jim Crow Protest

Investigation of Jim Crow tactics practiced by the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light which was exposed in the Sentinel by Publisher Leon H. Washington Jr., who personally investigated and secured pictures of Jim Crow signs on lavatories, took new interest this week, when a number of officials of Youth Organizations met with Washington and decided to conduct a “Dark Night” campaign.

Residents of the community are asked to discontinue the use of their electrical service on each Thursday night from 8 p.m. Local merchants have expressed their willingness to cooperate and have put in an extra supply of candles in order that race citizens may secure them at their local markets.

The exposure three weeks ago has not been denied or any explanation given by the Bureau of Water and Power officials. Marked copies showing photos of these signs were sent to commissioners, Watt L. Moreland, W. D. Herrold, A. J. Mulley, and Mayor Fletcher Bowron.

A public relations employee of the Bureau requested six copies to furnish other officials there with the exposure. As yet no reply has been received by the Sentinel's publisher.

Councillman Cud C. Rasmussen arranged a conference with a group of circle leaders to be held Wednesday afternoon, but due to the inability of the leader to secure written statement and additional evidence, the meeting was postponed until Tuesday afternoon with the Civil Service Commission.

Councillman Rasmussen has exhibited considerable interest in the matter. And has expressed his personal desire to have these matters corrected. The committee is asking that all persons who have been discriminated against or who have additional information, kindly bring such to the Sentinel's office as soon as possible.

A spirited meeting was held last Friday afternoon in the offices of the Negro Congress, whose committee is working in connection with Youth Committees.

The Bureau of Power and Light discriminatory practices have been a constant problem in this community,” said Mrs. Pay Allen, president of the Negro Congress. “We intend to go to the bottom of this matter and find out why Negroes have not been employed in all departments of our Bureau of Power and Light.”

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Democrats at the Y.M.C.A. Friday night (tomorrow) where plans will be launched to continue the protest against the Bureau. Organizations taking part in the boycott are: Southside Young Democrats, Young Republicans, Southside Youth Coordinating Council, Young Communist League. "We invite all organizations to take part in this meeting Friday night. This fight is the People's fight and the people must rally to the cause," said Dr. Patrick, President of the Southside Young Democratic club. The meeting will be held promptly at 8 p.m. Speakers will be Assemblyman Augustus P. Hawkins, Pay E. Allen, Attorney Loren Miller, Carl Johnson, President of Young Republicans and Peter Perry, leader of the Kress store picket line.

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