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L. A. CIVIC GROUP

**Invitation  
To Dies  
Was a Fake**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Ousted from the city government when the Bowron administration took office, former Shaw regime appointees used the name of the Los Angeles Civic Association without authority to wire the Dies Committee to investigate the present city government, charged Charles Freeman Johnson, president, today.

Several weeks ago Mayor Bowron blasted certain ousted officials when they invited the Dies Committee to Los Angeles to paint the administration with a coat of communism. At that time Bowron revealed that persons called on Dies investigators, using the name of the Association.

Johnson, organizer and president of the Los Angeles Civics Association, vehemently denied that his group had been involved in the Dies invitation and immediately wired the Dies Committee to that effect.

Quoting The People's World story of the mayor's revelations on November 18, Johnson assured Bowron that his organization did not confer upon any member the right to invite Dies to this city.

"LACA has been a legally established group of outstanding citizens who have cooperated together sincerely, unobtrusively, for more than ten years past, to safeguard against the very kind of scoundrellism demonstrated by the secret telegram sent to the Dies Committee under our name, without our knowledge," Johnson said.