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WARD IS GIVEN TIME TO REPLY

Key Men Grants Request, Lund Announces

A representative of the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office will be given an opportunity to answer charges brought by the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans at a future meeting of the Federation Key Men, that group announced Friday.

Warren A. Lund, Key Men chairman, said Charles R. Ward Jr., chief assistant in the District Attorney's office, requested equal time to answer charges brought before the clergy group by Aaron M. Kohn, Crime Commission director, at a recent breakfast-meeting of the Key Men at Holsum Cafeteria Inc.

Said Lund, speaking at the group's weekly gathering, Ward made the following request: "I am sure that your organization wishes to be fair in their judgment and realizes that in order to do so it will be necessary for you to hear both sides of the story."

Ward requested to speak at the group's next meeting, but this was delayed as the next meeting, Friday at 7:30 a.m., comes just before Christmas and attendance is usually low for this meeting. In fairness to both sides, Lund said, Ward will be invited to speak when a larger attendance can be anticipated.

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