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## Key Men Offer DA Chance to Refute Charge

The Federation Key Men has announced it will give a representative of the district attorney's office time to address one of its meetings in answer to charges brought by the Metropolitan Crime Commission.

At a recent meeting Aaron Kohn, managing director of the commission, charged that the district attorney's office erred in denying the existence of organized crime in New Orleans.

WARREN A. LUND, chairman of the Key Men, reported at the Key Men meeting yesterday at Holsum Cafeteria that Charles R. Ward Jr., chief assistant district attorney had sent him a letter asking for equal time to answer Kohn.

"I am sure that your organization wishes to be fair to their judgment and realizes that in order to do so it will be necessary for you to hear both sides of the story," wrote Ward.

He said he wished to speak at the next meeting, but as the next meeting comes just before Christmas and may be poorly attended, the Key Men decided to get in touch with Ward and arrange for his at a later meeting, which will be more largely attended. A date agreeable to both Ward and the Key Men will be selected.