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In Illinois the Bible-from-the-mouth, hate-from-the-heart, Ku Klux Klan was spared an attack of laughter but got a good dose of hard-talk in return.

The ridicule was planned by **Stetson Kennedy**, author of the KKK-exposing books *Southern Exposure* and *Imperial Wizard*. He asked for an Illinois state charter to set up a mock KKK group that would have as officers "a Negro, a Jew, a Japanese-American, a Roman Catholic and an American Indian."

Illinois Secretary of State Edward Barrett denied the application. But his reason had no solace for the KKK: "[The Klan] has so long been associated with intolerance, bigotry and abuses and is so symbolic of everything which is un-American that even a mock organization should not be allowed to use the name."

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