

DETROIT -- [February 15, 1983] A human rights organization has asked a Detroit television station to cancel this week's scheduled appearance of a Ku Klux Klan leader.

The All-Peoples Congress sent a telegram to WXYZ Monday protesting the invitation to Bill Wilkinson, self-described Imperial Wizard of the KKK.

'We are demanding that Channel 7 withdraw its invitation to the Klan immediately and we are calling on Detroiters to call the station to protest the planned program,' said All-Peoples Congress spokesman Bill Roundtree.

Station officials Tuesday confirmed that the Klansman is scheduled to appear on its 'Kelley and Co.' program at 9 a.m. Friday but noted that former Black Panther leader Bobby Seale will be on hand to debate Wilkinson.

'The imperial wizard will not appear unchallenged,' said WXYZ public relations manager Karen Malone.

Roundtree, noting that February is Black History Month, said the Ku Klux Klan has written some of the darkest pages in black history.