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Monday the Stanton avenue police station on Thirty-fifth street, opposite Rhodes avenue, closed by order of the police department. In so far as the police department is concerned, there is no Second ward now, and the very administration that the Second ward

voters put in power is the one that turned the trick.

The Second ward, with its 15,000 voters of the Race, is denied the prestige of a police station. No other ward would stand for such a move and the voters of the Second are going to fight it to the last trench.

The Defender does not go around looking for trouble. On the other hand it seeks justice for all regardless of color and demands to know why a move has been made as far as the ward is concerned.

Pray for Police

People of the Race are and have been easy marks at all times for the police and easy marks for persecution, wrongful arrests, lawless raids on respectable persons, frameups, pickups and sweat-box methods. These form only a part of the impositions.

Now come arrests and sending men and women over to police stations in other wards, where the officials have troubles of their own and have no time for those of a darker hue.

With a police station in our Second ward, the unfortunates could call up their friends; also they would have some measure of redress and protection.

The Defender appeals to the loyal citizens of this ward to start out now and seek those in power, have the station reopened and then we can live as citizens should.