

MOVE TO GET SLAVE'S NAME IMMORTALIZED

Frederick Douglass Group Takes Step To Honor Great Abolitionist

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Deploring the slight recognition accorded Frederick Douglass by white historians, the Frederick Douglass Historical and Cultural League started a movement this week designed to place the name of the slave boy who rose to national prominence in its proper place in American history.

As an initial step the League will actively support an endeavor in this city to add the name of the great abolitionist to the Hall of Fame in Columbia university.

The campaign to elevate Douglass alongside of other national historical personages was launched at a meeting held at the Harlem Art Center, attended by about 50 persons including a number of students of Race History.

Jacques Romain, brilliant Haitian scholar and writer, read an interesting paper lauding Douglass' achievement, and praising his assistance to Haiti in her struggle for independence.

"The renowned figure of Frederick Douglass and other outstanding leaders of the Negro people," Romain said, "give the lie to those chauvinists who assert that a white skin is a pre-requisite for brain and intellect. Frederick Douglass' achievements are incontrovertible evidences of the talents inherent in people of color."

In announcing the drive a spokesman for the League said that plans will be undertaken to promote the publication and wide distribution of "The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," as well as to encourage the study of the rich historical and cultural heritage of the Race.

Among those who head the organization are Dr. Alain Locke, Dr. Max Yergan, Dean William Pickens, Gwendolyn Bennett, Richard B. Moore, Jacques Romain, Angelo Herndon, Atty. Raymond Pace Alexander, Dr. William Lloyd Imes, and Dr. L. D. Reddick, curator, Negro Division, 135th Street Public library.