

ADDONIZIO WARNS ON RIGHTS TACTICS

Says He Will Not Tolerate Rowdy Newark Sessions

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NEWARK, May 24 — Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio warned today that the disruption of public hearings by protesting Negro groups and individuals was "out of bounds and cannot — and will not — be permitted."

The unruly crowd behavior that blocked business at public meetings on both Monday and yesterday, he said in a statement, was "sad, self-defeating and wholly unacceptable."

Mr. Addonizio's warning, which was issued after a group of 100 Negroes and whites had spent part of the afternoon chanting in front of City Hall, came in the face of a rising current of racial tension here over the lack of adequate housing for the Negroes and charges of discrimination in the city schools.

Last night, a shouting, foot-stamping throng of 300 civil

rights demonstrators effectively blocked the appointment of Councilman James T. Callaghan as secretary to the Board of Education.

The noisy meeting was adjourned after three and a half hours and consideration of Mr. Callaghan, the Mayor's choice for the post, was put off until next Monday.

Negro Is Favored

The Negroes favor the appointment of Wilbur Parker, a Negro accountant who is now city budget director. The secretary of the board, its chief financial officer receives an annual salary of \$22,500.

Mr. Parker is a graduate of Cornell's University's School of Business and Public Administration. Mr. Callaghan, who has been affiliated with the city and county Democratic organization, is a high school graduate. He now serves as secretary to the Essex County purchasing agent.

On Monday night, a meeting of the City Planning Board, which was to have considered a controversial plan to tear down a 14-block area in the predominantly Negro Central Ward to make room for first-stage construction of a proposed state medical school, was disrupted by 200 Negroes.

At the hearing, the official transcript of the proceedings was torn up by one demonstrator. Others threw a heavy map board across the hearing room

and smashed a tape recorder. There were no arrests.

The Planning Board rescheduled its hearing for tonight, then put it off until tomorrow evening. This afternoon, City Corporation Counsel Norman N. Schiff, during a heated discussion with Negro leaders, changed the date of the meeting again — this time until June 12.

The Negro leaders charged that the city was deliberately postponing the meeting in the hope that the minority opposition, which accuses the city of making no alternate living arrangements for those in the affected area, would weaken.

Newark, whose population is about 50 per cent Negro and Puerto Rican, was recently included in a list of 10 cities in which the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. predicted that violence might occur this summer.