

Adam coming to Newark? Word's yes . . . and maybe

Rep. Adam Clay Powell Jr. will try to Newark to head the National Conference on Black Power. Dr. Nathan Wright, conference chairman, said yesterday.

Wright said Powell's seat would be taken from the island of Bimini that he will present at the July 25-31 conference.

The conference is the result of a suggestion made by Powell to Negro civil rights leaders who visited him on the Caribbean Isle which has been his retreat since last November. He is honorary chairman of the conference and is tentatively scheduled to preside at some of the sessions.

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Prior to Wright's announcement, conference organizers had been saying they expected Powell to attend but had not had a firm commitment from him.

Three New York Negroes who have been active in plans to the conference appeared less confident that Wright had Powell would attend. They announced they would try to recruit to persuade Powell to come

from the Meuse, chairman of the Manhattan chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), said he would go to Miami with Roy Innis, chairman of Harlem CORE, and Jesse Gray, veterans Harlem coal strike agitator. "We will try to show him that this may be his last chance."

"Harlem needs him and people are beginning to wonder why he won't come back," Meuse said. "We will have 20,000 people meet him at the airport in Newark and when he returns to Harlem we'll have more than that. It's a last golden opportunity to return to us. We know that unless he returns pretty soon he's going to be publicly dead."

Should Powell set foot on New York soil, he is expected to attend one of several sessions a part for concepts of race.

The conference will bring Negroes of varying points of view together for discussion. Sessions will be held at Trinity Cathedral House,

headquarters of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, and at the Military Park Hotel and Longshoremen's Hall. Wright is director of urban work for the Episcopal Diocese.

Writers have been banned from the conference except at an open meeting to which white reporters of the conference have been invited. Fourteen workshops are planned on such topics as "Black Power through Black Politics," "Black Power through Economic Development" and "Black Power and American Religion."

Most sessions will be closed to the press and public.

"It is to be an assembly of Black Americans, as far as an intimate family gathering, to set our own course in order and to work for the unity of black people and the greatest good for all Americans," Wright said.

The conference was to have coincided with a Newark speech by former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, an advocate of white supremacy. Wallace's scheduled July 22 speech was canceled, however.