

# The foes of Route 75 will rally on Sunday

Groups opposed to the construction of connector highway Route 75 through Newark yesterday announced a rally for Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, Clinton and Belmont Avenues.

The meeting is sponsored

by the Emergency Committee to Stop Route 75.

The proposed 2½ mile six-lane highway is planned to connect Route 230 near Roseville Avenue with Route 78 near Belmont Avenue. It is projected as part of the fed-

eral-interstate highway system.

The committee contends the highway could dislocate between 15,000 and 17,000 persons living in Newark's Central, South and West Wards, and views the construction as an attempt to reduce Negro voting strength in the 1970 elections.

Speakers scheduled to address the rally include poet-playwright Le Roi Jones, Junius Williams, director of NAPA; Rev. Levin West, president of the United Community Corp., Newark's anti-poverty agency; Balozzi Zayd, chairman of Black Community Defense; Thurman Smith, president of UCC Area Board 3, and the Rev. B. F. Johnson, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

## Rally Slated To Oppose Route 75

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The Emergency Committee to Stop Route 75 has announced a rally Sunday "to give graphic demonstration" of community opposition to the proposed highway.

The rally is scheduled at 3 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, Clinton and Belmont avenues.

The committee contends the proposed midtown connector route between Routes 78 and 280 would displace more than 15,000 persons in the South, Central and West wards; weaken Negro political power and "keep black people landless."

Speakers scheduled at the rally include LeRoi Jones, poet and playwright; Junius Williams, director of the Newark Area Planning Association; Rev. Benjamin F. Johnson, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church; Rev. Levin B. West, president of the United Community Corp.; Balozzi Zayd, chairman of Black Community Defense, and Thurman Smith, Clinton Hill antipoverty leader.

Also taking part in the program will be residents of the affected area, a member of a group waging a similar anti-highway drive in Washington, and a representative of the Black Panthers.

