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BLACK LAWMAKERS HOST NEW ORLEANS CONFERENCE
ON PRISON REFORM

New Orleans will provide the backdrop for two days of intense hearings on the brutalities and inhumane treatment that exists within the nation's correctional institutions. The hearings are called by the Black State Legislators Association, having been stirred by the tragedies of Attica and Soledad, and the growing knowledge that the prison question poses grave implications for all blacks. The Black State Legislators Association chose New Orleans in light of prison investigations being conducted there by Louisiana black state Representative, Dorothy M. Taylor.

The hearings will be held in City Council Chambers, City of New Orleans, on Friday, February 18, and Saturday, February 19, 1972. Sessions will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

Former inmates, penologists and correction institution officials will comprise the group of witnesses who will appear before the

legislators. Noted persons who will be attending the hearings from the corrections field include: Kenneth Hardy, Director of the Bureau of Corrections, District of Columbia; Winston Moore, Cook County (Ill.) Director of Corrections; and Sanger B. Powell, Administrator, Division of Corrections, State of Wisconsin. Other participants and observers are: Jean Fairfax, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; Inez Smith Reid, National Black Women's Political Caucus; and Pennsylvania State Majority Leader, K. Leroy Irvis.