

Council to Act on Emergency Powers for the Mayor

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The City Council set an April 22 public hearing yesterday on Mayor Lindsay's request for emergency powers to be used in case of civil rights disturbances.

In making public the date, Majority Leader David Ross, Bronx Democrat, emphasized that there was no link between the plans for consideration of the Mayor's request and the assassination Thursday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Ross paid tribute to Dr. King as "a very great American." He also made known his own plans to go to Memphis Monday to join the march that had been set by Dr. King before he was killed.

"That march will now be Dr. King's memorial," the majority leader said.

phs, where Dr. King was killed, was planned by the Negro leader in support of 1,300 sanitation workers who walked off their jobs Feb. 12.

Mr. Ross recalled yesterday that on Tuesday, when the Mayor's emergency powers bill was introduced, the majority leader had said the Democratic council would move on the Republican Mayor's request "as expeditiously as possible."

The bill incorporating the Mayor's program is before the City Affairs Committee, which will hold the public hearing. Councilman Dominick Corso, Brooklyn Democrat, is chairman of the committee.

The bill would permit the Mayor, once he declares an emergency, to prohibit the sale of firearms, ban all vehicular and pedestrian traffic except for emergency services, establish a curfew, close bars and shut theaters.

councilmen yesterday indicated that the Mayor's legislation was likely to be approved. However, several of the legislators, like Mr. Ross, deplored any thought that plans for handling the bill were influenced in any way by the assassination of Dr. King.

The timetable for the Mayor's bill calls for further consideration of it after the hearing, at a committee executive session on April 23.

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Mr. Ross said it was "legally possible" that the measure could be considered by the full Council April 23, but he refused to predict or even guess what the Council might do.

The Council is expected to send out invitations to the hearing to civic, religious, fraternal and professional organizations and to public officials. Mr. Ross said the Council area.

wanted to get "the widest possible range of views" before acting. He expressed the hope that persons reflecting all shades of opinion would appear to give the Council their views.

The majority leader repeated his support of the Mayor's plan "in principle." However, he said he believed the Mayor already had sufficient authority under the general powers of his office to take any of the emergency steps he might need to meet any "threat to the maintenance of law and order, or an imminent danger hereof."

Councilman Michael J. Lazar, Queens Democrat, proposed that all white City Councilmen and other officials, particularly elected ones, attend as many as possible of the memorial services that are expected to be held for Dr. King in this area.

Powell Sees 'Hot Summer' With Militants in Control

MIAMI, April 5 (UPI) — Adam Clayton Powell predicted today that disillusioned followers of Dr. Martin Luther King would joint black militants and engage the nation in a "long hot summer."

Mr. Powell, en route to Bimini after recuperating from exhaustion in the Duke University Hospital, said it was going to be very difficult "to eradicate the smear that King's murderer has placed on all of America."

The deposed, 59-year-old Negro Congressman said the tragedy of the assassination of Dr. King in Memphis last night was that "nonviolence has been struck down by violence."

"It's going to be hot this summer," Mr. Powell said. "Disillusioned young people in the King camp are going to ally themselves with the black militants."