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Negro and White Youths Clear Debris From Ossining Disorder

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OSSINING, N. Y., April 12 — Four hundred Negro and white youths toiled with brooms, paint brushes, shovels and buckets here today to clean up the debris that many of them had created a week ago in disorders brought on by the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Besides the new debris, other accumulations in downtown streets, alleys and backyards were cleared away.

The Afro-American Teens, an organization guided by Mrs. Margaret Opie, started the cleanup campaign. Collaborating were the Opportunity Center, Maryknoll Fathers, Scout troops, the League of Women Voters, the Interfaith Council and churches.

"Pray at your churches on Good Friday, yes, but then work," Mrs. Opie told the boys and girls. "How can one call it Good Friday if one doesn't do something for God and perhaps for Dr. King?"

Circulars advised the 4,500 residents in advance of today's event, called CLEAN (Community Litter Elimination Action

Now). White parents apprehensive of trouble were urged to let their children participate and most of them did. The Chamber of Commerce distributed stickers and signs for merchants and property owners to post, showing that the cleanup crews were welcome on their properties.

In Greenburgh, where both Negro and white youths have thrown stones, smashed windows and started fires, in recurring disorders for a week, a dispute about alleged police brutality continued today.

Paul R. Zuber, the New York Negro lawyer involved in a number of civil rights cases, was retained as counsel for five youths who were arrested at the scenes of fires and who later contended they had been clubbed, beaten and dragged by policemen.

A meeting to protest the policemen's conduct was scheduled for 2 P. M. tomorrow on the grounds of the Greenburgh Youth Center, at 306 Tarrytown Road. Negro parents said a grand jury investigation of the alleged police brutality would be demanded.