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The Political Crime: A New U.S. Problem?

Has the "political crime" come at last to America?

This is one of the questions posed for some 100 educators, government officials and church leaders who yesterday opened a conference at Maryland University on the role of adult education in the problems of social unrest, crime and delinquency.

Sociologist Dr. Peter Legras brought up the question yesterday with the observation that looting and burning during riots such as those which have recently swept the United States cannot always be classified in the same manner as everyday crime.

SOMETHING NEW

"In Europe and other countries, the political crime has been defined and understood for centuries, but here we have made no distinction," he said.

"There are of course those who loot for self-enrichment during riots, but what of those in Washington with good government jobs, with college educations, and a car to carry away the loot?" he asked. "Is not

their act a political crime of white society?"

Dr. Legras argued that the "political crime" shouldn't necessarily carry a lesser penalty, but defining it may be essential to understand some aspects of the wave of civil disturbances. Otherwise, "This country is going to get hopelessly confused," he said.

RECOGNITION

Maryland ~~Senator~~ General George M. Gelston said although the military has not been spelled out, police and military forces are recognizing the difference.

The veteran of two riots, in Cambridge and one in Baltimore, pointed out that the military fired over 200 rounds of

ammunition in Detroit last summer, but troops in Maryland "have yet to load a weapon."

"Now a policeman does not go out and blindly enforce a law without giving some thought to the things that go with it," he said.

Rev. David H. Eaton, former Howard University Chaplain and now Executive Director of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, said re-education of whites is necessary to allow Negroes to "enter the mainstream of American life."

"The black man has been systematically kept out of the system," he said. "We have taught people to love things and use people."

"You call it capitalism, I call it socialism for the rich."

British Ship in Danger Off Florida

BOCA RATON, Fla., May 8 (AP) — Helicopters and Coast Guard cutters rushed to the aid today of 28 crewmen and an unknown number of passengers aboard a grounded British ship which appeared in danger of capsizing.

The 328-foot *Inverosa*, began taking on water...