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Black Conference

CHICAGO—Some 200 black lawyers and law students formed the National Conference of Black Lawyers to map out an attack on two areas—racism within the legal profession, and a national political shift to the right which, they contended, is negating the gains made by the civil rights movement.

"The systematic suppression of black people continued," said their Declaration of Concern and Commitment, "notwithstanding the plethora of court decisions, civil rights law, antipoverty legislation, human relations commissions, enlarged political representation and the other symbolic promises to blacks which serve as this society's substitute for true equality."

The lawyers contend there are these specific problems: poor blacks are still at the mercy of money-hungry slumlords and credit salesmen; urban renewal forces them from homes with no place to go; police can harass such groups as Black Panthers with impunity; bail for the same crime is set higher for a poor black than a well-known white; police departments are still largely white, and law schools do not give black law students enough training in how to deal with these problems.

From staff reports and news dispatches