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# Black Caucus Founder to Lodge UN

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BATON ROUGE (La.) — (UPI) — Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) founder of the Black Caucus in Congress, said yesterday he will lodge a protest in the United Nations this week about prison conditions in the United

States.

Conyers, who recently completed an investigation of U.S. prisons, said black convicts are political prisoners in a very literal sense because their imprisonment resulted from "racist back-

grounds and environments, racist law enforcement and racist justice."

### At University

"These men are not common criminals but political prisoners, and thus they are not in prisons but in concen-

tration camps," he told a gathering of Negro Louisiana politicians at Southern University.

Conyers criticized President Nixon's administration, but said it was hardly worse than the "hypocrisy of the

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Democrats."

He said the Democratic Congress could stop the war in Vietnam, despite the President's policies, by refusing to appropriate any more war money.

"That would end the

war," he said. "The same thing could be accomplished by ending the Selective Service system. Without young blacks they couldn't wage war."

Conyers also criticized the Democratic leadership in

Congress for failing to support national health insurance and other measures to help the poor.

He said such measures transcend race, because "there are more white unemployed than black,

more whites on welfare than black and more white little children getting a bad education than black."

"Let's create full employment for everybody — and the same with health. Let's forget about race," he said.