

Shriners Convene Here Aug. 17-22

The 57th National Convention of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be held in Chicago, Illinois, August 17-22 at the historic Coliseum, according to Corneal A. Davis, general chairman of Arabic Temple Convention Committee.

Representatives of 143 Temples, in as many cities, and more than 15,000 Shriners will be in attendance. The Temple is headed by Benjamin A. Gore.

The convention is viewed as one of vital importance for Shriners. Plans now call for discussion and action in six areas. These are: Cementing of outlines for Shrine leadership in human relations, economic security, fulfilling of democracy's pledge of all peoples, the projecting of wider health measures, a concern with the trends in education and the problems of young people.

Addresses by Congressman William L. Dawson; Mrs. Edith Sampson, and Genoa Washington, former United Nations Delegates; John H. Johnson, Magazine publisher and president of Johnson Publishing Co; John Sengstacke, publisher of the Defender Newspapers; Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley and Governor William Stratton of Illinois will be featured during the six-day convention.

Booker T. Alexander, Detroit, Michigan, Imperial Potentate, during the opening session will keynote the conference with his annual address.

Meeting concurrently with the Shriners will be representatives of the Daughters of Isis in their 47th annual meeting.

Shriners will also hear a report from outstanding medical leaders which will contain suggestions for the expansion of the program for scholarships and research. The organization, through its national charity, has provided funds and leadership for research in tuberculosis and cancer at Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Homer G. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; and Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

The officers of the Imperial Council in addition to Booker T. Alexander are: Genoa S. Washington, Chicago, Illinois, Deputy Imperial Potentate; Thomas F. Poag, Winston-Salem, N. C., Imperial Chief Rabbani; R. John Henry Hester, Atlantic City, N. J., Imperial High Priest and Prophet; Charles A. Daragen; New York, N. Y.; Imperial Oriental Guide; Alvin Reno, Indianapolis, Indiana, Imperial Treasurer; Maceo C. Martin, Danville, Va., Imperial Recorder; William Howe, Philadelphia, Pa., Imperial First Ceremonial Master; Rudolph A. Stewart, Washington, D. C., Imperial Second Ceremonial Master; Alfred A. Dixon, Baltimore, Md., Imperial Captain of the Guard; and Marshall S. Johnson, Pittsburgh, Pa., Imperial Outer Guard.