

500 Baha'i Youth To Attend Area Week-End Conference

WILMETTE, Ill. — Some 500 Baha'i youth are expected to attend the first National Baha'i Youth Conference that opens this weekend in Wilmette, Illinois.

The two-day conference will be held at the world famous Baha'i House of Worship.

Youth attending the conference will hear talks on the meaning of authority, the effects of hallucinogenic drugs, education and career selection, race prejudice, and the role of youth in the modern world.

The conference will be opened by Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, chairman of the U.S. Baha's National Assembly. Dr. Kazemzadeh is professor of history at Yale University. The conference will also hear from Glenford E. Mitchell, secretary of the U.S. Baha'i National Assembly who is the first Negro to hold this position. He is former assistant editor of "Africa Report" and co-author of "The Angry Black South".

The conference will break

up into several seminars on current issues and on the role of the youth in teaching the Baha'i Faith.

During the past ten years the Baha'i Faith has doubled the number of its local Assemblies in the United States. During the past few years persons between 15 and 30 years of age accounted for 63% of the new enrollments in the United States.