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Campus Death Vigils Planned

Student Protest Growing

By The Associated Press

Several Louisiana universities have held or are planning various types of demonstrations similar to those held around the country to protest the slaying of two young black men on the Baton Rouge campus of Southern University.

The two were killed Thursday during a confrontation between law officers and students after students at the predominantly black school took over the administration building.

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan said he will offer a special Mass at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the St. Louis Cathedral for the intention of peace, justice and harmony in the community.

He said he deeply regrets the deaths which occurred on the Southern University campus and added, "I will offer this Mass also for the intention that tragedies of this nature may never recur."

An administration spokesman at Southern University's New Orleans campus said some 250 students and others from that school and Xavier University met Friday to plan a memorial service in a New Orleans park Monday.

Student leaders at Tulane said a vigil was planned Friday night, and they would discuss a possible boycott of classes as a sympathy movement.

VIGILS ALSO were planned at Dillard in New Orleans and LSU in New Orleans.

Students held a vigil earlier at the LSU main campus in Baton Rouge.

At the Shreveport campus of Southern University, Dean Leonard Bonds said he suspended classes until after Thanksgiving.

An official of Delgado College in New Orleans said up to 400 students and a few "dissident" faculty members met Friday to consider a boycott of classes, but took no definite action and planned another meeting Monday.

SCATTERED demonstrations were held around the country Friday

A delegation of students from Kent State University in Ohio planned to attend funeral services for the two killed at Southern. During a student demonstration at Kent in 1970, four students died and nine were wounded when National Guardsmen opened fire.

About 40 persons from a group calling itself Youth Against War and Fascism demonstrated outside the offices of the Louisiana Land and Exploration

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Co. in New York. They handed out leaflets blaming the Southern University deaths on "racist Louisiana sheriffs."

In Washington, a coalition representing black students at 11 area colleges announced plans for a rally Monday to lay groundwork for a nationwide student strike and to raise bail money for students arrested at Southern.

THE SUNO memorial service will be at noon in Shakspeare Park.

Asa Sims, SUNO's dean of academic affairs, announced plans for the memorial after a long meeting in the school's Science Lecture Hall.

There had been speculation the meeting was called to discuss the state Board of Education's refusal to accept the resignation of SUNO Dean Emmett W. Bashful, but Sims said that matter never was brought up.

Details of Monday's memorial service were not revealed.

Donald Isaac, chairman of the Washington Area Black College Coalition, said, "To combat the hostile American government and its repressive forces of violence, we call upon all united African people to denounce and dispose of those elements responsible for the Southern universities of the world."

HE SAID his organization is calling for "a complete and thorough investigation" of the slayings and "the arrest and imprisonment of Baton Rouge Mayor W.W. Dumas, National Guard commanders and the officer in charge of the police task force at the scene.

"Black people are outraged at this latest brutal attack," Isaac said. "But more importantly, black people have the will to survive."

"We are calling all black people on college campuses, in schools, at their jobs, in the churches, to mobilize, to demand justice and retribution," he said.

Isaac spoke to a group of about 50, most of them young blacks, at a sidewalk news conference outside the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Several police cars filled with officers were visible in the vicinity.

CALLING THE shooting "genocide," Isaac said: "The police can come into the black community of any city in the nation and massacre our people at will. They can leave not only unharmed, but they will be glorified as heroes and upholders of 'law and order.' "

National Education Association President Catherine Barrett said the Southern University tragedy "has implications of sweeping proportions for the national education community."

She suggested that the underlying problems "are far beyond law enforcement and the judicial system. They are problems that only the education community can deal with."

THE REV. RALPH David Abernathy said in Atlanta that the shooting "is only another act of racism being perpetrated by the sources of power in this nation."

Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said he will be going to Baton Rouge soon and has already sent an SCLC staff member.

". . . **WE MUST** not spend any time arguing about whether they were shot by shotguns or pistols," Abernathy said. "Instead, we must spend time eliminating the causes which resulted in their deaths.

"The thing that killed them was white racism in the United States of America which is clearly encouraged by the President . . . and the present administration when they speak out against busing and permit violations of the civil rights act. . . ." Abernathy said in a statement issued at his headquarters here.

The civil rights leader said apathy on the part of black persons who refused to get involved, the silent majority who refuse to speak out against racism and those who voted for President Nixon all were responsible for the shootings.

Some 200 persons at Stanford University and at the University of California at Berkeley quietly protested the killings.