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S.U. Accord Said Near Before Killings

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Students and administrators at Southern University had nearly settled their differences when two young blacks were killed in a campus clash with police, a school official says.

Dean of Men Howard Smith told a state district court Wednesday only one of the many student grievances was still unsolved when authorities were called to Southern's administration building Nov. 16 to break up a demonstration.

Administrators were sincere, he said, in their efforts to reach agreement on student demands without violence.

Smith's testimony came during the eighth day of a hearing before Dist. Judge Lewis Doherty. School officials have asked the court to bar nine student protest leaders from the campus.

Southern was ordered closed following the fatal confrontation. Classes resumed Jan. 3.

Smith supported the arguments of university officials that the nine students were suspended for holding unauthorized meetings and for encouraging other students to boycott classes.

He was one of seven witnesses to take the stand Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, the court was told that angry Southern students decided to escort the school's president, Dr. G. Leon Netterville, from the campus Oct. 31 as a "psychological ploy."

A student protest leader, Willie T. Henderson, said the move was an attempt to demonstrate dissidents were serious in their complaints against school officials.

The defendants, according

to university officials, helped promote students disruptions which climaxed Nov. 16 in a police-student clash in which two students died of a shotgun blast.

Henderson said students planned to "peaceably escort" Netterville from the campus after they became frustrated over the progress of their protest movement.

The students were demanding a greater voice in the administrative affairs of the university.

SISTER TO SPEAK

Sister M. Therese, O.P., will speak on vacations at the monthly meeting of the St. Mary's Dominican High School Mothers' Club at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the school cafeteria.