

OLYMPICS NOT TARGET--CLAIM

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Disrupting Games Said
Not Desired

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — The National Students Strike Council, which claims to represent nearly a half million students, said Saturday it had no wish to disrupt the Olympic Games and planned in the future to confine demonstrations to school grounds. The games begin on Saturday.

The statement followed the death Saturday of four more persons wounded in Wednesday's bloody battle between police and students. This raised the death toll to 35 since Wednesday.

A student leader, Miguel Yoldi, said at a news conference that all future student demonstrations would be confined to campuses and secondary school territory "so that we can avoid future assassinations of our people"

"We do not want any more of our comrades killed but this does not mean we are going to stop our protest movement," said Yoldi. "Another factor is our pride that Mexico is the site for the Olympic Games. We have no wish to disrupt, sabotage or in any way molest the Games."

Newsmen pointed out that the strike council had issued such statements in the past, but that they were followed by further bloodshed. Yoldi explained that if all demonstrations were on university or school property, police would agree to stay away.

140 KILLED

Another spokesman Marcelino Perello, estimated at least 150 civilians and students plus 40 military men were killed Wednesday night. He said at least 2,000 students and other ci-

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vilians were in detention camps after being taken away in army trucks.

He said he had information that many of the student leaders in these detention camps were being tortured.

Asked whether there was Communist influence in the student movement, Perello said: "Mexican public opinion is divided into two parts: Those who are for the repressive measures against us and those who are on our side. Naturally the Communists find it advantageous to be on our side at this time, but we have no political ideologies of any kind."

He added that the student strike council did not seek the overthrow of Diaz Ordaz, but sought a dialogue on six demands, which include dismissal of the Mexico City police chief.

Perello blamed what he called mysterious shock troops for opening fire on 6,000 students Wednesday night in the Plaza of the Three Cultures.

WEAPONS MADE IN U.S.

"No student had the courage to ask one of the snipers for his credentials, so we cannot identify the gunmen. But all of the gunmen wore civilian clothes, white gloves on their left hands and used a type of American made weapon that is not available normally in Mexico. They fired on students and soldiers alike," he said.

Officials said Saturday afternoon there had been no reports of violence in 24 hours. The International Olympic Committee reiterated that the Olympic Games would begin as scheduled on Oct. 12 despite a promise of more violence and undest threatened by something called "The Army of Liberation."

The statement of this "army," distributed Friday, declared "war against the criminal government of President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz." It promised that foreign athletes would not be attacked, but recommended that "the foreign public not come to the Olympics because it will be necessary to carry out a large military operation against the government."

The government announced it was not taking the bulletin seriously.

A spokesman for the student strike council at the University of Mexico told reporters his organization had no connection with the "Army of Liberation."