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Catledge Denies Southern U. Leak

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 12 (UPI)—Gov. Edwin Edwards, upset because secret findings of a state panel investigating the deaths of two Southern University students appeared in The New York Times Monday, wants his attorney general to find out who leaked the information.

Edwards called the Times story "inaccurate." He first accused former Times editor Turner Catledge, who also serves on the state's 12-member biracial investigating commission, of releasing the story.

But later the governor said he did not know for sure who did it.

Catledge, a New Orleans resident, denied having anything to do with the Times article, which said the panel determined that students Denver A. Smith and Leonard D. Brown were killed by a blast from an officer's gun in the Nov. 18 racial clash.