

Around the Nation**Board Considers
Closing Southern U.**

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The state commission investigating the death of two Southern University students during a clash with police has indicated the investigation might continue indefinitely and testimony might be taken from as many as 20 persons.

The Louisiana Board of Higher Education yesterday would ask for the permanent closing of Southern University in New Orleans if students there continued their month-long boycott of classes.

"Unless students return to class we shall recommend to the governor and the legislature that a study begin immediately to determine a more effective utilization of the physical facilities on the campus," said a statement by Board President Enoch Nix.

The New Orleans students have boycotted since Oct. 31 in support of the Baton Rouge student protests.

The state commission says it has already determined that Denver Smith and Leonard Brown, both 20, were killed by pellets fired from a shotgun and that deputy sheriff and state police fired the first in the Nov. 18 confrontation.

But the commission, led by Attorney General William French Smith, said it will continue investigating in hopes of identifying the person or persons who fired the fatal shot.