

Governor Says Students To Blame at Southern U.

Baton Rouge, La.

Governor Edwin Edwards told 150 black students meeting on the Louisiana Capitol steps yesterday that militant student leaders must bear the responsibility for the deaths of two Southern University students.

Edwards, surrounded by shouting, hissing students and a number of bodyguards with weapons under their coats, said there will be an immediate end to the occupation of school buildings by protesting students in Louisiana.

"The so-called student leaders who refused to obey duly constituted authority are responsible," he said. "What made it happen was the refusal of a group of students to leave the building after having been ordered to do so by authorities.

"Let it be known right now, from now on there will be no students, black or white, taking over any building in Louisiana."

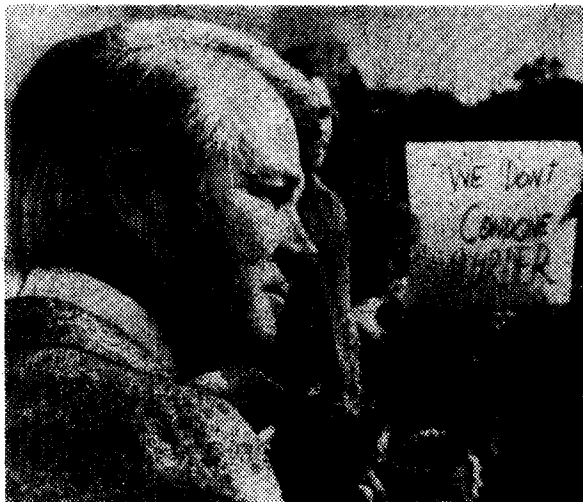
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"As to the question of whether the students were non-violent, go and look at the buildings they left," he said. "Have you no regard for what it means to live in a country like this? Is violence only what others do? Is there a double standard?"

"I'll tell you what, burning it down is not going to make Southern better."

The students, who had been granted a permit to march to the 24-story Capitol and hold a memorial service there, were met on the steps by the governor who came down from his fourth-floor office.

Edwards fielded questions and accusations for a time and told the students that



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GOV. EDWARDS ANSWERED QUESTIONS Students at the Capitol held signs and hissed

into the recent fatal shootings of the two Southern students during the occupation of the administration building.

The "Black People's Committee of Inquiry" began calling witnesses to the November 16 deaths of Denver A. Smith and Leonard D. Brown early yesterday.

A 12-member State Commission of Inquiry, headed by Louisiana Attorney General William Guste, also be-

gan taking testimony yesterday, but in private. Guste said the committee would not disclose the names of witnesses to testify.

Members of the state commission include Turner Catledge, former executive editor and member of the board of the New York Times, and Revius Ortique, former member of the President's Commission on Campus Unrest.

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\$200,000 in damages has been done to buildings at the university during recent student protests.

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Earlier in the day two groups of inquiry, one official and the other unofficial, opened their investigations