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BATON ROUGE — Two blacks were killed and at least one school building set afire today during a brief student takeover of the Southern University administration building here.

Violence continued into the afternoon with waves of young blacks throwing missiles at police and newsmen. Gov. Edwin W. Edwards ordered the National Guard onto the campus but by mid-afternoon no troops had appeared.

Police have denied officers fired any shots and officials said the two blacks — neither identified — apparently were trampled by the large crowd fleeing the administration building.

It was not known if the two dead youths were Southern students.

Baton Rouge police and sheriff's deputies, firing a barrage of tear gas grenades, chased students out of the administration building late this morning.

BUT TROUBLE continued with waves of young blacks throwing things at police and newsmen. Shortly after noon the registrar's office on the first floor of a campus building was set afire. There also were reports the music building was destroyed by fire.

One of the youths was dead on arrival at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. The other was pronounced dead at the scene.

There were varying reports on the number injured during the confrontation between students and police. It was known that some youths were injured.

Police said that during the confrontation, students inside the administration building returned officers' tear gas fire by throwing tear gas canisters they had taken from the building.

OFFICIALS SAID the trouble started when about 2,000 students gathered in front of and around the administration building. Police ordered the students to disperse and about two thirds of the crowd left the scene.

Police said they then gave the group inside the building two minutes to leave. When they did not, officers advanced on the building from different directions.

As the youths filed out of the building, they held their hands over their heads and walked past a puddle of blood on the sidewalk in front of the building.

Gov. Edwards rushed to the campus when the trouble broke out.

At the campus, Edwards was told by East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Al Amiss that the two youths had been trampled to death.

AMISS LATER was heard to say his

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men had heard shots fired from within the crowd.

"We didn't use anything but tear gas, Amiss told the governor.

"You are reasonably positive no weapons were fired?" the governor asked.

"Yes," Amiss said.

Students were inside the building and another crowd of students was standing out front when the sheriff ordered them to move. A number of them refused.

"About that time, a tear gas grenade came out of the crowd at us," Amiss told the governor. He said the students then started throwing things and police responded by using tear gas.

At issue, some students said after the confrontation, was the continuing controversy over student demands at the campus here and at Southern University in New Orleans.

Among the demands are student control of academic affairs and the resignation of the head of the school, Dr. Leon Netterville.

A girl student said Netterville had said he had to meet with the governor and the state Board of Education and the students said they would wait in the building for him.

"We have not taken over the building," she said. "We had no idea the National Guard would be brought here. Now they are out there shooting tear gas.

Outside the building, however, no Guardsmen were in evidence.