

12 Will Study Unrest at Southern U.

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BATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 20 —Louisiana's Attorney General, William J. Guste Jr., announced the formation today of a commission of six blacks (including two students) and six whites to investigate the unrest that resulted in the deaths of two students at Southern University last Thursday.

At a news conference here, Mr. Guste said the commission would operate in a manner similar to a grand jury and would gather evidence that could lead to criminal prosecutions "against any agency, law enforcement and others."

The latter was a reference to the still unclear matter of how the students died—by shots from police weapons or by other persons, as some police officials maintain.

The university also came under fire today from the American Association of University Professors, which criticized a move by the school administration dismissing two professors accused of advising students. The association also criticized a proposed settlement of the protests at the New Orleans campus of the school that would give students a role in academic decisions.

Fair and Impartial

In a statement in which he vowed that the investigation would be fair and impartial, Mr. Guste said that Louisiana's "image and self-respect as a state which has as its motto, 'Union, justice and confidence,' is at stake."

"It is, therefore, imperative for the wellbeing of our state, and in the interest of public safety and the protection of individual rights, that there be a detailed and thorough investigation to find out who killed these students, how it happened and why this tragedy occurred," he said.

"But more than this, we must find ways to prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again."

The Attorney General also urged Southern officials to take no action that would provoke students or in any way damage the "peace and calm" that prevails now or that would ham-

per the investigation by the commission.

Although Mr. Guste would not spell out what "precipitous action" he had in mind, he was obviously referring to move to oust students and faculty members involved in three weeks of continuous demonstrations.

Angered by Ousters

Dr. G. Leon Netterville Jr., Southern's president, has already sent letters of dismissal to several faculty members, including a department head. This angered student leaders, and sources reported today that the 65-year-old president, who has been the object of student protests demanding his resignation, was ordered by state officials to cease the ousters.

The students, in addition to demanding Dr. Netterville's resignation, had protested living conditions, food and what they termed inadequate facilities and equipment in classrooms.

Mr. Guste said that the investigating committee was balanced to represent the entire state. The two students have not yet been named to the commission, but he said they would not be students of Southern because those students were too involved. Black leaders will help select the students for the commission, he said.

He said the commission would open its investigation behind closed doors next Monday. He said it would not have subpoena power, but that he as Attorney General and chairman of the investigation would use his subpoena authority.

The white members of the commission are: Ray Blanco, dean of students, University of Southwestern Louisiana; Turner Catledge, former executive

editor of The New York Times; Jack Dykes, a lawyer, of Shreveport; Bailey Grant, Sheriff of Ouachita Parish; State Senator Robert Jones and F. J. Taylor, president of Louisiana Technical University.

Black Members

The black members are: Judge Israel Augustine of New Orleans; Sidney Cates, former assistant superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department; State Representative Theodore Marchand, and Revis Ortique, a lawyer, of New Orleans.

Meanwhile, the American Association of University Professors expressed concern over the faculty dismissals and about a proposal to end student protests at the Southern University campus in New Orleans.

Henry L. Mason, chairman of the political science department of Tulane University in New Orleans who is chairman of the association's committee on college and university government, said in a letter to the State Board of Education and to Gov. Edwin W. Edwards: "Southern University has been on the censure list of A.A.U.P. since 1968 for its improper faculty dismissals, a practice apparently continued during this crisis."

But Mr. Mason said he was disturbed about one part of the agreement to end protests at the university that would give students a bigger voice in personnel, policy and curriculum.

"The status of students as learners is inconsistent with their full-fledged participation in decisions affecting what they should learn or those who should teach them," he said.