

Task Force 5-16-69 Aims at Militants

WASHINGTON (AP)—Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell has ordered the creation of a task force system to gather intelligence and prepare for prosecution of the central figures in campus rebellions.

The avenue: a year-old civil rights law.

Funds to finance the operation are part of a supplemental appropriations bill the Senate takes up Monday.

THE APPROPRIATIONS Committee advised the Senate today that Mitchell had ordered development of "a strong program looking toward the vigorous prosecution of dissidents on college campuses whose actions interfere with a federally conducted or funded program, or with the civil rights of nondissident students or faculty members."

Asst. Atty. Gen. Jerris Leonard described the plan in May 13 testimony before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

The civil rights division, which Leonard heads, would get funds for 30 new employes under the bill before the Senate.

THE APPROPRIATIONS Committee, in recommending the new positions, said it expected the civil rights law authority "will be utilized to the fullest extent" against campus revolts.

The testimony and the committee's recommendations were made public as both Senate and House committees prepared to look into the troubles afflicting college campuses.

The Senate permanent investigations subcommittee opens hearings Monday on militant organizations involved, and Chairman John L. McClellan, D-Ark., said testimony about the groups would be heard from police officials in New York, Los Angeles, Oakland, Detroit, Chicago and other areas.

THE HOUSE Education and Labor Committee, also on Monday, will hear from administration officials and the heads of eight colleges, their opinions on a bill dealing with campus unrest.

Chairman Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky., said the one-day hearing was scheduled at request of opponents of the bill, which the committee will consider on Tuesday.

Testifying before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee, Leonard said the chances of convicting campus militants under federal conspiracy law would be remote.