

LEADERS BLAME SECRET POLICE

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Mexico Students Claim
Deaths Minimized

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MEXICO CITY (AP)—Student leaders blamed secret policemen who wore white gloves as a means of identification for starting Wednesday's gun battle that killed at least 35 persons. The government said anti nationalist and Communist elements were behind the trouble.

The students also charged that the official death toll of 35 was off base, contending that the fighting took the lives of 150 students and civilians and 40 soldiers.

"We ourselves dragged away many bodies of our comrades to give them a decent burial," said one leader. He said the secret police fired indiscriminately into the crowd of 6,000 students and spectators at a rally in the plaza.

"The white gloves, or simply white bandages, on their hands are well-known means used by secret police to identify each other in a crowd of people," he said.

SAME GROUP CLAIMED

The student leader said the secret police were the same group of nightriders who machine-gunned several schools in

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disturbances earlier this year and beat up several students. Students believe they are in league with a faction of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

Although the student strike council officially denied that students attending Wednesday's rally were armed, the student leader privately admitted they had guns and were organized in five "brigades." Three of these were stationed in the plaza, he said, and the other two were deployed in surrounding buildings.

It was learned Sunday that the Ministry of Defense held a news conference for Mexican newsmen only, at which a captured student leader spoke.

The student was identified as Socrates Amado Campos Lemus, 24, a fifth-year economics major at the National Polytechnic Institute and a recent visitor to Cuba.

LIST REVEALED

Campos Lemus was said to have reeled off a list of names of prominent persons who he said had tried to take advantage of the student unrest for political gain. Among them were:

—Writer Elena Garro, whose 18-year-old nephew was killed in the plaza battle. Campos Lemus said Garro acted as an intermediary for Carlos A. Madrazo, who was ousted as national chairman of the PRI last year.

—Humberto Romero, secretary of ex-president Adolfo Lo-

Peace Pledge by Mexican Students



A SPOKESMAN for the Mexico University students, Cesar Perello, gives a pledge of no more violence at a press conference in the auditorium of the University's Medical Cen-

ter in Mexico City Saturday night. With him are other leaders of the students' "strike committee," Roberto Escudero (with glasses) and Jose Nassar (right). —AP WIREPHOTO.

pez Mateos, who allegedly aided the student strike council with money.

—Victor Urquidi, director of the Colegio de Mexico, who al-

legedly gave the council a check for \$4,000.

All three men denied aiding the student council.

The newspaper El Nacional,

which speaks for the government, said Sunday that Campos Lemus revealed the students' goal was "the abolition of existing institutions in order to pave the way for arriving at a workers' and peasants' Communist state."