

# Kent State Probe--Saxbe May Stop It

Washington

Attorney General-nominee William B. Saxbe said yesterday he may halt the Justice Department's reopened investigation of the 1970 Kent State shootings.

The Ohio senator told reporters he had been "kind of distressed" when the Justice Department recently reopened its investigation into the fatal shootings of four Kent State students by Ohio National Guardsmen during an anti-war rally at the campus in May, 1970.

The Justice Department previously refused to present evidence to a federal grand jury in the killings, despite continued urging by Kent State students and others. But recently resigned Attorney General Elliot Richardson reopened the case and said he might take the evidence to a grand jury.

"I'll have to look at what they picked up," Saxbe said when questioned about the investigation at a news briefing in his Senate office.

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