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Police & Campus Unrest

Three years after the killing of students at Kent State University and Jackson State College, a special committee of the American Association of University Professors, appointed to study the causes and implications of the 1970 campus tragedies, recently reported that colleges and universities are endangered by the growing tendency to call in police and to rely on court injunctions when trouble develops.

The committee recommends that no one be appointed head of a college who does not have an adequate understanding of security and police procedures.

"At Kent and Jackson," the committee reports, "rapid expansion of campus security forces had become almost a reflex response to student unrest. If one seeks to restore harmony and confidence to a divided and troubled

campus, the doubling of the number of blue uniforms and black cars seen by students may increase rather than reduce tensions."

The report suggests the development of better communications between colleges and government. In retrospect, the problems at Kent and Jackson inspired a wave of reactionary legislation at the state level.