

Finch Says Guard Acted Improperly

Hot Springs, Va.

Secretary Robert H. Finch of Health, Education and Welfare said yesterday that National Guardsmen "obviously" did not act properly at Kent State University when four students were killed.

Finch said President Nixon has to work out with the nation's 50 governors a list of regulations governing National Guard reaction when on college campuses.

Finch made it clear at a news conference that he believes national guardsmen should not carry loaded weapons when responding to college riot calls.

A newsman asked Finch if the guard had carried out its duties properly at Kent State.

"Obviously they didn't car-

ry it out properly . . . we wouldn't have had deaths," he said.

Finch also condemned that the protests which followed President Nixon's decision to order troops into Cambodia took the Administration by surprise.

"I think everybody involved and certainly Dr. (Henry A.) Kissinger who is the chief staff aide in this area anticipated there would be a strong political reaction across the board and a strong political reaction in the academic community," Finch said.

"The events of the past few days have indicated that it ran deeper than we thought it would run."

Finch, who is both the nation's chief education officer and a long-time Nixon political strategist, said the President did not ask his view concerning the effect of the Cambodian drive on campus unrest.

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