

## Nixon Action in Behalf of Youth Spurred by Results of a Survey

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KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla., June 14—With the current school year drawn to a close, the Nixon Administration has shown great concern in recent days about what may occur during the next one.

Over the last four days in Washington and in Key Biscayne, where President Nixon is spending the weekend, the White House has named a nine-member commission to investigate campus unrest and scheduled a conference on youth to be organized by and for young people.

The decisions to seek to unravel the causes of campus violence and to give young people between the ages of 14 and 24 an opportunity to design their own youth conference under White House auspices both gathered impetus from a survey whose contents have just been released. The survey confirmed the growing indications that large numbers of American youths feel cut off from their Government.

### Considerable Change

Stephen Hess, chairman of the two-session conference on youth, scheduled for December and February, said over the weekend that the survey of 3,000 young persons, representing a cross section of their age group, showed that 42 per cent felt that "our constitutional form of government needs considerable change."

This and other results of the survey reinforced the attitude of hostility encountered by eight young White House aides who traveled to college campuses across the country last month in an attempt to gauge the depth of student alienation.

Reportedly stunned by what they were told, the young White

House staffers reported their findings to Mr. Nixon early last week. Later in the week, Mr. Hess was said to have made his survey's results available to top-level assistants to the President.

According to Mr. Hess, the survey completed this spring, showed deep disaffection among young Americans even before Mr. Nixon ordered United States troops into Cambodia and before four students were killed at Kent State University in Ohio and two youths were killed on the campus of Jackson State College in Mississippi during demonstrations.

### No Easy Task

Mr. Nixon asked the commission on campus unrest, to be headed by William W. Scranton, a former Pennsylvania Governor, to report back to him before Oct. 1, when the next academic year will have begun. The President was said to be hopeful that, by implementing the panel's recommendations quickly, he could help to head off another year of campus violence.

Based on the results of the survey for Mr. Hess's staff, it will be no easy task. Mr. Hess said in a speech in San Francisco yesterday that the survey, taken by the Gilbert Youth Research Corporation, made it "doubtful that we can truly attempt to rebuild confidence in our national institutions until young people come to believe that the Government is seriously trying to extricate itself from Southeast Asia."