

UW Unrest Spurs Legislators' Probe

State Senate Republicans Wednesday launched an investigation of the faculty, administration, and student body of the demonstration-torn University of Wisconsin.

The majority Republicans agreed behind closed doors to form an investigating committee as a compromise to a resolution authored by Sen. Gordon W. Roseleip (R-Darlington) calling for the firing of University Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington.

THE FORMATION of the committee was left to the Senate Committee on Committees made up of Sens. Gerald Lorge (R-Bear Creek) and R e u b e n LaFave (R-Oconto), both harsh critics of the University administration, and Walter Hollander (R - Rosendale), co - chairman of the Joint Finance Committee.

LaFave said the committee would be bipartisan and include members of both the Senate and the Assembly if the Assembly agrees to the investigation.

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER Harold F r o e h l i c h (R-Appleton) said he was not enthusiastic over the idea, contending there were education committees in both houses now which could investigate the University if they decided such action was necessary.

He said, however, he would go along with the investigation committee and would appoint Assembly members from the



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Assembly Education Committee.

LaFave and Lorge said members will be named within one or two weeks with instructions to submit their report to the Legislature in time to effect legislation.

They said the committee will have "full investigative powers" including the authority to subpoena witnesses to testify under oath.

A SIMILAR committee was established by the 1967 Legislature after a University riot exploded into violence in October, 1967.

Lt. Gov. Jack B. Olson, who headed that committee, refused to be chairman of the new committee, contending such a post would violate the separation of executive and legislative powers in the state.

LaFave and Lorge are looking for a chairman, who will probably be appointed from the Senate. Roseleip was assured membership on the committee but is not expected to be named chairman.

THE SENATE Republicans also agreed to call on the University Board of Regents to appear before them to discuss University problems.

Roseleip's resolution, now pending in the Senate Education Committee, would urge the Re-

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gents to replace Harrington and hire a successor "firmly dedicated to the task of seeing that the University regains its former position as a leader in the field of higher education and as an outstanding training ground for leaders."

It claims that Harrington has had a "limp hand on the tiller" which has had "no little part in charting this wayward course."

The University has been torn by student demonstrations in support of a list of demands from black militants. Gov. Warren P. Knowles Wednesday afternoon called up the Wisconsin National Guard to help control the demonstrators.