

# Keep Cool, Knowles Urges Critics of UW

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Gov. Warren P. Knowles, although upset by recent student outbursts at the University of Wisconsin, Monday tried to calm bitter legislative reaction to disruptive campus activities.

"I would hope they (the lawmakers) would not adopt legislation on the basis of prejudice or panic," Knowles said at his first news conference since he called up units of the National Guard to keep order on the campus.

Some 2,000 guardsmen were called into duty two weeks ago to help police control demonstrating students who were disrupting classes in support of black student demands for special black studies programs.

THE GOVERNOR admonished the Legislature, controlled in both houses by his own Republican Party, not to do anything rash in regard to changing the basic policy making and administrative structure of the University.

"I would hesitate to say we ought to change the system which has existed for some 120

years," Knowles said. "The system has worked effectively in the past. I am proud of University Chancellor (Edwin) Young's actions during the recent disturbances."

Knowles' statements came in response to questions about recently introduced bills in the Legislature and rumblings among lawmakers to shake up the structure of the Board of Regents and the University administration.

THE GOVERNOR said he does not agree with suggestions by Republican leaders in the State Senate to elect regents on a popular basis. Regents are now appointed by the governor subject to Senate confirmation.

The governor refused to comment on specific bills introduced by Assembly Speaker Harold Froehlich (R-Appleton) in the wake of the weeklong disruptive activities by students.

Proposed measures include abolishing faculty tenure, prohibiting out-of-state student recruitment, and mandatory dismissal of faculty members and students involved in strikes or demonstrations.

KNOWLES SAID he disagrees with proposals to replace with state laws current administrative rules governing student conduct.

"I believe it would not be proper for the Legislature to inject itself into day-to-day affairs of the University," Knowles said. "Hopefully, the administration can carry out policies laid down by the Legislature without the Legislature's becoming politically involved in any way."

The governor said he has reason to believe that left-wing, revolutionary agitators from out of state are responsible for much of the turmoil on the campus.

"The same faces seem to turn up at all the campus disruptions," he said. "From Columbia to Berkeley to San Francisco State, the same people seem to be around."

HE SAID he would support "some kind of investigation" on a nation-wide basis of this kind of agitation. He said he thinks the radical Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) group has much to do with many of the campus outbursts.

Knowles' executive secretary, Paul Hassett, said the governor "will undoubtedly explore" the advisability of some national action by other governors this week at the National Governors Conference in Washington, D. C.

"Who knows how this will turn out?" Hassett asked.

He said the governor has not made any specific proposals for a federal grand jury investigation of campus agitation.

KNOWLES SAID "99 per cent" of his mail regarding the campus turmoil has supported his activation of the National Guard units.

He discounted several letters calling for the firing of University Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington.

"When you are the captain of the ship and things aren't going just right, they look around for someone to blame," Knowles said.

KNOWLES SAID he is hopeful that the Legislature will not take out its frustrations on the \$525.5 million University budget he has recommended.

"I hope they will continue to be objective as to the needs of education," Knowles said. "I think my recommendations should be sustained."

The Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance has scheduled hearings on the University budget for Thursday and Friday.