BERKELEY FACES STRICTER CURBS

Student Discipline Is Major Problem Confronting Kerr

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BERKELEY, Calif., March 14 —A tightening of discipline at the University of California campus here was indicated today after settlement of the school's latest crisis.

Clark Kerr, university president, and Martin Meyerson, acting chancellor of this campus, agreed after a meeting with the regents yesterday not to resign. Dr. Kerr said that he expected still to be the university president next fall.

Two main problems still confront the two administrators:

First, they must deal with students charged with violation of university rules in connection with displays of obscenity on the campus two weeks ago.

Second, conservative elements of the Board of Regents plan to bring forward a resolution at a meeting March 26 that would provide for dismissal of students and university employes who participate in demonstrations that disrupt university operations.

Mr. Meyerson has created an ad hoc committee that will handle the four-letter-word demonstrators. Four of its members were drawn from two standing committees on student discipline. The chairman was selected from a list provided! by the Committee on Committees of the Academic Senate. This has the effect, observers noted, of involving the faculty intimately in the disciplinary proceedings. "They're not going to waste any time in dealing with this," one university source predicted. It has been understood that the reason for the resignations of Dr. Kerr and Mr. Meyerson was a demand by regents for the immediate dismassal of the "dirty word" demonstrators.

The resolution to be renewed at the next regents meeting would make participating in a sit-in grounds for dismissal of a student. It would cause a graduate student to be dismissed from his teaching fellowship if he contributed to the support of a student strike.

When it was offered yesterday, it was opposed bitterly by Frederick G. Dutton, former Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations.

"This is a resolution that might be expected by the Board of Regents of the University of Alabama," Mr. Dutton asserted. He was appointed to the board in 1962 by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, on whose staff he once served.

Theodore R. Meyer, a San Francisco lawyer, withdrew the motion.

No vote was taken within the regents meeting that would point to the degree of support that Dr. Kerr may have.

A statement read by Dr. Kerr at the end of the regents meeting and again at a news conference committed the regents to "orderly handling" of student disciplinary cases.

More conservative elements of the faculty and the regents have demanded that student demonstrators be dismissed out of hand, while liberal elements have resisted this demand. Dr. Kerr has supported this resistance, arguing for a handling of student discipline through a

system of university rules and committees.

Mr. Meyerson has gained much faculty support since his selection Jan. 2 as acting chancellor. Faculty sources said that one of the reasons for the 891-to-23 vote by the Academic Senate in support of Dr. Kerr on Friday was because support of Mr. Meyerson was in the same motion.

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