

Youths, Picked in Lottery, Kill Cuban Teacher

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HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 28.—The National university of Havana was closed tonight for the remainder of the academic year. This unprecedented measure was taken by the rector, Rodolfo Mendel Penate, shortly after the assassination of Prof. Raul Fernandez Fiallo, of the school of commercial science, by six unidentified students of the school of medicine. They fired seven .45 caliber bullets at the professor shortly after noon today.

Prof. Fiallo, who was 35 years old, with the university rector and Prof. Calixto Maso of the school of philosophy, had been cited by the National Federation of University Students as among those responsible for the assassination on Aug. 15 of Dr. Ramiro Valdez Dausa, professor of the engineering school.

Demand Resignations.

The student body last Tuesday demanded the resignation and dishonorable discharge of these professors and simultaneously ordered a nation-wide student strike affecting 300,000. The professors refused to resign.

Leaders of the federation met in secret session last night and decided to kill Penate, Fiallo, and Maso. Six students, 18 to 21 years old, were chosen by lottery to carry out the decision. They hid in a small restaurant across from the university.

As Fiallo talked with two students near the campus the slayers fired. Fiallo was rushed to the university hospital two blocks away, where he died. Five bullets had pierced his body.

Expect Student Gun Duels.

His body lay in state at the university tonight. The government has ordered the police to adopt extraordinary precautions during the funeral tomorrow when the student partisans of Dausa and of Fiallo are expected to clash in a gun duel.

In the meantime the students retaliated against the university's closing with a general revolutionary strike, which means that every student must carry a gun for his own defense.

The strikers demand the expulsion of 156 professors of the university, and by radio and public speeches reaffirm their determination to kill Penate and Maso. Police said the university enjoys complete autonomy and that students and teachers may do as they see fit to settle their own affairs so long as they keep to the university grounds and nearby streets.