

State Will Issue Certificates To Morehead College Grads

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 28 (AP)—

John Fred Williams, state superintendent of public instruction, declared today that the State Department of Education would continue to issue certificates to qualified graduates of Morehead State Teachers College.

Williams made his statement in commenting on the action of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in dropping Morehead from its membership.

In his statement, the state school head laid the blame for Morehead's loss of accredited standing in the lap of Dr. William H. Vaughan, its former president.

Morehead's board of regents refused to renew Vaughan's contract last May 21 and Vaughan, a Democrat, charged "political interference" cost him the job. He vowed to ask the Southern Association and the American Association of Teachers Colleges to investigate. The board of regents, of which Williams is chairman, is Republican-controlled.

The Southern Association's ac-

tion in dropping Morehead came on Dec. 13 at Memphis.

"No action would have been taken by the Southern Association had not Dr. Vaughan appealed to them to drop the institution and had he not persistently pursued this appeal to the Memphis meeting," Williams' statement said.

Williams added that the Southern Association's action is "indeed regrettable" in view of the fact "that the Morehead regents had appointed as president a man of unquestioned leadership and ability and, by official action, had pledged him complete freedom and unanimous support in the professional administration of the institution."

Williams also said he favored repeal of the law giving the governor the power to remove regents at will.

Dr. William Jesse Baird, former president of Berry School and College, Rome, Ga., succeeded Vaughan as Morehead president. Vaughan is now with Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.