

fore telling U.S. District Judge Jack Gordon it was unable to reach a unanimous verdict. Gordon thanked the jurors and released them, then dismissed the forfeiture action.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Irving

Prosecutors and defense lawyers said they believed L'Hoste was the first Louisiana resident to come under the forfeiture provisions of the law.

Tulane Fraternity Suspended

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A fraternity chapter at Tulane University has been suspended for a hazing incident which resulted in an eye injury to a student "pledge."

The 18-month suspension handed the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) fraternity means the chapter cannot join in university-recognized recruiting, sports or other fraternity activities.

A spokesman for the DKE national headquarters in New York said the Tulane fraternity chapter has "a long history of rowdyism" and that the situation is under investigation.

The incident which got the Tulane DKE chapter in its current trouble occurred in January of 1977, when Robert King Jr. allegedly suffered

an eye injury when he was kicked against a wall while doing pushups.

King and William Collier, another pledge, testified at a Tulane Intrafraternity Council hearing last year that they were subjected to various kinds of physical abuse during hazing.

They said they were put in a room for 12 hours with radio static at a high sound level; that King was immersed in a washtub of ice water for periods ranging from five minutes to 50 minutes; that they were blindfolded, tied to other pledges and forced to crawl at night through shallow water along the banks of the Mississippi River, and that they were ordered to have sexual intercourse with a goat. However, they said, actual sex was not performed.