

About 600 students marched to the Administration Building at 2.15 yesterday afternoon, passed three members of the Security Branch in a grey Volkswagen C.A. 116252.

Banners "Council Join Us" - "Compromise is Characteristic" Radical Student Leader Raphie Kaplinsky, in his address to students said: "Let's make it quite clear before we go into the building that we are asking Council to join us in a joint stand against the government. We are not satisfied with their stand at present. We'll stay inside until our demands are met. The only rules are that we don't wear jackets and ties. No typists are to be molested".

Students then entered the building to the guitar accompaniment of 'We shall overcome'. The 600 students and staff sat down inside and they have been there ever since. Several people have come and gone, but most have returned and about 300 students and staff have spent the night in the building.

When it was announced that there would be a delay before the Council delegation would arrive, there were shouts of "Now! Now!" and "We shall overcome" heightened the tension.

The Cape Argus photographer said "There's shit-all happening here". Gordon Kling, the owner of the Village Gate and Varsity Arts Editor then plugged in a gramophone to a telephone connection and a member of the Admin. staff said "That's not the way to do it". The Senate Room soon became a coffee bar to the accompaniment of Bob Dylan, Wilson Pickett, Soul Music and the Beatles. A balloon debate was started with Advocate Suttner as Prof. Donald Inskip, Roger Price as Stokely Carmichael, Deon Irish as Raphie Kaplinsky and Raphie Kaplinsky as Maj. Gen. van der Bergh, head of the Security Branch, and Average University Lecturer, George Laurence. Quote of the debate: "Anyone who doesn't vote for me, gets 180 days" - van der Bergh.

The Mauritians opened a shop selling cool-drinks, chocolates, cigarettes, peanuts, sweets and fruit, all at cost price, provided by U.H. drop-inn and the Village Gate.

Visit from overseas commerce students attending Commerce Inter-  
varsity, members of Admin. staff walked about looking embarrass-  
ed and uneasy as 'Zulu Warrior' (the song i.e.) followed them down  
the corridor. Satire interview with Chris Barnard - asked what  
he thought of the golden heart given him by France he said he was  
bloody glad he wasn't a gynaecologist. Atmosphere now informal,  
relaxed. Informal discussions over pies and drinks, roving debates  
love-ins.

Theme of the day - "In the Midnight Hour".

"We're gonna wait for the midnight hour / till there's no-one else  
around."

Another soul tune - "Hold on to what you've got".

First year girl student - "This is better than Rag.

6.30 - applause for Duncan Innes as he reports back on the ad hoc  
meeting with Council reps including Inskip, Beinart, Robb and  
Ballinger. Quote - "We had a pretty heart-rending discussion with  
Council. They are only prepared to call a meeting when the Princi-  
pal comes back in a fortnight's time. This means they won't hold  
a meeting until the end of this month or the beginning of next  
month, although they have the power to call a full meeting now if  
they want to." S.R.C. reps can then meet the whole of Council. They  
have given us no promises. I am not optimistic. They stress 'prac-  
tical difficulties. They are not prepared to do anything at the mom-  
ent."

Kaplinsky - "Council's attitude was against students at the meeting.  
It's now simply a dispute between Council and Students."

Reinforcements expected from campus tomorrow morning.

Programme: 11.30 Major policy meeting in Senate Room to discuss  
student action on Council.

After Lunch - Nkomo to be asked to give his Academic  
Freedom Lecture in Admin.

4.30 - A teach-in on student power...Turner, Kaplinsky  
Hughes etc.

4.30 - Staff expect to give press statements to indi-  
cate extent of their support for students over Mafeje incident.

It's likely that the protest will take the form of a staff/student  
strike next Tuesday. The AIM of the protest is to get the Univers-  
ity Council to join with the students in a concerted demonstration  
against government interference in the university's academic life  
and, more particularly, over the government's action against Maf-  
eje's appointment.

JOIN US !!! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!