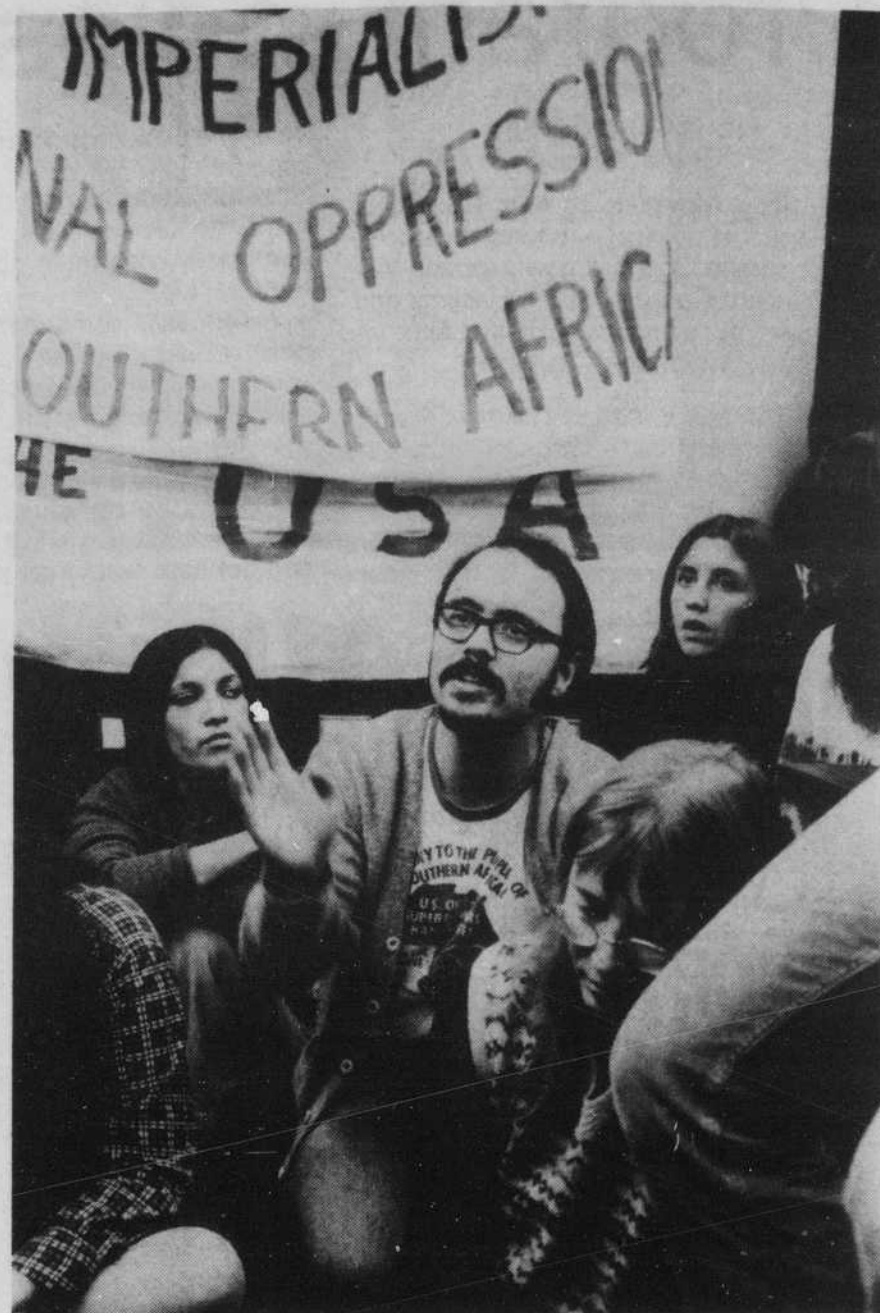


# Protest



## From the EMU, to Johnson, to jail

The group of 20 students lounged on the orange carpet in the Chancellor's office eating carrots and cheese. In the background, someone yelled to a radio station, "They won't accept our simple demands...." Hand-painted protest signs surrounded the secretary, who alone among the Chancellor's staff remained in the office. She sat at her desk, still trying to carry on her business.

"We're trying to decide what the deal is," John Lanier told reporters. "They say we'll be arrested if we don't leave by five o'clock." Some of the students present had never been in a demonstration before. They had gathered with others on the EMU terrace hours earlier to protest state board ownership of apartheid-connected stocks. They had marched to Johnson Hall with hopes of meeting with Chancellor Roy Lieuallen, but, finding him absent, they had taken over his office. Now the question was what to do with it.

"The board is trying to weasle out of its obligation," foreign student Ismet Guchan

said. "They are stalling, we know this."

Almost half the original protestors left when they found the Chancellor was gone. Few of the students that remained knew what to expect. Some were trembling. Charlie Lynch had joined the march spontaneously, after spotting it on the EMU terrace.

"I spent time in Vietnam, I know what death is about. Each day we hold onto that stock, more people are dying.

University Pres. William Boyd and ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman had tried talking to the protestors earlier in the day.

After exchanging small talk, Feldman confided in the protestors, "I can't support students getting arrested."

Lanier noticed a policeman in the corner. "Looks like a man in blue is here for the first time," commented Lanier, shaking. "We might have a little intimidation."

"What do you want from me?" asked Vice Chancellor Freeman Holmer after the office had been occupied for five hours. It was to be the last exchange before the arrest.

"The board has made its decision to divest," he said, standing with his arms folded. "Due process will take its course. The board's decision still stands."

The protestors demanded to have the divestment issue put on the agenda for Friday's board meeting. At first Holmer agreed to intervene on the protester's behalf and left to telephone a board member. He returned shortly, saying he'd thought it over and decided intervention would be inappropriate. Talk was over.

Those protestors not wishing to be arrested left the room. Propriety was shattered. Demonstrators, both inside and outside the office began chanting. Lynch and Guchan both decided to join the group outside.

"I'd lose my GI benefits," said Lynch.

One foreign student, afraid she would be deported, also left. She was later arrested for kicking an officer.

Guchan jumped about outside the office banging on the chancellor's window.

"The people united will never be de-

feated! The people united will never be defeated!"

Detective Jack Cater tried to throw Guchan out. "I am with the press," shouted Guchan, as Cater picked him up by the lapels. "I'll sue!" cried Guchan. "I'll sue!"

More than two hours of waiting followed. The remaining protestors clustered in a corner of the office, eating food that had been raised to the second floor office with a cord from the window blinds.

Finally, at 9 p.m., eight hours after the protest began, came the arrests. Fifteen officers — a pair to each protester — frisked and photographed them.

The protestors were taken one at a time down the stairs and to waiting police vans chanting all the way. Outside, a group of 50 or so more demonstrators joined the arrested with chants.

"You can arrest us tonight, but we'll be back by the hundreds tomorrow," shouted Guchan as he was taken from the carpeted hall to the cold night air.

Cater laughed, "Sure you will."



Vice-chancellor Freeman Holmer (upper left) confronts John Lanier (upper right) and other protestors with his decision not to attempt to put the issue on today's State Board meeting agenda. Meanwhile, the daughter of a demonstrator, 14-month-old Phoenix, (lower left), checks the food supplies. Later, 23 of the protestors were booked and photographed by the Eugene Police, including Ismet Guchan, (lower right).