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DEMONSTRATION AT RECTOR'S VISIT

Black flag flies over Fort Hare College

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A BLACK FLAG flew over Fort Hare University College today when Professor S. Pauw, chairman of the new governing council, and Prof. J. J. Ross, who will become rector on January 1, arrived for talks with the principal, Prof. Raymond Burrows.

The visit was at the invitation of Prof. Burrows to discuss problems connected with the transfer of Fort Hare to the Department of Bantu Education next year.

Slogans were painted on the walls of College buildings and a large poster stood outside Union Hall.

Some slogans read: "Get out Ross, there is a dagger in your

smile." and "Exit of Burrows means entrance of bureaucracy."

The poster read: "We want our purged lecturers back, not Government stooges."

The flagstaff in the quadrangle

had been greased and the rope cut so that the black flag could not be pulled down.

The Government car in which Prof. Pauw and Prof. Ross arrived had the air let out of its tyres when the car was unattended.

Prof. Pauw, Prof. Ross and Prof. Burrows said the settlement of the problems of transferring the college to the Department of Bantu Education would promote the best interests of the student body and the staff of the college.

The students requested and were granted a meeting with the two visiting professors. They asked that Prof. Burrows should be present.

The meeting will take place later today.

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