

WHAT HAPPENED MONDAY NIGHT

ASSU President Cesare Massarenti called a general student assembly last night in the courtyard of the Old Union. Two thousand persons reflecting a diversity of point of view on the campus attended the assembly. Speakers spoke on various sides of the issues.

Three votes were taken at the assembly: 1) a clear majority voted approval of the demonstrators demands, 2) a smaller majority, about 60%, expressed disfavor toward the continuation of the sit-in, 3) a clear majority favored amnesty for those students who had entered the building during the day.

In response to the will of the clear majority that the sit-in be discontinued, the demonstrators voted to leave the Old Union, abandoning the sit-in, and to attend the meeting at Memorial Auditorium. The meeting at Mem Aud was addressed by Provost Richard Lyman, Prof. Hubert Marshall, Chairman of the Committee of 15, by Law Professor William Baxter, and at the end of the meeting by ASSU President Cesare Massarenti.

Lyman addressed his remarks to the five demands of the students, explaining the administrations rejection of each. Marshall discussed the work of the Committee of 15 with respect to a new judicial rule-making process. Baxter made general remarks about the legal issues involved in the present crisis.

After the floor had been opened to questions from the audience, student David Pugh announced the termination of the sit-in. The Administration made no response to this concession on the part of the students. As the meeting progressed, the floor expressed strong opposition to the negative stance of the Administration. At one point four student members of the Committee of 15 announced their previous plans to resign if the substance of the demonstrators demands were not met by May 27. Their announcement brought a standing ovation.

Because of the failure of Lyman to respond positively to the students' concession in abandoning the sit-in and because of a general patronizing attitude on the part of the Administration, 500 members of the Mem Aud audience returned to the Old Union, and after an extended discussion, decided to resume the sit-in.

Some 300 persons dispersed throughout the building, many going to sleep on the upper floors, some grooved on two rock bands in the courtyard, and some engaged in political discussions late into the night. By three o'clock, the bottom floor of the Union was nearly empty and all was quiet.

A meeting will be held at 12 noon in White Plaza in support of the student demands.