

# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL BACKS EXPULSIONS

THE following is a statement issued yesterday by the University of Nairobi Council chairman, Mr. Bethwel Mareka Gecaga, in connection with university problems.

"The University Council met on January 29, and among other things considered a report by the Vice-Chancellor on the reopening of the university.

"In his report, the Vice-Chancellor informed the council that consequent upon decisions made by council, the senate of the university laid down conditions for the readmission of students. He informed council that these conditions were publicised in the Press on December 23, and students were invited to reapply.

"Of the 4,508 undergraduates registered prior to the closure of the university, 4,293 had applied for readmission. Only six of those undergraduates who applied for readmission were not readmitted on disciplinary grounds whilst all postgraduate stu-

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dents have been readmitted.

"The University Council noted that the action of the Vice-Chancellor in declining to readmit those responsible for organising the disturbances last August was consonant with council resolution 837 of August 12, under which the university administration had been requested to institute such disciplinary action as may be appropriate. Council therefore confirmed and fully supported the Vice-Chancellor in the action taken.

"Council also deplored the personalised attacks made on the Vice-Chancellor which had recently appeared in the Press, and expressed its continued confidence in and support for the Vice-Chancellor.

"Council noted with gratification that classes and other academic activities in the university

were now back to normal, with students working at their studies diligently and that senate has already made arrangements for the disrupted programme to continue with no provision for long vacations in order that the programme can be completed by September, 1975.

"Council also expressed its appreciation at the readiness on the part of the academic and other staff to accept a heavier load of work resulting from a more intensified programme so that the requisite syllabi for the various degree courses may be satisfactorily completed.

"It was regretted that facilities will not permit the commencement of the university's next academic year before October, 1975.

"Full discussion by council has taken place on the recommendations of the committee appointed last year under the chairmanship of Mr. Isaac Lugonzo to investigate the causes of recurring disruptions in the university, and appropriate action will be taken thereon."