

Race Bar Students in Angry Scenes

WALGETT, Monday. — Thirty Sydney University students demonstrating against racial discrimination in Australia were "run out" of Walgett tonight.

When the students' bus left Walgett it was followed by a line of 10 cars and a truck, which twice overtook the bus. On the second occasion the bus ran off the road and nearly overturned.

At the second attempt the bus was forced off the road into a ditch, tilting over 45 degrees before righting itself.

It then careered through scrubland and halted.

Boy and girl students in the bus were thrown about, but none was badly injured.

The students, members of the Student Action for Aborigines Council, had picketed the R.S.L. club and a frock salon at Walgett during the afternoon.

Hostility against them increased during the afternoon and night.

At 9 p.m. the local Church of England council gave them one hour to leave the church hall.

Students loaded their possessions into the bus and were being farewelled by aborigines and white sympathisers when Walgett hotels closed for the night.

Truck in Road Chase

The crowd around the bus was suddenly supplemented by hostile residents. Heated arguments developed and one or two punches were thrown.

The student leader directed all students to board the bus, and the driver left in the direction of Moree.

But a long line of cars followed the bus out of town.

A "Herald" reporter who was in the bus said the truck did not appear until the bus was about three miles from town.

It weaved in and out of following traffic. One car appeared to have been forced off the road.

The truck then passed the bus.

The bus driver braked

swiftly and just managed to avoid running off the road.

The truck then allowed the bus to pass, but quickly swung back into the line of traffic and overtook it again.

The second time the truck passed the bus, the bus ran off the road.

Girls screamed and luggage went flying as the bus lurched off the road.

It hung for a moment at a precarious angle, then slowly righted itself and came to a halt in light scrub about 20 yards off the road.

All the boys were moved to the front of the bus in case of an ambush and prepared to fight as several cars surrounded the bus.

But there were sighs of relief when they discovered that in the cars were only aborigines and friendly whites, who had decided to follow the bus in case assistance was needed.

Three other cars and the truck disappeared along the road to Moree.

Local police are trying to identify the driver of the truck.