

POLITICAL SUSPENSIONS

We have asked that those who hold positions in the ASSU resign.

Yesterday the Interim Judicial Body recommended the suspension of seven students cited for their participation in last October's demonstration against the CIA. The ASSU Judicial Council had already tried these students and acquitted them. Even the faculty representative on the Judicial Council, Professor Laurie Tarshis, Chairman of the Department of Economics, voted for acquittal.

Having failed to get a conviction through student channels, Dean Joel Smith brought the same charges before the Interim Judicial Body, whose members are selected from the faculty by President Sterling. One of the members of the IJB, William Rambo, Professor of Electrical Engineering, performs classified research for the CIA. President Wallace Sterling, a director of the Asia Foundation, revealed last year that he knew the CIA used the foundation as a conduit. Neither Mr. Rambo nor Mr. Sterling withdrew from the case, as such conflict of interest would require of them in a court of law.

Both LASSU and the ASSU Judicial Council refuse to recognize the IJB. Cesare Mssarenti, President of the Student Body, asked students called before the IJB not to appear. Six of the seven indicted students did as he suggested and were tried in absentia. President Sterling must now consider whether or not to implement the IJB decision.

The Administration's resort to double jeopardy prosecution before an illegitimate court shows its contempt for students and their government. Administrators recognize that the present form of student government is powerless, a convenience that obscures their own total power.

To end this fraud, it behooves Stanford students to dissolve their government. Students must now move en masse to force President Sterling to reinstate the students and to terminate the IJB. We must move forcefully to end the arrogant and arbitrary power of the Administration.

Concerned Students

(Marc Sapir, one of the students the Administration is attempting to suspend, will speak in White Plaza at noon today. There will be a meeting Sunday evening to plan action. Time and place will reach you through your local grape vine.)