

# *Insufficient*

The decree has come down from on high. The Trustees have shown their token appreciation of the concern of members of the Stanford community about the character of the University.

The Trustees have issued their press release that will provide, for good or for ill, the framework in which the University must proceed in considering the fate of Stanford Research Institute.

Whatever the elaborate governing process of the University comes up with as a solution to the SRI crisis and whatever direct action people here at Stanford engage in, it will be in the context established by the Trustees' attitude expressed yesterday.

The Trustees' public response to the situation on campus was less than satisfactory. The consideration given the moral determination of a large group of Stanford people was minimal. The performance yesterday was a manifestation of the Trustees' weak grasp of the issues at stake and of the intensity of concern on campus.

The news came in a press release and Trustee President W. Parmer Fuller refused to comment on the release to students maintaining a vigil outside the San

Francisco meeting, except to say that press release spoke for itself.

The existence of the press release indicated that Stanford's government continues to function in camera, behind closed doors. Instead of free men whose government is characterized by "open covenants openly arrived at," we are victims of closed, Star Chamber procedures.

The Trustees' statement deliberately ignored SRI counterinsurgency work, Stanford projects relating to southeast Asia, and Applied Electronics Laboratories research. The focus of the statement was on the highly emotional question of chemical and biological warfare. Other matters of political and moral relevance were pushed out of the picture. We still don't know publicly what the Trustees think of counterinsurgency.

President Pitzer perceptively told the Trustees: "You are being asked through your decision on SRI to say that our national priorities are wrong—that we spend too much on the military, on means to kill people, and not enough on constructive things, on helping ordinary people to live."

The insufficiency of the Trustees' answer makes us despair.