WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT AT STANFORD?

Late the night of April 9, over 400 Stanford Palo Alto community people decided to sit-in at Stanford's Applied Electronics Laboratory in order to prevent the electronic warfare research being done there from continuing.

We have asked that these scientists stop learning to kill others and learn instead to improve America by improving the life of its citizens.

While America's rivers and air continue to be polluted, while our cities become harder and harder to live in, while people in Mississippi and New York continue to live in degradation and without enough food—many scientists use their brains and our tax money to study how to scatter germs and chemicals in order to kill the most people and destroy the most crops and trees. These scientists are being allowed to engage in destructive research, when there is such need for constructive work at home.

The Stanford Trustees held a closed meeting on Tuesday, April 8, to consider the statements of principle and demands made by 800 members of the Stanford-Palo Alto community at an open meeting on April 3.

That meeting called for the immediate cessation and future non-acceptance of research at both Stanford and Stanford Research Institute (SRI) in the areas of (1) chemical and biological warfare, (2) counter-insurgency at home and abroad, (3) other research in support of the wars against the people of VietNam, Thailand, and Laos, and (4) classified research, especially classified military research.

The trustees decided to temporarily suspend new chemical and biological warfare contracts at SRI. This limited response ignored the moral issues underlying the extensive and continuing war research.

After the decision was made to enter the building it was resolved that: (1) No violence would be committed upon any person; (2) No property would be destroyed; (3) The building would remain open for all sympathizers.

The events of the last few months have shown that there is a growing concern among Stanford students and faculty and in the Palo Alto community. We are all paying, financially and morally, for this research, and we are all responsible until it has been ended.

We urge the people in the Stanford vicinity to support us in our stand.