

The April 3 Movement: HOW IT GREW



Mass meeting of the April 3 Movement in the

1965-68: WAR CRIMES, TRIALS AND RESEARCH--A group of radical graduate students did research on Stanford and SRI's involvement in the War in Vietnam. Union officials were "tried" for "war crimes". Research was extended to study of involvement in imperialism.

Oct., 1968: SDS DEMANDS--SDS demanded that S.U. and its wholly-owned subsidiary SRI, halt all economic and military projects in S.E. Asia. SRI DEMONSTRATION--



Several hundred students demonstrated at SRI to publicize the demands. They were met by PA men, coffee and donuts. THE COMMITTEE--S.U. acting President Glaser formed a committee of faculty and students (two radicals), to study the "SRI problem" and to recommend courses of action to the Board of Trustees. AEL EXORCISED--SDS-led demonstrators "exorcised the demons" from the Applied Electronics Laboratory (AEL). AEL does classified electronics warfare research used in Vietnam for radar-jamming over bombing targets. The group then went to the SRI facility in the Stanford Industrial Park, which does most of the SRI counter-insurgency work. The Hanover facility was locked up.

January 14, 1969: BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISRUPTED--SDS demonstrators went to on-campus meeting of the Board, read revised demands including resignation of three Master-of-war Trustees. Getting no res-

ponse, they entered the meeting. Trustees fled.

Late January 1969: PACKARD PICKED--President Nixon appointed David Packard, "liberal" Stanford Trustee, ass't Sec'y of Defense; eyebrows raised.

Early February: SJC TRIED SDS--Twenty-nine SDS defendants put on trial for the disruption of the board. It was a political and educational event; they received suspended suspensions and fines. Strengthened, they demanded an open meeting when Trustees come to campus in March.

Later February: SRI COALITION FORMED--Some SDS people and others formed a group to educate around the nature of SRI research. They circulated a petition calling for an end to Chemical and Biological Warfare (CBW) and counter-insurgency research at S.U. and SRI.

March 11: TRUSTEE FORUM--To avoid the SDS demand, a University committee set up a forum with five Trustees (including Hewlett, of Hewlett-Packard and Ducommun of Lockheed) and six students (five radicals, and one conservative - trusted student chose radicals instead of the "moderate" students desired). The trustees fared miserably, losing an initially neutral audience of 1400.

Late March: SRI PAMPHLET--During finals week and vacation, students published a pamphlet on SRI and its work, distributed 3000 in early April. This was the first in a series of excellent educational publications.

April 3: AJM AND ITS DEMANDS--Fourteen liberal/radical groups called a meeting to issue demands to the Trustees. Seven-hundred persons demanded that S.U. retain SRI; an end to CBW, counter-insurgency, Vietnam-related and classified research at S.U. and SRI; an open decision-making meeting by April 30.

April 8: TRUSTEES MEET--They rejected the demands, offering a moratorium on new CBW contracts until a decision, promising some sort of hearing to admit community feelings. The decision was read to two thousand people who were watching the "Battle of Algiers."

April 9: MOVEMENT MOVES--Over 900 students at an open meeting voted to occupy the Applied Electronics Laboratory (AEL) and stop its work indefinitely. Proposals to take SRI or an administration building were rejected. Guidelines were voted: no harm to persons, no property destruction, an open door policy, no tampering with classified files.

April 9-16: SITTING IN--The work stoppage began; a full-scale print shop began to turn out a daily newspaper, leaflets, pamphlets; small task groups began campus and community education; general meetings were held nightly. Support grew, 1400 people signed solidarity state-



ment. Judicial council threatened, didn't act.

April 15: SRI COMM. REPORT--The study committee issued its report, recommending sale of SRI, possibly with covenant restricting research. The minority report recommended retention and restriction in

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keeping with A3M demands. They announced that a questionnaire would be mailed to all students and faculty to help trustees in decision.

April 16: **STUDENT BODY MEETING**--Student Body President Denis Hayes announced an all-student convocation on Friday, April 18, to discuss the issues and tactics and to vote on same: he foresaw a censure vote on tactics.

April 17: **PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY POWERS**--U. President Kenneth Pitzer announced late Thursday that he would ask the full faculty to meet Friday morning and grant him power to close AEL for a week and to suspend students without hearings. He claimed that the government was pushing him to end sit-in or introduce armed protection for classified files.

April 18: **A3M EMERGENCY MEETING**--A3M voted to leave AEL, since the lab was



going to be closed for a week and many felt the sit-in had accomplished all it could. This was a chance to catch the faculty together and force them to deal with issues and not tactics, and a chance to do same with student body. **FACULTY MEETING**--In a brief meeting the faculty voted for emergency powers and adjourned without discussing the issues. **STUDENT MEETING**--Six to eight thousand students convened. A ballot was passed out after

much speech-making, and about 2500 of the 3000 voters supported A3M demands. 1600 voted to act again if Trustees made the wrong decision.

April 22: **SENATE VOTES**--The Academic Senate voted to end secret research on campus.

April 25: **A3M AT AFL**--A3M voted not to re-occupy AFL, which was scheduled to re-open. During this quiet period the Trustees had offered a hearing with testimony from SRI staff, faculty and students.

April 26: **REFERENDUM RESULTS**--5700 of 10,000 students and 650 of 1200 faculty



voted in favor of the demands, including control of SRI. About one-third of the faculty voted with the student majority, and another third voted in favor of sale with a restrictive covenant that would prohibit the types of research which A3M singled out.

April 30: **TRUSTEE HEARING**--Trustees appeared under agreement they would only listen, not speak. Students asked questions, got no answer, and walked out. Students who were watching the hearing over closed circuit TV joined them for a meeting to decide what to do.

The students re-convened in the evening. A bitter and divided meeting ensued, and a vote was taken to occupy another building.

May 1: **THE OCCUPATION OF ENCINA HALL**--Early in the morning about 700 students voted to occupy Encina Hall, the main administrative building. The guidelines were to enter "as humanely as possible." Windows were broken, scuffles with right-wingers occurred in entering the building. Only about 250 students finally entered. Researchers began going through files. By 7:00 A.M. only 50 students remained. The police arrived; students voted to leave.

May 2: **A3M MEETING**--A meeting was called to discuss Encina, consolidating the movement, and the next move. A university official interrupted the meeting to read an injunction forbidding thirty-five named defendants and up to 500 "John Does" from disrupting university activities, entering buildings; the meeting broke down into small "affinity groups" which were to meet and act together for the rest of the quarter. The university announced it would be trying students for the Encina action.

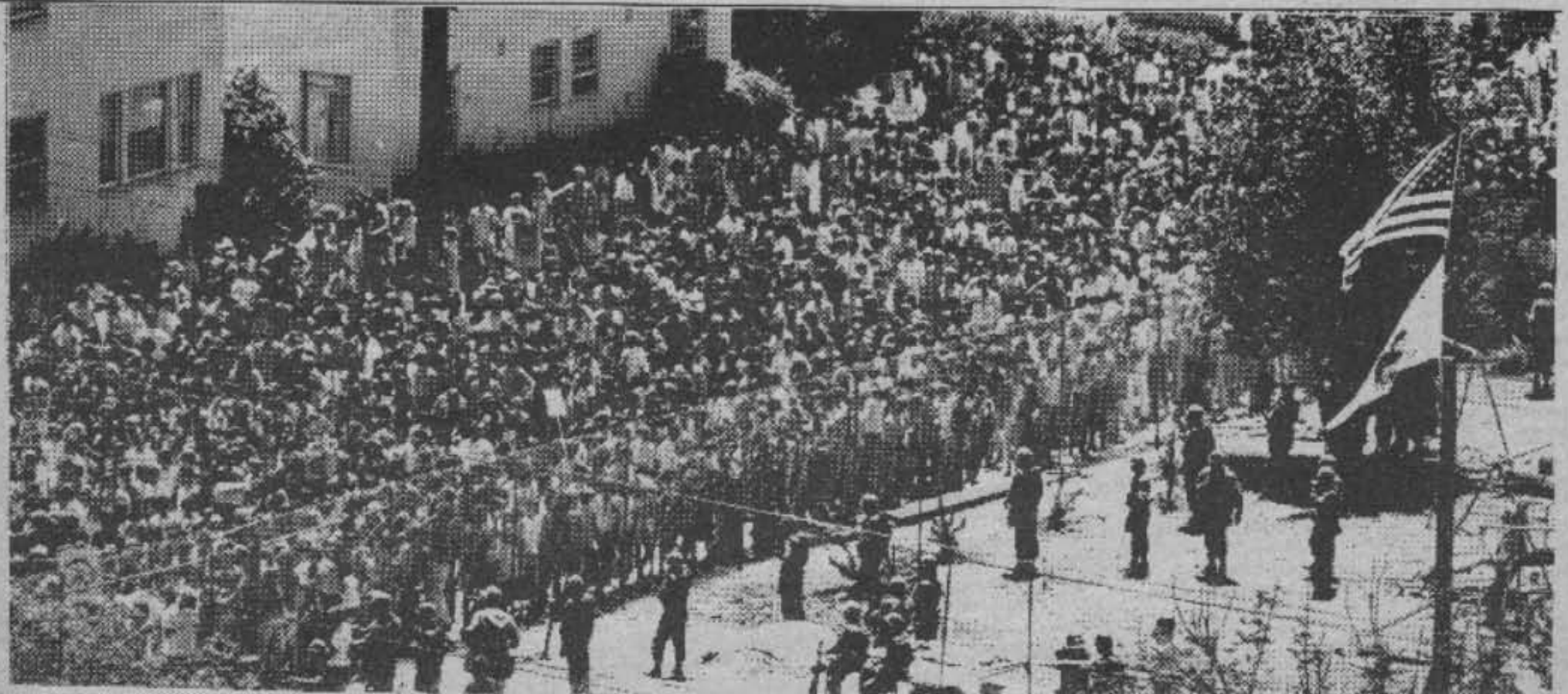
May 12, 13: **CLASS BOYCOTT**--A3M called a class boycott for the day preceding the Trustee meeting and the day of the meeting to show support for the demands. A political carnival was held on the 12th, and support for the boycott was strong.

May 13: **TRUSTEES MEET**--Trustees accepted an SRI decision to stop CBW work, and voted to sell SRI, without restriction.

May 16: **SHUTTING SRI**--A3M voted to close down the Hanover facility of SRI in the Industrial park, where most counter-insurgency work is done. Working in small affinity groups, over 500 demonstrators blocked access to the Park and SRI. Few researchers got in. Police, using tear gas, broke up the demonstration after four hours. Windows of SRI were broken.

May 18: **SRI INJUNCTION**--SRI got an injunction forbidding trespass or property damage.

May 19: **SRI AGAIN**--Police were there in force early; demonstration was broken up. A peaceful picket went to the main SRI plant that afternoon. **DEMOURMENT**: fifty persons were arrested for the SRI demonstrations on misdemeanor charges: identification of demonstrators was made by Young Americans for Freedom. Over sixty students received suspensions or fines for Encina. Many students remain for the summer.



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