

A Message to the Menlo Park Community

Menlo Park and Palo Alto are very peaceful communities. With no gas rationing, no military parades through the streets, and, best of all, no bombs destroying our homes, it is hard to remember that there is a war going on in South-east Asia. Our neighbor SRI, however, is well aware of this war and in fact is helping to wage it through its applied research in counterinsurgency and weaponry, including the creation of chemical and biological weapons, types of which were condemned internationally after the First World War (that's the war that was going to end them all, by the way).

We realize that SRI is also engaged in research that is very beneficial to mankind and wish to see this research not only continued, but expanded. For this reason, members of the April Third Coalition at Stanford and the surrounding community have been urging closer ties between SRI and the university. We wish to turn SRI into an institute for peace research, not war research.

This morning, and for many future mornings, we will be picketing to protest this research and to bring SRI's activities to the attention of its neighbors. If you feel like joining our picket line, please do so. If not, please come by and talk with us about the reasons you do not feel it necessary to attempt to stop this research.

After the Second World War, German citizens disavowed any knowledge of what had been happening within the concentration camps, even those citizens who had lived adjacent to the mass graves bordering the camps. Do you know what is being developed within SRI?