

ON TO SRI

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The demand of the April 3rd Movement that SRI be brought under the control of the university community is more than an attempt to bring about university reform. It is a demand that directly effects the military and economic interests of giant corporations and the U.S. government.

Because the Board of Trustees is the decision-making body over SRI, our demands are hitting at the center of power. The Trustees are connected with corporations whose assets of \$1.4 billion dollars amount to almost 10% of the gross national product of the U.S. Our demands threaten corporate profits. For example, if SRI were brought under closer control, the office in Bangkok, Thailand would be shut down. This action would affect the interests of members of the Board of Trustees.. Trustee Ernest Arbuckle (former Dean of the business school, former head of SRI, recently appointed Chairman of the Board of Wells-Fargo Bank) is a member of the Board of Utah Mining and Construction Company which builds major American Air Bases in South East Asia--including Vietnam and Thailand. The shutting down of the Bangkok office could be a blow to that corporation.

We should understand then, that the Trustees and President Pitzer (himself a member of the Board of Directors of the Rand Corporation, a larger version of SRI that does mucho counter-insurgency research, war games, and megadeath planning also) have their positions, their military and economic power, at stake. Given a choice, these men would rather close down Stanford than lose SRI to the community. They will never willingly allow the research programs at SRI to come under the control of people who wish to stop America's military and economic penetration of the third world.

In the face of a growing student-community movement to create those controls, Pitzer and the Board of Trustees are left with few alternatives.. When we act, they can call on outside police or they can close the entire University and blame us for disrupting the order of the "normal educational processes. Last week Pitzer issued a statement which suggested that by stopping the classified research at AEL, we were the enemies of a free and open university.

However, we know that the "normal educational process" at this "free and open university" includes such immoral programs as the electronic warfare research we have been temporarily able to stop at AEL.. We are not creating disorder; we are attempting to re-define the educational process in human terms.

However, the possibility of a university shut-down should not be taken lightly.. We must begin to educate ourselves and the community as to why such an action would be nothing more than an attempt to smash the April 3rd Movement and to continue the death research.

How should we deal with this situation? We suggest that the foci of demonstrations from Tuesday on should be SRI itself. Everything possible should be done to stop the research projects currently in operation. This is exactly what we have done at AEL--stopped the War Machine. We can act in small groups and large demonstrations. We can ring SRI and stop the "orderly flow of

traffic" into and out of that institution.

We therefore propose that an SRI tactics committee be formed by the April 3rd Movement.

If we can not affect SRI directly we may be relegated to pleading with powerless faculty committees whose interests do not extend very far beyond palm drive.

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