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Recent press coverage of the activities of the April 3 Movement has highlighted the actions of the movement, but underplayed--and in some cases, misreported--the issues behind the present struggle. The News Service has prepared the following statement to clarify our political position and has formed a pool of members of the movement who are willing to participate in interviews, talk shows, etc. For more information, or to contact these spokesmen, please call Barbara Hyland at 327-9772 or 321-2300 x 4637.

The April 3 Movement, strangely enough, was formed April 3, 1969, at a community meeting called by a coalition of Stanford and Palo Alto organizations. The 800 people present voted nearly unanimously the following demands:

- 1) That SRI not be sold, but be brought into a closer relationship with Stanford University in order to redirect its research towards solving pressing social problems
- 2) That research at both Stanford and SRI be stopped in the following areas:
  - War research applied in Southeast Asia
  - Counterinsurgency, at home and abroad
  - Classified research
  - Chemical and biological warfare

Classified research on campus is being phased out. It is believed that none of the unclassified on-campus research falls into the other three categories.

The result of the demands on SRI was that chemical and biological warfare contracts will no longer be accepted. However the Trustees ignored the first demand and have decided to sell SRI.

Moreover, several millions of dollars worth of counter-insurgency studies, Vietnam War research, and classified military weapons research (including ABM) continue at SRI. The Movement feels that this must stop, whether or not SRI remains a part of the University.

Most people understand students' objection to Vietnam War research, but few realize the significance of SRI's counterinsurgency work, especially in Thailand. SRI is conducting the same type of activities in Thailand that various public and private agencies were conducting in Vietnam.

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