

STATEMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD LIBERATION FRONT

In the wake of the heroic struggle of the people of Vietnam against the U.S. aggression an ever increasing number of Americans have begun to question the fundamental realities of their existence. This questioning has revealed to the American people the role a military-industrial alliance engaged in a vicious system of exploitation and massacre of people of the Third World and peoples of color in the U.S. As this morbid picture of America's role in the world unfolded, people focused on specific institutions which are the logical outgrowth of the system rather than on the very system which made this reality necessary. It is in this context that the Third World Liberation Front views the issues presently confronting Stanford University.

That the Third World Liberation Front is against counter-insurgency research or poison and gum (chemical-biological) warfare research is only natural. As the specific targets of such criminal research the people of the Third World are given but one choice: to fight for their existence and freedom against the U.S. oppressor forces. Furthermore those movements which are beginning to struggle in the very belly of the beast and wish to link their efforts with ours for the redemption of humanity will receive our full encouragement and support.

Putting the issues in a more realistic framework, however, has accomplished little than to cloud the real question. The criminal research in the U.S. can not be stopped by appealing to the morality of researchers and members of the ruling class in America. Nor will it be stopped by demanding the cessation of such research at Stanford and SRI only. It is rather the system that makes such research necessary which should be the focus of our questioning and action. The U.S. is set in a politico-economic system based on the exploitation of people both in the U.S. and the Third World. It is necessary for American business to insure cheap labor, cheap raw materials and a favorable market in the Third World if they are to realize the basic objective of accumulating capital and maximizing profits. It is this very basic necessity of the capitalist system that logically leads to maintaining a cruel and inhuman army that subjugates the people of the Third World, crushes their revolutions and maintains a world order when American corporate business can thrive and flourish. The American war-machine will not be stopped by appealing to the morals of a man like Packard or Arbuckle, but rather by challenging the system which makes it necessary for Packard and Arbuckle to have an American army in Vietnam and counter-insurgency in the Third World. It is not enough to struggle only when the oppressor is assembling his weapons in our backyard, because we know too well that it will be taken up elsewhere. The struggle must be carried to the Industrial Park, Hewlett-Packard, FMC, Dow Chemical, and the rest of America's corporate business. It's the capitalist system that has to be stopped because only then can we arrive at a rational solution to the genocide perpetrated by the U.S. against the people of the Third World. It is this form of political consciousness and clarity that we hope will prevail among the students at Stanford and all other concerned Americans, because only then will our focus be correct and our actions effective.