

## MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

It's up to all of us!

The issues raised by the April Third Movement are the concern of every member of the mid-peninsula community, not merely of the students and faculty at Stanford University. We did not sit-in at the Applied Electronics Laboratory in order to make Stanford's intellectual environment more "pure" or to make Stanford a nicer place for us to study. The Stanford sit-in was the first step in the on going struggle to redirect the resources of our society toward peaceful and socially productive ends. We ask you to join in this struggle.

Specifically, we sat-in in order to stop that research at Stanford and SRI (Stanford Research Institute) which is morally repugnant and which is essential to the United States' "policeman of the world" role, a role which led directly to the Vietnam War and which will, if not stopped, lead to more Vietnams in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and elsewhere in the Third World. We presented our demands not to the Stanford administration, but to the Board of Trustees, a small group of business men who not only run Stanford, but SRI as well, and who share in controlling corporations which manufacture weapons of destruction right here in the mid-peninsula and which dominate the economy of the area. These are men of the Military-Industrial-University complex: William Hewlett, David Packard, Charles Ducommun and others.

Many of you are active in the fight against ABM with bumper stickers, letters to Congressmen, meetings, etc. SRI did much of the basic research for ABM and the electronics firms run by men on Stanford's and SRI's ruling boards will manufacture many of the components for ABM if it is deployed. Research outfits like SRI are essential to the smooth and on going growth of the Military-Industrial complex, and if we are going to effectively halt its expansion, if we are going to change the United States' "policeman" role, which both depends on and is fed by this complex, we must attack it at its very heart, the research institutes. Here in the mid-peninsula that means SRI-Stanford.

Our demands are: 1) an end to all chemical, biological, and radiological warfare research; 2) an end to all counter-insurgency research; 3) an end to all classified research; and 4) closer ties between Stanford and SRI and the establishment of a community review board. We consider it vital that the entire mid-peninsula community participate in the re-directing of SRI's research priorities and in eliminating the above kinds of research. This can be most effectively done by bringing SRI into a closer relationship with Stanford where it is more accessible to community direction.

You, members of the community at large, can help win these demands. What can you do? 1) Spread the word; encourage your church group, professional association or club to have speakers and literature on the issues. 2) Write letters to members of the Stanford Board of Trustees some of whom live in the area. 3) Send money; make checks payable to April Third Movement. 4) Contact us for more information.

Our struggle is yours!

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