FREEDOM AND JUSTICE, POWER ELITE STYLE

Throughout the activities of the April 3rd Movement, the administration and its supporters have been crying for 'rational processes' and "academic freedom' in the University.

But the injunction obtained by the Board of Trustees yesterday is a violation of both concepts, as well as a clear attempt to politically intimidate the Movement.

1. Without any chance to defend themselves, members of the April 3rd Movement named as defendants in the injunction have been suspended as students at Stanford. By the terms of the injunction, they may not come onto the campus without risking immediate arrest for contempt of court. Those living on-campus could be thrown in jail for simply staying in their rooms.

After all the work students and faculty have done to establish fair disciplinary procedures here, these summary suspensions came out of a Star Chamber proceeding.

2. While piously mouthing platitudes about academic freedom, the administration has suffocated the April 3rd Movement's freedoms of speech and assembly by posing the threat of injunction against meeting on-campus not only against named defendants, but against any of 500 "John Doe" names included.

Already, Marc Sapir and Fred Cohen, two prominent members of the Movement have been named 'John Doe Two' and "John Doe Three", even though Sapir was never inside Encina Hall during its occupation.

In addition, the April 3rd Movement itself has been named in the injunction, exposing all its members to possible service, suspension, and denial of First Amendment rights.

3. The injunction is not simply a protection against disruptive acts, as its supporters might maintain. First, arrest procedures or legitimate student disciplinary measures could be employed without the additional threat of up to one year's imprisonment on a contempt of court charge stemming from violating the injunction.

Second, the fifth demand of the injunction, forbidding suspended students from even coming on-campus is obviously aimed only at suppressing free speech and stopping the Movement. The first four provisions cover every possible disruptive act these students could commit; the fifth's only purpose is to cut vital people out of the Movement. This is clear political suppression.

4. The contents of the injunction reveal that the administration is prosecuting students not only for participation in the Encina Hall sit-in, but also for all other activities of the April 3rd Movement, including the extraordinarily peaceful occupation of the Applied Electronics Laboratory. Is this injunction a response to "violence" at Encina, or a wider effort to stop those people asking why Stanford must continue its death research?

While advocating rational free debate, the Trustees have refused to hold an open decision-making meeting. Their "hearings" on Wednesday were a monument to empty ritual, an insult to the witnesses presenting their grievances. While criticising the tactics of the April 3rd Movement, the rulers of our military-industrial Academe are themselves resorting to coercion denying basic civil rights.

WE URGE YOU TO MEET TODAY ON WHITE PLAZA AT NOON.

This hypocrisy, denial of basic rights, and continuing refusal to openly face the moral issues of Stanford's involvement in the business of war must end.

April Third Movement