

STANFORD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE (Bob Beyers, 321-2300, ext. 2558)
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STANFORD - The Senate of the Academic Council met for more than five hours as a committee of the whole Tuesday night (APRIL 29), while 200 members of the April Third Movement discussed tactics in a separate session at Tresidder Memorial Union.

Neither group reached any immediate decisions.

After its second special session in eight days on University-Stanford Research Institute relations, the Senate rose from committee of the whole without report, referring several matters to the Steering Committee for consideration by the Senate at an early meeting.

The A3M deferred any decisions on tactics until a 10 a.m. Wednesday meeting of its Coordinating Committee, which will be followed by a noon rally in Old Union Courtyard.

A five-man Board of Trustee committee is scheduled to start a hearing on University-SRI relations at 2 p.m. in Meyer Library, provided there is no disruption before or during the proceedings, which will be carried via closed circuit TV to Memorial Auditorium.

The Tuesday issue of "Declassified," published by A3M, carried the banner headline "Any Hour Now," with eight campus buildings circled as possible targets for future activity: Encina Hall, Hoover Tower, the Business School, President's Office, Varian Laboratory, the Computation Center, Space Engineering, and the Old Union.

The Space Engineering Building had notices posted by Prof. Jean Mayers, vice chairman of the Department of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, warning that unauthorized persons entering the building would be reported to the Administration and the Judicial Council. Students and faculty posted a night-long watch over the building.

The Coalition for an Academic Community, newly formed group opposing coercive tactics, distributed more than 2000 handbills warning that "any community in which the citizens do not protect individuals from coercion by self-appointed groups--minority or majority--cannot remain free."

It also circulated petitions urging students to attend the closed circuit telecast in Memorial Auditorium.

The A3M said the recent changes in research policy voted by the Senate were "a token meaningless concession" and added: "the faculty, administration, and especially the trustees, will do only what we force them to do."

Following the special Senate meeting, Student Body President Pat Shea said: "Oftentimes in legislative bodies, members get bogged down in questions of semantics. In the Academic Senate, there is a constructive and socially responsible direction related to the general direction of the University and institutions under its Board of Trustees' auspices. It is unreasonable to expect a body in a day or week or month to make decisions for which the institution will be held accountable for decades."

"We have to redirect, not paralyze, the technology that Stanford can influence."

Leonard Schiff, chairman of the Senate Steering Committee, said: "The Senate has shown its deep concern with problems raised by certain types of research activity at SRI as well as the University."

"It is moving with all deliberate speed toward a socially constructive resolution of the problems raised in these connections. I am confident that a definite recommendation will be forthcoming in the near future." The next regular Senate meeting is 3:15 p.m. Thursday.

Former Student Body President Denis Hayes said: "For more than five hours a very diverse group of men grappled with some damned tough issues. There were profound disagreements evidenced, as was only to be expected. But in the series of straw votes there emerged some trends which I found very encouraging, recommending important items to the Steering Committee for more precise drafting. It seems safe to say these items will be reported back at Thursday's meeting. There were two reasons why nothing specific was enacted. First, there is a real problem drafting legislation in a group of 60 people. Second, there was a reaction to reports of a threatening meeting at Tresidder. Whether these reports were accurate, I have no idea, but they influenced the professors. So straw votes were taken to send resolutions to the Senate Steering Committee for 'polishing' and the thrust of those resolutions was not made public."

"This decision about secrecy was a tactical error; it was a tactical error because most of the University community would be pleased if it knew what had happened. But, due to a tactical error, the community doesn't know what happened. I've spent most of my waking hours this past month persuading administrators and faculty to ignore the tactics of students. I'm now going to have to ask students to ignore a tactical blunder by the faculty. If the Senate can just be given a chance to act upon the issues, without a disruption raging in the background, I feel confident it will pass resolutions which we will all be able to applaud. I seriously doubt the ability of the Senate to deal positively with these issues under the shadow of some coercive act. Since I'm a lot more concerned with issues than with symbolic trappings, I hope to hell my activist friends will keep their shirts on and spend these next few days organizing and educating the campus. If we can cool it today, we may be able to get something helpful tomorrow. If, on the other hand, we blow it today, I'm afraid our impatience will needlessly antagonize a potential ally." ##4/30/69