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The series of meetings conducted by Mr. Anderson on April 16 indicated a desire for a mechanism for the rapid exchange of information and staff views concerning future relations between Stanford University and the Institute. Intercom Extra is the response to these expressed needs.

It will be issued three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) for the next several weeks, or as long as it is useful. Its primary function will be to keep the staff informed as to actions which are under way or being contemplated in response to recommendations by various Stanford groups, and groups within SRI, and it will also be available to the staff to allow an interchange of views.

Initially it is planned to include the following sorts of copy:

- *Correction of misinformation in the Scott Committee Report that is most damaging to the SRI image*
- *Publication of SRI charter and relevant parts of Dr. Gibson's history of SRI*
- *Excerpts from the many staff letters which have been received since the beginning of the April 3 movement*
- *News from meetings of the Board of Trustees or Board of Directors*
- *News from the weekly open meeting of the Beggs Committee*
- *Excerpts from letters from the staff commenting on any of the above.*

Letters to the editor are welcome and they will be run on a space-available basis. They should be addressed to Chuck Prevost, C-119.

TOUR OF HANOVER ?

According to the Stanford Daily for Monday, April 21, the April Third Movement was to make a guided tour of the "Hanover Building" of SRI at noon on Monday.

Apparently there was some misunderstanding as to what was to be toured — some members of the Movement, at least, considered it to be simply an opportunity to walk past some of the companies located in the Industrial Park, a part of

TO THE STAFF FROM
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share of unjust criticism from outsiders. At present, all of us are giving sober thought to various outside comments and reports concerning our role in society and our future in research.

With all these things going on — committee reports, news stories, criticisms, lawn-ins — the temper of the organization and the conduct of the staff have been outstanding, and I want to take time out from formal memos to give you my personal and sincere contratulations.

We'll have some flak for awhile yet, but it will pass in due course and SRI will still be the best research organization going. Meanwhile, we shouldn't let the hubbub divert us from our normal activities.

As to our future, I have no doubt whatever that we will emerge from all this stronger than ever.

Again, you've been impressive under fire and we have made many new and valuable friends as a result.

they held a brief litany.

When the group was told that no plans had been made by SRI for a tour of the building, and indeed no tour had been requested, they marched on down the street to visit Varian.

Leaflets were passed out. "We (the members of the April Third Movement) are protesting the counter-insurgency studies done by the Regional Security Studies Center division of the Stanford Research Institute at the SRI Hanover Street offices. Work done at SRI is used in Thailand — and elsewhere — to suppress indigenous insurgent movements — that is, to protect a quasi-military government which is insensitive to the needs of its people. Such work not only destroys life and land, it is paving the way for another Vietnam — next door, in Thailand."

G. S. Wiley, SRI executive director of the Systems Analysis Division, later commented on these statements.

"It is particularly inappropriate to label the insurgent movement in Thailand as indigenous," he said. "One of the insurgent movements in Thailand is centered around the Communist Terrorists who were remnants of the Malay insurgency. Another group consists of agents introduced by North Vietnam with refugees fleeing from North Vietnam. These are well-documented facts, and both of these insurgent movements are vigorously opposed by the indigenous Thais.

"But of greater concern to the people employed in this work is an implication that our work is not in the best interests of the Thais. There will be change in Thailand, just as there will be change in other nations. Fundamentally, however, we believe change can be more rapid and more meaningful if it is carried out in a stable nation than in a nation where the law of the jungle prevails.

"And let no one doubt that this is exactly what the so-called insurgency implies. It is violence, and blood-shed, and cruelty directed against the native people. This is what destroys life and land. This is what paves the way for another Vietnam.

"The Thais are a peaceful and independent people. In the rural areas the farmers own their own land, and to a large extent they simply want to be left alone."

SRI ATTRACTS THE PRESS

If the Scott Report and the April Third Movement have done nothing else they have brought the press to SRI. The Institute was visited on Tuesday, April 22 by reporters from three papers. Susan Almazal of the San Francisco Examiner spent most of the day interviewing Charles Adnerson, Lloyd Smith, Marjorie Evans, Gordon Parker, and other staff members. Charles Anderson was also interviewed by Kay Vigant of Palo Alto High for an unofficial school paper, "The Last Word". And Margie Wolf, editorial page editor, and Mike Kuhl, associate editor of the Stanford Daily, spent the day interviewing a cross section of the staff about their work and their feelings regarding SRI-Stanford relations.