

WHY SRI?

FOR MONTHS THIS COMMUNITY HAS STRUGGLED TO CONVINCE THE TRUSTEES THAT SRI MUST CEASE WAR-RELATED RESEARCH. PETITIONS, REFERENDUMS, PICKETS, BOYCOTT, SIT-INS AND RESOLUTIONS SHOWED THE STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY SENTIMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

HOW DID THE TRUSTEES RESPOND? THEY ISSUED AN ARROGANT STATEMENT MAY 13 THAT THEY WOULD "TERMINATE" ALL TIES BETWEEN STANFORD AND SRI, PROBABLY THROUGH SALE TO A CORPORATION OF THEIR CHOOSING. LARGE COUNTERINSURGENCY AND OTHER WAR-RELATED CONTRACTS WILL CONTINUE UNTOUCHED.

WE HAVE NO RECOURSE BUT TO ACT DIRECTLY ON OUR CONVICTIONS. WE MUST STOP THE LETHAL RESEARCH. WE MUST CONVINCE THE POTENTIAL BUYERS OF SRI THAT THE TRUSTEES' DECISION IS ILLEGITIMATE AND VOID. WE MUST BREAK THROUGH THE MORAL BLINDNESS OF THOSE RESEARCHERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO AMERICAN IMPERIALISM.

SRI'S OFFICE ON HANOVER STREET HAS LONG BEEN A CENTER FOR COUNTERINSURGENCY RESEARCH. THE APRIL 3rd MOVEMENT HAS VOTED TO BEGIN A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO STOP RESEARCH THERE BY OUR PRESENCE AND OUR ACTIONS. AS LONG AS WE ARE THERE, THE ABILITY OF THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL-UNIVERSITY COMPLEX TO MAKE FUTURE WARS WILL BE MATERIALLY REDUCED.



NO WORDS LEFT Jacques Delacroix

To my pacifist friends
To all of you who don't believe in coercion
To you who can make a ten minute speech
on violence to property,
without ever realizing that property
is violence.
To my respected professors,
eminent protectors of windows,
defenders of the legal order,
deeply concerned about
the destruction of a whole people,
in that order.
To you who insist that demands
are really requests and should go through
the proper channels even though
the channels ain't dug yet.
To you who will agree,
academically,
that non-coercive efforts just won't work
but don't approve of coercion.
To you who would have sued Adolph Hitler
for improper behavior
if there had been an appropriate court
of law
and if you had been able to overcome the
fact
that he was elected democratically.
To you who noticed nothing
when ten million American Indians
were slaughtered at your door step!
To you who were thoroughly convinced
(for two hundred years)
that there was something basically wrong
with slavery.
To you who thought Fidel pretty good
for the Cubans
until he took back
what you had stolen from them.
To you who researched, developed, produced
the most efficient tool
to eradicate the human race,
the human race has ever known to eradicate
and then,
signed petitions against its use.
To you who can be roused
at three o'clock in the morning
to assist in the protection
of your protective,
internal institutions
but could not find one day,
one hour,
one minute
when
a distant little nation of peasants was

clubbed,
lacerated,
torn,
burnt,
poisoned,
mutilated.
To you who did not say "No"
when your sons were:
taken away,
dressed like soldiers,
trained to kill,
killed.
To you who secretly believe
that the bellies of America can produce
enough children
to fight on a dozen battlefronts
thousands of miles from home
with no disturbance caused to the serenity
of your redwood-slatted
ivory towers,
To you who see a big young man
beating on an old weak one and stop
and engage in a rational dialogue
with the former
to ascertain
beyond any reasonable doubt
who started it.
To you who cannot deny
that a duly constituted majority
(of registered American voters)
has the unalienable
constitutional right
to decide which man shall live,
which shall not.
To you who are always late
by one strike,
one civil right struggle,
by one war.
I have no words left to speak.