

## HALF A REPORT IS STRANGER THAN NONE

On Monday afternoon, April 14, all employees of Stanford Research Institute received part of the SRI Study Committee report on the future relationship between Stanford University and SRI. That portion of the clearly printed report recommended severance of the existing ties between the two institutions.

What SRI employees did not receive that afternoon was the 17 page minority position portion of the report, which revealed in detail the direct military and counterinsurgency work performed at SRI for the United States Government, and recommended strengthening the ties between Stanford and SRI.

On Tuesday night employees of SRI, due to spend Wednesday in day-long discussion with SRI management on the future of SRI, requested help from the April Third Coalition in obtaining the unavailable portion of the Study Committee report. The Coalition, currently engaged in stopping war work at Stanford University by peacefully occupying the Applied Electronics Laboratories at Stanford, went to work for the SRI workers.

By midnight Tuesday copies of the missing portion of the report were discovered at the Stanford University Press. Wednesday morning Coalition members learned that 3000 copies of the minority position report, originally printed for SRI employees, had been locked in the office of Peter Allen, an employee of Stanford's "University Relations" Office. Also in Allen's office were 3000 copies of the full report, printed in tabloid form in Tuesday's Stanford Daily. When Allen was confronted by members of the Coalition early Wednesday afternoon, he termed the delay "unfortunate", and added that "I guess I was expecting them (SRI) to call me, and they were expecting me to call them." Allen then informed the Coalition that the Daily copies were about to be delivered to SRI. "The University paid for both the Daily copies and the offset copies, and it's just a matter of which one of ours I give to SRI," Allen said.

Members of the Coalition who had strained their tired eyes plowing through the 6 point type format of the Daily demanded the existing offset copies for SRI but got nowhere with Allen. Upon proceeding to SRI they were informed by management there that SRI had tried in vain for 48 hours to procure the minority report from Stanford.

Fearing that SRI management would still not press their request strongly enough to the University Relations Office, Coalition members demanded that SRI call Stanford, and told SRI management they would wait for a positive response and then fetch the copies themselves.

A half hour later the offset copies of the minority report was at SRI.

For their efforts the Coalition was rewarded with the 3000 copies of the Daily, which they plan to distribute to members of the community. Late Wednesday afternoon, Homer Meaders, head of Public Relations for SRI, informed a Coalition member that he had called Stanford's University Relations Office both Tuesday and Wednesday morning, and each time had received no help in locating the minority report. On Wednesday Meaders talked directly to Lyle Nelson head of University Relations, and was told "We don't have it". Meaders hung up the phone, and SRI workers were further denied the full report, until the Coalition came to their rescue. "It's a free country, and a free press alright," commented a member of the Coalition -- "just watch out for the bastards who run both."