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STANFORD - Faculty leaders at Stanford Sunday (APRIL 13) urged students to end their occupation of the Applied Electronics Laboratory, now in its fifth day.

"We realize that many persons involved in the disruption wish to hasten decisions on important matters, and we ask that the sit-in end so that these matters can be dealt with effectively," the Steering Committee of the Senate of the Academic Council said.

Headed by Prof. Leonard Schiff, physics, committee members discussed their views personally with students at the laboratory. The demonstrators are objecting to classified and war-related research.

They have demanded a special trustee meeting on campus Monday and a special Senate session Tuesday to make decisions on research policy, both on campus and at Stanford Research Institute.

The faculty leaders said: "We are assured that no work characterized as chemical-warfare, biological-warfare, or radiological-warfare research is being done on this campus, and we pledge our efforts that such work will never be undertaken.

"Much progress has been made, especially during the past two years, to reduce classified and war-related research conducted on campus."

The Senate recently reaffirmed its responsibility for campus research policy, and an existing student-faculty committee in this area already is scheduled to meet Tuesday (APRIL 15) to discuss questions which concern the demonstrators. The Steering Committee disclosed it has asked this group to hold open hearings Monday (APRIL 14).

A student-faculty committee report on University-SRI relations is scheduled for publication Tuesday. The Senate already has announced its plans to hold a special meeting on this topic within a week after its distribution.

"Whether this meeting can be fully productive will depend on conditions prevailing on campus when it is held," the faculty leaders said.

"Both the SRI issue and the matter of on-campus research require deliberate attention without procedural delays," they added. "We fear that, should the sit-in continue, our special Senate meeting about SRI will bog down in procedural matters.

"We are discouraged from calling another special meeting about on-campus research while campus conditions make substantive discussions only marginally possible."

They expressed their conviction that "University-SRI relations must be reviewed and readjusted, at least in principle, during the current academic quarter."

On a broader basis, they concluded: "We believe that moral concern over national priorities pervades the membership of every Stanford constituency. For our part, using words now well known on this campus, we affirm that 'our national priorities are wrong--that we spend too much on the military, on means to kill people, and not enough on constructive things, on helping ordinary people to live.'

"We believe we share with you the deep conviction that this community's efforts should be directed entirely toward the cause of peace and human welfare."

The words they quoted came from a talk made April 8 by University President Kenneth S. Pitzer to the Stanford Board of Trustees.

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