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STANFORD - About 800 members of the Stanford community, mainly students, Thursday (APR. 3) urged the University to bring Stanford Research Institute under tighter control and establish guidelines for "socially acceptable research." They also firmly opposed all classified research and any research in chemical-biological warfare, counterinsurgency at home or abroad, and studies used against the people of Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand.

The unusually quiet, overflow audience in Dinkelspiel Auditorium expressed virtually unanimous agreement on these points. Following lengthy discussion, with about 600 present, the group also voted to ask the trustees to declare a moratorium on any new research in these areas at their next meeting Tuesday (APR. 8). Only scattered dissent was apparent.

By a majority of about 3-2 the group then asked that the trustees stop current projects in these fields, pending a decision on future relations between the University and SRI.

With little dissent, they also called for the trustees to hold an open meeting on campus to reach a final decision on SRI during the week of April 21.

They indicated they would present these requests to University President Kenneth S. Pitzer Friday (APR. 4), requesting him to place them on the trustee agenda Tuesday. Contacted by phone, Pitzer said he would place their actions before the board as a special item.

The trustees already are scheduled to discuss procedures for reaching a decision on SRI. Several recommendations on how this may be done already have been made by the University Advisory Committee, a joint student-faculty-trustee group.

Results of a student-faculty study on University-SRI relations are scheduled for publication Apr. 15.

The next regularly scheduled trustee meeting after that date is May 13.

About 50 of those attending the Dinkelspiel meeting said they planned to conduct a vigil at the Board of Trustee meeting in San Francisco Tuesday. Others said they would conduct a vigil simultaneously on campus.

The meeting was chaired by Doron Weinberg, teaching fellow in the Law School who served as informal counsel for 29 students found guilty of disrupting a January meeting of the trustees in protest against University and SRI involvement in Southeast Asia.

Twenty-five of this group have refused to pay fines levied by a student-faculty judicial council and have been denied registration at Stanford for spring quarter.

Groups sponsoring the Dinkelspiel meeting included Students for a Democratic Society, The Resistance, The Peninsula Observer, The Stanford United Church Movement staff, the March 4 Convocation, the Peninsula Red Guards, Junior Faculty Forum, United Student Movement, New University Conference, Committee for New Politics, Palo Alto Concerned Citizens, Mid-Peninsula Free University, North Santa Clara County Peace and Freedom Movement, and the American Federation of Teachers Local No. 1816.

The basic statement adopted initially was drafted jointly by these groups, while the suggested restrictions on particular kinds of research were proposed by Associate Prof. Bruce Franklin, English Dept.

At present, a student-faculty committee screens any proposed research involving classification on campus, and the volume of such research has dropped significantly in the past two years.

Since the student-faculty study began, SRI has confirmed it has projects funded at more than \$1 million in Southeast Asia. In 1968 it did \$400,000 in chemical and biological warfare, where its current backlog is about \$50,000. It has been fairly substantially involved in air defense and anti-ballistic missile work since the mid-1950's, according to SRI Vice President Rudolph Brunsvold. ### 4/4/69