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# McClellan, Pitzer Clash On Dem

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WASHINGTON — Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies Tuesday were accused of "acting outside the law" in their handling of demonstrators. The charge was hurled in angry tones by Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark) as Stan-

ford University president Kenneth S. Pitzer testified before the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee on student disorder at the Stanford campus. McClellan, chairman of the subcommittee, at first praised Pitzer for promptly calling the law when about 200 students took over the university's main administration building two months ago.

Then he reddened and rose from his seat when Pitzer said none of the demonstrators had been arrested but had been turned over to the university for disciplining. This Pitzer said

was done with the full concurrence of the Sheriff's Department. "That's an agreement outside the law ... it circumvents the law," McClellan shouted, claiming that it was another incidence of a double standard for students and others.

McClellan cited a report that the sit-in resulted in vandalism, the rifling of university files and the theft of two electric typewriters. An earlier sit-in at a Stanford electronics laboratory had deprived students wishing to use it of that right. Calmly replying to McClellan,

Pitzer said he believes a private institution can properly be responsible for misbehavior within the organization. The punishment meted out by the school's judicial process often is more stern than that of regular courts, he added. Pitzer, who became Stan-

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ford president Dec. 1, suggested that arrests might have been made had personal injury been involved in any of the demonstrations. The graying college president agreed that the subcommittee should have the names of students sentenced by the University Judicial Council

and the 81 named in a temporary injunction secured by the university last month. He balked at submitting the names of those not yet processed by the council. He explained to McClellan that the council's crowded docket has kept some of the individual cases pending, but that nearly 100 cases have been disposed of. Penalties included suspensions and fines.

Pitzer and McClellan also sharply disagreed on cutoff of federal aid to demonstrating students, which the senator favors. Pitzer said suspension of a student has this effect, but in a way that doesn't discriminate against poorer students.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-SD) said Congress would not let colleges have a free hand with federal money unless the funds are handled wisely. "If you don't take some action to show that responsibility, you're going to kill the goose that lays the golden egg," Mundt warned.

Pitzer also rejected the university suggestion that the university keep membership lists of all campus organizations and that the militant groups such as the Students for a Democratic Society be banned.

Pitzer and Provost David Lyman said it would be "a weak weapon at best" and that the university prefers to judge students by their individual actions rather than by the manifesto of an organization to which they might belong but not completely agree.

Pitzer and Lyman assured McClellan that the university had ignored a series of SDS demands, including termination of Defense Department research by the school and Stanford Research Institute.

They said Stanford was severing its slender ties with SRI, but that had been planned before the SDS ultimatum. They assured the subcommittee that the university and SRI plan to continue non-classified defense research.

Sen. Lee Metcalf (D-Mont), a Stanford alumnus, praised the school's judicial machinery, which Pitzer said he believes is bringing a "turning point" in the handling of campus disruptions. "One of our great concerns now is that the turning point may have come too late — that we may find ourselves the victims of a massive counterattack from an angry American public," said Pitzer in urging against "anti-riot" legislation.

McClellan asked Pitzer how Stanford handles obscene language, and the president said that the campus is developing a consensus against it. "Why wait for a consensus," snorted McClellan, "we never had a consensus in my home or at school."

McClellan called this "some of the Stanford heads were preceded in their joint subcommittee appearance by cartoonist Al Capp, who said that the federal government has been banned by disorders on faculty members who have tasted power. "Let's reconstruct the manners of our faculties — not restructure the skulls of students with nightsticks," Capp said.

He suggested that many students will accept rules when they are given reasonable explanation, recalling a youth who asked his opinion on a midnight curfew. "I told him 'if you can't score by midnight, you might as well quit ... rather go on another two hours making a fool of yourself.'"

Capp urged the subcommittee to "see the campus disrupter clearly as the absurd thing he is. "When he has a tantrum, slap his fanny," Capp said. "When he throws a fit of temper, lock him up until he cools off, but while we punish the brat, let's remember that is all he is."

Capp blamed campus unrest on professors and college administrators. "What the elders spew the young men chew," he said.

The cartoonist said "An academic establishment, drunk with that passing taste of power when they were transported from campus to Camelot and back, has set an example of brutality which their students have mastered successfully they are now brutalizing their masters."