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WASHINGTON, D.C. July 1--Sen. John McClellan, Arkansas Democrat, today praised Stanford for its "sincere efforts to do something about campus disruptions," but emphasized that Congress should not "give taxpayers' dollars to rabble-rousing disrupters."

His comments came at the end of five hours' testimony by Stanford President Kenneth S. Pitzer, Provost Richard W. Lyman, and Prof. Jack Friedenthal, chairman of the Stanford Judicial Council.

From 50-150 spectators, mainly students, attended the Klieg-lit hearings, first in a series for universities involved in campus disorder.

Sen. Karl Mundt, South Dakota Democrat, said he found the Stanford testimony "very informative," but told Pitzer that its "underlying concept" was that the Federal government "has no right to determine who is eligible" to receive federal financial aid.

Pitzer replied that the Federal government had that right, but that the "wiser" policy, more helpful to those responsible for maintaining campus peace, would be to have aid terminate only when students are separated from the university for disciplinary reasons.

"If you don't demonstrate responsibility," Mundt replied, "you're going to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs."

Sen. Jacob Javits, New York Republican, said to Pitzer, "You're telling us that when you suspend a student, his aid ends...that it's better to leave the option on campus."

"I agree with you," Pitzer replied. "We can make these judgments better on campus."

"You've worked it out properly with your(judicial) councils," Mundt said.

Earlier, McClellan asked why Pitzer simply didn't use his power to stop disruption. Pitzer said, "developing concensus on campus is the way to stop it, not an order from the president's office."

Sen. Lee Metcalf, Montana Democrat, who delivered the Distinguished Alumnus Lecture at Stanford earlier this year, praised the University for its combination of moderation and firmness in handling disruptions, which he witnessed personally.

"I have never been prouder of my association with Stanford than at present," he said.

In response to a question from Metcalf, Pitzer said Stanford's research capacity had not been impaired "in any significant degree" by the disruptions.

He also pointed out that no serious personal injuries had resulted, and noted that no invited guest speakers had been prevented from completing their talks in an orderly manner.

Under questioning from McClellan, Lyman pointed out that demands posted by Students for a Democratic Society last fall calling for a halt to all Southeast Asia projects had not been met.

McClellan sharply criticized SDS for its support of the Black Panthers, whose program he called "completely subversive." He repeatedly asked why the university kept no lists of officers of volunteer student groups, so it could hold them responsible for their organizations' actions.

"We are extremely anxious to safeguard the rights of association on campus," Lyman replied. "The names of officers change rather often, and trying to keep track of them is a rather fruitless task."

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"We hold individuals accountable for their individual acts" regardless of their associations," he added.

"Almost anyone can organize anything on campus," McClellan said. "I don't quite understand."

"The primary basis (for campus discipline)," Pitzer replied, "is to keep individuals accountable for what they do." Discipline should "penalize people, not organizations."

A more detailed system of recognition for student groups would be "a very weak weapon" for dealing with disruption, Lyman added. Any apparent threat to freedom of association would cause widespread campus reaction, he said.

Sen. Charles Percy, Illinois Republican and a Stanford parent, pointed out that campus rules about organizations at the University of Chicago had not stopped activity by a handful of young communists when he was there as a student.

McClellan called the university's action in ending the Encina Hall occupation "very commendable," but joined other committee members in questioning the lack of any action against individuals involved in the Applied Electronics Laboratory occupation.

McClellan said students had their civil rights violated there because they were unable to continue their educational activities in the building during the sit-in.

Pitzer agreed that the situation was deplorable, but pointed out that there were no classes regularly scheduled in the AEL. Several students do research there.

After hearing Friedenthal describe Stanford's continuing efforts to improve its own judicial mechanisms, Percy said he felt Stanford's experience in handling disruption could prove "a great benefit to education across the country."

"A lot of students have tremendous confidence at the brilliant way you have handled yourself," Percy said to Pitzer.

Friedenthal pointed out that internal justice which is swift may have a much greater impact than outside justice which may be long delayed. He disclosed that one member of the Judicial Council had been threatened with death and another had been knocked down, "but I don't think any of us felt intimidated."

Student Body President Pat Shea, who observed most of the day-long proceedings, said afterward, "any time a university community is threatened, be it internal or external, the only answer to its continued survival in any viable form is the coming together of its students, faculty, and administrative staff.

"Under the close scrutiny and often biased opinion of many uninformed members of the McClellan committee, Stanford has survived another severe testing of maintaining its right to govern itself internally."

He indicated there would be future discussion of changes with Pitzer and others and "I am hopeful that out of these will emerge a strong community government."

Harvey Hukari Jr., editor of The Arena, said the Mundt-Pitzer exchange "dramatizes the issue of federal aid to education, which inevitably leads to some form of control and legislation."

Subcommittee investigator John J. Walsh prepared a chronology which served as the basis for most of the subcommittee's questioning. He had compiled a list of 129 names involved in disciplinary action or court cases at Stanford or Stanford Research Institute.

Prof. William Rambo, director of the AEL, and Charles Anderson, president of SRI, are expected to testify Wednesday.

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