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STANFORD--About 300 persons, mainly Stanford students, staged a torchlight parade down El Camino Real early Tuesday, smashing about 20 large plate glass windows in protest against the Chicago trials and American capitalism.

One non-student was arrested by Palo Alto Police.

Financial institutions were the prime target of the nearly all-white group, which also broke two or three windows at the Lou Henry Hoover building on its return to campus. The windows cost several hundred dollars each.

The Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America, San Francisco Federal Savings, First Thrift of America, and the Stanford Sports Shop all had windows broken.

Seven windows were cracked and smashed at Wells Fargo, but when the crowd moved on to the Bank of America and paused to throw rocks, at least half a dozen Palo Alto police quickly cleared them from the area. The other offices were hit as the group moved back from El Camino toward the campus.

The protest parade followed larger and more damaging demonstrations Monday afternoon in New York and Berkeley. It assembled on the steps of Memorial Auditorium at 11 p.m., after a crowd of about 600 inside had heard Black Panther attorney Charles Garry and Minister of Education Ray "Masai" Hewitt discuss the Chicago trial and Huey Newton, imprisoned Panther leader.

Led initially by Leonard Siegel and 13 torch bearers, the crowd moved down Galvez to El Camino, where they temporarily spread across both lanes. Since it was early midnight, there were no major traffic tie-ups. After streaming down the southern side of El Camino to Bank of America, the group crossed the street and proceeded back on the northern side, breaking windows as it went.

Shortly after midnight, as the group turned out Stanford Ave., it was flanked by half a dozen police officers on the Palo Alto side of the street with four squad cars following to the rear. "Pigs today, bacon tomorrow" the protestors chanted at one point.

When they turned on Escondido Ave. toward the campus, they were followed by two campus police cars. The group had dwindled to about 100 when it returned to the starting point at 12:40 a.m. and dispersed.

The protestors asked a Stanford Daily photographer to give them his films for processing, but he retained possession. Last week, The Daily said it would destroy all negatives taken by its photographers after publishing those prints it deemed newsworthy.

The three hour long Memorial Auditorium program was billed as the opening event of "Liberation Week" by its sponsor, the Stanford Committee Against War and Fascism. Speakers there called for a protest at the ROTC drill planned for 7 a.m. Tuesday. Other activities include a noon rally at White Plaza Wednesday, followed by a march to the President's Office on Inner Quad to present student petitions opposing ROTC.

Speaking informally to a white audience Monday, Hewitt charged the U.S. government has "worked hard to work up a race war" among various minority groups "fighting over nickels and dimes in the poverty program. He said the Panthers have tried to maintain a coalition with all ethnic groups.

"America charges us with being violent," he added. But America's history is one of violence against the world "anywhere that ships would float or planes fly." "America wants quiet. It doesn't want peace," Hewitt emphasized. "We've learned if we want it, we have to fight for it." About one-third of the audience stood and applauded after he led them in Panther chants. ###

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