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...direct from the Nerve Center, M127 (321-1200, ext. 6210)

CONVOCATION TODAY
at the invitation of
Chancellor Phillip R. Lee, UCSF
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9:30 Convocation at UCSF Medical Center
10:30 march to City Hall Plaza
Noon rally at City Hall Plaza
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wear usual working attire
(whites, greens, lab coats)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The committee is working with the Political Action Coordinating Committee to finance the many programs of the SMCFF, the university and the community directed against the war. Both groups have separate non-ASSU accounts, but have agreed to support each other in times of need. Check signing authority has been given to George Stark, Ken Yamada, and Sand Dawsey.

There are at present four programs. The first is a phone solicitation program contacting professionals, alumni, and members of the surrounding communities. If interested, contact Steve Lerner ext. 5484, Bill Folk, ext. 5625, or Gil Hun, ext. 5812.

Dave Sedwick, ext. 6033, is contacting allied health professions; Bill Bennetts, ext. 6210, is coordinating fund raising with the medical communications committee; and Tom Raffin, ext. 5081, with the democratic means committee.

Sandy Dawsey, ext. 6210, is working on fund raising events, though most of this work will be handled by PACC.

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INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS
ON SOUTHEAST ASIA
today at 2:00 and 3:00
in M-106
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ALL PERSONNEL WELCOME!

Keeping the Stanford
Medical Community informed

NATIONAL WORK STOPPAGE

The Stanford Medical Community for Peace is one week old. The activity has been feverish, and the results phenomenal.

Efforts are now being directed largely toward the eventual realization of a National Work Stoppage. The committee in charge is headed by Dr. Richard Almond and Dr. Lewis Aronow, and is quartered in S-207.

As presently conceived, the Work Stoppage will involve labor, teachers, and professionals, as well as students across the country.

Initial exploratory efforts contacted a large number of labor organizations in the Bay Area. The response to these initial queries was overwhelming, and the size of the movement has grown immensely since then. The committee is in constant contact with the events across the nation through a network of twelve regional coordination centers. In addition to support from labor, there have been favorable indications from several congressmen in Washington.

Efforts are being made to enlist local support through speaker groups, which are visiting many different types of local groups and organizations.

The purpose of the work stoppage is to demonstrate forcibly to our national leaders the extreme degree of discontent which many people feel over our policy in southeast Asia. It is hoped that through such a stoppage, a reorientation of our national priorities would be achieved.

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Teamsters at Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio have expressed their support of the student strike there.

COMMITTEES (from p. 1)Speakers' Bureau

During the past week the speakers' bureau has spoken to groups of hospital employees, several medical societies, churches, and high schools in the surrounding area. More engagements of the same type are planned for the coming week. In addition, arrangements have been made to speak with the Building Trades Labor Council, and meetings with other labor groups are being planned.

Any information of possible speaking locations will be welcomed. Contact John Battista or Bob Barton in the Nerve Center, or Dr. John Farquhar, ext. 6051.

Democratic Means

The objective of the democratic means committee is to influence the Federal Government by legitimate democratic means as an effective alternative to violent dissent. The committee judges the Senate Cooper-Church Amendment, to be voted on this week, to be weak and continues to focus efforts in the broader McGovern-Natfield Amendment. This amendment aims to curtail funds for all military operations in southeast Asia after December 31. Texts of the amendments are available in M127 and A120. The position of every congressman and senator on the war and on DOD spending will be compiled and printed soon.

More medical student help is needed to involve more of the community in these efforts.

Meetings this week: Text-Information Subcommittee--Tuesday, 8am., A126; Issues Subcommittee--Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7:30 pm., Biochemistry Conference Room; Entire Democratic Means Committee--Tuesday, 7:30 pm., R358. Direct questions and offers of help to O. Jardetsky, Ex. 6153.

---in San Jose, a policeman resigned in protest at the handling of Monday's anti-war demonstration, saying "I feel the pursuit by police of these students became a personal vindictive act toward the students, rather than an attempt to disperse an unlawful assembly."

TODAY'S EVENTS:

8:00-11:00 am. Cars leaving Nerve Center for UCSF Medical Center.

9:30 am. Convocation at UCSF Medical Center Milberry Union. A March to City Hall Plaza follows.

10:00 am. (S207) National Work Stoppage Steering Committee.

2:00 pm. (M106) Informational seminar on Southeast Asia for all medical community members.

3:30 pm. (M106) Repeat of above seminar.

7:30 pm. (Bioch. Conf. Rm.) Democratic Means, Issues Subcommittee.

URGE SUSPENSION OF NORMAL ACTIVITY

The Coordination Committee of the Stanford Medical Community for Peace last evening adopted a resolution "reaffirming the resolution of Monday, night, May 4." and "urging students to suspend normal academic activities in order to maximize opportunities for participation in peace activities."

NATIONAL WORK STOPPAGE

The permanent headquarters of this committee has now moved to S207. Eighty to 120 people distributed 10,000 leaflets Friday at nine industries in the surrounding area.

The Teachers Union Group is trying to get endorsement from all teachers in Palo Alto and surrounding communities. More help is needed to contact teachers.

For information contact Rod Levine, Barb Judson, or Iris Resneck at 329-8130.

---The Dow Chemical plant in Dallas has closed in sympathy with the student strike.

MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES
TO WASHINGTON

Contacts generally helpful

Medical school members of the Stanford delegation to Washington describe the people with whom they spoke as "generally receptive and sincerely willing to listen". Young congressmen especially were described as "nonpartisan and idealogical" in their attitudes. All persons stressed the importance of keeping the antiwar movement rational and non-violent if the support of members of congress is to continue to grow. A dramatic change in the kinds and numbers of people in Washington opposing the war was noted.

The twenty faculty and approximately twenty-two students from many departments in the university included more than a dozen minority group members. Medical school personnel in the group were Dr. H. Katchadourian, Dr. P. Berg, and SMSA president Jeff Brown. The purpose of the delegation, as reported by Dr. Berg, was to impress upon the people they met the serious nature and extreme magnitude of concern over the war in southeast Asia which is paralyzing the university, and the enormous number of people involved in expressing that concern.

The group met with several congressmen from California, including Representative McCloskey (R-Portola Valley). Mr. McCloskey is one of fifteen representatives trying to force a vote on the floor of the house, which would cause each member to go on record for or against the war before the next election.

A group met with Henry Kissinger, special advisor on foreign affairs, and described him as "pontifical but relatively sincere". In general, he tried to defend the position of the administration in southeast Asia. There was a reported failure to come to an understanding with him on substantive issues of motives for involvement in southeast Asia and moral questions concerning the war. He talked mainly about tactics for withdrawal.

WASHINGTON(continued)

HEW Secretary Robert Finch was described by a medical school delegate as being "really torn between his feelings about the war and maintaining a unified front among the cabinet for the administration's policy". Dr. Katchadourian suggested to him that he could make positive statements about the student movement and opposition to the war, in order to counteract statements made by Vice President Agnew and other administrative spokesmen. He responded that it was "a good thought", and made a note of it. When asked if he could make statements similar to those in the letter of Secretary of the Interior, Walter Hickel, he responded that it was not his style and that he preferred to make his input directly to the President. The delegates felt that Finch's position was in reality considerable more antiwar than he has so far revealed.

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CCC GUIDELINES

The CCC has adopted the following guidelines for Spring Quarter, 1970:

"(1) Where students request incompletes this term, the CCC urges that the faculty grant them without requiring the customary individual justification. (2) Arrangements to remove any incomplete authorized under the above option should be made prior to the beginning of the Autumn Quarter 1970. (3) Incompletes should be made up within a reasonable period of time, preferably one calendar year. (4) The date for dropping a course is advanced to the first day of final examinations. (5) The CCC endorses Dr. Pitzer's statement: 'all academic personnel at Stanford remain under obligation to fulfill their academic responsibilities for the remainder of the academic year; in the discharge of their teaching responsibilities, however, they are free to make new arrangements as to schedules and requirements, consistent with their obligations to those students who wish to carry on their academic pursuits.'"

Monday
May 11, 1970BOARD REFUSES ACTION ON STUDENT PROPOSALS

Students from Palo Alto, Gunn, and Cubberly high schools and two junior high schools at noon Friday occupied the hallway of the Palo Alto Unified School district office building, but at the invitation of Mr. Stevens, assistant superintendant, moved to the board room where they formulated a list of proposals seeking administrative sanction of the strike.

When told that the proposals could not be negotiated until a board meeting May 18, the group elected to occupy the room until an emergency board meeting was called. Plainclothes police were called, and later uniformed police carrying night sticks arrived.

At 5:10 when the group refused to move, after being told by Mr. Stevens and Lt. Rey of the Palo Alto Police Department that their presence was illegal, the police began dragging students from the room. Some students were clubbed and others were pinned to the ground. Four FA students were arrested and two students were charged with assault on an officer.

It was later learned from Agnes Robinson, a board member, that the board was in fact meeting tonight to discuss teachers' salaries.

As a result of the incident a special board meeting was finally called yesterday. However, the board failed to take any action against the presence of police on campus. They referred the student proposals back to the superintendant also without taking any action saying that the proposals are administrative decisions.

A list of the proposals is available in the Nerve Center.

CONVOCATION RESOLUTIONS LAY
GUIDELINES FOR COMING WEEKS

The Medical Community Convocation Friday morning in the medical school plaza adopted a series of resolutions intended to provide guidelines for the activities of members of the Stanford Medical Community for Peace during the coming days.

The attitudes of the majority present were expressed in the adoption of a resolution introduced by H. Holman which reads: "The activities of the Stanford Medical Community for Peace are of such overriding importance that individuals are strongly encouraged to modify "business as usual" in order to take the actions which conscience dictates during this crisis."

The convocation urged "that individual supervisors meet with their staffs on Monday and work out a way that work can be reorganized to meet the consciences of the individuals involved," but that this should not "interfere with the patient care program in the hospital and clinics."

Concerning classes the group supported the decision of the Committee on Courses and Curriculum and urged: "the fullest flexibility for all students and faculty to follow their consciences."

The next general convocation of the Stanford Medical Community for Peace will be held Tuesday at noon in the medical school plaza.

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---in New York, 73 people were reported injured and 6 arrested as hard-hat construction workers broke up a peaceful antiwar demonstration on Wall St. The NY Times reported that City Hall received phone warnings that the workers were offered a monetary bonus by their contractor if they would take time off from their work to "break some heads." Calls were referred to the Police Dept. but were not "considered valid." The counter-demonstration appeared to be directed by men in gray suits with colored lapel patches.

FACULTY MEMBERS traveling to other medical schools are urged to contact the Medical Communications Committee before you go and to take informational literature to students at that school.

Contact D. Phillips, Ex. 6210 or J. Davidson, Ex. 2432.