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EDITORIAL

The great swell of emotion which carried the frenzied first week of activity has subsided. In its place there is more deliberation, and in some instances, a few questions about exactly what was accomplished.

There are at least two remarkable results. The first is epitomized in the comments of President Nixon and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which were released early this week. Both parties recognized (apparently for the first time) that there does indeed exist a serious and deeply rooted discontent over the policies of our government. The photograph of a sleepless President with young demonstrators outside the White House is testimony to this fact. An impression has been made--but it will fade quickly. There is no reason to assume that our job is complete.

The second outgrowth of last week's events will have a more lasting effect. A national organization of people working for peace has materialized and begun to grow.

The movement is beginning to be felt in political channels, as the news media have recognized. Preparations are continuing for long range efforts to express opinions through established channels.

The work left to be done is slow and difficult. The rewards will often seem small. But if the disastrous policies and outdated attitudes of many government officials are to be affected peacefully, this seems to be the only way to proceed. Each one of us--regardless of his occupation--must stand up for what he believes. We cannot be afraid to speak out. If we are, the work which has been done will be no more than a short-lived emotional tantrum.

Keeping the Stanford
Medical Community informed

NATIONAL WORK STOPPAGE GAINS SUPPORT

The idea of a national work stoppage is finding broad support. The Palo Alto American Federation of Teachers is spearheading an effort to enlist the support of AFT chapters throughout the Bay Area. In addition, consultation is proceeding with a large number of labor groups.

A delegation from the medical center is presently in Washington to discuss the work stoppage with congressional leaders. In addition, preliminary talks were held with Sandor Vanocur, well-known news commentator with NBC. Several practical aspects of the work stoppage were discussed. Mr. Vanocur was enthusiastic about the possibilities.

The National Work Stoppage Committee has adopted the following resolution:

"We dedicate ourselves to promulgate the idea of a time-limited national work stoppage as a demonstration of America's desire to end the Indochina war. We will heed and support any legitimate call from labor and anti-war national figures in government for the use of this form of demonstration."

THE ROOTS OF FOREIGN POLICY

Psychiatrists meeting in San Francisco discussed the origins of the political divisiveness now apparent in this country. "The core issue in the current political climate is image," said Dr. Isidore Ziferstein of UCLA. "The affluent white is threatened by the poor minorities of the world. They're frightened that the people will find out that we are not superior to them after all."

PHYSICAL THERAPY SPEAKS OUT

The division of physical therapy yesterday released a statement condemning the United States' involvement in Southeast Asia and urging "expeditious removal" of all armed forces. The Department encourages a re-establishment of national priorities "in regard to national social problems such as overpopulation, racial unrest, health care, education and a minimal standard of living."

A copy of the resolution is being sent to alumni, physical therapy schools, and professional physical therapists throughout the country.

FUND-RAISING EVENTS PLANNED

There are three public events that are now in the planning stage. The first is an anti-war Variety Show, which is being developed by the Department of Speech and Drama. The show will be held next week in the M courtyard.

Two more events are a play to be given next fall, and a medical center picnic, which is planned during the next few weeks. Anyone interested in helping with these programs please contact Sandy Dawsey, Ext. 6210.

PALO ALTO TOWN MEETING

There will be a Palo Alto Town meeting this Sunday, May 17, at 3:00 in Rinconada Park, at the corner of Embarcadero and Newell Road. The meeting is being held "to discuss the U. S. involvement in Indochina."

The speakers include experts in history and politics of Southeast Asia.

One purpose of the meeting is to lessen the gap in communication and understanding between the university and the community--a gap which has increased drastically in recent weeks. It is the duty of everyone to help to remedy the misunderstanding which has arisen. We urge everyone to attend this meeting.

FRIDAY FILMS"Vietnam Dialogue"

Room W001: 9:00, 10:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00

Room M112: 11:30, 12:30, and 1:30

David Schoenbrun, former CBS correspondent in Southeast Asia, describes the history of our Vietnam involvement preceding the Cambodia invasion.

Anyone interested in running the projector for any showing, contact Ross Collins or Dan Anzia in the Nerve Center. Operators will be trained.

PARTY FOR PEACE

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Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

845 Live Oak Avenue (MP)

\$1.50 per person, proceeds to the SMCFP.

(Drinks and food will be there.)

NEWS BRIEFS:

--all Black UCSF Medical Center employees out on strike for 48 hours over Augusta thing starting last midnight.

--Senator John Stennis, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said there would be "great jubilation" in Moscow, Peking and Hanoi if the Senate restricted the President's authority to conduct war in Southeast Asia.

--Secretary of State Rogers pledged yesterday that the U. S. will not become "militarily involved" with troops or air support to defend the Cambodian government. But since he encouraged "Asians cooperating with each other to handle Asian problems", he left the door open for indirect aid through South Vietnam or Thailand.