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SUPPORT FROM COUNTY MEDICAL GROUPS

In its first emergency meeting in over twenty years, the Executive Council of the Santa Clara County Medical Society adopted a resolution commending the Stanford Medical Community for Peace "on their commitment to pursue a non-violent role in having their views presented." Further, the Council resolved to "deplore the continued involvement of our military forces in Indo-China." The resolution went on to state: "We urge the viewpoint that the overall domestic gains of withdrawal of our forces from Indo-China would far outweigh the possible political disadvantage of abandoning an undeclared war that is taking a heavy toll in human lives and suffering."

In like spirit, the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Medical Society passed a resolution commending the Stanford students and faculty for "their plans to use peaceful means to convey understanding of a viewpoint not only on campus, but throughout the Bay Area, state and nation." The Board further stated, "We can express the hope and prayer that the United States will be able to withdraw from combat in Southeast Asia in the immediate future."

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION VOICES SUPPORT

Dr. Thomas A. Gonda, Director of the Stanford University Hospital, released the following statement concerning employee participation.

"In the days ahead, members of the Stanford Community will be informing
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AN OVERVIEW OF THE STANFORD MEDICAL COMMUNITY FOR PEACE

The Stanford Medical Community for Peace founded itself on Monday, May 4, when a convocation of medical students, faculty, and staff resolved "that all activities of the Stanford Medical Center save those related to the care of patients or those considered necessary by each individual be redirected. . .to get the United States out of Southeast Asia by all democratic means possible."

Since that time, efforts of the SMCFP have been coordinated with those of campuses across the country for the purpose of forming and maintaining an organization to express opinion through established democratic channels.

We realize that ours is not the only viewpoint to be expressed. But we are united in our belief that it is the right and the duty of each of us to examine the evidence at hand and to form his own opinions.

In this light, we seriously question many of the paths being followed by our government. They seem to be based on attitudes which are more properly ascribed to a former time, and they appear to be leading down a road whose only end is nuclear confrontation. We earnestly hope that, if our perception is at all justified, peaceful means can be found to alter this flow of events.

We invite everyone to visit our operational office in room M-127, and to speak with the people there. We would like to learn your views on these same matters.

MINORITY OPINION

A group of minority employees, "The Minority Employees of the Stanford
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TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Following is the text of a telegram dated May 15.

"The Honorable John Mitchell
Attorney General

On the basis of news reports it appears that the deaths of two black students and the wounding of ten more at Jackson State College, Mississippi, last night is only the latest in a long history of violent and destructive acts against black people in this country. The white community experienced a little of such tactics in the tragic deaths of four Kent State students last week. However, the Jackson State deaths occurred not in the heat of a confrontation, but in a fusillade pumped into a dormitory. It recalls the massacre at Orangeburg State College, South Carolina, two years ago. We also learn today that the six black residents of Augusta, Georgia, killed two days ago, were all shot in the back. It is idle to demand that our country get out of Indochina as long as violent racism flourishes in this country. Therefore, we the members of the Executive Committee of the Stanford Medical School Faculty, unanimously extend our profound sympathy to the black community and call upon the President of the United States and the Attorney General to take necessary steps for the protection of all our citizens and to compel the accountability and responsibility of all our law enforcement agencies.

Executive Committee
Stanford Medical School
Faculty

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Medical Center", has issued the following statement.

"Be it resolved that because of the racist and imperialistic war in southeast Asia, and because of the exploitation of the poor and minorities in this country, we renounce the hypocrisy of the government with regard to the aforementioned issues and support all efforts to terminate this hypocrisy."

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themselves and others about some of the major issues involving the nation. There are many forums available in the surrounding communities for education and expression of one's views.

"We hope that all interested Stanford University Hospital employees will find means of participation satisfactory to them. Those employees who feel that they must participate during their usual working hours may request reasonable time off for this activity. Of course, it is understood that patient care must in no way suffer on account of such activity. Thus each department head and supervisor must evaluate his department's patient care obligations in acting on the requests."

DEAN GLASER
RESPONDS TO THE CRISIS

Dr. Robert J. Glaser, vice president for medical affairs and dean of the Stanford University School of Medicine, stated that the resolution of the war in southeast Asia is the concern of the medical community. "Once that is achieved," he continued, "it will be possible for us to redirect the resources of the nation to correct the other ills that beset our society. Until we decrease the huge commitment of our resources to the military, we cannot deal effectively with the health needs of our fellow citizens."

"We can be encouraged by what has taken place here at the Medical Center. We also gain strength from the efforts of colleagues in other Universities which are making their views known to Congress and the executive branch."

"Working together we have the best opportunity for success in seeking the goal of peace."