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STANFORD - Substantial support appeared to be developing this weekend for a strike at Stanford, protesting American involvement in Cambodia and related issues.

These were the main developments:

- \* About 700 students attended a teach-in on Southeast Asia outside Dinkelspiel Auditorium late Friday morning, while the faculty met inside to consider actions on Cambodia, ROTC, and violence (See related story, distributed earlier, for details.)
- \* Responding both to a call for a strike and to University President Kenneth Pitzer's suggestion that Cambodia be discussed in class and out, hundreds of students and faculty participated in small group discussions throughout the day Friday. Precise effectiveness of the strike was difficult to measure, and varied substantially by field of study <sup>in German</sup>.
- \* Friday night, about a dozen faculty and 35 graduate students/voted departmental support of a strike, effective immediately until the Faculty Senate acts on Cambodia and ROTC.
- \* Students committed to non-violence, numbering about 500, began dormitory canvassing for support of the strike Friday night. Later, a smaller group interposed themselves between rockthrowers and police at both the building housing ROTC offices and Encina Hall, where a few windows were broken.
- \* The Peninsula Vietnam Moratorium, principal organizing force behind the student strike Friday, called for a general strike Monday (MAY 4) against American involvement in Cambodia. Since its organization last fall, the Moratorium has been dedicated to non-violence.

Friday's protest activities on campus remained predominantly non-violent during the day, and the level of violence and number of rock-throwing incidents dropped sharply in the night.

Leaflets distributed to workers en route to their offices early in the morning said "President Nixon must realize the depth of opposition to his actions now. No business as usual today." One organizer of the strike, billed as non-violent, said its basic purpose was to be "persuasive rather than coercive."

There were a few scuffles at 9 a.m. near Engineering Corner, when sit-ins blocked doorways to classes, permitting students to leave but not enter the building. Shortly afterwards, the sit-ins let others enter by literally walking over them. Similar tactics stopped at least one Medical School class.

Early in the day, a small group of sit-ins gathered at the main entrance to Encina Hall, a major administrative structure. While they did not initially obstruct passage, by 12:55 p.m. the group decided not to permit entry to the building.

At 2:35 p.m. Capt. Thomas Rose and Sgt. Don Tamm of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office warned them they were violating the law. "If you don't leave a passageway, we will arrest as many as we can," Rosa told the group of about 30. "We are alone, and if you want to resist, you can. If you want to kill us, you can." "This is non-violent," one demonstrator replied. They did not move, saying anyone could walk over them, and the officers arrested two men when an employee tried to enter.

A large crowd, numbering 300 or 400 at its peak, began to gather. When the officers put those arrested in their car, the demonstrators surrounded it, sitting down. The officers called for reinforcements, and about 15 police arrived to help transfer the prisoners to another car, since someone had deflated two tires on Rosa's vehicle. When the prisoners were moved, Rosa and Tamm were surrounded again. But the 15 reinforcement shoved their way through and, without any fights but some shoving, the prisoners were transferred.

In the evening, one group of about 150 protesters marched downtown to a Lytton Plaza rally, while the other---regarded as non-violent---grew slowly to about three times this size, went to the dormitories to recruit. Later still, about 60 of the non-violent group sat down in front of Encina, where stones were thrown at the Fear Research by a slightly larger protest group, including many high school aged youths.

The Moratorium plans a protest march starting at the corner of University and Emerson at noon Monday, culminating in a rally at El Camino park with talks by Prof. Linus Pauling and Stuart McLean. (Students, faculty, and staff at the Durand Building plan an open house from 5:30 to 5:30 p.m.) ###5/2