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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VIENNA, AUSTRIA -- A large group of Stanford and other American university students attending school in this Austrian capital staged a non-violent, non-disruptive protest at the American Embassy Thursday night and Friday morning (MAY 14-15).

The protesters expressed their outrage at the invasion of Cambodia and called upon President Nixon "to immediately withdraw all U.S. troops now in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam and leave those people free to determine their own destiny."

At the conclusion of their vigil, the protesters left a red, white, and blue wreath in the shape of a peace symbol at the embassy door.

Earlier in the day, a smaller group met with Embassy officials to express their distress at the Cambodian invasion and to demonstrate support and faith in the SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) Conference also underway in Vienna.

Letters expressing their feelings were handed Embassy officials for President Nixon and U.S. members of the SALT delegation.

Their letters and petitions urged the U.S. to "divert its energy and resources from destructive military action to constructive international cooperation as exemplified by SALT."

The Stanford representative to the Embassy was David Coleman, current president of the Stanford-in-Austria student body of 80. Other students represented Union College, Kent State, University of Oregon and Central College in Pella, Iowa.

As foreign students are not allowed to demonstrate in Austria, the American contingent had to join forces with a Viennese student organization called Aktion fur Frieden und Abrustung. About 75 Americans participated.

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STANFORD -- As protests against military training on the campus moved toward the end of the second month, military, naval and Air Force ROTC contingents were still operating both on an off-campus.

Nearby Moffett Field played host Monday to the annual drill and review of the Navy ROTC, and the annual Army ROTC drill and review is scheduled there (TUESDAY MAY 19).

Classes in military and naval history and science are being held at various locations on the campus, ROTC officials said. Air Force ROTC has abandoned its offices on the second floor of the Department of Athletics building and has re-located on the campus.

About 20 pickets are still blockading the main entrance to the Department of Athletics building in which ROTC offices were located. One picket told a Stanford Daily reporter that they were continuing a "symbolic gesture" of protest against ROTC training.

Athletic Department employees have been admitted to their offices without incident. In a statement circulated on campus Tuesday, the "ROTC 44" said: "We have enthusiastically discussed our position with anyone who has been willing, including ROTC personnel. On Tuesday, May 12, and on Wednesday, May 13, we were declared in violation of the campus disruption policy. We made no attempt to conceal our identity at these times, but refused to vacate the doorways. "It is not our intent to destroy this university. It is our intent to reverse the momentum of a militarism which seems bound to destroy us all, creating and implementing policies which we utterly condemn and have no control over. ROTC does not civilize the military, but is merely a subservient tool to it. It is a vital cog in that mindless machine, and we are determined to end it."

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