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STANFORD--Stanford braced for its first full-fledged student strike Sunday night (MAY 3).

Scheduled to start early Monday, its level of militancy remained uncertain. But most of its initial support came from those who favored non-violent tactics.

More than 1,000 students attending an afternoon rally at White Plaza voted to back demands that the U.S. get out of Southeast Asia, free political prisoners, sever ROTC ties, and eliminate Defense Department contracts. Stanford receives about \$15 million annually in research funds from the Defense Department. (See accompanying story for comments by President Kenneth S. Pitzer on proposed strike.)

Described as the "Yale demands," these were supplemented with local demands that no employees cross picket lines and that there be no penalty in wages for those workers who do not cross the lines.

The demand to "free all political prisoners" was defeated 467 to 343 in an initial show of hands. This drew a sharp reaction from students of color, who strongly back freedom for Bobby Seale, Black Panther leader slated to start trial on murder charges in New Haven. The demand passed overwhelmingly after the motion was "rephrased" by Fred Cohen, a student protest leader.

Mary Hanson, a former student, said that if we can get the University to agree to some demands, we can reconvene and make others so we can keep our momentum and solidarity.

Numerous departmental meetings were scheduled on the strike Sunday night and Monday morning, when the protesters have threatened to block a 7 a.m. Naval ROTC drill.

Highlight of the day downtown in Palo Alto will be a noon rally at Lytton Plaza, followed by a march to El Camino Park, where Stanford Nobel Laureate Linus Pauling and Democratic Congressional candidate Stuart McLean will be featured speakers. Heavy leafleting is scheduled in the Stanford Industrial Park and elsewhere, seeking support for a general strike against the Cambodian invasion.

STANFORD--In an unprecedented action, 32 Stanford faculty and student leaders will fly to Washington Tuesday (MAY 5) to elicit constructive responses to our national emergency."

The group includes Prof. Wolfgang Panofsky, director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and critic of the anti-ballistic missile system; Paul Ehrlich, biologist noted for his book on "The Population Bomb"; John Lewis, nationally prominent Southeast Asian scholar; St. Clair Drake, head of the African and Afro-American studies program; and Vice Presidents Kenneth M. Cuthbertson (finance) and William G. Miller (research).

Eight present and past members of the Council of Presidents, Stanford's top elected student leaders, and five other students yet to be chosen will join the delegation. It will be financed through voluntary contributions solicited from the entire faculty and the campus community.

John W. Gardner, Stanford trustee and national Urban Coalition chairman, has indicated his willingness to assist in forming an inter-university task force to follow Stanford's lead in seeking to improve understanding between Congress and campus. He has emphasized the need for sustained effort in this field.

Congressman Don Edwards, San Jose Democrat, has invited all California Senators and Representatives to have breakfast with the Stanford group Wednesday.

Other faculty making the trip will include Profs. Mark Mancall, chairman, Committee on Undergraduate Studies; James L. Gibbs Jr., dean of undergraduate studies; Herant Katchadourian, University ombudsman; Robert Hofstadter, Nobel Laureate in physics; James B. Angell, electrical engineer; William Chace (co), English; Eleanor Maccoby, psychology; Paul Berg, biochemistry; Robert Moulton, associate dean of research and Sanford Dornbusch, sociologist.

Patrick A. Shea, Rhodes scholar and outgoing member of the Council of Presidents, was one of the principal originators of the idea. Other students who have served on the Council and will make the trip include Joyce Kobayashi, John Grube, and Barry Askinas, 1969-70; and Patrick C. Shea, Herb Mickelson, Adam Levin, and Bob Grant, 1970-71 members. *****

A News Service check of major universities across the country shows no indication of a general strike at Harvard, Yale, Brown, and University of California (statewide).

However, at Cornell a general strike is being urged, and there is talk of one at Princeton and Pennsylvania.

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