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STANFORD - Moving with great speed, 50 Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies cleared the Old Student Union building at Stanford at 1 a.m. Friday (APRIL 24), arresting 13 men and nine women on charges of criminal trespassing. (One juvenile also was detained and another person arrested separately.)

Several ROTC protesters who fled the building retaliated with rock throwing at police there, then broke windows at Tresidder Memorial Union, the President's Office, Encina Hall, the Graduate School of Business, Lou Henry Hoover building, and the police station. They called for another rally at the Old Union at 8 a.m. Friday, with a student strike.

A preliminary check indicated 12 of those arrested were students, including six freshmen and four sophomores. The group also included a faculty wife, a (draft) Resistance worker, and a former Western Civ instructor. Bail in two early cases was set at \$125.

Taken to Elmwood Women's Institution in Milpitas were: Ann Denton, a sophomore; Sandra Kahn, wife of Prof. Harold Kahn; Mary Johnson; Judy Levinthal, a freshman; Kim Innis, a freshman; Cary Ridder, a sophomore; Bobbie Wolf; and Margaret Miller, a senior. They were accompanied by Prof. Ron Rebholz, since no woman faculty member could be found on short notice so early in the morning.

Taken to North County jail in Palo Alto were Bill Faulkner, a freshman; David Raith; Larry Baum, a freshman; Kent Krueger, a freshman; Diarmuid McGuire, of the Resistance; John Naitert; Guy Whitehead, a sophomore; James S. Rosen; Brian S. McCaffrey; Marshall S. Johnson; Steven Scott, a freshman; Peter S. Stern, a former Western Civ instructor; and Ralph Hovnanian, a graduate student. They were accompanied by Profs. Tom Ehrlich and Joseph Baldrige. (Ronald Kahn, a senior, was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and failure to disperse in a separate incident later near Dinkelspiel Auditorium.)

University President Kenneth S. Pitzer had declared the Old Union closed at 5 p.m. Within an hour, four uniformed sheriff's deputies and plainclothes Sgt. Donald Tam warned those occupying the building that they were trespassing and that wearing masks was illegal. About half wore masks at that time. One protester suggested the crowd hold the police hostage, but the general tone of the occupation was non-violent.

There was no warning from that time until the 1 a.m. clearance. The crowd in the building shifted considerably, as the protesters brought in dinner, then heard a rock music band in the courtyard of the Old Union. Power inside the building was out for an hour and a half early in the evening, after an unknown person removed a conventional lock and used an electrician's device to open a large 12,000 volt switch outside the rear of the building.

At 9:15 p.m., three firebombs were thrown at the Lane B building housing the Free Campus Movement, a libertarian student group which sought unsuccessfully to keep the Old Union from being occupied at 1 p.m. Thursday. The firebombs were quickly extinguished, with only minor damage.

At a midnight meeting attended by more than 100, the ROTC protesters decided to leave the building quickly whenever they were alerted by scouts that police were en route, possibly returning there again early Friday morning. But many were caught off guard when they heard the initial cry, "Pigs! Pigs!" Most fled out the front entrances as police raced in from the side and rear doors. Several were cut off in front, however.

After several windows were stoned, drinking glasses tossed, and a large wine jug hurled at police from the courtyard, the officers charged and cleared the area.

Prof. Mark Mancall, chairman of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, called the speed of the initial sweep through the Old Union and lack of immediate warning "atrocious." Personally opposed to the sit-in, he had been talking quietly with about two dozen protesters for nearly an hour before the deputies came. Prof. Bernard Roth, mechanical engineering, said: "One announcement before the police came could have avoided this holocaust," as he viewed the Tresidder rock throwing.

Prof. Phil Dawson, history, who was admitted to the Old Union by police during the arrest process, reported that some of those arrested said they had been bruised or hit by police. None appeared to require hospital treatment, he indicated, emphasizing he was not a medically trained person.

Sgt. Tam said there had been no suggestions on how to handle the building clearance from the University administration, but emphasized that the occupants had been warned they were in violation of the law. # 4/24/70