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STANFORD - For the second straight night, police used tear gas to break up rock-throwing bands of ROTC protesters at Stanford Thursday night (APRIL 30). There was one arrest.

A total of 15 of the 225 officers called to campus were treated for injuries at the emergency room of Stanford Hospital, while 12 students were treated at Cowell Health Center, where two were kept for observation overnight. The rock-throwers hit 16 buildings plus the campus homes of Provost Richard W. Lyman and Emeritus Provost Frederick E. Terman in the most extensive "trashing" yet on campus.

In a spontaneous response to the escalating violence, nearly 300 students committed to non-violence ringed the front of Encina Hall, one of the University's principal administrative structures. Forming a human chain, the non-violent group shouted "no rocks" at the demonstrators, who faced them and chanted back "throw rocks."

At the Durand and Earth Sciences buildings, 50 students, faculty, and staff members lined the second floor balconies. Equipped with cameras and powerful lights, they backed up police on the Plaza below, deterring the demonstrators.

In the past two days, response to the American involvement in Cambodia has been strong and widespread. More than 2,000 Stanford students, faculty, and staff have signed an open letter to President Nixon warning that the escalation in Cambodia would turn many away from moderate positions, cause irreparable splits in universities, and expand violence "very likely beyond control."

More than 3,500 members of the campus community attended a forum on Cambodia at Frost Amphitheater Thursday night, expressing both controlled and uncontrolled anger at President Nixon's national telecast, broadcast an hour earlier. University President Kenneth S. Pitzer and Provost Lyman sent strongly worded personal telegrams to the White House. Calling the decision "a mistake of the gravest kind," Pitzer urged Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman William Fulbright to call immediate hearings on the impact of this foreign policy decisions on colleges and universities.

In an extraordinary action, the Faculty Senate voted without dissent to send a University delegation to confer with Congressmen, Senators, and representatives of the President "to elicit constructive responses to our national emergency." Voluntary donations from the campus community will finance the delegation, which will include leaders from the administration, faculty, and student body. The Faculty Senate said:

"We who have worked---and will continue to work---to keep tensions from erupting vividly on our campus know that our success or failure rests only to a limited extent on our own efforts. The issues giving rise to confrontation at Stanford and other campuses are largely the local manifestations of unresolved problems which face us on the national level---Vietnam and now Cambodia, racial tensions, and mounting problems in our cities.

"Increasingly, the decision-making machinery within our nation is ceasing to appear legitimate and voices raised in urgent appeal seem to be unheard. It is crucial, not only for the continued functioning of universities, but for the unity of the country as a whole that the urgency with which the University community views these unresolved and festering problems be conveyed to our representatives in Washington.

The Faculty Senate cited the American entry in Cambodia, President Nixon's recommendations to Congress for major changes in draft deferment patterns, and recent student referendums at Stanford on continuance for ROTC and credit for ROTC as factors warranting "further consideration" of ROTC negotiations. Supporting itself with proposals advanced earlier by Pitzer, it suggested he work in concert with other university presidents on this issue, and said all decisions on ROTC course credit for 1970-71 should be postponed, pending a report from the Advisory Committee on ROTC. The committee was not instructed to phase out ROTC.

Rocks hurled by demonstrators pelted the walls outside the Senate meeting. Two faculty representatives caught a strong whiff of tear gas when they tried to leave a little later. Estimated to total 300 to 400 persons, the mobs roamed over campus in small groups, apparently unaware of the faculty session. Following the Frost meeting, which had been planned by non-violent groups but was joined by militants, a large crowd walked past the building housing ROTC and broke windows. They proceeded to Encina, breaking glass doors and windows but fleeing when police arrived two minutes later. The major confrontations took place at 11 p.m. in the White Plaza area, scene of numerous injuries and extensive damage the previous night.

In the past two nights, 67 persons have been injured. While no precise figures are available, property damage to the University during the past month of protests is believed to be in the \$100,000 range. The protesters will start informational picketing for a campus strike at 7:30 Friday (MAY 1), followed by a teach-in at 10:15 at Dinkelspiel, where the Academic Council is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. Some students talked of locking arms to prevent other students from entering classes in business and engineering. # 5/1/70.