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STANFORD - Following another night marked by scattered acts of vandalism, Stanford's newly elected student officers called campus violence "unnecessary and deplorable" Southern California editors may contact Stanford Regional Office, 900 Santa Anita, Redlands, Calif. (APRIL 22)

The Associated Students Council of Presidents---Patrick C. Shea, Robert W. Mickelson and Adam K. Levin---said that "any future decision to call police on campus must be made by a joint administration, faculty, and student group." They plan to meet Monday morning with University President Kenneth S. Pitzer to form such a committee. (At present, the decision to call police on campus is made by the President or Provost, after consultation with an advisory committee on campus disruptions selected by the Faculty Committee on Committees and approved by the Faculty Senate.)

About 50 persons attended a meeting called by the Council of Presidents Sunday night to discuss means of presenting student views on ROTC to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, the ROTC Advisory Committee, and the Faculty Senate. The Council, in accord with last week's student referendum, supports retention of ROTC without academic credit. (Sunday night was quiet, police reported Monday.)

Meanwhile, leaders of the "Off ROTC" movement announced that a two-day "liberation College" on ROTC would start from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday on the grassy areas near White Plaza. The boycott and teach-in will culminate in a mass meeting Tuesday night to decide whether to call a general strike.

Through the Council of Presidents, President Pitzer and Provost Richard W. Lyman will be interviewed on campus radio station KZSU (90.1 FM) by a panel of student newsmen, starting at 7:15 p.m. Monday. Audience questions have been invited by telephone (321-2300, Ext. 4000).

On Friday night (April 24) about 300 Off ROTC Movement supporters and observers attended an orderly, peaceful meeting in the Old Union courtyard. After expressing support for a teach-in, the group voted 128-108 against "mobile militant action." James Shoch urged the group to "create an unfavorable investment climate" for federal funds at Stanford. "We should be concerned with drying up the research funds of the University," he declared. "Private donors won't give money to Stanford if it's under a state of siege... We have the power to bring this University to a halt." In a closely divided debate, his views represented a minority viewpoint.

Fred Cohen, backing the boycott, noted that "the Center (for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences) was burned down and yet that research will somehow go on." Unless the teach-in develops a massive response, "we've been defeated," he added. The group rejected another speaker's suggestion that the Old Union be retaken, even though its doors had been opened by an individual who gained entry elsewhere. Three campus police closed the glass doors facing the crowd without incident.

Only light, scattered response followed another speaker's allegation that "some of the research supported by the Ford Foundation concerns maintenance of morale in Vietnam," in an apparent reference to the Center, which had been hit by arson earlier in the day. Broad applause followed Tom Forstenzer's description of the burning as "a tragic event." Backing the boycott, Forstenzer said: "You can't make a revolution just by feeling for five minutes." This view prevailed, and the group dispersed quietly.

Early Friday evening, President Pitzer issued a statement calling on all members of the community to "maintain calm in the difficult position which we face." Copies were distributed to residences and mailed to faculty members. In a chronology of the Old Union sit-in, which culminated in 23 arrests early Friday, Pitzer pointed out that "earnest attempts" were made on both sides to keep the protest non-disruptive and non-violent, but that by early afternoon several offices were not functioning.

Police were called only after a University order closing the building from 5 p.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. Friday failed to clear the structure. "At this point, the decision on how to deal with these unlawful activities became one for responsible police authorities, who acted in close consultation with officers and faculty members of the University," Pitzer noted. To allow those in the building to leave and to mobilize the necessary manpower, the Sheriff's Office decided to begin clearing the building at 1 a.m. Friday, about seven hours after four policemen had warned those in the building they were violating the law.

During this interval "there was a steady deterioration in the climate of non-violence," Pitzer noted. Electrical power to the building was interrupted, firebombs were thrown at another building on campus, and several locks were removed from doors in the Old Union. At a midnight meeting attended by many of those who received the previous warning from police, the protesters made explicit their plans to leave the building promptly when scouts advised them police were coming, thus avoiding possible arrest. They also discussed plans to return and reoccupy the building at 8 a.m. "In view of the various kinds of unlawful activity over the previous three weeks, the sheriff's office decided not to give any further notice because of the strong likelihood of more fruitless games of pursuing fleeing vandals throughout the campus," Pitzer noted. "The University was informed of this decision, but once the police are summoned, decisions about how their forces are deployed and on what time schedule, as well as the issuance of any further warning, are entirely in the hands of... the Sheriff's Office." Several "Off ROTC" signs were painted on buildings near White Plaza Friday night, a bomb threat was received Saturday morning, and 18 windows in the Durand building were smashed with bottles containing red paint Saturday night, damaging books and research equipment.