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STANFORD-- About 175 demonstrators marched on the building housing ROTC at Stanford for the fourth successive night Friday (APRIL 3).

The protest was entirely peaceful, but much smaller than the previous night, when upwards of 1,000 participated.

En route to the ROTC building, the students interrupted a popular film showing at Dinkelspiel Auditorium in hopes of gaining additional support. They drew a hostile reaction and only one or two new adherents from an audience of several hundred. The film was Godard's "Sympathy for the Devil."

The demonstrators, mainly students, chanted "Off ROTC" as they neared the building. After deciding not to enter, they stood in small discussion groups for about half an hour before dispersing. Some headed back for a late, late showing of the film.

In one of the small discussion groups, Prof. H. Bruce Franklin of the English Department charged that plainclothesmen had beaten a student earlier in the week and that he personally had been sprayed in the face with an irritating substance.

Associate Provost Robert Rosenzweig, in the presence of Franklin and several demonstrators with similar complaints, said that any detailed, written statements of any such incidents could be taken to the Provost's Office.

Other faculty members present at the earlier demonstrations said they had seen no such instances and felt the police had acted with restraint. (Repeated checks with Stanford Hospital and Cowell Health Center showed only one case of scalp laceration being reported soon after the police sought to disperse the demonstrators Wednesday night.)

Franklin and several students said they personally knew of several instances in which other persons had been treated privately for injuries sprayed by an irritating substance.

Speakers at the 9:30 p.m. rally in the Old Union courtyard which led to the march noted that "at all times we should hold out the threat that we're going to do something," since this would require expensive precautionary measures by the University and off campus police.

Emphasizing the need for a long range strategy of conflict and education, Michael Sweeney said that eventually the ROTC building should be occupied-- "everyone on campus should understand that's what we're aiming at."

"We've got to have more than 300 people there; we've got to have thousands," he added. Classroom mill-ins can be "very effective" in creating broader awareness of the issues.

"The destruction of property sometimes is erroneously called violence," he continued. Yet sometimes it may not be effective: "Two years ago, the Naval ROTC (building) burned to the ground, yet Navy ROTC continued. I think it was a good thing that Navy ROTC was burned to the ground."

Tuesday night's demonstration, which caused several thousand dollars in broken glass damage across the campus was "good," Sweeney said, because "it put juice into the movement."

"After Tuesday and Wednesday (when less extensive damage occurred), we should take advantage of the atmosphere that created" for educating people about the issues, he said. "We've got to understand the effectiveness that burning and breaking windows (can have) at some times, and (their) ineffectiveness at others."

The anti- ROTC group voted to hold its next meeting at 8 p.m. Monday. No location was announced for the session.

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