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STANFORD--Small groups of anti-ROTC demonstrators smashed several dozen windows at Stanford Monday night (APRIL 6).

There were no arrests.

The Durand Aeronautics and Astronautics Building and the President's Office were hardest hit, with additional damage reported at Geology Corner, Political Science, Materials Science and the Earth Sciences Building.

Three groups with a combined total of about 50 persons gathered briefly across the street from the building housing ROTC, but threw no rocks before dispersing at 11:30 p.m.

Students from Berkeley, Foothill College, and Palo Alto area high schools were among the 225 persons who attended a rally in the Old Union court yard preceding the rock throwing.

Damage was expected to total several thousand dollars. None is covered by insurance.

The protest was the fifth in the past week against ROTC, and the third to take a violent turn. Window breaking alone prior to Monday's protest was estimated to have caused \$8,500 damage.

The protest group approved plans for "militant" demonstrations against ROTC following a White Plaza rally Tuesday noon. They said these might be of the "mill-in" or "sit-in" variety, with targets selected in advance by a coordinating committee to assure secrecy.

One women speaker suggested having small "affinity groups" hit key buildings in broad daylight, hoping to lead police "all over campus and show what it means to have an army." A mobile sit-in would be better than a mill-in, she suggested.

Michael Sweeney, a leader of the protest group who is not currently registered at the University, suggested the group should move from the Plaza rally Tuesday to the building housing ROTC and stage a mill-in.

There are no rules against students entertaining themselves in the hallways, he noted, and if several hundred showed up they "couldn't do anything about it."

Tom Forstenzer, a former speaker of the Student Legislature, told the rally that ultimately "the only way to win is terror--when it finally comes, it's for real" in a revolution.

He was applauded when he said the demonstrators main goal should be "the disruption of the entire power system of the University."

This "needs a lot more planning, and less talk over P.A. (public address) systems," he said.

The ROTC protests erupted Tuesday (MARCH 31) following a 390-373 faculty vote approving proposals which would permit Army ROTC courses to qualify for limited academic credit on a one-year trial basis.

That night, about 200 persons tried unsuccessfully to board up the ROTC building, were promptly dispersed by about 40 sheriff's deputies, and went on a rock throwing rampage across campus.

Wednesday night (APRIL 1) an unidentified assailant dumped water soluble red paint on the shoulders and back of University President Kenneth S. Pitzer as he spoke with students at Grove House. Later that evening, about 150 persons again were dispersed promptly by sheriff's deputies in front of the building housing ROTC. Four were arrested later on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon, after rock throwing incidents continued across campus.

Thursday (APRIL 2), the protest adopted non-violent tactics. About 1,000 persons marched to the building housing ROTC, then about 300 proceeded across campus to the home of President and Mrs. Pitzer.

Friday (APRIL 3), about 140 marched into the Physics Lecture Hall, delaying the start of the Academic Council's meeting. That night, 175 again staged a peaceful march on the building housing ROTC.

Saturday night (APRIL 4) several windows were broken at Hewlett-Packard's International Operations Building in the Stanford Industrial Park.