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STANFORD - The building housing ROTC offices at Stanford was ordered closed by University President Kenneth S. Pitzer Tuesday afternoon (APRIL 7), following a 15-minute scuffle between ROTC cadets and anti-ROTC demonstrators staging a mill-in at the building.

There were no major injuries, and no arrests.

The building was reopened to regular employees only within 10 minutes after it was ordered cleared by Public Safety Director Daniel DeYoung. In addition to ROTC, the building houses Athletic Department offices.

The scuffle occurred when about 30 demonstrators tried to enter an Army ROTC class in world military history, taught by Capt. Clinton Anderson. (Earlier, about 100 had marched to the building from White Plaza.)

Anderson stood at the door to his class, admitting regular students, when several of the demonstrators forced the door open. Anderson then stood with his arm across the door and tried to read the campus policy on disruption to the demonstrators. As he did so, the demonstrators shouted "Quiet, Quiet!"

Michael Sweeney, a leader of the anti-ROTC group who is not currently enrolled at the University, tried repeatedly to enter the class, but was blocked by cadets inside the room. Another demonstrator asked if the cadets wanted to discuss ROTC. None did.

During the prolonged scuffle, the demonstrators made repeated attempts to block TV cameras and news photographers. Several counter-demonstrators from the Free Campus Movement, a conservative group, were among the photographers.

One cadet received a scratch beside his nose and one protester was reported to have been hit hard in the mouth, but there apparently were no major injuries.

A total of 21 cadets were counted in the classroom when the door was finally shut at 1:35 p.m. Five minutes later, DeYoung ordered the building cleared.

A second class in "Foundations of National Power," taught by Lt. Edward Eckert, met behind a locked door from 1:15 p.m. until the building was closed. Demonstrators pounded on the door but the class otherwise was undisturbed.

Earlier in the demonstration, about a dozen protesters stayed in the office of Army ROTC Col. Stanley Ramey after being warned they were believed to be violating the campus policy on disruptions. They remained there about 15 minutes. The protest group, which totalled about 100, moved into the building at shortly before 1 p.m., stomping up the stairs to the ROTC offices. The building was ordered cleared about 1:40 p.m., reopened to employees at 1:50 p.m. After deciding on another White Plaza rally at noon Wednesday, followed by a march to ROTC, the protest group disbanded around 2 p.m.

In answer to news inquiries Tuesday morning, University President Kenneth S. Pitzer said:

"One purpose of the radical acts of violence which have occurred on campus during the past week has been to provoke police retaliation which the demonstrators may then use to seek new adherents.

"So far these efforts have failed. Their primary effect, in fact, has been to make many more individuals aware of the direct, personal threat which such terrorist activities represent.

"The Santa Clara County officers who have been called to the campus have consistently shown restraint and acted only in response to violence by the protest group.

"But the cost is mounting, and every dollar lost as a result of these incidents comes directly from funds which otherwise would support the University's educational programs.

"We can expect further tests in the days ahead. The University, cooperating with public authorities, is exploring every possible avenue for appropriate judicial action."

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