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STANFORD - More than 600 persons, many carrying Viet Cong flags and large posters against ROTC, participated in a candlelit march against violence at Stanford Monday night (APRIL 13).

In an hour-long program at Memorial Church, they gave their strongest applause to a call for personal commitment to a life of non-violence.

The call came from Dwight Clark, a Quaker who directs Volunteers in Asia, a private organization for student service overseas. He received a standing ovation from about half the audience.

Organized by John Grube of the Associated Students Council of Presidents and other moderate student leaders, the program came after two weeks of sometimes violent protests against ROTC on campus.

In an apparent reference to rock-throwing incidents which have caused damage estimated at more than \$15,000, Prof. Sanford Dornbusch said "the helpless peasants of Vietnam are not gaining from the concentration of Stanford's homemade missiles of ROTC. But Governor Reagan is."

Former president of the Stanford AAUP, he said it was "unlikely" that a recent one-year extension of Army ROTC will be overthrown by the faculty this year. But he predicted that a student vote against ROTC later this week "will prove decisive in the inevitable next faculty referendum" a year or so hence.

An opponent of ROTC and leader in the Vietnam Moratorium, Dornbusch said that "most of us want to preserve an atmosphere at the university in which revolution or any other idea can be preached, but the university has no obligation to commit suicide. Stepped up violence will lead to stepped up repression. Today's contempt of court citations are just the beginning of that escalation."

Were violent tactics to succeed on ROTC, he added, the result would be "a defeat for all the non-revolutionaries."

"Rule by a succession of morally convinced minorities would be worse than our current lousy system of university decision-making. Any defeat would be denounced as illegitimate by the next 100, 200, or 300 zealots who feel a moral responsibility never to accept a temporary setback."

History Prof. Gordon Wright, recently returned from two years service as U.S. cultural attache in Paris, said "strange mix of idealism, fanaticism, and paranoia" has produced conditions "explosive enough to blow a campus up as would a Molotov cocktail."

Paul Rupert, a leader of the Resistance, said "the greatest task before opponents of violence on campus now is the elimination of ROTC." He said it was a mistake to lump together destruction of property and people, especially since society "puts property ahead of people."

He said the university has become a "temple of intellect... in many ways quite blind and unfeeling." Noting there had been no march against the violence of My Lai on campus, he said the university has "lost the capacity for outrage" and embodies a "great passivity which it calls commitment to non-violence."

He urged those present to attend a non-violent vigil at the Board of Trustees meeting, planned for 10:30 a.m. in the courtyard of the Graduate School of Business.

Clark said he could draw no clear distinctions between violence against property or violence against persons. While there are "important qualitative differences between the two," he noted, "often by destroying property one affects lives in vital and harmful ways."

"And, in a society which makes no sharp distinction between the two, employment of violence against property can cause a reaction of violence against both property and person. Even more, the use of violence--though limited--dehumanizes the user."

He received scattered, spontaneous applause when he criticized the University for "rushing to emergency regulations without following their spirit and letter" and for hasty resort to court action this week.

"Through Stanford Research Institute and defense contracts," he noted, "we've been up to our necks in support of Vietnam. In fairness, we should realize it was the political activists who forced that reality upon us."

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Observing that America, with 6 per cent of the world's population consumes 50 per cent of its goods, Clark said that a personal commitment to non-violence must include individual efforts to limit consumption and simplify tastes.

Urging a refashioning of the university and individual lives to "affirm life" he suggested that "it must seem a strange twist indeed to have it suggested that perhaps an individual should starve himself on (University President Kenneth) Pitzer's door or deprive himself forever of an Oldsmobile."

No protesters were seen at a Naval ROTC drill scheduled at 7 a.m. Monday (APRIL 13), where the Off ROTC Movement had threatened a possible nude-in. Following normal procedures, the drill was moved indoors for a class session because of inclement weather.

A maximum of two dozen persons, not counting a handful of newsmen, attended a cold, windswept Movement rally at noon in White Plaza. They disbanded about 15 minutes later to distribute leaflets. Michael Sweeney, a former student, reported that Jerry Rubin, a defendant in the Chicago 7 conspiracy trial, would speak during an open microphone session on ROTC, scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday (APRIL 14) in Memorial Auditorium. Rubin will speak at 4 p.m., Sweeney said.

Franz Schurmann of Berkeley failed to appear at a Monday afternoon teach-in at Dinkelspiel Auditorium on Southeast Asia. Attendance totaled about 75.

There was no sign of protesters at the 3:15 p.m. Naval ROTC drill, which was held by 45 cadets in the football stadium. The location of the drill was changed in advance by Marine Col. Robert Thomas, NROTC commander at Stanford.

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