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'Outside Authority To Increase Unless Campus Rejects Violence'

Dependence upon outside authority will become more complete unless the University's own internal mechanisms become more effective, and violent conduct will end only when the Stanford community shows it thoroughly rejects it.

These are the messages to the University from President Kenneth S. Pitzer and Provost Richard W. Lyman following rampages against property and persons in reaction to the faculty's approval of a new Army ROTC contract on a oneyear trial basis.

Both President Pitzer and Provost Lyman said that the demonstrations against ROTC represent a new, more violent protest requiring greater reliance on outside police authority.

Although praising the restraint of law enforcement officers, Provost Lyman pointed out: "I don't know how long that can hold out. The conscious intention of some leaders of the demonstrations is to wear police patience thin in hopes that the police will commit some atrocity—or something which can be made to look like an atrocity."

It was apparent that the patience of some faculty members was becoming thin when about 140 demonstrators streamed into the Physics Lecture Hall Friday afternoon and delayed the start of the Academic Council's Spring Quarter meeting.

As they entered the building, the demonstrators were warned that the Council's meeting was open only to members and invited guests. Some remained outside as a result of the admonition.

However, those who entered sang, shouted obscenities, cheered their leaders, made obscene gestures, and drowned out Dan DeYoung, Public Safety Director, when he read a court injunction against disruptions.

After the injunction was read, all but a handful of the demonstrators left. After additional discussion, and upon the urging of Professor Benjamin M. Page, goology, they too left.

It was apparent that nearly all of the 80 professors present resented the intrusion and supported the President's decision to declare the demonstration a disruption in violation of University policy.

Prior to his decision, President Pitzer patiently explained that the meeting was closed, but that he saw no objection to faculty members talking informally with the demonstrators following the meeting.

Numerous professors did meet with demonstrators in front of the hall, after the students had refused a Council invitation to send in three spokesmen for a total of 15 minutes.

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Status of Land Development Explained; Hearing Set for Tonight

Nearly two-thirds of Stanford's available lands has been placed in the Academic Reserve, and of the remaining 2,931 acres, the use of 1,773 acres that have not been annexed and zoned is being reviewed by the University Committee on Land and Building Development.

This is pointed out in a Campus Report supplement on "Questions and Answers About Stanford Land Use" that was prepared by the University Relations Office and distributed to the campus community this week.

The supplement notes that the Academic Reserve comprises 5,237 acres of the 8,168 acres of land that Stanford owns.

Of the remaining 2,931 acres, the use of 1,773 not annexed and zoned is being reviewed. The halance of 1,158 acres consists of property annexed to Palo Alto or Menlo Park that is available for revenue-bearing purposes. Of those annexed lands, 940 acres have been leased, and 218 remain unleased.

Unavailable for University use are 665 acres of campus land that have been condemned for such public purposes as schools, hospital, highways, and easements.

Concerning the review, the supplement points to President Kenneth S. Pitzer's comments last Fall, when he declared:

"We must review our plans with a revised scale of priorities in mind, I am anxious to have such a review examine specifically the needs of the total community, and to give consideration to ecological and environmental matters, as well as to Stanford's critical need for financial support.

"We might find ourselves tragically remiss if we did not weigh these matters carefully enough during this time when we have such severe pressures for new financial revenues."

In connection with the review, the supplement notes that President Pitzer has, in effect, declared a moratorium by asking the committee review of the future use of the 1,773 acres of land outside of Academic Reserve, All of that property lies in the Foothills above the Foothill Expressway.

However, it is pointed out that a moratorine on development already approved or in progress, such as Palo Alto Square and the area around Coyote Hill, is another matter.

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Community Must Reject Violence

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pressed his regret over the violence of last week and noted that the increased participation of outsiders had made necessary the use of police.

The fact that no serious injury occurred "is to a consider-

able degree largely a matter of luck," he noted.

Although he made no mention of it at the Council meeting. President Pitzer escaped injury when a can full of red paint was dumped on his shoulders and back by an unidentified, masked and robed assailant Wednesday night. The incident occurred while the President was engaged in after dinner conversation with men and women students at Grove House.

Referring to the intrusion at the Council meeting, the President told the professors he particularly regretted the application of such coercive tactics in an effort to overturn the mail vote decision of the faculty in which it was decided by a margin of 390–373 to approve academic credit for ROTC

on a limited basis, beginning next Fall.

In referring to the restraint of the law enforcement officers during disturbances, the President reiterated comments he made before the Faculty Senate last Thursday in which he said the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office was "thoughtful, perceptive, and receptive to our comments and advice." But he pointed out in his Senate presentation that once law enforcement officers are called on campus, it is perfectly clear that they are in charge of their own actions.

"Our dependence on outside authority will become more complete," be declared, "unless our own internal mechanisms

become more effective."

In a similar vein, Provost Lyman told the Senate:

"We do not control the police when they come on campus," and its gets progressively harder to exercise influence when the campus community is not able to bring its own affairs under control.

He said violent conduct will end only when the campus shows it is "thoroughly and genuinely fed up" with this course of action.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Members of the Academic Council last Friday gave a standing vote of confidence to President Kenneth S. Pitzer, Provost Richard W. Lyman, and faculty leaders, commending them for "restraint, combined with firmness, in dealing with the violent actions of the past week."

Senate Chairman William A. Clebsch, religion and humanities, echoed these sentiments when he reported to the Council on Friday and declared:

"Acts of lawlessness, that, left unchecked, threaten the existence of the University; ... only when faculty and students regard these acts as intolerable will they cease to be tolerated."

Even after the Council chambers had been cleared and the meeting got underway, it did not proceed without incident.

As President Pitzer commended the police for their restraint, he was interrupted by Professor Bruce Franklin, English, long identified with student protest movements, who shouted:

"You obviously weren't there [during the demonstrations]

and saw people beaten."

The President told Professor Franklin that his and other comments would be heard at the conclusion of his report. When the charges later were repeated, Professor Thomas Ehrlich, law, pointed out that he had been present during the disruptions and that although it had been "grim business, indeed, the police acted with extreme restraint."

Both Professors Ehrlich and Clebsch were present again during a nonviolent gathering in front of the ROTC building on Friday night. They and several other University officials talked at length with Professor Franklin and student demonstrators regarding alleged use of force by law enforcement officers.

A relatively small number of faculty and staff members was present during the series of demonstrations last week.

Identification of those responsible for damage primarily by rock-throwing was difficult because of darkness and the hitrun tactics.

University officials appealed to the entire campus community for assistance in identifying those responsible, saying "The damage...injures the entire University and every member of the Stanford community."

Property damage by the end of last week was estimated at

\$8,500 for broken windows alone.

Status of Land Development

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"Those projects fit into the master plans of the University and the city and have been approved by the appropriate campus and municipal bodies. Substantial amounts of energy and funds have been expended on them in good faith during the past years.

"Specific projects on the 218 acres within zoned and annexed lands, but still unleased, will continue to be evaluated by the Committee as they are proposed, prior to submission to the President, the Trustees, and to city planning commissions and councils."

It is emphasized that the University is looking seriously at the need for low-cost housing.

"Obviously more thought must be given to the impact of development upon the total community," it is stated, "and to the housing needs of low-income groups."

"But the answer is not simply the abandonment of all commercial and industrial development in favor of vast housing projects. It is an inescapable fact that the addition of taxproducing facilities is needed to offset the costs of housing.

"It costs \$1,300 to teach one child for one year in the Palo Alto Unified School District, for example. A project of 1,000 units could increase the educational budget alone by millions