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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STANFORD - Four of five anti-ROTC protestors at Stanford have been found guilty of ~~contempt~~ of court by Superior Court Judge George H. Barnett in Palo Alto.

The four are: Leonard Siegel, 21, a suspended student; John F. Shoch, a junior and outgoing chairman of the Student Senate; Michael Sweeney, 22, a former student and editor of Chapparal magazine; and Mrs. Janet Weiss, 23, a graduate student.

~~The ruling is an outgrowth of charges brought by the University under a 1969~~ injunction forbidding disruption of campus functions.

A fifth member of the group, Irwin A. Busse, was found innocent.

Siegel was found guilty on two counts: disrupting the April 3 meeting of the Academic Council and participating in an April 7 "mill-in" at ROTC offices.

Sweeney also was found guilty on two counts, stemming from the "mill-in" and disruption of an ROTC class later April 7.

Shoch was found in contempt for participating in the April 7 evening disruption and Mrs. Weiss on two counts arising from disruptions April 3 and 7.

Judge Barnett set 2 p.m. Friday, April 17, as the time for sentencing. Each misdemeanor carries a maximum sentence of five days in jail and/or \$500 fine.

Busse, though one of 80 students named in the 1969 injunction, was found innocent of contempt because he voluntarily left an ROTC class when he was advised that seats would be denied those not properly registered.

Judge Barnett noted that, regardless of the University's own regulations on disruptions, "a violation of the injunction, while it may arise out of the same act, is a separate violation of a court order and has nothing to do with the University's policies."

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