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QUESTIONS ?

QUESTION: How can you attack ROTC after the faculty has voted to restore credit to the program? Don't you feel any obligation to abide by a decision that has been reached through the democratic process?

ANSWER: In the long run we believe that important decisions should be made by all the people. But that is not possible under the present system. The Stanford faculty is a minority of the Stanford community. And the Stanford community is an infinitesimal minority in the world. No one at Stanford -- in fact no person or group in the United States -- has the right to decide that Vietnamese, Laotians, Indonesians and poor people around the world should die so that their countries will remain open to capitalist expansion.

We feel that we represent the people whom Army officers are being trained to kill. We believe that fighting on the side of oppressed people is the only way to move toward true democracy.

QUESTION: It has been reported that the Army ROTC program enrolled only six freshmen this fall. Why bother to attack such an insignificant part of the military machine?

ANSWER: The attack on ROTC is very important in several respects. ROTC is an important part of the system that the armed forces use to recruit and train officers. A large percentage of the junior officers now serving in Vietnam are products of ROTC programs. The Defense Department has shown that ROTC is vital to its interests by fighting to remain on campuses around the country.

There are still about 250 Stanford students in the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC. We do not think any of those men should kill and risk death to protect corporate interests here or in other countries.

The movement against ROTC is also helping members of this community to better understand how decisions are made and enforced in the United States and around the world, and in whose interest the system operates.

It is true, though, that ROTC is only a small part of the system that we call imperialism. The point is that the whole system must be attacked. The movement against ROTC is just a beginning.

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ANSWER: No one should be free to commit robbery or murder. The United States Army is murdering people who are fighting for freedom in Southeast Asia.

The Stanford Board of Trustees will meet on campus next week. It is important to understand the interest which these men, who in fact control the university, have in continuing the ROTC program at Stanford.

In a statement issued on March 11, 1969, the Board urged that any action taken with respect to ROTC give full weight to the following:

"A. That this nation has a strong and valued tradition of civilian participation in military leadership;

B. That deterioration of that tradition would move us very quickly toward the emergence of a military caste;

C. That ROTC is vital to the continued supply of civilian leadership for the military services, and it is of crucial importance that first-ranking institutions, such as Stanford, lend their strength to that task; and

D. Further, that this board of trustees urges the president of the university to continue his consultation with the Department of Defense, leading to appropriate actions which will improve and vitalize this important program."

ROTC is vital to the trustees for reasons touching that most sensitive organ, the pocketbook. Many of the trustees have interests in companies which sell war materials to the military, and it is therefore in their interest to keep up not only the war, but also good relations with the Defense Department by keeping ROTC on campus.

Also, interestingly enough, these men have interests in companies which carry on business within Third World countries and it is to their advantage to support the military which protects those interests abroad.

For example, ex-trustee William Littlefield is president of Utah Construction, situated in the Stanford Industrial Park, which builds B-52 bases in Thailand. Trustee and SRI board chairman Ernest Arbuckle is also a Utah director, as is Alf Brandin, Stanford's Vice-President for Business Affairs.

Trustee William Hewlett and our President Pitzer, who clearly indicated in his speech to the Academic Senate where he stood on the ROTC issue, sit on the board of Rand Corp., which plays war games and sends counter-insurgent social scientists to Southeast Asia and other "underdeveloped" regions.

Northrop Corp., whose President Tom Jones, is a Stanford Trustee, makes fighters and "CS-I riot control agent", which has been used to flush our Vietnamese families from shelters dug beneath their homes as well as in the streets of Berkeley and Chicago.

Stanford Trustee Roger Lewis is president of General Dynamics, the nation's largest defense contractor, which makes F-111s fighters, F-111B bombers, and Polaris submarines. David Packard was on the General Dynamics board until he joined the Nixon administration as Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The trustee's moral justification for retaining ROTC all stems from the idea of civilian participation in and control of the military. "Civilian participation" does not mean "humanizing effect". It is civilians like David Packard who make military policy in the Pentagon.

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MASS MEETING TONIGHT

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QUESTION: Isn't it better to have Army officers who have been exposed to the liberal, civilian atmosphere of Stanford than to have a military establishment run entirely by men trained at academies and Officer Candidate Schools?

ANSWER: Civilian control of the military is not an issue. The military is run by civilians and is used in the interests of big corporations, which are also run by civilians. The point is that men who become officers in the armed services are then soldiers. Whether they have liberal ideas in their heads or not, they must obey orders. It makes no difference to a dead peasant that he was killed by a liberal.

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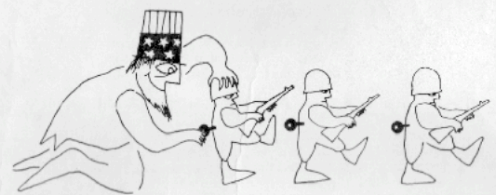


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ROTC cadets are not our enemy; they are manipulated and coerced by a system controlled by men such as those sitting on our Board of Trustees. It is these men and their system against which we must struggle.



STANFORD INSPIRES BERKELEY ACTION

In Berkeley yesterday there was a new confrontation between students and police. In a lower-class housing area, the Tenants Union made direct resistance to their landlords. Their just demands were for proper maintenance of the buildings and a stop to the continual rising of rents prices--far out of proportion to the rise through inflation. Refusing to pay unless the landlord agreed to their demands, police came to evict the people yesterday. The people were fairly ready for the police. They had set up barricades with sandbags to fight off the police. Those of the Tenant's Union were joined by many sympathetic others who helped in the trouble. Ordinary Berkeley pigs were unable to dismiss the crowd until there was a fire in the building - roughly 3:00 PM. Then, at the same time, the sheriffs, and the fire department and the press came on the scene. Because of the synchronous arrival of the fire-truck and more police, the people involved believe that the fire was planned and executed by police to gain sympathy and more legality to their course of eviction.

The Tenant's Union and many sympathetic participants went to the District Attorney's office to file a suit against the landlord for an illegal eviction. Not only was the eviction morally illegal, but also the eviction was technically carried out illegally.

Students Clubbed At Cal ROTC Clash

One person was arrested and several demonstrators injured in an anti-ROTC demonstration at U.C. Berkeley Tuesday.

A non-student was charged with "interference" by campus police and held on \$200 bond.

A noon rally in Sproul Plaza heard three speakers from radical groups, then marched on Callahan Hall, headquarters of ROTC. A line of two dozen campus police met the march near Edwards Field, where the arrest was made and several students were clubbed.

The march then turned to Harmon Gymnasium, where an ROTC class was in session. Disrupting the class, some demonstrators attempted to obtain entry to the ROTC arsenal in the basement, where they were turned away by police. There were unverified reports of further clubbing in the basement, and police then cleared the first floor of demonstrators.

A small meeting outside Harmon called for a mass meeting for the evening, also planning further disruption Thursday when ROTC drill is held on Edwards Field.

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ROTC OUT OF STANFORD

FOOTHILL JOINS



Where vandals hit
Security Supt. Len E. Besson surveys the damage at the Hewlett-Packard International Operations plant in Palo Alto today.

Glass windows, door at HP plant smashed; antiwar vandals blamed

Six 3-by-6-foot glass windows. Police attributed the damage thrown rock was found a short distance from the building. Three rocks did not get as close, indicating they likely were taken to the scene, police said.

The windows were discovered at about 8 a.m. by guard Jose Hernandez, who called Kenneth Hallmark, who told police he had been working on a non-client at 3200 S. Main Ave., where they were intact when he left at 7:30 a.m.

A Palo Alto police reported today checked at 5 a.m.

PUERTO RICO
FIGHTS
IMPERIALISM

In the light of all this, the U.S. military and the University administration have decided to keep ROTC on campus. The ruling class won the first battle, but ROTC in Puerto Rico, as well as ROTC in Stanford, WILL GO.

DINOSAURS STRIKE BACK

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FOOTHILL JOINS STRUGGLE

ROTC enrollment is declining at Foothill as at other colleges. Even so, Foothill students presently constitute over two-thirds of the freshmen ROTC membership at Stanford. Opposition to the ROTC program at Foothill has been widespread for quite some time but has not made itself felt until recently.

Student opposition to ROTC and the other military activities on campus manifested itself when two Marine recruiters were stopped from recruiting by students shouting questions. In the spirit of free discussion, the recruiters were invited to answer student questions at an open forum. However, the officers said that they were under orders not to answer questions, and shortly they left. There followed two days of open speaking in which the aspects of military recruitment program were discussed.

Tuesday, April 7th Dr. Semens, the President of Foothill College, gave a statement in an open session in the student council chambers. After he had recited the campus policy on outside speakers, students asked him some questions. Through the questions, ROTC officers and recruiters were shown again and again to be lackeys of a racist and genocidal war machine which protects U.S. imperialism throughout the world: in Vietnam, Iran, Guatemala and countless other colonial and semi-colonial nations.

The campus policy on speakers condemns those who advocate "destruction of life and property." It was pointed out that this is precisely what the military spends its time doing.

Also, as other classes, notably Anthro 32 (Mexican-American Culture), have been threatened with cancellation even though their enrollment is greater than that of the ROTC program, the objectivity of the administration was placed in doubt.

Dr. Semens evaded, avoided and generally ignored the questions directed at him and responded only with vague platitudes.

We at Foothill are in total solidarity with the Stanford students' struggle against ROTC and in total opposition to the military and the system that directs it. We will continue to direct pressure against the racist and militaristic policies of the Foothill administration until they are completely abandoned.

OFF ROTC!!!

Packard International Opera- smashed at 6 a.m. by guard
tions plant at 3300 Hillview Ave. Kenneth Hallmark, who told po- Police said 12 rocks were
in the Stanford Industrial Park, lice they were intact when he found in all, but that five hit the
Palo Alto police reported today. checked at 5 a.m. building instead of the windows
and caused no damage. One un-

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A lot of behind the scenes action has been going on since the anti-ROTC movement began on Tuesday, March 31.

After the demonstration on that night (the first one), the Palo Alto House of movement activists John Keilch and Janet Weiss was attacked and had two windows broken. The next night (Wednesday), the campus home of Moratorium liberal Prof. H. R. Holman of the Medical School, and father of activists Mike and Andrea Holman was attacked and had \$100 worth of damage done to its windows.

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Two other movement people came by. They stopped, found out what was happening, and went to get more witnesses. At that point one of the pigs took off his mask and identified himself as a pig (by flashing a badge). Then he demanded an ID from Art and Amy, and almost arrested them for car theft (Art had just bought the car and hadn't changed the registration).

If the other two hadn't shown up, Amy and Art would very probably now be in the hospital, victims of attacks by unknown assailants.

The next attack on the Left occurred at the Peace Center, 424 Lytton St., Palo Alto, on Sunday, April 5, when someone broke in and stole \$20.00 from the cash register. (It is interesting to note that the Peace Center people are non-violent, and they haven't been participating in the actions concerning ROTC.) The next night someone smashed 20 windows in that building, apparently with a bat, at the same time as someone else smashed \$300 more worth of windows at the Holmans' house.

The latest attack happened on Tuesday night, April 7, at Bruce Franklin's office. Earlier in the day, Harvey Hukari and his goon squad were surveying the layout of the English Department building, evidently preparing for the attack. That night, Bruce's door had paste smeared all over it, and had one window broken from the outside. Nobody was able to enter the office.

The difference between these acts of violence and the acts of violence against the ROTC program is that the anti-ROTC movement makes it's political position clear. We explain that it is necessary to end ROTC in order to end the slaughter and oppression of people around the world.

The fascist cowards cannot explain their actions. They cry about how violence is contrary to the concept of an academic community and then participate in acts of individual terrorism against the people of the community and the world.

The anti-ROTC movement is struggling in the interests of the people of the world who are being attacked by ROTC officers trained here at Stanford and elsewhere. The pro-ROTC vigilantes are directly against this. They support the ROTC officers who order murders in Southeast Asia and the rest of the world, including the ghettos and working-class areas in America.

Throughout the course of the demonstrations, KZSU reporters have been stopped, frisked and threatened with detention by police on the grounds that they were "obstructing justice". The police also have been jamming the KZSU walkie-talkies, which is illegal.

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QUESTION: We are opposed to the war and to military training on the campus. But we oppose violence. Violence is bad. It does not matter who does it or what their intentions are. How can you hope to create a better society through bad means?

ANSWER: The movement against ROTC did not break any windows until it became clear that only through the destruction of property could the attention of the community be attracted and the policy of the administration be influenced. It is in the interests of the administration, the Defense Department and the corporate bosses who sit on the Board of Trustees to keep ROTC at Stanford. They will remove the program from the campus only when the cost of keeping it becomes greater than the cost of losing it.

But the violence that the movement has done and might do to property at Stanford is insignificant compared to the violence that the United States is directing against men and women in Vietnam and elsewhere in the Third World. This violence must be stopped by any means necessary.

When we think about changing the system, we must be practical. It has been demonstrated over the past few years that passive protest means nothing to the men who control the United States and dominate the "free world." It is only through finding power of our own that we can force them to change their ways. We have power in our numbers, but that power will only be unrealized potential until we find means to act forcefully.

We must remember that our goal is to take power away from the small group of people who now control our economic and political systems and put it into the hands of all the people. This is the only way to end war and oppression. This can only be accomplished by destroying the armed forces that the privileged few use to maintain their position. These armed forces of repression will not give up without a fight.

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