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STANFORD —

Broadening their nonviolent opposition to the war, more than 200 students, women, and other pacifists leafleted and blocked entry at five Bay Area draft boards simultaneously Tuesday, March 2.

There were at least 30 arrests, mainly Stanford students. The first group of 13, drawn mainly from Columbae House at Stanford, were arrested on federal charges of unlawful assembly on federal property, after blocking entry to the federal building in San Francisco.

Two groups, totalling 12 persons, were arrested on charges of failure to disperse after blocking two entrances to the Oakland draft board. Five were charged with obstructing business at the San Jose draft board.

By midafternoon, there were no reports of arrests despite blocking at the Berkeley draft board. In San Mateo, about 10 protesters blocked entry for the third day in the past week. Several scuffles were reported there.

Most of the protesters were white, many were Stanford students, and few, if any, had prior arrest records. Acting as individuals, they came from a variety of old and new peace groups.

Stating that the war in Southeast Asia "continues and widens," they declared: "73 percent of all Americans join us in seeing the horror of the war and demand that it end now. It is clear that the American majority is not silent, but instead that our leaders are deaf. . . .

"Admittedly, we are white and middle class. Nonetheless, we stand here today in solidarity with both the white and Third World youth of this country who are being asked to die in order to continue the war, with the workers who are being asked to pay the bill for the war, and with the Laotians, Cambodians, and Vietnamese who are being killed and maimed daily by the war. . . .

"We feel this is one way to resist by deed, and not simply by words, the immoral and illegal character of this war."

Students from Columbae House at Stanford, a residential group devoted to nonviolence, said: "At a time when the Administration claims to be disengaging, we see the war as escalating. . . .

"We do not consider our acts illegal. . . . Rather, we are attempting to fulfill our responsibilities as human beings in accord with the Hague Conventions, the Geneva Accords, and the Principles of Nuremberg.

"We recognize the risks entailed in our actions. But these are far outweighed by the consequences of our continued acquiescence to this illegal and immoral war."

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Shouting "fascist pig" and pounding on doors, about 30 protesters harassed Nikitas Sioris, Greek minister of education, while he had a half-hour interview with Acting Dean Arthur Coladarci at the Stanford School of Education Tuesday, March 2.

The surprise demonstration, which included several persons wearing Venceremos buttons, continued in a nearby parking lot until the minister, his wife, and two aides left in their car.

Protesters accused the Greek government of jailing students without trials. Looking at one demonstrator, the minister said: "You're too old to be a student." He told the demonstrators he had fought fascists during World War II.

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