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STANFORD —

Thirteen Stanford students who blocked entry to the San Francisco Draft Board March 2 in a nonviolent war protest, Thursday, March 11, were given five-day suspended jail sentences and placed on probation to U.S. Commissioner Richard Goldsmith until June 1.

Originally, the 13 had faced felony charges under the 1968 Selective Service Act, carrying a possible sentence of five years in prison and \$10,000 in fines on conviction. Instead, they pled nolo contendere to misdemeanor charges of failure to disperse.

"We're glad it turned out the way it did," said Doug Otto, one of the defendants. "But we are not the issue; the issue is the war."

In pleading nolo, the group said: "We openly and joyfully admit taking this action and we affirm its moral validity in accordance with the Principles of Nuremberg, the Geneva Accords, and most importantly, our own responsibilities as human beings. . . .

"Under the policy of Vietnamization, President Nixon continues to tell the American people he is moving to end the war—yet what we see, in fact, is the use of massive American technology. . . . The use of canister bombs, napalm, and other antipersonnel weaponry outlawed by the Geneva Accords is actually increasing in a strategy which is nothing less than human genocide."

Most of those in the San Francisco group came from Columbae House, a residential unit devoted to the study of nonviolence.