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Protesting the Laotian invasion, about 550 persons, mainly students, voted Tuesday night, Feb. 9, to start a "mobile strike" at Stanford following a White Plaza rally Wednesday noon.

The Computation Center and Hoover Institution were mentioned as initial targets. Following the three-hour strategy session in Dinkelspiel Auditorium, many participants staged a peaceful "investigatory march" to the center, where they encountered a small group of campus police and sheriff's deputies. There were no incidents. Users left the building briefly.

About 800 persons present at the beginning of the rally showed enthusiastic support for the Yale demands of last spring—that the U.S. get out of Southeast Asia now, free all political prisoners, and end university participation in the war. Other demands, adopted by a large majority in a divided vote, included support for an open meeting requested by the Black Student Union, having Stanford "serve the people," getting occupation troops [police] off campus, granting amnesty to the Henry Cabot Lodge incident defendants, and abolishing the Stanford Judicial Council. No time limit was set.

Earlier in the evening, SJC Chairman Howard Williams told news media that the Council had found there was a disruption within the meaning of University policy during the Lodge incident. He said further hearings would be held dealing with the participation of the seven defendants in that disruption. No date was set.

In a news broadcast over campus radio station KZSU, Prof. Sanford Dornbusch, chairman of the Faculty Senate, said he felt it was "perfectly clear that the majority of students don't want to strike." (Stanford has 11,500 students.) Long active as an individual opposing the war and a leader in last year's post-Cambodia delegation from Stanford to Washington, he labeled the suggested strike "inopportune, improper . . . in fact, phony."

Robert Grant, one of the four men on the Associated Students Council of Presidents, said that a strike, like building "trashings," "draws [public] attention away from the war." Asked by a KZSU caller what students should do if they encountered strikers, University President Richard W. Lyman suggested that they should try to determine the identity of individual strikers, determine without resort to force that they did intend to block passage, and then report the details to initiate judicial proceedings.

In a roll call vote, the Student Senate declared its repudiation of the Stanford Legislative and Judicial Charter of 1968, 22 to 7, and called on the Committee of Fifteen, a joint student-faculty administration group, to hold open hearings on a new charter. Present provisions for charter amendment state that these may be proposed by majority vote of the C15, acting on the request of students, faculty or administration. Students may initiate such a request through petition of five percent of the matriculated students or a majority vote in a special referendum where at least 10 percent of those enrolled cast ballots.

Harry Cleaver, economics graduate student active in the newly formed Coalition Against the War in Indo-China, chaired the Dinkelspiel session. Janet Weiss, one of the defendants in the Lodge incident, proposed adoption of the Yale demands and suggested the use of mobile tactics. Andrea Holman, a local high school student, said several schools were planning a protest march Thursday and "we'll help shut Stanford down."

Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin told the rally: "This is not Nixon's war . . . the war is waged by the Board of Trustees and other people of that social class. . . Real decision-making power lies in the hands of giant corporations," who run Stanford. "If people don't understand that, there's no logic in a strike," he added. The strength of the Stanford movement stems from recognition of the validity of this analysis, he concluded.

KZSU broadcast most of the session.