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STANFORD —

Citing the "profoundly damaging effects" which the Laotian invasion is having "on the life and work of this university," the faculty Senate at Stanford Thursday, March 4, urged President Nixon and Congress to "take immediate steps to bring our involvement in this war to a speedy and complete end."

By a roll call vote of 22 to 9, with 8 abstentions, the faculty Senate said:

"The entry into Laos has left many members of the university community in serious doubt about our government's repeated assertions that it seeks a political solution to the war in Southeast Asia.

"The official justifications of the action, in what President (Richard W.) Lyman aptly described as the 'tortured elaborations of Pentagonese,' further erode trust in the words of those who hold public office. The result, as President Lyman pointed out, is growing cynicism about the worth of honesty that strikes at the heart of the university's values.

"Furthermore, the entry into Laos has left many students, faculty, and staff profoundly discouraged about the likelihood of influencing the government through normal procedures. That feeling of hopelessness is no less threatening to the life of the university than was last spring's anger over Cambodia.

"In some, it breeds apathy with respect to democratic processes. Others it tempts to violence. In most, it jeopardizes that confidence in rationality necessary to the university's functioning.

"We . . . share the doubts and discouragement of other members of the university community. But we reaffirm our determination of last spring to join with them in the search for Constitutional and effective means to influence our government."

Introduced by Profs. Lawrence J. Altman and Ronald A. Rebholz, the resolution repeated the call made to national leaders last spring "with a new intensity."

The action followed adoption, on a divided voice vote, of a resolution stating that "it is inappropriate for the Senate of the Academic Council to take positions as a body on matters not directly related to the proper functioning of the university." Over 140 Academic Council members signed a statement favoring this position earlier.

Senate members on both sides of the Laotian resolution indicated they would seek to have it submitted to a mail ballot of the Academic Council, which includes more than 1,000 persons of professorial rank.

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Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin's request for a delay in deciding whether to seek an Advisory Board hearing on charges which could lead to his dismissal from the University has been granted by Stanford President Richard W. Lyman.

Late Wednesday afternoon, Franklin requested a delay until two working days after he is informed of the decision in a Santa Clara County Superior Court hearing on an injunction sought by Stanford which could bar him and certain other named nonstudents from campus, except when gathering evidence or appearing in their own disciplinary hearings.

President Lyman set a new deadline of 5 p.m. on the second working day after the day when the court enters its order. Unless Professor Franklin requests an Advisory Board hearing by this deadline, the President said he would conclude that Franklin had chosen to waive this option.

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