

January 12, 1971

Comrades,

I always get angry when the underground press distorts local activities here (tewit, the Ky Demonstration) so I decided to do something about it. Here is a brief report of a demonstration that we pulled off yesterday.

In case you need my credentials, I am a member of Pacific Studies Center and have been organizing at Stanford for several years. The PSC affiliation has nothing to do with this, however, for PSC is a non-profit educational organization (!!!).

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Monday, January 12, Henry Cabot Lodge was prevented from speaking at Stanford University by a crowd of anti-war demonstrators.

Lodge had been scheduled to speak to a conference on the United Nations sponsored by Stanford's Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, but Lodge and his role in the Southeast Asian War, rather than the ultra-conservative Hoover Institution, was the primary target of the demonstrators.

A half hour before the program was to begin, a bomb threat cleared Dinkelspiel Auditorium, the site of the conference. Fire marshals searched the building, found nothing, and the conference opened at 2:00 pm, as scheduled.

Eight or nine hundred people filled the auditorium. Though a majority was hostile to Lodge, only 150 demonstrators participated in the heckling, chanting, and rhythmic applause.

Hoover Director Glenn Campbell (not the singer), also one of the most reactionary members of ^{the Board of} ~~the~~ Regents of the University of California, was heckled during his opening

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remarks, but was able, ~~XX~~ with difficulty, to finish his speech.

When Ambassador Lodge took the podium he was greeted with the chant "N-L-F, Pathet Lao, U.S. Out of Asia Now!" and continued rhythmic applause. One student, upon asking the hecklers if they were afraid to let him hear Lodge's views, drew loud applause. The heckling and handclapping continued.

Many of the anti-war demonstrators had expected to engage Lodge in a discussion on Southeast Asia, and did not take part in the heckling. They were unaware that Lodge had refused to discuss Vietnam at his ~~XXX~~ press conference earlier, and planned to do the same in the question period following his address.

Finally, Lodge left the stage, ~~and~~ ^{and Sheriff's deputies} escorted ~~by~~ ^{by him} ~~Sheriff's deputies~~ to another building, where he eventually spoke to a crowd of 150. Prophetically, as Lodge left the podium, he said: "I'm really not that dangerous, you know."

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