

STATEMENT OF THE STANFORD COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE RIGHT TO LIVE AND THE  
INQUISITION (formerly Stanford War Crimes Commission) :

Each day U.S. troops and planes remain in Southeast Asia constitutes a crime against humanity. The people who are responsible for the death and destruction in Indochina are war criminals. To allow their crimes to continue is in itself unpardonable.

We therefore invite all residents of the Peninsula area to join us in arresting Deputy Defense Secretary David Packard, this area's most important war criminal, when he comes to Palo Alto April 8 to address his fellow electronics manufacturers.

At a time when men like Lieutenant Calley are scapegoated for U.S. atrocities in Indochina, it is important to focus on men at Packard's level. Packard, as a captain of industry, government official, and "educator," has not only carried out policy. He has participated in its formulation. We choose to arrest Packard, not to throw responsibility for the War onto the shoulders of a few men, but because he represents the "contribution" that many people and institutions in the Peninsula have made toward the killing and destruction.

When Henry Cabot Lodge attempted to speak at Stanford, many people were disturbed that his "free speech" was violated. Our arrest of Packard should prevent any such confusion. He is perpetrating crimes against humanity. We protest his actions, not his speech.

We call on all who oppose the rape of Indochina to join us. Further plans will be announced prior to April 8.