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STANFORD —

Protest against the Laotian invasion began building at Stanford Wednesday, Feb. 3, blending with criticism of campus judicial actions stemming from the Jan. 11 Henry Cabot Lodge incident. About 300 persons attended a noon hour informational rally at White Plaza, called by the newly formed Coalition Against the War in Indo-China (CAWI). They heard speakers active in previous campaigns against war related research and ROTC warn of possible creation of a "no-man's land" in the demilitarized zone of Vietnam by nuclear means and urge the broadest possible coalition against the war.

Simultaneously, about 150 persons attended a United Stanford Employees rally in front of the Main Library, called to protest the impending suspension of John Keilch. An employee there, he allegedly participated in the Dinkelspiel Auditorium incident which ended with cancellation of a planned talk by Ambassador Lodge.

The rally ended when Keilch, with about 75 onlookers, tacked demands on the door of the President's Office on Inner Quadrangle that the "arbitrary action" be "completely rescinded" by Friday noon, Feb. 5, and that the Administration "make a complete retraction of the wrongful policies used in this matter."

Students charged with violating campus disruption policy in the Lodge incident have scheduled a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Auditorium, charging that "Nixon's news black out is only one part of his plan to divert public attention from Laos to the Moon."

Last Friday, President Richard W. Lyman suspended four of the student defendants pending completion of their case, after they were cited for contempt by Stanford Judicial Council chairman Howard Williams.

The third in a series of SJC hearings is scheduled Monday night, Feb. 8, at a time and place to be announced. The first hearing, Jan. 28, was adjourned almost immediately and the second, held Jan. 29, ended in contempt citations. On both occasions, overflow crowds of defendants and their supporters, including nonstudents, pushed their way past campus police to gain entry to the hearing chambers, which held 100 and 150 persons, respectively.

Responding to an SJC announcement that the third hearing will be open "to a limited number of persons selected by the defendants, the University administration, and the Council," the defendants and their counsels Wednesday, Feb. 3, published a column in *The Stanford Daily* that "there is no way that interested people will be prevented from seeing these proceedings."

The column demanded immediate reinstatement of all the suspended students, reprimand and removal of the SJC chairman from his post, and the dismissal of all charges stemming from the Lodge incident. "The only recourse to the people is to secure the [University] President's cooperation by any means necessary," they said.

President Lyman, who has been away from the campus since Saturday, is expected to consider appropriate disciplinary measures for Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin of the English Department, a counsel for one of the student defendants who also was cited for contempt by SJC Chairman Williams Jan. 29. The president does not return to campus until Thursday afternoon.

He already has proposed that Professor Franklin be suspended for three months without salary, if charges pending against him as a result of the Lodge incident are proven. Such a penalty could only be imposed after an opportunity for a hearing before the Advisory Board, a group of seven professors elected by their colleagues.

The Stanford Community Against War and Fascism has announced plans for a campus appearance by Tom Hayden, defendant in the "Chicago Seven" trial, and the San Francisco Mime Troupe at 8 p.m. Sunday in Dinkelspiel Auditorium. Following a campus talk by Hayden under the same sponsorship last year, anti-ROTC protest erupted in the first in a series of building "trashings."

At the White Plaza rally Wednesday noon, Banning Garrett of the Pacific Studies Center said the possibilities for success of the Laotian intervention "are no greater than they were against Cambodia" and forecast possible use of nuclear devices to create a "no-man's land" along the demilitarized zone. A Stanford graduate, Garrett publicly predicted the Cambodian invasion two days prior to its occurrence last spring.

Harry Cleaver, an economics student active in CAWI, said campus reaction to the Laotian news blackout included both "anger and impotence." Active in previous protests against war related research and ROTC, he said "There are many ways people not willing to destroy institutions physically can fight to end what's happening in Indo-China."

In a separate development, scores of students at the Plaza signed postcards to Sen. John Stennis, protesting the closed hearings on a possible two-year extension of the draft now being held by the Senate Armed Services Committee, which he heads.