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PALO ALTO —

Fifty-five members of the Stanford faculty went to court Monday, March 1, in a move to block an injunction which Stanford is seeking to make permanent.

The professors, among them two departmental chairmen and a Nobel Laureate, filed a complaint of intervention in the show cause hearing on the injunction which Stanford is seeking to curb alleged disruptive activities of 17 named defendants, members of the organization Venceremos and 1000 John Does.

In their complaint, the professors charged that the injunction "threatens our constitutional protections, will have intimidating consequences, and [is] not conducive to an atmosphere in which teaching and scholarship can flourish."

(President Richard W. Lyman of Stanford has stated repeatedly that the injunction sought by the University would not bar protests which do not involve destructive acts or infringe on the rights of others.)

The 55-man group stated further that the injunction "has no effect on the underlying causes of campus unrest. If anything, it may serve to hinder the analysis and correction of Stanford problems." Seeing Stanford problems as part of larger world problems, the complainants call for the unrestricted intellectual debate that can elucidate the nature of those problems.

Stating that "the memories of some of us are ripe enough to recall the refusal of German professors to speak out in the '30's," the intervention quotes an analysis of Nazi Germany to the effect that "the Nazis learned from the conduct of the German professors after 1933 that most of them displayed little civic courage and were primarily anxious to adjust themselves to the new internal order."

They state the injunction that the University is seeking would prohibit among other things: "disrupting or obstructing any University function," "joining together, combining, or agreeing to do" certain acts which are currently illegal, and access of defendants, including Professor Bruce Franklin, to the Stanford campus.

The group asked the court to limit the scope of any injunctive order "not to preclude or interfere with any teacher or any persons involved in any organized educational activity at Stanford from inviting any person whatsoever to enter the campus or classrooms of Stanford for any purpose or reason connected with the teaching plan and goals of any of the intervening parties, or from enjoying complete freedom in inviting any person or persons to homes on Stanford property."

Among the signers of the complaint were: Raymond Giraud, professor and chairman, Department of French and Italian; Avram Goldstein, professor of pharmacology; Linus Pauling, professor of chemistry, Nobel Laureate in chemistry and in peace; Pierre Noyes, professor of physics at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; Hubert Marshall and Charles Drekmeier, professors of political science; Leonard A. Herzenberg, professor of genetics; St. Clair Drake, professor of anthropology and sociology; and Edwin B. Parker, professor of communication.

Only a small portion of the faculty had the opportunity to sign the complaint before the filing deadline.