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Though American casualties in Southeast Asia have dropped recently, the war continues at a genocidal pace. The U.S. has adopted a strategy of saturation bombing and defoliation of the countryside of Laos, Cambodia, and Southern Vietnam and the creation of enclaves protecting U.S. bases and what are in fact concentration camps. The killing has increased. The war has been modernized.

Furthermore, the U.S. still maintains a large military presence throughout the world, ready to meet native insurgencies that threaten American business with military force should the more subtle intervention of A.I.D. and the C.I.A. fail.

The War in Southeast Asia and the maintenance of the U.S. empire in general rely on the maintenance of an officer corp trained in modern warfare as well as general military science. This is what ROTC has provided at Stanford.

Radical students have opposed R.O.T.C.--as well as the multitude of other programs which maintain totalitarianism and U.S. business interests throughout the world--because America's aggressive policies need the universities. K.C.B.S. seems to recognize this, but apparently considers defoliation, anti-personnel weaponry, and Pinkvilles^{to be} sour points in an otherwise sane military and foreign policy.

When K.C.B.S. says students have a right to join R.O.T.C., it shows little concern for the Vietnamese, Indonesians, and Latin Americans whose fundamental rights to life and liberty ~~will~~ are, or will be pre-empted by well-trained R.O.T.C. officers.

Furthermore, K.C.B.S. pretends that students in general have

the chance to study what they wish. This is not true. For instance, Stanford does not offer courses in revolutionary military science, though many students have demonstrated an interest.

The real question is whether the Universities will continue to serve the oppressors of much of the world or the oppressed. The phase-out of R.O.T.C. at Stanford is a small victory for the oppressed. The struggle continues.