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EDITORS: In view of the fact that several regular News Service staff members have been called as witnesses in the Advisory Board hearings, Leonard Milliman, a retired veteran wire service reporter, has been employed to cover testimony in the Franklin case on a daily basis.

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STANFORD —

Urgings of Stanford Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin turned part of a crowd around as it was dispersing after a three-hour occupation of the University computer center Feb. 10, two faculty observers told an Advisory Board hearing Monday, Oct. 4.

Inciting people to disregard a sheriff's order of illegal assembly is one of four charges brought by University President Richard W. Lyman in proposing dismissal of the 37-year-old English professor.

Dean Lincoln Moses of the Graduate Division and Prof. Alan T. Waterman of Electrical Engineering testified in the second week of the Faculty Advisory Board hearings that the crowd was melting away when Professor Franklin urged people to go back on the grounds the assembly was legal. A third professor, Edward Begle of Education, said Franklin appeared to be encouraging a return.

Dean Moses, who has been with Franklin in civil rights protests at various times over the last 10 years, said he was leaving the area when the English professor stopped him and convinced him he should remain as an official observer.

But on the way back toward where a double line of sheriff's deputies stood in front of the computer center, Moses said Franklin "appeared to me to be encouraging as many people as possible to come along." Moses said he concluded Franklin didn't want him as an observer, but as another body. So he left.

"If I had to do it again," Moses said under cross-examination by Franklin, "I would not have gone away."

"The issue here," Franklin told Moses, "is which one of us is not fulfilling his appropriate functions in the academic community."

"I wasn't thinking of myself as a protector of people," Dean Moses testified later. "I was there as an observer."

He said he thought the dispersal order was "thoroughly reasonable" and "A person would have to almost volunteer to get into trouble in that case."

Professor Waterman testified he saw Franklin "shouting to the crowd and telling them to come back and challenging the sheriff's" order of unlawful assembly. "People then did start to move back."

Waterman said he first saw Franklin just before the evacuation of the computer center. He testified Franklin was in a crowd chanting "pig, pig, pig," as a line of deputies trotted toward the center and Franklin was "leaning forward and shouting at every third or fourth policeman that went by 'pig' quite loudly in his ear."

In trying to show prejudice, Franklin brought out in cross-examination that Waterman is working on Department of Defense contracts, a prime target of revolutionary movements in which Franklin is engaged. The Feb. 10 demonstration was in protest against the invasion of Laos.

Professor Begle said he was leaving the area when he saw Franklin, crouched and looking "like a quarterback," talking to "a group of young people." Later, he said, he "saw the group with Professor Franklin. . . clustered around whoever was standing there with the bullhorn" ordering the crowd to disperse.

The hearing will resume at 1 p.m. Oct. 5 in Room 101 of the Physics Tank on the campus. Sessions run from 1 to 6 p.m.