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A noon rally was held at the Hoover Institute for the study of War, Revolution and Peace by the Stanford Rehabilitation Movement today. The group of hundreds protested the appointment of David Packard and William Rehnquist to the Board of Overseers of that Institute one week after the firing of Maoist Professor H. Bruce Franklin. After declaring themselves followers of Mao and Sitting Bull, the group moved to two other locations on the Stanford campus to continue the rehabilitation of the university.

One of these groups went to the office of Robert Byers, University News Service agent. The objective behind occupying his office was to focus attention on the extent of rehabilitation that is necessary in the university. Department of Defense research in developing weapons systems and technology--the subject of last week's rehabilitation--is only the most visible and blatant work in the university that is used to oppress people in the world. More subtle, but just as damaging, are those who control the media and ideology of the society. Robert Byers, in his role as university news agent, has shaped the thinking of thousands of people through his press releases in the name of the entire Stanford community.

Under the guise of reporting the news, he has been witness to many events to which he subsequently testified--each time on behalf of the university. He was an instrumental witness in the prosecution of Bruce Franklin in the advisory board proceedings, in obtaining the injunction against Franklin and others, and in previous student discipline cases. This bias has been similarly present in his press releases.

The Stanford Rehabilitation Movement is working to make the university and its agents responsible to the vast majority of people in the work world who are now struggling for control over their own lives.

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