

## THE STANFORD REHABILITATION MOVEMENT

The Stanford Rehabilitation Movement is clearly an ongoing process of political struggle. It seeks not only to re-instate Bruce Franklin or get DoD war research off campus, but also to "rehabilitate" the University, so that we will have control of our own lives, so that Third World peoples will cease being oppressed by Stanford, so that our "perception of reality" will flourish and become reality rather than convictions that are repressed by the University.

This means that the movement will be a protracted struggle--a People's War.

At Stanford, a people's war must develop its own strategy to best fit the concrete conditions. In the past, the strategy of segmented actions, i.e., of a rally and a sit-in, could not succeed in mobilizing people towards a protracted struggle, because there was no feeling of continuity and community. After each action, people dispersed. The emphasis was on the impact of the spontaneous action rather than on building an ongoing movement.

To achieve continuity, two concepts must be put into practice: The concept of an operational base area, and the concept of affinity groups acting like operational units.

The strategy of people's war is that the people must secure some safe place for organizing, for communications, for building towards a feeling of community.

The People's Memorial Church, principally because it is a safe area, serves well as an operational base. Regardless of whatever actions may take place outside the operational base, that base will always exist as a center for new people to go to find information, for community activities, for meetings. In the event of sit-ins, it will be possible for people to secure a building, leave it when necessary, return to the base, and plan for another mobile take-over. This is why the liberated area must be the heart of an on-going process. Professors in the movement should move their classes there. A command post manned by volunteers 24 hours a day would ensure that the Church would always be the communications and organizing center.

### REHAB SQUADS

An affinity group is the basic unit through which people operate. Small, close, in constant contact with each other outside of mass meetings, the members would discuss among themselves political ideas, specific actions they could take, implement them, and in general develop a sense of continuity and community.

Called "Rehab Squads", these groups could be formed by people in dorms, departments, by people who met initially in the Church etc. The multitude of ideas and tasks which make up a community could be effectively undertaken by Rehab Squads. (e.g. Organizing films, classes, mimeographing, manning shifts in the Church, cleaning up, forming rap teams to go to the dorms, guerilla theatre, etc.) In time stress, like in a sit-in, the Squads would provide unity, safety and cohesive action. Squads should choose a leader who is trusted to provide leadership for their group in tight situations so that the group doesn't split up and run every which way in the event of attack.

Eventually each Squad of about 6 people would send a representative to a coordinating group, which would coordinate the chores and mass actions. The committee would also keep track of all the plans and actions that Rehab Squads are doing and suggesting, as well as plan detailed tactics of a particular action decided by the group at large. This, of course, does not preclude mass meetings to discuss general strategy and tactics which can and should be discussed openly.

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