

Today the "trial" of Bruce Franklin enters its second week. Today, also, the felony trial of seven people arrested at Stanford Medical Center April 9 begins in San Jose.

The same administration which is trying to fire Bruce Franklin sent 175 riot police to vamp on peaceful demonstrators at Stanford Hospital. It's a good thing people fought back against that reactionary violence.

Both these trials constitute Stanford's response to the movement of students, workers and community people to make Stanford serve the people instead of the ruling class

FREE THE SMC 31

REINSTATE BRUCE FRANKLIN

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On Saturday, Advisory Board Chairman Donald Kennedy finally blew it. Showing his true colors, he sustained an objection to Bruce Franklin asking a police witness about the Bill of Rights and then responded to Bruce's righteously vehement reply by suddenly recessing the hearing.

This disruption of the defense came at a crucial time. Bruce was cross examining "Moose" Maron, 3rd in command of the Santa Clara County Sheriff. Bruce had just shown that Maron had no basis to declare an illegal assembly outside the Computer Center.

Bruce then asked: "Are you as familiar with the Bill of Rights as you are with section 416 of the Penal Code (Illegal Assembly)?"

The disruption by Kennedy and Prosecutor Fisher followed.

When Kennedy and the Board came back, he pretended his sustaining the objection was based on the "tone of voice" in which it was asked and not its content.

Kennedy keeps insisting that the essence of a "fair trial" is bourgeois decorum.

Besides the fact that any tone directed at a hostile witness is appropriate we know from experience that those quiet witty judges, with perfect decorum, are, when the verdict comes down, the most fascist of all.

Bruce replied; "I feel very, very strongly about peaceful assembly. I hold it to be maybe even more important than the right of free speech, because unlike you all (pointing at the Board) I do not accept the dichotomy between mind and body. That's why I was the only one of you all who was there to protect the rights of the people."

In his opening day remarks, Bruce Franklin had already explained that bourgeois freedoms, although they were better than slavery under the aristocracy, are not equally applied and do not represent a very high degree of freedom. The role of Communism, he explained, is to take people to a higher, and less limited, degree of freedom."

Maron is a trained professional police witness. Still he had trouble explaining his basis for declaring an illegal assembly.

He also testified that he had been watching Franklin and other revolutionaries for years in connection with every single "campus disturbance." Marron said that he distinguished faculty observers and others exempt from the dispersal order by their "behaviour and attitude" toward police and by their "danger potential."

Marron testified he had a report that a deputy named Loudon tried to grab Bruce while he was debating with Sgt. Tamm. That incident spearheaded the police charge.

Moose further told how he held a conference with John Barr, Craig Brown, Robert Rosensweig (asst. to President Lyman), Bruce Wiggins and John Schwartz

in order to plan the police attack on the Computer Center, to "get them out of there."

[Brown is the D.A. prosecuting most of the Stanford Medical Center 31 and Barr testified in a Redwood City court last week that an alarm clock, mysteriously produced in a illegal raid on a Venceremos home, was really a bomb.]

A previous witness named Montgomery, head of security at the Comp Center, finally admitted on re cross (after giving two other stories) that he was aware, on February 10th, that the SRI accounts had been closed "because of activities on campus."

[SEE SEPERATE STORY ON SRI'S GAMUT H PROJECT.]

FREE ALL THE PEOPLE

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The SRI Computer program, GAMUT H, which was running on Stanford's computer last February, was described as an "analysis of helicopter operations." It was a simulation of an amphibious assault designed toward optimum speed and efficiency in the deployment of helicopters carrying vehicles, troops and artillery.

The program was funded under a continuing contract between SRI's Naval Warfare Research Center and the Defense Department's Office of Naval Research.

Three types of ships and six types of helicopters were used in the simulated assault.

Three of the choppers were the Heavy Lift Helicopter, the Chinook and the Super Jolly Green Giant which are transports used to carry artillery ammo, guncrews, and others equipment for support to combat forces.

Two other choppers are known as the Cobra and Iroquois, which are gunships designed for fire support, armed escort and armed reconnaissance. The Cobra and the Iroquois spearheaded the invasion of Laos.

Helicopters are used in Southeast Asia to provide "vertical mobility" to counterinsurgency warfare techniques developed for the Pentagon by such think tanks as the Hudson Institute and SRI.

It was this program which occasioned the local anti war movement to attempt to shut down the Stanford Computation Center last February 10.

On that day, SRI, responding to the power of a mass movement, announced that they would not continue the project on the Stanford computer and further, according to a press release by university Provost William Miller, "instituted a temporary ban on all SRI usage of the University's computer."

GAMUT H is but a small concrete example of the nature of Stanford University, its imperialist and counterinsurgent nature, and its dealings with the Department of Defense.

All power to those who fight together with the revolutionary peoples of the world in the struggle against U.S. Imperialism.