

## STARTLING BAY AREA COUP

In a well-coordinated attack this morning Bay Area radicals seized the San Francisco Peninsula. Bitter fighting was reported in Atherton, but the rest of the area remained calm, apparently still recovering from the shock of the coup, the first in U.S. history.

Eldridge Cleaver, 33, the black revolutionary, emerged from hiding and was proclaimed Maximum Leader. Cleaver led the mainly white crowd in singing the new national anthem, "Happiness Is a Warm Gun."

At Stanford University, crack commandos of S.D.S. occupied key centers, meeting little resistance. Stanford president, Kenneth Pitzer, flew to Washington shortly after the first outbreak of gunfire. He took several university officials with him.

Deans Smith, Wyman and Packer, however, are all being held under house arrest by the militants. Dean Wyman issued a statement this morning inviting the revolutionaries to "come up and see me in my office." Unknown to him, his office and the rest of the Old Union were sacked and destroyed at about 9 A.M., Pacific time.

Dean Packer, however, threatened the youngsters with "criminal sanctions" for their actions. "Revolutions are illegal," said lawyer Packer. "It's a well-known fact. That's all there is to that."

### PANTS DOWN

Bay Area law enforcement agencies were caught completely off guard by the attacks. Most Peninsula police departments, including Palo Alto's, were in San Francisco, to attend the re-opening of San Francisco State College.

The revolution began shortly after 8 A.M., when an overpass collapsed on the Bayshore Freeway, just south of San Francisco. All traffic was stalled as far back as Sunnyvale. Many stranded motorists are reported to have begun dismantling billboards and raiding produce trucks.

Although the revolt seems to have been planned mainly by students, the area's workers have surprisingly rallied to its banner. Office and factory workers streamed out of Varian, Hewlett-Packard, Philco and other large plants chanting "Work Stinks!" and "More Revolutions!" Red and black flags waved over many plants this morning, including that of the Wall Street Journal.

"Thank God it's here!" said Simon Carfunkel, 54, a typesetter at the plant.

### REGISTRATIONS?

Back at Stanford, today was registration day. Lines were progressing "as normal" but at the end of the process all students were being presented with an unusual gift: their diplomas.

"But I'm only a freshman," complained one girl. "What am I going to do for the next three and a half years?"

"This used to be a prestige school," said one young man. "Now it's nothing but a... diploma mill."

"How can they do this?" moaned a dolly. "I'm not even pinned yet."

Commenting on the revolution, a young faculty member remarked, "The next thing you know they'll be abolishing grades."

R. Media, the new Coordinator of Destalinization at Stanford, said however that grades weren't being abolished--- teachers were. Student response to this is reported to have been good.

In Washington, Dr. Pitzer is reported to be asking President-elect Nixon to make the 18 year old vote a matter of top priority in his Administration. But as one fourteen year old rebel said, as he lounged in ex-Police Chief Hyde's chair, "So who needs to vote?"