

STUDENTS SIT IN AT ATOMIC ENERGY LABORATORIES IN PROTEST AGAINST CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE RESEARCH, COUNTERINSURGENCY RESEARCH, AND CLASSIFIED DEFENSE CONTRACTS--

At a mass meeting attended by more than a thousand Stanford students, faculty, and members of the community last night, the vote was overwhelmingly taken to occupy the Atomic Energy Laboratories till such time as the Board of Trustees calls a halt to chemical and biological warfare research and counter-insurgency research at the AEL and at Stanford Research Institute.

The move came after the Board of Trustees 1) refused to cancel the counterinsurgency research, which is used to combat wars of liberation in Southeast Asia, especially in Thailand and Laos, as well as in Vietnam. 2) Refused to allow an open meeting to decide the issue in public.

At this moment, there are hundreds of people occupying the building, and all work has been stopped.

The work at SRI and AEL involved the development of nerve gases, anti-crop and defoliant sprays, a sometimes lethal form of tear gas known as CS, which has been used in Vietnam, and certain forms of napalm research. On the Board of Directors of SRI are men associated with such defense industries as General Dynamics Corp., Northrup Corp., Douglas Aircraft Corp., and the Food, Machinery and Chemical Corp.

In the field of counter-insurgency, SRI has done studies for the United States government on the methods of dealing with guerilla warfare, advisory studies on the political situation in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, and other Southeast Asian countries, has done studies for the Army Electronic Material Agency "directed towards the improvement of tropical military communications," "airborne position location development, reconnaissance techniques," the vulnerability of helicopters to ground fire," and, in one of it's major projects, SRI has been designing electronic equipment for intrusion detection in Vietnam.

In 1962, SRI began research on Project Agile, under contract from the Pentagon. Initially, Project Agile was concerned mainly with the testing and development of weapons for Vietnam--but with the increase in guerilla warfare in Thailand, the program began to build counter-insurgency capabilities for the Thai oligarchy.

There are many other contracts from the defense department, too many to go into here, and many more we do not even know the nature of.

We do know, however, that SRI and it's related projects on campus and off campus must be stopped. At the Atomic Energy Lab alone, \$2,000,000 in defense contract research goes on. The sit-in has put a stop to that for now.

~~TONIGHT, THERE WILL BE A BAND PLAYING FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE AEL THEIR HOME. YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED. THE SCENE HERE IS ONE OF PEACE, BUT ALSO ONE OF MILITANCY--ONE OF DETERMINATION THAT THE RESEARCH WHICH SERVES TO KILL AND SUPPRESS THE UPRISING PEOPLES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA MUST BE STOPPED.~~

IT'S OUR JOB TO MAKE IT STOP...AND YOURS.

