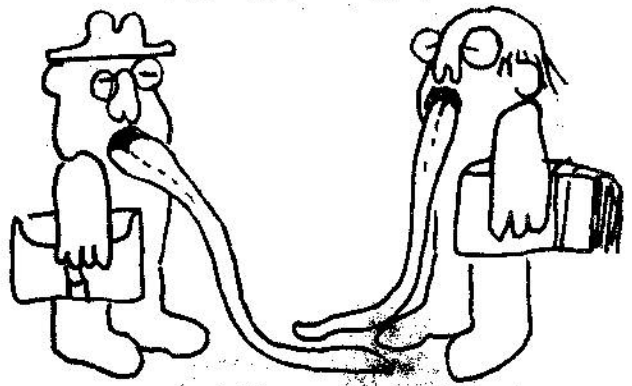


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## Model for Future?

Whether or not our action has already caused students at 50 or 100 universities across the country to begin movements against war research and counterinsurgency, its major significance will undoubtedly be the model of action - a model concerned with major issues and based on a long educational program for future student movements.

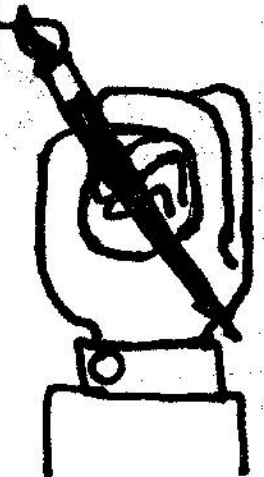
Numerous pamphlets and articles from Through the Looking Glass to the SRI pamphlet, along with countless rallies and speeches, made up the six month educational offensive. A series of minor confrontations coupled with this action resulted in the March 11th meeting with the trustees, where fourteen hundred students, after seeing Bill Hewlett proudly proclaim that he used to manufacture nerve gas, shouted their concern for the issues that have brought us here to the Applied Electronics Lab.

Both the educational campaign and the nature of our demands set this demonstration apart from others. Our demands are no longer concerned with free speech issues: our demands are now concerned with the assorted forms of death that Stanford University creates. We have realized that the ABM is related to Stanford's Industrial Park, and that the existence of the draft is related to the Vietnam War. These things exist not by accident, but by the design of a special interest group. We have se-

lected Chemical Biological Warfare research and counterinsurgency research because they are the most gruesome issues. We choose them because we challenge the trustees' legitimacy to decide whether or not this work will be done by research at Stanford and implemented throughout the world.

Student movements are concerned with serious issues, for careful analysis of complex social problems leads to ACTION.

*I sit in  
you sit in  
he sits in  
we sit in  
you sit in  
they kill*



# Why We're Here

We are sitting in the Applied Electronics Laboratory, AEL, and as we are here, no research will be performed in the Systems Techniques Laboratory on the second floor of this building. The decision to occupy AEL and to stop the research here is predicated on a moral imperative. The call for "reasonable and rational" dialogue is being used to direct our attention away from the brutal actions that are a daily occurrence in Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand, and the moral responsibility which falls on us as Americans as a result of those actions. When everyday brings greater destruction of life it is reasonable and rational to actively resist that policy.

Recognizing that the issue of war research at Stanford and SRI is, in fact, a matter of life and death for those who are affected by that

without a mandate from the trustees. We know that we cannot stop all of the research in CBW and counterinsurgency; we cannot stop all classified research and research in support of the war effort in SE Asia. But we can stop some of the research. Every day that we sit in this building and prevent the performance of applied, classified research in the Systems Techniques Lab, we retard the development of more sophisticated electronic warfare techniques for use in present and future counterinsurgency operations directed against the peoples of the Third World.

We have chosen the AEL not only as a symbol but a fundamental source of oppression both here and abroad. Without the radar jamming systems made here American bombers would not fly over North Vietnam

research, we find the failure of the trustees to act upon the demands of the April 3 Community Meeting totally unacceptable. If we allow the Board of Trustees to postpone making a decision on our demands until May or June, we will be responsible for the lives lost, the homes and villages razed, the crops destroyed.

We have occupied AEL in order to show that research which leads to death, destruction, and the denial of freedom can be stopped.

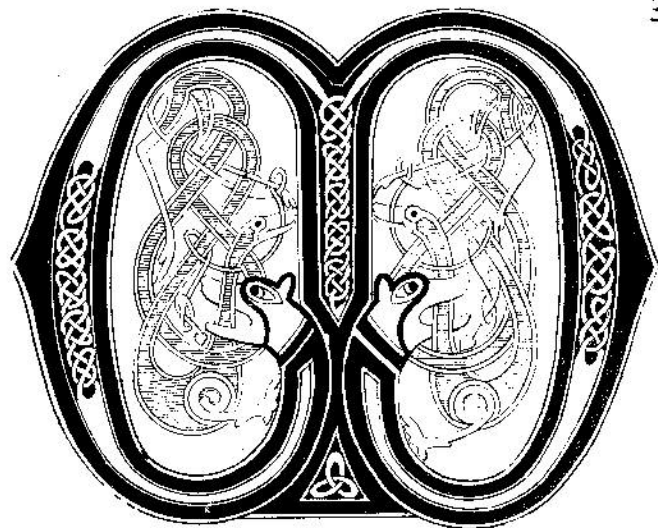
(now Cambodia and Laos). The ABM system being developed here not only costs the people of America billions of dollars in taxes, but stimulates the arms race, increasing the possibility of nuclear holocaust.

We know that stopping the research at AEL and STL is not enough. We also know that we do not have enough bodies to occupy all buildings in which war and defense related research is performed. The decision to terminate socially unacceptable

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# TODAY'S TRUSTEE:

Edmund Littlefield



There are many Stanford trustees who might be considered imperialists but Edmund Wattis Littlefield holds the rare distinction of being president of a company engaged in domestic, as well as foreign, imperialism.

The Utah Construction and Mining Company has mining operations in Peru, Australia, Chile, and New Zealand. Utah also mines 2.5 million tons of coal per year from mines on a Navaho Indian Reservation in Arizona. The coal is sold to the Arizona Public Service Company, whose chief officer, Walter T. Lucking, is an SRI director. So is Mr. Littlefield.

Although Utah has contracted such major domestic landmarks as the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and the Hoover Dam (both of which were contracted by the Government while Ray Lyman Wilbur was Secretary of the Interior under Herbert Hoover), over 58% of Utah's present revenues come from foreign operations. The rest of Utah's money comes from domestic coal, copper, and uranium. Most of Utah's uranium goes to the U.S. Government for submarine fuel, and atomic bombs, etc. Some is sold to General Electric Company. Mr. Littlefield is a director of General Electric.

Conservationists in the East Bay were disappointed when Utah announced it was starting a granite quarry in Southern Alameda County. The quarry will lower a ridge be-

tween two state parks by over 300 feet. Thus the scar will be visible from both parks. But people in this area are used to the fact that Utah's conservation policies are non-existent. In 1955 Utah filled 378 acres off Alameda in San Francisco Bay for a match-box residential development and shopping center. In 1968 Utah completed filling an 893-acre site near the Oakland airport for another residential development. The South San Francisco Industrial Park, 340 acres of former marshlands, is owned by Utah. Utah once attempted to buy Palo Alto's bayfront lands, but this was thwarted by the local conservationists.

Sitting on Utah's board of directors to help Mr. Littlefield plan business activities are Ernest ("Stinky") Arbuckle, former Dean of the Biz School (and presently chairman of SRI and Wells Fargo Bank-- but that's another story) and Alf E. Brandin, Stanford's business manager. Littlefield and Arbuckle see each other often, since Ed is a director of Wells Fargo and they're both directors of Hewlett-Packard.

When Ed isn't at a board meeting or having dinner at the Pacific Union Club, he helps spread the cause of global Americanism as a member of the Committee for Economic Development. So if you're interested in infiltrating the CIA, see Littlefield.



# March 4 Can Dig It

We can recognize the sit-in at AEL as an expression of deep concern about the direction of present scientific policy at Stanford and SRI. The demonstration must be accepted as a positive statement of the profound moral feelings of a large segment of this community. The sit-in at AEL is not an isolated protest. Whether the tactic is agreeable or not, the concern is shared by us all.

We regard the trustees' response of April 8 as a complete failure to recognize the mandate for reordering scientific priorities.

We call upon the Stanford area scientific community - those who on March 4 expressed concerns common to those of the demonstrators - to make their feelings known.

We call for the strengthening of ties between SRI and Stanford, in order to redirect the efforts towards the solution of pressing social problems.

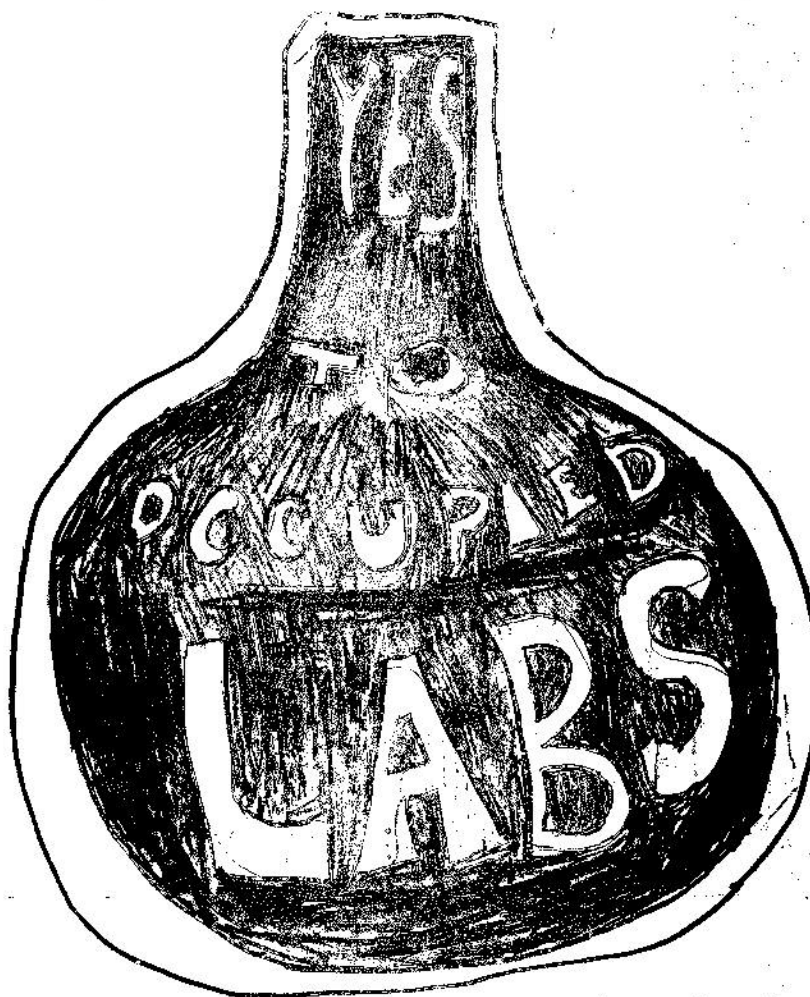
We call for the cessation of classified research at Stanford and SRI.

We call for the cessation of all CBW research at Stanford and SRI.

We call for the cessation of all counterinsurgency research at Stanford and SRI.

## THE COMMITTEE FOR MARCH 4

(Group sponsoring convocation on the role of science in society.)



Policy Statement passed unanimously at the Coordinating Committee--4/10 of the Midpeninsula Free University

Since it has become obvious that Stanford University and its Research Institute are involved in the systematic murder of our fellow human beings in Southeast Asia and the Third World, and since the extent of these crimes now surrounds us in this community, the Midpeninsula Free University must take its stand.

We support the demands of the April 3 Coalition to end this involvement, and the actions in which the Coalition and its supporters are engaged for the immediate implementation of these demands. Our facilities will be available to the Coalition and our members will add to their strength.

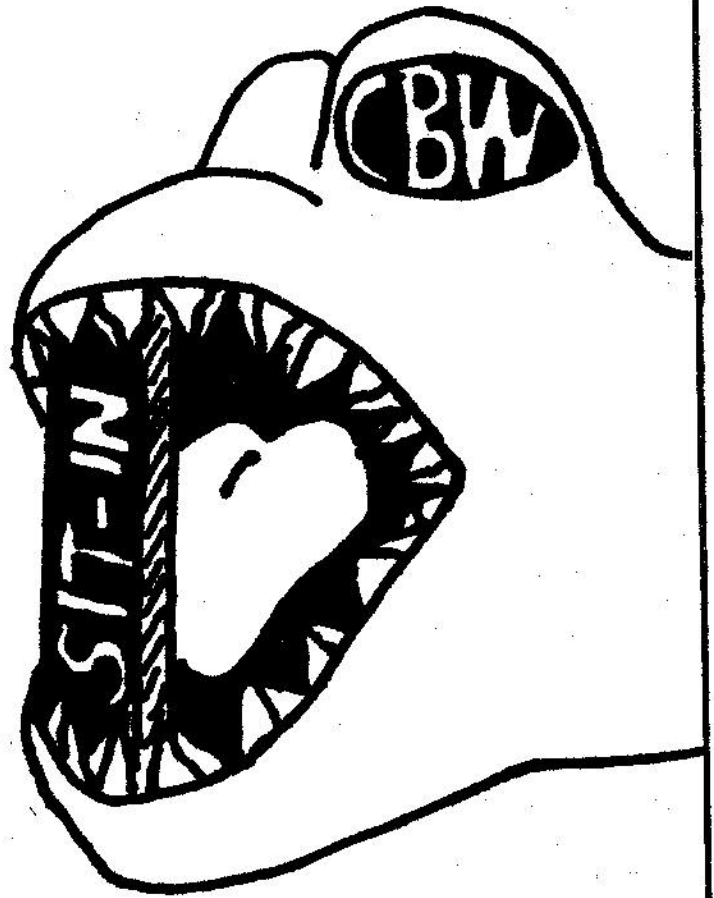
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ceptable research at Stanford and SRI must come from those who are legally entrusted with the control of the University and its affiliate institutions: the Stanford Board of Trustees. The Board has already indicated its position on this issue by their refusal to meet or discuss openly the demands.

We see that the men who govern the University have a vested interest in continuing counterinsurgency. Some of the trustees are directors of companies which have investments in underdeveloped countries, investments which would be seriously threatened by an indigenous movement to effectively prevent penetration and manipulation of their economy; others are directors of defense-oriented firms which depend upon large military expenditures and which benefit from the performance of defense-related research at Stanford and SRI. Since we are asking the trustees to make a decision which will be detrimental to their own concerns, they will not make that decision willingly; they will make that decision only in response to very strong pressure from the Stanford community.

By sitting in at AEL we are bringing the issue of Stanford's war research to the attention of the community in a very powerful way. We will continue to communicate our concerns with those who are not presently involved in the sit-in. We urge members of the Stanford/Midpeninsula community who share our concerns to join us, if not by sitting-in, then in other supportive actions. Join in leafleting the employees at SRI and at defense-related or trustee-directed firms in the Industrial Park. We urge faculty to hold classes at AEL during the sit-in or to use class time for discussion of the issues. We ask you to come



to AEL and talk with us, to talk with others in the community. If you do not feel well enough informed to take a stand on Stanford's participation in the war and its role in the defense economy, read our literature; discuss the issues, become informed. If you feel you cannot take the particular action which we have taken we encourage you to create your own alternatives. We ask you to recognize the urgency and the crucial nature of the issues we have raised; take a stand and act on it.

## AEL-HP!

According to Stanford Engineering News, Nov. 1966, the Applied Electronics Laboratory was completed in 1957. It was a gift from David Packard '34 and William Hewlett '34.

About 15 people sleeping on the ivy in front of AEL, awakened yesterday morning to 5 am.--not to a glorious sunrise, but to the startling glare of a flashlight in their faces. The police were good natured, though. Other groups of students rose to the cries of "Hot ckaes. Bacon."

Back to the "Ivy 15." 5:15 the students were re-awakened--not by flashlight, but by flash-floods. The gardener had arrived and seemed annoyed to find people blossoming from his ivy. Just as the spray ended, the lights of the TV cameras flashed on taking pictures of the students. Turning to the gardener, who was still wielding the hose, the camera and cameraman got theirs too; everyone ended up wet except the gardener who angrily explained he had a job to do to feed his wife and kids.

The cameraman woke other students. While setting up their equipment, they told sleepy students to act normal, "as if the lights weren't here."

It seems cameramen often had trouble focusing on subjects of real interest. They zoomed in on bewildered, irritated groups of AEL employees rather than on the groups that included students rapping with employees. Cameramen often posed pictures, asking one girl to stand with a policeman at a coffeepot.

Another difficulty arose at the 7:30 meeting last night. Although it was clearly the "sense" of the group that cameramen be allowed to take pictures and that the bright lights be on, it was also the clear sense of an exhausted Doron Weinberg that carried him a glaring nuisance.

Doron was also having problems with the "fucking overhang" without any supports on which many students were sitting. Pebbles kept sliding noisily down a drain pipe at any move by the cramped students. Students had a choice of finding other seats, sitting still for two hours, or sitting on the drain hole.

We had visitors from the "Radi-

# The Scene at AEL

cal Right" yesterday. In the morning one person saw two members of that community trying to "sabotage" AEL, hopefully to cause enough damage that it would hurt our cause and our financial situation. Then a fight between Doug Green and Jim Johnson began. And an overhead comment: "Let then stay here tonight--we'll kick their asses out in the morning." And worst: the walkie-talkie rightists in Army jackets, walking around sounding very intimidating, trying to scare people into believing the bust was on its way.

On the lighter side: someone reading a book called Political Participation (about traditional, within-the-system methods); someone saying, "I just finished talking with Peter Rabbit. He's an AP man in New York;" asking Associate Dean of Students Willard Wymen if he had seen any local color and the reply: "Let me tell you what I saw two dogs doing this afternoon."

Local color: warm homemade raisin bread; a violinist and folk dancing; puppy dogs; your friendly local capitalist vending truck profiting from our moral decision.

And in Bill Rambo's office: a "World Day of Solidarity With Cuba" poster; 15 peace creepers; a blue (crepe mache) piggy bank; a poster of Che staring at photos of Rambo's daughters; and, would you believe, a game of "Executive Waste-Basket Ball?"



# LIMIT

# ACADEMIC

# FREEDOM?

We have demanded that the University halt all CBW, counterinsurgency, classified, and other war-related research. Some faculty members have expressed concern that this may be establishing a dangerous precedent of one group imposing its morals on another and leading to a future University with purely arbitrary decisions as to what one may or may not research or teach.

The moral belief behind our demand is that a university cannot participate in research that will lead to death and destruction. The fear that these beliefs will be extended to include all academic areas can only emerge when the issue is considered in the abstract but not the concrete.

To illustrate, consider a group of mothers obstructing traffic in a dangerous intersection to dramatize the need for a traffic signal. While the theoretical argument can be made that this flaunting of a traffic regulation will lead to a flaunting of all traffic regulations or even all of society's laws, reality proves that this is not the case. It may lead to protests at other dangerous intersections, but that is helpful not dangerous to society.

We are demanding the end to all war related research in this University and its affiliates. Ordinary academic research will not be prohibited. It may lead to the end of war-related research at other universities. If so, a peaceful and just world will be that much nearer.



## Peace Clause in SRI Charter

The Stanford Research Institute was originally organized by the formulation of a charter by Stanford's Board of Trustees. These Articles of Incorporation, executed on October 24, 1946, continue to govern SRI's operations today.

This charter states that the "Board of Trustees of Stanford University shall be the General Members of the corporation" of SRI.

The charter is explicit in placing SRI under the complete control of the Trustees.

"The Institute has its own Board of Directors which exercises all the powers of the corporation not reserved to the General Members....Directors of the Institute are elected by, and may be removed by, the General Members."

The Charter also goes into great detail concerning the purposes for which SRI was formed. The most interesting of these is hidden in the middle of the lengthy list:

"To promote and foster...the improvement of the general standard of living and the peace and prosperity of mankind."