

MESSAGE FROM THE APRIL 3 MOVEMENT TO THE STANFORD COMMUNITY

Voted by the People, at AEL, April 17, 1969

1. Since the University is unable to agree on research guidelines, and publish them in a reasonable time, we have created our own guidelines for the University. And similarly, since the Baxter Committee on Research Policy is clearly an inadequate body which has even gone so far as to distort information, we shall now implement our own Research Review Board to screen research to be conducted in our liberated commune.

Therefore we ask our Research Review Board to consider, in public meetings, all requests from AEL staff to resume research, as long as the work meets the stipulations in our GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH AT STANFORD AND SRI. The Research Review Board will consult members from the Stanford student body, faculty, and staff, including certain AEL staff members, in its review function.

2. We believe our occupation of AEL and use of printing facilities here has helped the community understand the issue of military research on campus and the need for action.

We wish to dispel any rumors that the printing equipment has been damaged. We invite anyone to examine the printing facilities if they are concerned, and to help us operate them around the clock as we have been doing. We could also use more paper.

Our mission as a center for discussion and printing literature has not been completed as of today. We must continue for the present to provide this service to the community in AEL. Naturally it is not our only reason for remaining.

3. We wish to commend the many members of the faculty who have committed themselves to work for the sweeping reform of campus research that we have asked. But their work has scarcely begun.

The response of the Academic Senate at its meeting April 15 was token. We ask that all members of the faculty give us their pledge NOW that Stanford will do away with classified research, research for clear-cut military applications, CBW, and counterinsurgency research.

We further urge that you state your wish that SRI not be severed from the University and that the same kinds of research at SRI be ended as soon as possible.

4. We know that many in the community are worried about the presence of classified documents in locked files in AEL. We have stated repeatedly our intention not to open those files. But we do feel obligated to continue to prevent their use in research to kill Vietnamese and others in the Third World.

Join us.