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JUST BEFORE NOON TODAY OVER 400 MEMBERS OF THE APRIL 3RD MOVEMENT WERE FORCED FROM THE GROUNDS OF THE STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S HANOVER FACILITY BY SOME 150 POLICE USING TEAR GAS AND RIOT STICKS. Several demonstrators were injured but none required hospitalization. Fifteen people were arrested on charges of failure to disperse.

At dawn members of the movement began to mass on the Stanford campus in anticipation of their new effort to end war-related research on campus and at SRI. A vanguard of 40 persons was sent to the institute to 7 a.m. to set up a picket line outside the building.

The remaining members soon followed, to bolster the picket line and to set up barricades across Page Mill Road and Hanover Street in an effort to prevent SRI researchers from entering the building.

After two hours of relative quiet the last contingent of police arrived from San Jose to reinforce the hundred-odd police that had assembled from the surrounding community.

At 11 a.m. the order to disperse was given by Palo Alto Assistant Chief Clarence Anderson and tear gas canisters soon followed.

After the tear gas was fired into the crowd, demonstrators began to hurl stones at the building, breaking virtually all the windows on the Page Mill side. The police advanced down Hanover Street, clearing it of demonstrators. They then regrouped and began to pursue the demonstrators west on Page Mill road.

As soon as the demonstrators had retreated to a point where the road was bordered by barbed wire fences the police broke into a run, trapping many against the barbed wire. Some of those caught on the barbs were beaten or arrested. Medics attempting to reach the injured students were quickly beaten back by riot sticks.

According to two witnesses, one student was bound with handcuffs behind his back and then was jabbed repeatedly in the kidneys with riot sticks by the police.

Most of the demonstrators who were incapacitated by the tear gas were carried along with the retreat by those who had prepared for the use of gas by donning water-soaked medical masks and goggles.

After being forced from the immediate vicinity of the SRI facility, the demonstrators regrouped outside the police lines. At 12:30 p.m. they marched along El Camino Real back to the Stanford campus.

Bail for each of the arrested, set at 315 dollars apiece, was posted in the late afternoon and the demonstrators were released.