

SPEAK OUT FOR STANFORD -- JOIN CAC

The events of the next few days and weeks may decide whether Stanford remains a great university--a bastion of reason and academic freedom--or goes the way of Columbia and SF State toward hate, chaos, and loss of its most valuable personnel. THE CHOICE IS UP TO YOU!

We have heard again and again on this campus that the use of violence is justified if the cause is "moral," if the "injustice" is sufficiently great. If an important fraction of the Stanford Community supports this view, no matter what the cause, the end is predictable. Historically, the end has always been the same, and those who do not recall the lessons of history are condemned to repeat its mistakes.

Five hundred years ago in Florence a man named Savonarola laid claim to a "higher morality." Spouting religious doctrine he incited the people and brought down the house of Medici. He continued to practice "moral politics" according to his personal conscience. In about a year, the people of Florence built a special platform in his honor, in the center of the Piazza della Signoria, just high enough so that all could see --on which he was burned. This is where it ends--in madness and catastrophe.

Earlier in this century, a very successful politician adopted the doctrine that violence is justified for "moral causes." He said among other things:

"The very first essential for (political) success is a perpetually constant and continued use of violence."

This man was directly responsible for the slaughter of six million of his fellow men by the most horrible and inhumane methods. Indirectly, he was responsible for the death of millions more. In case you have not already guessed it, his name was

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It has been argued that changes will not come at Stanford unless violence or coercion is used. This is totally untrue. The AAUP report of October 1968 recommends 53 changes. Nearly half of them have already been fully implemented; many more are under study for later action. No coercion or violence has been brought to bear on a single one of these issues--only persuasion and rational discussion.

Was the AEL sit-in necessary to change research policy? Certainly not! A simple petition to the Academic Senate would

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assuredly have brought the same result since the vote on the issue was overwhelming. A petition might have taken a little longer, but it would have avoided the enormous costs in time, in disruption, in hate, in mistrust, and most important the damage to the pride and careers of honorable and intelligent men, members of our community.

The Senate is considering a procedure whereby any representative petition from students or from the elected student government will be considered and acted on promptly. This procedure has been crowded from the Senate agenda by the recent sit-in. CAC supports the procedure. How about you?

The leaders of the SDS have changed hats; they now parade under the banner of the April 3 Coalition, and they ran the AEL sit-in. Do not be misled. They still have the same objectives. Their motto is still, "What university function can we disrupt today?" And they do it by seeking any cause that will rally enough students to the banner of violence, distrust of their fellow man, hate, madness, and disorder.

Now is the time to speak out!
THE TACTICS ARE IMPORTANT.

Continued use of coercion can quickly destroy academic freedom without which no university can be great. Continued disruption on campus can destroy the financial bases on which the university rests.

REMEMBER

Any community in which the citizens fail to protect the governing system from coercion by fanatical minorities (moral or immoral) is suicidal.

Any community in which the citizens do not protect the individuals from coercion by self-appointed groups (minority or majority) cannot remain free.

JOIN CAC. SPEAK UP FOR FREEDOM AND RATIONAL DISCUSSION OF ISSUES.

TELL YOUR MEMBERS OF LASSU TO STOP VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS NO MATTER WHAT THE CAUSE.

FIND A MEMBER OF SDS AND TELL HIM THAT THOSE WHO WANT THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGES OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT GOES WITH IT--THE DEDICATION TO RATIONAL, OPEN DISCUSSION, AND THE PRESERVATION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

COALITION FOR AN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Open to Stanford students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

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Please list my name as a member of the Stanford
COALITION FOR AN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Regardless of my views on any political issue, I pledge myself to work for change only through rational discussion, persuasion, and presentation of facts. I agree to work against the use of violence, sit-ins, and coercion in settling university affairs, no matter what the issue.

Name (Please Print)

Signature

University affiliation

Local address

Telephone

I want to support CAC. I am interested in helping with each of the activities checked below.

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- Telephoning Members
- Running duplicating machines
- Serving on student Committees
- Research and Resources

I enclose (pledge) _____ dollars to CAC for Spring 1969.
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