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Kenneth Pitzer brings to the Stanford Trustees just what they've been looking for: a compliant liberal <sup>servant</sup> ~~lackey~~ with perfect connections to industry, academia, and the Federal Government.

From his humble origin as the son of a Southern California land baron, Pitzer has risen to become one of the most powerful men ~~in~~ in America's military-scientific elite corps. He has well displayed the skills of administrative competence and political savvy without which the American Empire could not survive.

→ ~~But~~ Who is Kenneth Pitzer? ←

First of all, he's a scientist. He was a professor of pure chemistry at Cal until 1943, when he moved to the Maryland Research Laboratory to do weapons research for the OSS (now the CIA).

Pitzer's service to the Free World yielded great rewards: he returned to Cal after the war as chairman of the Chemistry College. But he did not forget his country: from 1949-1951 he served as director of research of the Atomic Energy Commission <sup>(AEC)</sup>, where he was influential in America's decision to make the first H-bomb.

In 1958 Eisenhower ~~pleased with Pitzer's performance,~~ appointed him to the General Advisory Committee of the AEC. Pitzer was chairman of this committee by 1960: the top of the <sup>academic - AEC</sup> ~~atomic energy~~ totem pole.

Politically, Pitzer has surfaced many times to serve and defend his country: <sup>as</sup> ~~as~~ a prominent accuser of J. Robert Oppenheimer in 1954, <sup>as</sup> ~~as~~ an opponent of Linus Pauling's 1957 petition to stop nuclear testing, and as organizer of



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Scientists and Engineers for LBJ in 1964. This time it was Johnson who rewarded Pitzer ~~xxxxxxxx~~ in 1965 Pitzer was appointed to the President's Scientific Advisory Committee (PSAC).

We have all heard how Pitzer, as president of Rice University in Houston, played liberal David in felling the Goliath of segregation and opened ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> doors of Rice to black people. It is not quite so widely known that he had to do this under threat of losing government and foundation grants. After four years there are about five blacks among Rice's 3000 students. If you question this point, Pitzer may call you a member of "that small hard core of extremists with the greatest arrogance and the least faith in their country." Whose country?

If Pitzer seems a bit out of touch with what's happening on our college campuses, perhaps it's because he spends too much time ~~with~~ with his business buddies on Rice's Board of Trustees.

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Examples are George Brown of Brown and Root, famous for building Camrahn Bay and LBJ; Oveta Culp Hobby of the Houston Post and the Hobby Foundation (a CIA front); and Stanford's own Gardiner Symonds, chairman of Tenneco, Inc., a \$3.5 billion conglomerate which is now under-taking extensive "development" <sup>operations</sup> in Indonesia.

→ ~~Hewlett~~ Will Pitzer fit in at Stanford? ←

Pitzer ~~xxxxxxxx~~ should have little trouble getting along with Stanford's Board of Trustees, since he knows the most important ones already: Symonds is an old friend from Houston; Ernie Arbuckle sees Pitzer at Owens-Illinois ~~board~~ board meetings; same for David Packard at RAND, and ~~Hewlett~~ Bill Hewlett knows Pitzer from PSAC. Pitzer



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won't be awed by SLAC (physical plant worth \$160 million and growing), since ~~XXXXX~~ the NASA Manned Space Center on Rice land is even bigger ~~XXXXX~~ (\$173 million). In fact, Pitzer's reception at SLAC should be quite warm: the AEC ~~paid~~ paid SLAC \$23 million in operating expenses last year.

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What about Pitzer's interest in defending the free world? He should feel very useful at Stanford, whose \$48 million in defense contracts annually ranks it third among the nation's universities.

Will Pitzer make changes at Stanford?

At a speech in Houston last June, Pitzer said, "Throughout history, universities have suffered whenever and wherever they have become tools of political or ideological power. In voluntary or enforced betrayal of their central teaching role, these institutions ultimately helped undermine and even destroy the intellectual heritage they were designed to preserve and enlarge..."

Pitzer's administrative skills should help him in the task of reversing this situation at Stanford. We look forward to termination of defense and industrial contracts, as well as severing of all ties with SRI, which should be the first steps. And certainly Pitzer will expand Stanford's Board of Trustees to offset the present imbalance towards big business, finance, industry, and the military.