

STANFORD - About 125 demonstrators, mainly students, continued to hold the Applied Electronics Laboratory at Stanford early Sunday morning (APRIL 13), as their protest against classified and war-related research entered its fifth day.

A handful of unarmed campus police in plainclothes, who spent the night there, said it was "very quiet."

A petition urging the sit-in to end was put in circulation by Prof. Steven Kline, mechanical engineer. It said: "As individuals, we share the widespread concern within the Stanford community regarding the present use of our national resources, which places a high priority on programs destructive of life.

"We pledge our best efforts to direct more of these resources, and to dedicate our own time and energy toward humane purposes. We urge those now occupying the AEL to end their sit-in as a symbol of their willingness to join with us in these efforts." An initial tally on signatures was not expected until Monday.

Late Saturday afternoon, Congressman Pete McCloskey paid a surprise visit to the AEL, urging that the sit-in end. A Stanford graduate, he was attending a Law School meeting. Several faculty indicated they planned to attend a tea at AEL early Sunday afternoon.

Students have gained entry to several offices in the building, but apparently have observed their commitment not to engage in property destruction or tamper with classified files there. They have swept out the building periodically, and voted to ban alcohol and discourage drug use there.

Edward C. Ottoboni, research associate at AEL, said work there has been "completely disrupted" since the sit-in began, but "meaningful discussions" have been held between students and researchers.

"A large group of researchers feel that their work does represent a moral good and are deeply disturbed by the attempt made by the demonstrating students to enforce their moral judgments on others," he added. "The AEL staff feels questions concerning...research should be resolved by...appropriate committees." The AEL has approximately 150 employees.

On Friday afternoon, a rally attended by about 400 persons overwhelmingly demanded three special "decision-making" meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Senate of the Academic Council.

They asked the trustees to "take action" at an open campus meeting Monday (APRIL 14) on demands that there be no classified, war-related, chemical-biological warfare (CBW) or counter-insurgency research at Stanford and SRI. They said they would not leave the building until they were satisfied with these decisions.

They also demanded a special Senate session to take action on these same demands Tuesday (APRIL 15) and called for a second open trustee session on campus Thursday (APRIL 17) "to discuss and act upon the future of SRI and its relationship to Stanford." A six-month long, student-faculty committee study on this topic is scheduled for publication Tuesday, and the trustees last week said they would hold a committee hearing on campus soon after it appeared.

On April 8, the trustees also requested directors and officers of SRI to impose a moratorium on any new CBW contracts, pending the outcome of current deliberations on University-SRI ties. SRI now has two unclassified contracts with Edgewood Arsenal, representing a backlog of about \$50,000.

University President Kenneth S. Pitzer has frequently expressed his personal opposition to classified research on campus and said he would be happier if SRI had no CBW contracts. A nationally prominent chemist, he has referred student demands for changes in campus research policy to the Academic Council Committee on Research Policy. This group has three student members and plans to meet Tuesday (APRIL 15).

Last week the Senate reaffirmed its responsibility for controlling research policy on campus and said it would re-examine this topic this spring. It also voted to hold a special meeting within a week after publication of the SRI committee report.

At present there are about 12 classified contracts on campus, all of which were publicly described last fall. The AEL does about \$2 million in classified research, comprising the great preponderance of this work on campus. While reports to its sponsoring agencies are sometimes classified, the scientific information contained in them is released for publication in technical journals with "rare and minor exceptions," according to Prof. William Baxter, law, who heads the research policy committee.

The demonstrators maintain results of past AEL research are being used in Vietnam. Their protest has been supported by the Stanford local of the AFT and the International Association Policy Board, among others. The Stanford Daily telegrammed 20 college editors, saying "We seek your support." #### 4/13/68