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STANFORD - Leaders of the April 3rd Movement sitting-in at Stanford's Applied Electronics Laboratory (AEL) declared this morning (APRIL 17) "if we are successful here the next step will be to move on into the (Stanford) Industrial Park."

David Pugh, a student suspended for earlier disruptions, said the "two most important university-industrial defense complexes are at Stanford and Harvard. The two actions in these places are most significant in beginning the attack on the defense establishment.

"If the faculty can't do (defense) research here they will do it at SRI (Stanford Research Institute) or in the industrial complex. We're taking the first step toward dismantling a research center here. We will have to move on into the industrial area, then across the country to stop government defense research.

"We will definitely move into the corporations," he added. "Soon we will go to FMC Corp. which made nerve gas."

He was one of three principal speakers at a press conference called by the sit-inners. All but one, Larry Christiani, has been suspended by Stanford for previous disruptive activities.

The sit-inners gave out a pamphlet titled "The Goods on AEL" containing copies of papers relating to classified research which Christiani said were "found on desk tops, desk drawers, and in files. We did not open any locked files. No papers were destroyed, and all were returned."

Jim Schoch, the third speaker, said that chemical and biological warfare research has been going on for years at SRI, but "is stopped for now." He cited university trustees, SRI board members and Stanford administrators serving also as consultant or board members of corporations he said were involved in defense work. "It is vital to begin putting controls on such research," said Schoch. "It has got to be carefully supervised by such groups as the student board we propose to set up for AEL to decide whether it should go on or not." He had just been doing some research on the connections between Stanford and firms in the university's industrial park which he said was "incredible--it boggles my mind."

Two AEL scientists, Prof. William E. Spicer and Dr. Hermann F. Schmid, spoke to reporters after the sit-inners' press conference. "I'd like to make clear," said Prof. Spicer, "that some of the 'counter-insurgency' research they are opposed to consists of such projects as starting a business school in Peru and stringing telephone lines in Thailand.

"At AEL the principal work is in radar research and not 'death research' as it has been termed." He added that the costs of the sit-in are becoming severe as it continues, and they "will have to be paid out of the university's general funds which will hurt all of us, including the students."

The cost is \$5000 to \$6000 a day, he said, adding that the sit-inners have taken over a "quarter-million-dollar printing operation" in the laboratory basement normally used for producing research papers.

Dr. Schmid said the AEL scientists sympathize with the goals of the April 3rd Movement, and gave credit to the sit-in for focusing the university community's attention on the type of research being done.

"But we take issue with your demands to further these goals," he said, "which will hinder rather than help them." He suggested other ways such as voting, writing letters to Congress, and demonstrating by non-disruptive marches. "If disruptive tactics become too great they will not get public support, and it is the community at large you have to convince, not the university."

The demonstrators announced they have the signatures of approximately 1400 members of the Stanford community who "signed a statement of participation in the sit-in. Votes and petitions of support have been received from residences, students' associations, faculty and employees." ### 4/17/69