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STANFORD - A roving group of 50 to 100 persons, including many from off campus, picketed the Stanford Placement Office early this afternoon, then shouted outside a speech by Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin at Tresidder Memorial Union.

The start of the ambassador's talk was delayed about 15 minutes while a false fire alarm sounded and doors were closed on the chanting demonstrators. Six Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies came to Tresidder toward the end of his talk.

The ambassador completed his remarks, answered questions, and left without further incident while the police remained in the rear of the room behind his audience. There were no arrests.

Separate protests against General Electric and Zionism, organized by Students for a Democratic Society and the Arab Students at Stanford, were linked when about 30 young demonstrators, including several high school students, chased about a dozen members of the conservative Free Campus Movement to Tresidder.

During a pushing and shoving melee between the two groups in Tresidder, films taken of the Placement Office protest were stolen from FCM photographers, and Roger Reed, president of the Young Republicans, was punched in the nose. No injuries were treated at Cowell Health Center of Stanford Hospital, however.

Campus Police Chief Thomas Bell tried to keep the two groups apart, but was unable to do so. FCM Chairman Harvey Hukari Jr. said his group plans legal action against the University for failure to provide adequate protection.

Feelings against FCM have run high among radical students since films taken and identified by the conservatives were used in connection with more than 100 arrests after last May's demonstrations at Stanford Research Institute. Several scuffles broke out when FCM photographers snapped pictures of the Placement Office picket lines.

About half a dozen students failed to complete interviews scheduled there between 1 and 2 p.m., Placement Director Ralph Keller reported. One was scheduled for GE, while five had planned interviews with other firms. The front door to the building was unlocked after the lunch hour, but it was blocked by placards and trash cans placed in front by a picket line, which numbered 90 at its height.

After viewing the scene, one student and a recruiter held their interview in front of the Meyer Library. In his talk, Ambassador Rabin expressed strong criticism of the Soviet Union, charging it has sent many thousands of advisers into the Middle East and spent \$2.5 billion in supplies and war materials there.

"The Arabs urgently need peace," he commented. "The real war is against hunger, poverty, disease and ignorance." He was unshaken by the demonstration, delivering his speech with poise and occasional humor. "You're safer in Palestine at night than you are in Washington, D.C.," he quipped, as demonstrators marched outside large, curtained glass windows of the Tresidder Main Lounge.

About 300 persons heard his talk. About 20 of the shouting demonstrators outside declined an invitation to come in and ask questions.

About 90 picketed in front of the Placement Office, with about as many more onlookers. The Tresidder group fluctuated from 50 to 100. ###
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