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STANFORD - A majority of students voting in a Stanford campus referendum have expressed their support for an immediate cease fire and rapid withdrawal of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

But nearly one in five of the 3,224 students voting rate this alternative "unacceptable." The University has more than 11,400 students enrolled.

In all, more than six out of 10 students voting endorsed an immediate cease fire. Coupling this with a rapid withdrawal of U.S. forces was the most popular first choice, following by withdrawal of all forces by December 1970. Nearly six out of 10 students (59%) rated this among their top three choices.

Only 15 percent of those voting listed continuation of present policies among their first three choices. Nearly four out of 10 (38%) said incremental withdrawal of U.S. forces and "Vietnamization of the combat operations" was an "unacceptable" policy.

Several alternatives for escalation of the war were favored by less than one in 10 students voting and all were rated "unacceptable" by a majority of those participating in the referendum.

Organized by the Coalition for an Academic Community, the referendum was conducted during student elections Oct. 16-17. Results were compiled and telegraphed to President Nixon today by Coalition Chairman James Schnieder.

"The President made it quite clear that he was not going to recognize standard kinds of student protest as being a valid measurement of sentiment on the war," Schnieder said. "We believe the poll will present him with an objective analysis of student opinion, one which he would be more apt to accept."

Students were asked to rate seven alternatives, indicating those which were unacceptable.

Results, in summary, were as follows:

<u>Alternative</u>	<u>First choice</u>	<u>second</u>	<u>third</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>Unacceptable</u>
Immediate cease fire, rapid withdrawal	1185	252	213	1650 (51%)	593 (18%)
Immediate cease fire, withdrawal by 12-70	571	1147	200	1918 (59%)	332 (10%)
Gradual phase down, withdrawal by 12-70	455	369	651	1475 (46%)	396 (12%)
Immediate cease fire, Geneva Conference	218	229	426	873 (27%)	498 (15%)
Continue present policies, incremental withdrawal	262	130	83	475 (15%)	1225 (38%)
Resume limited bombing until bi-lateral cease fire	37	104	70	211 (7%)	1677 (51%)
Expanded bombing until negotiated settlement	45	68	49	162 (5%)	1825 (57%)
All-out military win policy	77	26	24	127 (4%)	1931 (60%)

The Coalition includes more than 300 students, faculty, alumni and staff committed to work for positive change through non-violent means within the campus community.

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