

SDS To Participate In Electoral Campaign

The Stanford chapter of S.D.S. has belatedly decided to participate in the national electoral campaign and has announced activities to take place both Monday, November 4, and Tuesday, November 5.

Monday, at noon, S.D.S. is sponsoring a group of outside agitators known as the San Francisco Mime Troupe. The Mime Troupe will perform some of its world-renowned skits in White Plaza. According to one S.D.S. member, "Our purpose in bringing the Mime Troupe down is to agitate."

Monday evening S.D.S. will sponsor the showing of two biased films, "Hanoi 13" and "No Game." The former is a documentary on the first half of the Mexican-American War, and the latter is a Newsreel film on the October 21, 1967, confrontation at the Pentagon. The films will be followed by a panel with representatives from S.D.S., the Committee for New Democratic Politics, and a group yet to be announced.

Tuesday morning will be dedicated to "rational dialogue" (conflicting reports are circulating, speculating on a similar fate for Monday morning). Informed members of the Stanford community have been asked to go into numerous classrooms and request that the bullshit stop for a while, and the class be permitted or urged to hold relevant political discussions.

Tuesday noon a massive rally will be held in White Plaza. The four major candidates for the Presidency have all promised to appear. George Wallace, Richard Nixon, Hubert Humphrey, and D. Candidate de la Futur will all give short campaign speeches.

S.D.S. has announced that a procession will wind

its way over to the Applied Electronics Laboratory, where the Systems Techniques Laboratory does military research which neither S.D.S. nor the Vietnamese like. A low-key sit-down is scheduled, but precise tactics may be determined by a flat-fight between various factions within S.D.S. S.D.S. promises to maintain a festive air with appearances by King Cong and the Roving Gorilla Band, although King Cong would commit the band to no specific form of action.

At 7:00 p.m. the Resistance is beginning a march from the Oval at the Head of Palm Drive to a polling place in Palo Alto, where draft cards will be cast as votes under the 1973 draft-elections act. The march will then proceed to Lytton Plaza.

Stanford S.D.S., along with Foothill S.D.S., the United Student Movement (Palo Alto high schools) and numerous other Peninsula organizations will sponsor an "Election-Night Headquarters-- The People's Party" in Liberation (Lytton) Plaza, (University at Emerson). This event will be a combination political rally-- 3 short speeches, one by Terry Cannon of the Oakland Seven-- and the Rock Festival-- the five or six bands include Mad River and Cold Blood. Because past rock festivals at Lytton Plaza have led to harassment of bands, and because the people once held their dance in Emerson Ave., arbitrarily closing the street off, we expect the Palo Alto equivalent of riot police to be present. The policy of the steering committee planning the rally is to play music as loud as necessary to insure enjoyment, and to protect bands from police harassment. Several of the organizers have predicted that, if the plaza is too small, there may be dancing in the streets election night.

THE HOURS

The Monday, October 28, meeting of S.D.S. in the Branner dining room was the usual battle of egos, but some policies and plans were agreed upon, mostly concerning the election day activities. The meeting was chaired by Mike Norton.

The first order of business was to select a chairman for this week's meeting, and Hal Hamilton was so designated. He set Saturday noon in front of Tresidder as the time and place for the executive committee meeting. It was then agreed that due to the plans for the Monday evening preceding election day, this week's meeting will be rescheduled for a time and place to be announced.

The report from the S.D.S. regional council included an announcement of the S.D.S. regional conference, to be held November 30-December 1, at San Jose State. Harry Cleaver reported that President Glaser's S.R.I. study group is awaiting the appointment of faculty and administrators.

Don Lenser next described his proposed film to be made about Stanford S.D.S. The filming would involve two crews shooting for five or six weeks. Don hopes to produce an inside, as opposed to a media-type, documentary film that we could use for internal education, or

ganizing, and fund-raising from "guilty liberals." Some members expressed the fear that the filming might influence S.D.S. policy decisions, but that objection was countered with the fact that as of now, S.D.S. has no real policies to influence, and the movie offer was accepted.

A discussion of confrontation politics ran throughout these proceedings. Some charged that by emphasizing the need to build a movement, S.D.S. was being hamstrung in its actions for fear of alienating the student body, and that we could accomplish nothing until we forced some kind of militant confrontation. A suggestion that we seize a building that night was defeated.

It was suggested that we go into various classes on Monday and Tuesday and attempt to stimulate political discussions-- the only subject felt to be relevant at such a time. The idea was adopted, and some twenty-five persons immediately signed a list to engage in these class-room discussions.

With this, the meeting was adjourned. The three hour length of the meeting gave genesis to the title of this column.

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A position paper on the proposed student-faculty investigation of the relationship of S. R. I. and the university

The war in Vietnam has reached the back pages. It is now a condition of life. The Stanford community was one of the first in the nation to express its concern, to use a mild word, with the war and its causes. That concern intensified when we realized that the war and the growing war in Thailand are here on campus, in the industrial park, and at Stanford Research Institute. That knowledge has created tension on campus. One, and only one, manifestation of that tension is the expected crisis over S. R. I. Recently, Stanford S. D. S. issued a series of demands, among them that those in the Stanford community, including faculty and trustees, cease all military and economic activity in Southeast Asia. There was a less important demand that S. R. I. make its contracts public by October 14.

Acting president Robert Glaser responded in a most unsurprising way by calling for the formation of a student-faculty investigating committee merely to look into the relationship between S. R. I. and the university. The Daily and some faculty members said that this would take the wind out of S. D. S.'s sails. To quote Bob Emery, "Not hardly," and T. S. Eliot, "That is not it at all."

For S. D. S. the real issue is America's foreign policy and Stanford's relationship to it, not intramural questions of nomenclature and organization within the university. Consequently, S. D. S. actions will be about the effects of U. S. foreign policy, and those who profit from those policies.

In making its demands S. D. S. stated four assumptions, which are stated here again, in the hope that someone will take us on our own word. One faculty committee is circulating information about us from such sources as Fortune, which we read but don't write for. Here's us by us:

1. U. S. military and economic policy in Southeast Asia oppresses and exploits the peoples of that area.
2. American universities, Stanford in particular, are integral and necessary to these policies by providing manpower and executing research.
3. We have the obligation and the right to be concerned as human beings, not by our mere definition as Stanford students, faculty, and staff.
4. We have the power, at least at the university, to stop these policies.

As for S. R. I., we said we wanted more information than we already have made public one week after the demands were promulgated. The week, until October 14, seemed like a reasonable time for these

reasons. First, the Stanford trustees who are also S. R. I. directors have access to information about S. R. I. and can therefore release it. Second, no new data can be created by any investigation of S. R. I. Third, S. R. I. must have some central registry, like an accounting department, to keep track of all its contracts and projects. This information could have been collated and distributed in one week or less by people with access to it.

Not surprisingly, in spite of statements that the investigating committee had nothing to do with S. D. S. demands, many people think that the committee is a tactic to create a cooling-off period, or more cynically, a ploy to divert attention from the fundamental issues of what the university is doing in Southeast Asia. Others see the investigation as a further indication that the academician's knee-jerk response to crisis is committee formation, followed by lamentations on failures to communicate, tapering off into concern with greater participation within the existing framework, followed by more committee formation. Meanwhile Stanford will continue to help the U. S. government run its war in Southeast Asia, and S. D. S. will act on its assumptions.

S. D. S. would like to make these suggestions to the investigating committee:

1. That the committee operate under assumptions really relevant to the concerns of the community.
2. That it make its information on S. R. I. public as soon as it receives it, especially
 - a. The funding and staff for all projects, especially the sources of the funds.
 - b. The nature, if the details, of all classified projects.
 - c. Information about the "handful" in the word of S. R. I.'s Weldon Gibson, of projects S. R. I. won't officially admit it has.
3. That the committee hold open meetings.
4. That it publish all its proceedings.
5. That the academic background and other affiliations of committee members be made public.
6. That the criteria by which committee members are selected be made public.

For its part, S. D. S. will continue to publish all it has on Stanford participation in U. S. foreign policy, and hopes the committee will use it. We wish to remind the community that S. R. I. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Stanford University and that its creation by the then trustees was not a gratuitous act. We are sure the student-faculty investigation of S. R. I. will confirm S. D. S.'s second assumption, that universities like Stanford participate in U. S. foreign policy. We hope the investigation proceeds beyond that assumption to realize both the nature of that foreign policy and our responsibility to change it and the university for the better.

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Ernest Comings Arbuckle is a business liberal. While he is undoubtedly concerned about racism and poverty, Ernie certainly doesn't advocate any major redistribution of wealth and power in America. His opposition to the Vietnam War meshes with a long-range perspective, that of integrating the underdeveloped countries into the political economies of the industrialized, capitalist West. Despite the facts that the U.S. extracted three times as much income as it invested in Latin America since 1950 and that American megacorporations won't invest in the inner cities without massive government subsidies, Arbuckle's faith in corporate America is complete.

Like other forward-looking members of the managerial class, Ernie fully understands the importance of "increased investment in human managerial resources." Since 1954 he has expressed this understanding as a Stanford Trustee, as Dean of the Stanford Graduate School of Business, and as an SRI director and board chairman. A brief glance at these fourteen years shows that Arbuckle has consciously dovetailed the resources of the Stanford community with the interests of corporate America.

He first took a seat on the Stanford board in 1954, when a court suit expanded the board from fifteen members to twenty-three, paving the way for the Stanford Industrial Park and the mushrooming Business and Engineering Schools (see the "Trustees" section of Through the Looking Glass). After four years on the board, during which time he was W. R. Grace Co.'s vice-president in charge of Central American operations (Grace has interests in sugar, tin, transportation, and local power structures), Ernie moved on to a new job, Dean of the Stanford Business School.

He was Dean for ten years. His connections and abilities left the school with its faculty doubled, a new \$5.5 million building, and a host of international business programs. The International Center for the Advancement of Management Education brings in over fifty teachers of business from underdeveloping countries for a year of advanced study. In partnership with AID, the business school set up a Peruvian branch called ESAN, in 1963. In its first two years of operation, a large number of ESAN's graduates were hired by Grace and by Marcona Mining, a subsidiary of Utah Construction and Mining, on whose board Arbuckle sits. The corporate world is often a small world.

Since Ernie has been an SRI director for many years and SRI board chairman since 1966, it is not surprising that SRI should do twenty per cent of its work (\$12 million) overseas. This work ranges from Third World investment surveys for U.S. corporations to counterinsurgency for the Pentagon. SRI has performed both AID "development" contracts and Department of Defense counterinsurgency projects in Peru. They seem to go together.

Over the years, Arbuckle has piled up directorships in corporations such as Castle and Cooke (steel pipe in Thailand, bananas in Honduras), Utah Construction and Mining (B-52 bases in Thailand), and Owens Illinois (with Kenneth Pitzer), Hewlett-Packard, and Safeway Stores, Inc., of grape fame. Ernie pushes his interests at the governmental level by serving as a Trustee of the influential Committee for Economic Development and as a member (or perhaps just a former member) of the President's Advisory Committee on Private Enterprise and Foreign Aid (which advocated investment incentive to get U.S. corporations into underdeveloped countries.)

Currently chairman of the Wells Fargo Bank, Arbuckle can look back with pride at his important role in harnessing Stanford's resources to the needs of U.S. corporate capitalism. It is competent men like Ernie Arbuckle who maintain the national interest.

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But what are the implications for the University community? SDS opposition to this research is not based on the fact that it goes on within the confines of the Stanford campus--but that it goes on. But many within the Stanford community will defend it--on the grounds that those who do it should be allowed to do their thing, under the guise of academic freedom. We cannot accept this logic for two reasons: First, the University is not taking a neutral position. In recruiting grad students, lending a building and libraries, and supplying a pool of consulting engineers, this institution is, in fact supporting the research. Secondly, the concept of academic freedom grew up in defense of the uninhibited quest of wisdom, not the development of applied technical knowledge. The ECM researcher is doing more than titillate his mind. His research is action. This is not to say that action must be banned within the University, or that all action-oriented research and study must be outlawed. SDS believes that subjective moral criteria should be applied to research on campus. That which supports immoral U.S. policy in Southeast Asia must stop. --Leonard Siegel

EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of Stanford's only wall newspaper, The Street Wall Journal, S. D. S.'s answer to yellow press on the Farm. The "other newspaper in town", the Stanford Daily, has shown a remarkable inability to adequately and correctly cover S. D. S.'s activities. In the interest of Truth and Clarity, and motivated by the desire to let the community know what we're up to, we launch this modest venture.

In the future, on this page, in addition to S. D. S. news and policy statements, we will print important developments in the community, the nation, and the world that somehow don't seem to rate coverage by the bourgeois press. We will evidence a conscious radical perspective. In keeping with S. D. S. thinking, and we will not make space available for opposing points of view, as other elements of the media are readily accessible to establishment dollars.

We think it fitting to end this statement with "The Street Wall Journal's" first editorial opinion concerning major issues of the day. And so we say, UP AGAINST THE WALL, CORPORATE LIBERALS!!

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We, the members of Stanford SDS and concerned members of the Stanford community. DEMAND that Stanford University, its wholly owned subsidiary, the Stanford Research Institute, and all members of the university community immediately halt all military and economic projects and operations concerned with Southeast Asia.

SRI Reply

The memorandum below was distributed to the staff of the Stanford Research Institute October 9, 1968.

"On October 8, a small group of Stanford students, known as Stanford Students for a Democratic Society, issued a demand that Stanford University and SRI discontinue all research work concerned with Southeast Asia. They made a variety of additional demands, including disclosure of information on all our contracts, the value of the contracts, individuals performing the work, etc. These demands were to be met by October 14.

In response to Stanford SDS, I am issuing the following statement:

SRI is engaged in contract research for hundreds of clients in many parts of the world. Some of this research is sponsored by the U. S. Government and as such is in the public interest.

SRI will continue its contract research activities in accordance with policies established by its Board of Directors. It will discharge all obligations to its clients. Therefore, the SDS demands made public on October 8 must be rejected."

Charles A. Anderson

Support T.A.'s

S.D.S. has issued a statement supporting the demands made by the Political Science and English T.A.'s of the Stanford AFT. An increase in annual salary to \$3000 and \$300 per dependent were the original substance of the demands. Those were modified by T.A.'s of the English Department to include hospitalization benefits which would be retroactive. The necessity for coverage has recently been pointed out by the hospitalization of an English T.A. It is felt that present salaries are inadequate to cover severe expenditures such as surgery.

At the first meeting between the administration and the AFT, the administration claimed that the funds were lacking for a salary increase. Some counter proposals are expected to be made before the implementation date of the demands, set for November 30th.

Although rumors have circulated concerning a possible strike, the AFT has not yet planned what action to take should the administration not concur on their priorities.

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPT.

"I helped make Mexico, and especially Tampico, safe for American oil interests. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank to collect revenue. I helped pacify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests. I helped make Honduras "right" for American fruit companies..."

Major General Smedley D. Butler
in "Common Sense", November 19, 1917

Study-Action Groups

The GI and draft group reports that group draft counseling will take place for the second time Thursday, 4:15 at Tresidder. Leafleting of GI's at airports will start as soon as the member of the group who is responsible gets off his ass.

Mike Vawter of the Black Liberation study-action group has stopped studying and started acting. After the general meeting Monday at which his proposal for an immediate takeover of a university building was put down, we contacted him in the Tresidder washroom where he was single-handedly liberating one of the stalls. When asked "Why here?", Mike responded that washrooms are especially strategic at Stanford because that's where the most productive work takes place. "besides, they wouldn't dare try rational dialogue in here." When pressed further Mike farted.

University-Research study-action group is working on a visual aid which will make information about the "Eris" more palatable. If they succeed it will be a major scientific breakthrough. "Eris" is already negotiating for the patent in an un-announced effort to make dog food palatable for humans. (It is rumored that the Chicago sanitation commission has made similar offers.) Most of this group's research efforts are being directed at the engineering department, the business school, and the industrial park.

The media study-action group reports that 1) they are acting only on spontaneous inspiration, and 2) that they have nothing to report.

The labor study-action group meets Sunday nights to discuss, among other things, the relationship of the student movement to working people.

The foreign relations study-action group meets Wednesdays at noon behind Tresidder.

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War is not as simple as it used to be. Technology's importance is rising in all styles of military conflict. The War on Vietnam is no exception. Not only are instruments such as "people sniffers" (reported to have been developed at SRI) important in discovering guerrillas, but the more conventional war depends heavily upon advances in the field of electro-magnetic warfare.

The Stanford Electronics Laboratories have a continuing yearly contract for about \$585,000 to develop electro-magnetic warfare techniques. The research is done in the Systems Techniques Laboratory in the Applied Electronics Laboratory Building. We cannot know too much about this project, for much of it is apparently classified. In the best tradition of academic research, some of the work is done by graduate students (so they can do more when they "grow up").

Electromagnetic warfare usually refers to Electronic Countermeasures (ECM)--radar-jamming devices. As I understand ECM, it generally works by re-broadcasting signals sent out by the enemy's radar devices, or by shielding one's own radar from such jamming. The type of work being done at AEL apparently involves the development of radio receivers, amplifiers, and transmitters which can be used for ECM. The work here precedes actual war production. Stanford's electronic labs does the research and development which eventually allows U.S. planes to bomb Vietnam without being detected, or stopped.

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