

SUPPORT THE BLACK UNITED FRONT

We, the members of the Peace Treaty Collective, fully support the Black United Front and hospital employees' demands. We urge all others who support the People's Peace Treaty, including the Stanford student body which ratified it in last week's election, to seriously consider also offering support to the Black United Front.

Black and brown people at Stanford hospital are engaged in a struggle against institutional racism and exploitation of workers. Sam Bridges was fired because he was trying to organize his fellow workers--when exposed the administration tried to justify the firing with a racist stereotype of his job performance. Careful investigation by the Black Advisory Council showed the falsehood of the administration's charges.

Dr. Jose Aquilar was denied tenure by the department of surgery on grounds of incompetence. Again, the grounds have been refuted point by point, and one member of the surgery department has stated that a "personality clash" is at the bottom of the problem. The excellent work which Dr. Aquilar has done in bringing Chicano students to the medical school and in serving the community through the People's Medical Center in Redwood City is at the heart of the so-called "personality clash."

The connection between these events and the People's Peace Treaty is clear. The preamble to the Peace Treaty states in part: "In rejecting the war we also reject all forms of racism and discrimination against people based on color, class, sex, national origin, and ethnic grouping which form the basis of the war policies, past and present, of the United States government." For many years the Vietnamese have been struggling for the right of self-determination. In response to this just demand, Johnson and then Nixon have directed the blatantly racist and genocidal policies of strategic hamlets, saturation bombings, free-fire zones, and now Vietnamization. When the rights of the Vietnamese are in conflict with the interests of imperialism, a military response is a simple solution, since they are only killing "nooks." When the rights of Stanford employees to organize are in conflict with the interests of the university, the administration attempts to crush them, and it starts with racial minorities.

David Packard, a policy maker for both Stanford and the Defense Department, has declared that those who oppose the war in Indochina and resist oppression at home are the system's deadly enemies. Less than twenty-four hours after Packard made that statement, Stanford reacted with military force against a peaceful demonstration at the Medical Center. Nevertheless, we will continue to oppose the system which perpetrates genocide in Vietnam and practices racism at home.

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