

THE INQUISITION

The Stanford "War Crimes Commission" has changed its name. It is now known as the "Inquisition." We have changed the name for two reasons. First, we felt that the notion of "war crimes," as commonly understood, was too narrow to include all the areas which we are investigating. Secondly, we anticipate that some will attack our work as a "witch hunt." We do not consider the Inquisition to be a witch hunt, but have chosen such a name because we invite debate over what should be the goals of the project.

The Inquisition is a group of Stanford students, faculty, and alumni who are conducting a continuing study of Stanford U.--with its training and research--and its environs. At Stanford we are looking into engineering, social science, business, and law. We are studying SRI, the Industrial Park, and local corporations. We are trying to understand the relationships between the research groups, schools, and industries of this area, and their participation in the imperial policies of the U.S. government.

We feel that work which supports genocide, counterinsurgency, economic rape, and political and social manipulation should not be tolerated. The purpose of the inquisition is to focus on concrete effects of work done in our community and to provide information to those groups working to disengage the university community from socially destructive work.

At this stage, the Inquisition is organizing investigative teams to prepare hearings to be presented in the second half of winter quarter. We will also be organizing political demonstrations to focus on the issues which we are raising.

WE INVITE ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE INQUISITION'S INVESTIGATIONS AND ANYONE WHO WISHES TO CRITICIZE OUR APPROACH TO TWO OPEN MEETINGS IN TRESIDDER UNION (TMU 274-5). THE FIRST, TO BE HELD JANUARY 7 AT 7:30 pm, WILL FOCUS ON ENGINEERING AND THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES. THE SECOND, JANUARY 14 AT 7:30 pm, WILL INVOLVE BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

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"When is freedom really not freedom?"--"When it's academic."
from "Alice in ROTCland"