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Student body presidents from more than a dozen major universities and colleges told top government officials in Washington this week that students, far from being apathetic, are "seething with suppressed rage" over the war.

Adam Levin, a member of the Associated Students Council of Presidents at Stanford, and Craig Fenech, student body president at UC-Berkeley, organized the trip, designed to convey the "mood of the campuses" to the President and Congress.

The group is scheduled to speak with Henry Kissinger, the President's foreign affairs adviser, Tuesday, March 2. Its members spent nearly three hours in the White House with Presidential counselor Robert Finch and other key staffers, and has met with State Department officials and Congressmen.

The group, which advocates "immediate and total withdrawal" of all fighting men from Indochina, plans to form a national association of college and university student presidents, which will maintain a student lobby in Washington and have periodic conferences with the Administration. The first such conference is planned this spring.

In a statement, the group said: "We feel that the campuses, while ostensibly calm, are seething with suppressed rage and widespread discontent; the purported apathy, in reality, is a growing malaise of disaffection and alienation, manifested by a muted, dangerous despair."

The students came from Temple, the University of New Hampshire, Harvard, NYU, Vassar, Georgetown, Pennsylvania State, Minnesota, Rutgers, Chicago, Tulane and Duke, as well as Stanford and Berkeley.

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For the second day in a week, 10 individuals committed to nonviolent civil disobedience blocked entry to the San Mateo County Draft Board Offices Monday, March 1.

None was arrested in the five-and-a-half-hour stay, which kept 45 to 50 persons from entering the building. A black father and his son, who were turned away by the protest, said: "This is wonderful. If everybody would do this all over America, I could begin to believe in the country again." Late in the day, two persons charged through the protesters' line and there was a considerable amount of pushing, shoving, and arguing by those who sought entry.

About 60 persons observed the protest, including many Stanford faculty wives and students. Newsmen checked with the draft office manager, who refused to identify herself, but said she would call Sacramento for a ruling. As happened with a similar protest on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 24, she indicated no action would be taken "for fear somebody would get hurt."

Prof. Robert McAfee Brown of Stanford, nationally prominent religious scholar, commenting on the repeated lack of arrests, said "the government appears to be afraid to let citizens find means of raising constitutional questions about the legality of the war." Noting that blacks or students have been quickly arrested for similar acts in the past, he added, "we must continue our protest here to discover to what degree a double standard of justice operates in our country." The group plans to do just that, starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 2.

Protesters Monday, besides Professor Brown, included his son, Peter, a Stanford graduate and ranch worker; Robert H. Moulton Jr., associate director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, and his son, Mark, a Stanford junior; Mrs. Francesca Cancian, an assistant professor of sociology at Stanford; Mrs. Martha Weber, mother of a draft-age son from San Mateo; Bill Leland, associate dean of students at Stanford; Robert M. Herhold, Lutheran pastor from Mt. View; John L. Kelley, nationally prominent mathematician from Berkeley; and Louis H. Riley, associate minister, First Congregational Church, Palo Alto. All did so as individuals, on their own time, and not as