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STANFORD --

"We are one with the Asians in this struggle—we will rise up in the streets, in the schools, in our businesses and our homes and refuse to be silent," Earl S. Martin, a Stanford graduate student in East Asian Studies told a silent and attentive crowd at El Camino Park Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Martin, from New Holland, Pa., and a member of Stanford's Concerned Asian Scholars, headed a noon march of about 750 persons, mostly students, from the Oval in front of Stanford University down through Palo Alto and thence to the park for a nonviolent rally in opposition to the extension of the Vietnam war to Laos.

The crowd, headed by a large banner carried by two students which said "Stop the War Now," was escorted down Palm Drive by a Stanford motorcycle officer.

They clapped and chanted "Peace Now" as they marched down University Avenue, across Middlefield Road and returned to the park via Lytton Ave., escorted by a Palo Alto police car.

As they proceeded through town, their numbers grew as several women with small children in perambulators and others of retirement age joined.

Many faculty members, including Sociology Professor Sanford Dornbusch, chairman of the Faculty Senate, marched with the parade and addressed the rally in the park.

Speakers included Jean Hobson of the Palo Alto Teachers Union, who announced she also was a member of the newly formed Palo Altans Against the War.

She accused both the University and the Palo Alto industrial community with complicity and profit-making from the Southeast Asian conflict.

Miss Hobson said "people were beaten and jailed" for protesting the war in last week's invasion of the University's Computer Center, because it was doing research for Stanford Research Institute's study of air-sea invasion techniques.

She added that Palo Altans Against the War had three demands: "The U.S. out of Asia; stop all war complicity in the Palo Alto-Stanford business community; and free all political prisoners."

The Rev. B. Davis Napier, Stanford dean of the chapel, offered an invocation before the start of the parade which said in part: "We are one with men and nature all over the world. Let us pray that this nation and its leaders will come to their senses and stop the spreading of destruction and death over field and farm in Southeast Asia."

Students from Colombo House on the campus, a student group which advocates nonviolence, carried a banner in Sanskrit, "AHIMSA." This means nonviolence in the Gandhian tradition.

Professor Dornbusch told the crowd: "We must keep trying to stop the war, even if we do not have an immediate prospect of success. We must keep pushing."

He announced that Attorney William Kunstler, defender of the Chicago Seven, would speak at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Newman Center, Palo Alto. Professor Dornbusch said faculty and staff opposed to the war would hold a rally in White Plaza Friday noon.

There were no incidents or arrests. --30--

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The Faculty Political Action Group has announced plans for an open meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday in Physics Lecture Hall.

Speakers will include Professor Heiser Holman, Guggenheim professor of medicine, who will discuss the University's involvement in the war, and Raymond Giraud, professor of French, who will talk about the University administration's response to political protest.

Leaflets announcing the meeting state: "We feel it is imperative to disengage the University from complicity in the war and to move it to assume more responsibility for the development of the general welfare in a society that is both dynamic and peaceful.

"We see the moral stature of the University diminished by the actions of an administration that predominantly addresses itself to problems of discipline and law and order. The University must speak out with a strong voice to denounce our country's military action in Southeast Asia and to dissociate itself from it. That should come before all else." --30--

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The Stanford Judicial Council began deliberating here Tuesday, Feb. 16, the cases of seven students charged with disrupting a speech of Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge on the Stanford University campus Jan. 11.

Professor John Schwartz, the prosecutor, recommended that the Council, composed of faculty and students, impose penalties of suspensions ranging from two to four academic quarters.

Each of the defendants, he said, has shown "utter and complete contempt" for any questioning of their actions, and only a strong deterrence will prevent a repetition.

"The Stanford Judicial Council owes that deterrence to the Stanford community and to the thousands of students who come here to learn by listening to others," he said.

"The University cannot go on, year after year, hoping that moral pronouncements will dissuade those bent on destroying an institution of free inquiry." --30--

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