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Legislation in Congress to stop the possible use of tactical nuclear weapons in Laos was among the proposals put forward at a meeting of Concerned Asian Scholars at Stanford Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Offering to spearhead the campaign was Stanley Glantz, a graduate student in applied mechanics from Toledo, Ohio, following a two-hour teach-in attended by about 150 students in Dinkelspiel Auditorium.

Others suggested the matter be brought to the attention of Senator Alan Cranston when he speaks at Gunn High School in Palo Alto Monday night, Feb. 22.

The use of tactical nuclear weapons was brought up by Orville Schell, author and member of the Pacific Institute of San Francisco, who was a panelist.

This is because "Nixon is out for a kill," Schell said, and because the President has no other alternative to stopping the use of the Ho Chi Minh Trail except by invading North Vietnam.

"The Laos invasion will fail," Schell told the group. "The enormous saturation bombing has failed. The ARVN troops are incredible—they have no motivation and in many cases make arrangements with the enemy not to fight. Nixon's only other choice, other than the use of tactical nuclear weapons, is to invade North Vietnam."

"Nobody believed we would invade Cambodia or Laos," Schell continued, "but we did it. It [the invasion of North Vietnam] is the obvious next move."

The use of tactical nuclear weapons in Laos, Schell said, has obvious benefits. They are small, easily portable, relatively "clean" and offer little fallout, which would not be dangerous in the jungle. They would collapse the mountain passes over which the Ho Chi Minh trail enters Laos, effectively blocking the trail and ending the necessity for repeated saturation bombing which does not do any good.

But their use also brings up the problem of world opinion and the possibility that Red China would enter the war in retaliation, which they have hinted they will do, he said.

Other panelists included graduate students Alan Hitt of Lawrence, Kan., and Earl Martin of New Holland, Pa.

Hitt, a graduate of the University of Kansas and a Vietnam veteran, said that President Nixon is "pushing the Cooper-Church amendment as far as it will go." The Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos cannot be cut because it is a network of roads 100 miles wide. He quoted sources which had reported Red Chinese troops already in North Vietnam.

Martin, codirector of Stanford's Concerned Asian Students, is a former Mennonite missionary in North Vietnam. What the U.S. is doing in Indo-China is a deliberate policy of exterminating the population, he declared. He urged the support of a separate peace treaty to be signed between Stanford University and the government of North Vietnam.

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About 30 Stanford black students staged a "book-in" at Meyer Undergraduate Library Tuesday night, Feb. 16, apparently protesting a delay in discussion of concerns they took to University President Richard W. Lyman last Tuesday, Feb. 9.

More than 1,000 books, taken from shelves throughout the library, were stacked at the check-out counter shortly before closing. "Check these out to President Lyman," several students said. Four campus police were summoned, but arrived after the demonstrators had left for nearby dormitories.

Librarians reported there was no damage to the books, which were returned to the shelves early Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Earlier Tuesday, University officials indicated talks were continuing with the Black Students Union over the time, place, and format for the President to discuss the Black Students Union's concerns. Many of these centered on continued financial support for minority students at the University.