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Palo Alto, February 13:

Last week students at Stanford reacted angrily to the latest escalation of the Indochina War. Though the outcry was not as broad as that following the Cambodian invasion last Spring, actions continued throughout the week. Noon rallies drew from 500 to 2000 people, night-time trappings and confrontations occurred, and several campus buildings were briefly occupied.

Sunday night, February 7, 200 people marched through campus, trashing buildings popularly associated with the war or U.S. imperialism. Several thousand dollars worth of damage was reported.

Following a massive noon rally Monday, three hundred people surrounded a meeting of the Stanford Board of Trustees at the Stanford business school, demanding that the ruling-class trustees sign the People's Peace Treaty with the Vietnamese. The demonstrators were forced out by riot police. Students then briefly occupied the Old Union administration building, but were evicted by police.

Tuesday, following a rally called by the Black Students Union in which the black students made their own demands on the University administration, 300 students and friends

walked out of a campus judicial hearing concerning an incident at Stanford January 11, in which Henry Cabot Lodge was prevented from speaking.

Tuesday evening several hundred students attended a meeting at which a strike was voted, demanding that the U.S. get out of INdochina, that political prisoners be freed, and that Universities cease participation in the war effort.

The Inquisition, a campus guerilla research group which recently disclosed that the Stanford Research Insitute was studying amphibious assaults on the University computer, also presented a series of demands concerning the use of campus facilities for war-related work.

The strike did not command the participation of the majority of the student body--most felt powerless, especially since little else seemd to be happending nationwide. Well over 1500, however, showed up at ~~XXXXXX~~ a noon rally Wednesday in Stanford's White Plaza at which the crowd decided to march to the computer center. Several hundred marched, and over a hundred broke into the \$5,000,000 IBM 360-A facility and shut it down. Late in the afternoon, police arrived to evict the demonstrators, arresting four in a scuffle outside. Slogans were scrawled on the inside of the building, but no major damage to the computer was reported. Wednesday evening SRI announced that it would not be using the Stanford computer.

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Wednesday night, in response to the occupation of the campus by 150 riot police who checked I.D.'s and enforced a limited curfew, students marched across the campus. Scuffles and rock-throwing occurred between the demonstrators and the police and their right-wing student supporters. Eleven demonstrators were arrested. One ~~XXX~~ or two right-wing students were severely beaten. One high school student was shot by an unknown assailant while standing near the headquarters of the right-wing Free Campus Movement.

Thursday the movement began to wane, with many students reacting fearfully to the previous night's shooting. Three hundred students, including about 100 high school students, marched to <sup>Hewlett-Packard in</sup> the war-oriented Stanford Industrial Park and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to Stanford's Hoover Institution. Friday students voted to stage a class boycott and another march Tuesday, following the long week-end.

Meanwhile, high school, community college, and community groups in the Palo Alto area have been holding protest marches and rallies all week.

Friday the University obtained a superior court restraining order against disruptions or destruction, and announced its intent to ban leaders of Venceremos, a local Marxist-Leninist organization, from the campus. University President Richard W. Lyman also announced the ~~XXXX~~ suspension of English Professor H. Bruce Franklin, a member of the Venceremos central committee.