

On Tuesday night, February 29, David Packard is coming to town to be presented with the "Distinguished Citizen" award of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. It's billed as a "community dinner" -- at \$10 per person! It comes as no surprise that local developers and electronics executives would choose Packard as the most distinguished citizen of their upper class "community." Here are his qualifications:

WHO IS DAVID PACKARD?

- * Millionaire 300 times over.
- * Chairman of the Board, Hewlett-Packard Company.
- * Deputy Secretary of "Defense" for three years until last December.
- * Member, General Advisory Committee, U.S. Arms and Disarmament Agency.
- * Bay Area Chairman of Nixon's reelection campaign.
- * Ex-Chairman, Board of Trustees, Stanford University.
- * Member, Board of Overseers, Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace.
- * Donor of millions to Stanford -- recently gave \$2.6 million to Stanford in time to guarantee the firing of Prof. H. Bruce Franklin.
- * Major backer of "Black Capitalism" -- controls most of East Palo Alto's commercial area through Counterparts organization.

In the last 20 years Packard has been instrumental in transforming the Midpeninsula into a staging ground for U.S. intervention in Asia. His huge fortune has come mainly from the technological warfare with which U.S. imperialism has scarred a large part of the world in defense of American trade and investment. Hewlett-Packard's service to the U.S. military reached its peak during the Vietnam War. Troop withdrawals have come about only because of the sophisticated devices for electronic warfare which make it possible for bombers to maim and murder much of the civilian population of Southeast Asia.

LAST YEAR HE WAS CHASED AWAY. WHAT WILL HAPPEN THIS YEAR?

It's been a long time since David Packard has been free to walk among the people on the land he and his cronies control. He is trying to make a comeback now.

In May of 1968 he was able to walk into the Old Union sit-in at Stanford and show his "tolerance." And in the fall of 1968 he personally helped to crush a movement to have a real Third World Readiness Program at the College of San Mateo. But now the Movement has exposed Packard's part in world-wide exploitation and murder, including the oppression of local workers and at Stanford.

Palo Alto has changed substantially since Packard went to Washington. One after another, the people have been winning victories against the Master Plan that the corporations have created for the Midpeninsula. The Palo Alto downtown hospital, the Bank of America Superblock, and the Willow Expressway were all buried under the power of people's opposition. And the struggle against local war-related industry and financial development is gaining strength.

Last April Packard spoke to the Western Electronics Manufacturers Association. The speech was first moved from the Palo Alto Hills Country Club to Rickey's Hyatt House, and then up to San Francisco -- all for security reasons. Packard was furious that the manufacturers were not willing to make a stand for him in Palo Alto. He lectured to them about how the people are their deadly enemies!

That's why this dinner is so important. Packard wants to prove that he can control us. The power of his class depends on it.

But we defy that power and the repression Packard must use to defend it. We feel deep solidarity with the peoples of Southeast Asia who are defeating imperialism even as the U.S. military bombs and bombs and bombs.

On February 29 the people of the Midpeninsula will continue their resistance to the violence of corporate power that David Packard embodies.

JOIN THE PEOPLE'S CONTINUING OFFENSIVE AGAINST U.S. IMPERIALISM!

(5:30 pm, corner of Vista and El Camino, 1/4 mile north of Rickey's, party afterwards)