

To the Stanford Daily:

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Last February, 86 women of the Stanford community wrote to President Lyman asking that the Armed Forces and companies manufacturing weapons of war be refused to use of Stanford facilities for recruitment purposes. We maintained that recruitment of highly trained Stanford graduates was not an exercise of free speech but a significant step in the actual process of production. We expressed our conviction that war manufacturing was not the proper function of a University.

In April, after President Lyman turned down our request, a campus referendum was held in which students voted by a wide margin to ban military and war production recruitment from Stanford. Since the referendum was seemingly ignored by the administration, we asked Professor Sanford Dornbusch, Chairman of the Faculty Senate, to take the issue before the Senate's Executive Committee, which he agreed to do. At this point, however, President Lyman turned to the Committee on Services to Students for advice on the question, so it was not submitted to the Senate. In late spring a member of our group, along with members of Columbae House, testified at length before the Committee on Student Services. As far as we know, the Committee is still deliberating.

Meanwhile, the Navy, the Air Force, and four of the nation's leading war contractors have been scheduled to use the Placement Center during the week of November 1. Stanford facilities will be used by the following organizations:

Monday, Nov. 1: The Naval Engineering Laboratory and McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co. McDonnell Douglas, 5th largest war contractor in the U.S., held \$883 million in military contracts in 1970, including contracts for the F-4 Phantom jet, the F-15 advanced tactical fighter, and battlefield weapons.

Tuesday, Nov. 2: Hughes Aircraft Co., which held \$496 million in war contracts in 1970, mainly for electronic warfare devices; and Litton Industries, ninth largest war contractor in the U.S.

Wednesday, Nov. 3: The U.S. Air Force, which has dropped more than five million tons of bombs on the people of Indochina, and which continues at this moment to systematically destroy ^(that) ~~A~~ land and its people.

Thursday, Nov. 4: TRW Systems Group, which held \$179 million in war contracts last year, and the Honeywell Corporation, which is the 16th largest military producer in the nation. Honeywell makes the notorious cluster bomb which explodes into thousands of steel darts especially designed to pierce and tear human flesh but leave buildings and machinery intact.

It is clear that during the first week of November Stanford University will be directly involved in the business of making bombs and the planes that carry them, and providing the pilots to fly these planes. We do not believe that Stanford should take part in operations that have produced more than a million civilian casualties in Vietnam. We do not believe that those who profit from the death of helpless children should conduct their ^{bloody business} ~~operations~~ on a University campus. We intend to picket the Placement Center on November 1, 2, 3, and 4 and hope you will join us.

Stanford Community Women for Peace