

Stanford People Report

Weary Peace Mission

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Stanford University's footsore lobbyists for peace wound up their second day here yesterday and pro-

nounced their mission at least a partial success.

"We left behind a reverberating sound that will be echoed and re-echoed by those who will follow us," observed Paul Ehrlich, the noted population expert.

He was among 18 faculty members and 21 students who spent two days at this seat of government trying to tell the Nation's leaders the war must end.

They met with more than a score of Congressmen, top-ranking White House aides and officials in the Defense Department and the Pentagon before flying home last night.

The group — splitting into smaller parties to cover more ground — trooped through miles of marble corridor to convey their alarm over the deteriorating campus situation.

APPOINTED

The students and faculty — appointed as spokesmen by the Academic Senate and the student government at Stanford — coupled their pleas with a warning.

They told everyone they met that growing numbers of young people are giving up on the American form of government and that the pace of this dropping-away is accelerating.

"We're in sort of the Valley Forge of the American spirit, there's no question of it," Representative Allard Lowenstein (Dem-N.Y.) told a press conference yesterday as several Stanford people looked on.

Lowenstein was one of the several sympathetic congressmen who had dropped by San Mateo's Representative Paul McCloskey's office Wednesday to hear the Stanford group.

CANDIDATES

The congressmen who gave the Stanford group an audience were unanimous in urging that students work this year for political candidates who will say they oppose the war.

"We'll urge our students to stop throwing rocks and to get involved in the political situation," said Stanford anthropologist James L. Gibbs Jr.

But, he confessed when asked:

"I'm concerned that many of them will not listen because they are completely disillusioned."

Robert Hofstadter, the Nobel Laureate in physics, said:

"The students are going to go out and do everything they can to defeat this administration."

MEETING

The group that met Wednesday with presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch was impressed by the meeting.

That meeting offered a dramatic illustration of how several people can listen to a speaker and draw different conclusions.

Patrick A. Shay, 22, said Kissinger, in discussing the Cambodian invasion, "just kept saying, 'We might have made a mistake.'"

But some of the other Stanford students and faculty members who attended the same meeting said Kissinger had said nothing nearly that strong. The presidential adviser reported, they said, that leaders who make decisions receive all sorts of information from all sorts of sources. They do their best, Kissinger said, but naturally it is always possible to make mistakes.

Kissinger told The Chronicle that the student "missed the point completely."

"It was a very general discussion, and I wasn't applying that to Cambodia at all," Kissinger said. "But I know it isn't always easy to be understood."

"I think we got a chance to give some input," summarized Adam Levin, a member of the student body's council of presidents.

STUDENTS

Although the faculty for the most part seemed pleased and excited about the value of the two days of lobbying, the students appeared more doubtful.

"The students out on the campus and on the streets are at least as effective as us," shrugged Leo Brazile, head of Stanford's Black Students Union.

Not that everything went without a hitch, as can be seen by the case of electrical engineering professor James Angell and mechanical engi-

neering professor William Reynolds.

They went to call on Representative Chet Holifield (Dem-Calif.), co-chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission to urge new priorities in research.

"Oh, the Defense Department are bad guys because they want to do research to defend our country? Well, I don't agree with that," Holifield said.

CALL

They had the misfortune to be in the room when a call came informing Holifield some students at New York University had seized a campus building and were threatening to destroy a \$5 million computer financed by the AEC.

"That leaves a bad taste in my mouth," Holifield said angrily, going on eventually to voice fears of a Fascist revolution if things continue on the way they are.

"Your job is to go back there and mobilize the kids who want an education," Holifield told Angell and Reynolds, who gave up at that point, picked up their brief cases and left.