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Peace at Protests Urged

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Several student and faculty members of the University of California in Berkeley and Stanford University are urging the use of non-violent civil disobedience, in place of trashing, to protest the invasion into Laos.

"The escalation of military power necessitates the escalation of moral protest," Dr. Robert McAfee Brown said yesterday. He is a professor of religion at Stanford as well as an ordained minister.

He said he would choose to engage in non-violent acts rather than continue "to be in silent complicity with ongoing acts which are now destroying lives."

Laos Incursion

Charles Schwartz, UC physics professor, said the Laotian operation left no alternative but to escalate our protest but we are obliged to find actions consistent with the goal of peace.

"Non-violent civil disobedience is a tool that must be refurbished. It's a tool that hasn't been used in this country for a long time."

'Reach Out'

R. N. Grant, a co-president of Stanford's student body, also spoke at yesterday's news conference at UC. He said he personally did not believe in civil disobedience but "at Stanford, we'll try to reach out to Congress."

Brown said he would call for a meeting of Bay Area clergy to "do an act of public penitence" on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Craig Fenech, UC student body president, said there will be "a mass convergence of student body presidents on the White House" next week to demand a meeting with President Nixon.