

U. SENATE MEETING!

Nicholson Aud. 3:30 Thurs. May 25

- (1) WAR RESEARCH OFF
 - (2) ROTC OFF
 - (3) ANTIWAR GRAD POLICY
 - (4) Support for COMMUNITY MOVEOUT
- A long and fully documented article will report on UM war research and ROTC activities. Available Thursday
- activities from Moos's \$21,000 party fund --paper and supplies for a summer program of community education

According to UM's Constitution, students and faculty have the right to attend Senate meetings, speak, offer motions, participate in debate--do all that Senators can, except vote. Recently, this Constitution has been violated, just as the U.S. constitution (which says the President can't declare war) has been.

UM Establishment bureaucrats--administrators, deans, profs--have made up special rules whose only purpose is to stifle all participation except their own. Aw with the Vietnamese war, conducted in violation of the U.S. Constitution, so with what we want from the UM Senate the only way to get them to stick to their own rules when those rules work to our advantage is to be there in large numbers. We should be polite if our wishes are adequately responded to, but prepared to be impolite if we are treated with the contempt that power--in government, and in this university--treats those it thinks are powerless. We are not powerless. Our power is in numbers and commitment, not parliamentary maneuvering, a game that the insiders control, here as elsewhere.

Our business at the Senate is two items already on their agenda. They relate to the reason which brought so many into the streets for militant (though essentially symbolic) protest: namely, ending the war. Items 10 and 3 are "our" issues.

Most of us see two main ways to work toward ending the war. As individuals and groups, we can work in the broader community of the State to educate people about the war: its effects, its causes, its history. Item 10 on their agenda, "Extension and Community Programs" relates to the antiwar extension we want to carry to the Minnesota Community.

As students, staff, and faculty, we can also work within "our" community, namely, this university, to end its direct material aid to the war's continuance.

WAR RESEARCH

The longest item--3 on the docket--is a "Report of the Senate Committee on Research." It recommends a university policy for "standards and procedures related to the use of human subjects in research, medical and social."

This policy is supposed to "safeguard fully the rights and welfare of individuals who are involved as the subjects of such research."

This policy does not even mention war research, although a lot of it is going on here. Moos has repeatedly tried to divert people by saying there is no secret research here. That's not the issue. According to the Defense Department itself UM ranks No. 198 (1971) on the DoD's own list. "The 500 Largest Contractors for Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation." This is not just a list of universities; it also includes the largest war research contractors, which are corporations. Lockheed, for instance, gets almost \$6000,000,000 for RDT&E. But ideas and initial devices are a lot cheaper to research than aircraft.

With more than \$1.4 million of DoD-funded research in 1971, "our" university is an effective part of the "arsenal of ideas." Of course "human subjects" are involved in this "research." These involuntary subjects are the Indochinese people. Ideas born in UM's labs are "field tested" there on the people. UM helps in other ways, too. For instance, whenever Honeywell needs high-speed wind tunnels to test ordnance: bombs, rockets, missiles--it uses the IT high-speed wind-tunnel facilities. And it uses the "virgin ecological forest" as a test station for measuring magnetic field variations, for use in the SAFEGUARD Anti-ballistic missile system, and for electronic spy sensors which "detect enemy soldiers" by detecting the moving metal of a gun--or a hoe, or metal buttons.

Not all the ideas "tested" are weapons hardware, though many are. The social sciences provide "weapons" of a different kind--conceptual weapons which make it easier for the government and military to "manage" their subject peoples. For example, to "manage" young American men into the military, and to manage their

training (especially in the use of "sophisticated" hardware).

Most of the DoD Project Themis funds, which go to UI's psychology department, are used for that purpose. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board member and Psych Department Chairman Prof. John Darley sees this use of DoD funds as a great service to "pure" research. Pure militarism is more like it.

Managing men brings us to another "academic" matter: the existence of ROTC on our campus. ROTC has been the focus of "get it off" protests for more than 5 years. Result? The usual deceptions and runarounds from the university administration. For instance, the UI Senate actually voted to remove military functions of ROTC off campus (keeping some kind of liberal arts courses taught in departments by accredited faculty) in June, 1970. The UI Regents "affirmed" this vote in open action, but in a "confidential" memo, they ordered the ROTC programs "strengthened" and in various ways actually expanded.

ROTC--LABORATORY ASSISTANTS FOR AUTOMATED WAR

We are now "researching and testing" a new kind of war, in the laboratory of Indochina. General Westmoreland called it: "A new concept of war-- the Automated Battlefield." This uses electronic spy devices on the ground and air which relay information to computers located far away (in Thailand). These "decide what to do" and call automatic strikes by bombers; they fire missiles and rockets, and they broadcast signals to fire radio-fuzed mines.

For this kind of war, they need a professional army, staffed by men with a high degree of technical skill. Draftees lack training and career commitment. As General Walter Kerwin (Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel) put it: "We are looking at the entire officer corps to break them out into specialties. Maybe a man will be a computer scientist, another will be a specialist in research, and so on."

Congressman John J. Rhodes (of the House Military Appropriations Committee) replied: "I think this is one of the most important things you can do to build up the morale of junior officers. My son, an ROTC graduate, was not going to stay in because he felt that this rounded experience thing put a ceiling in rank over their heads."

In the professional army, there won't be such ceilings. A college-trained specialist in automated death can advance in a career comparing favorably with civilian life (especially if there are few civilian jobs available). Little risk, good pay, fine benefits. ROTC is intake and training for technical careered officers. It is essential to military plans for the "new Army" and Automated Battlefield. Testimony from military men last spring makes this very clear. They were worried about declining ROTC enrollment--it's dropped 50% since 1968--and the fact that many campus' are dropping ROTC altogether.

That's why they increased the salary paid to a student for taking ROTC courses from \$50 to \$100 a month (plus uniforms and other expenses). It is clear that ending ROTC would put a real crimp in their plans for a professional specialized automated military. And it would also hurt their plans to reduce antiwar and antiracist resistance at home, which is growing.

"Reduced ROTC production would seriously reduce Army Reserve readiness," says an Army document, asking for budget increases, to provide "additional training" for ROTC personnel not sent to Indochina but put into the Reserve Army and National Guard. They explain other increases: Members of the Army and National Guard have been called with increased frequency to support state and local authorities in the control of civil disorders. Additional equipment is necessary. Even a domestic Air Force is--AFROTC and Air National Guard--is being budgeted. They get funds to "activate 34 flying units to improve capability of the Air Guard in control of civil disturbances." Other procurement (Air Guard):

"About the same as Army National Guard: face shields, riot batons, body armor, shotguns, megaphones, floodlights, and some M-79 gas grenade launchers. This is to equip the (home front Air Force) of 20,000 people. It gives units in the field the flexibility to determine the types of weapons for the job...for rapid response." (General Wilson, testifying last spring before the House)

"War research off" and "ROTC off" are not "symbolic" demands. They are what we can do in our own community--here--to reduce the support we now give the Indochina war, and the support we provide for domestic repression.