

# Defense research continues despite student protests

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirteen major universities where government defense work has been the target of student protest report they have in no way changed their policies toward war research.

A survey of some 70 colleges around the country shows further that only two of four colleges

that have curtailed or ended their government affiliations in the past couple of years did so directly because of student protests.

Most of the colleges queried said they conduct little defense-related research. What Defense contracts they do have are generally unclassified or unrelated to warfare, they said.

Military campus spending has been declining, and further restraints may occur, particularly if campus strife continues.

The Associated Press survey turned up these examples where colleges have not yielded to student demands on the issue of defense research.

At Ohio State University —

where defense work accounted for roughly a third of all research during fiscal 1969 — officials say a major effect of student protests was to remove money from proposed social, ecological and other research programs. The money, a spokesman said, was diverted to repairing damage and beefing up the campus police force.

The protests did not change university policy on defense research, Robert P. Stevenson, adviser to the vice president of academic affairs, added.

Kent State University, where four students were killed in a confrontation with National Guardsmen last May, has a long-time policy against accepting

classified research but, despite student demands, still houses four Defense Department projects.

The University of Wisconsin, scene of a bomb explosion that killed one student and injured four others last month, has not four others last month.

At Iowa State University, student demonstrations had "no effect however" on defense-related contracts, Wayne Moore, vice president for business, said.

Heavily involved in defense research is the University of California, which runs two weapons laboratories for the Atomic Energy Commission. In fiscal 1970, the AEC said it appropriated an estimated \$224 million for these

labs. The contracts for these installations are up for renewal in 1972.

On the other hand, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is divesting itself of the Draper Instrumentation Laboratory which has developed guidance systems for space and missile systems. Student protests were in part responsible for this, a spokesman said.

The University of Pittsburgh, where acceptance of secret contracts was strictly limited by a policy decision, canceled a secret contract for writing a technical manual in 1968. Its only other recent secret contract expired in 1969.

That military research does not

seem to be a major factor at many colleges is borne out by Defense Department figures.

These show a steady decline over the past three years in on-campus expenditures for basic research and exploratory development — the two major areas of military campus spending. Outlays in fiscal 1970 amounted to \$25 million, as compared with \$235 million in 1969 and \$243 million in 1968.

This money was divided among approximately 4,300 university projects in fiscal 1970. In each of the two preceding years, the Defense Department funded about 5,000 projects a spokesman said.

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