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I was surprised to read, in the current issue of Time, that H. Bruce Franklin led a group of thirty hecklers in shouting down Henry Cabot Lodge. I was present when a large number of students and non-students shouted down Mr. Lodge, but the only time I noticed Professor Franklin was when Berkeley Tomkins, the "moderator," singled him out of the crowd.

The participation of Professor Franklin has been transfigured, in the minds of his enemies, into leadership. While there is no doubt that Bruce is a leader of the best-organized group on the Left in the area, Venceremos, there is little reason to believe that Bruce was a prime mover of the Lodge demonstration. In fact, he had little to do with the planning. His actions that day were no different than those of perhaps a hundred or more others. Yet large numbers of people continue to ascribe the events of that day to Bruce's leadership. In fact, they believe that by ridding the campus of a few leaders that the campus radical movement will be eliminated.

This "bad-apple" theory of revolution is nothing new. Mayor Yorty explained the Watts insurrection in the same way. ~~XXX~~ Students, ^{we are told,} need the leadership of "evil" professors to take action. People who are used to operating in hierarchies cannot understand a movement which is not based on a hierarchical structure.

I do not believe that Richard W. Lyman, the "Wicked Dick of the West" subscribes to the bad-apple theory. Lyman's strategy has gone beyond attacking leadership. Familiar with splits and difference on ~~XXX~~ within the Movement on campus, he has sought to isolate Venceremos. ~~XX~~ Not only is Venceremos

specifically named on the injunction, but the University thinks that all the individuals named are in Venceremos. ~~XXX~~ Other radical leaders, and others engaged in similar actions (or non-acts) we^{re} not named defendants.

It is true that Venceremos has been isolated from many people who consider themselves part of the anti-war movement on campus. Many people disagree on tactics, strategy, or basic ~~XXXXX~~ principles (or for personal reasons). Others resent the commitment and impatience of Venceremos members. The success of the exile provision of the injunction, however, should end all possibility of isolation. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

If enforceable, this provision would set a dangerous precedent. It is not just aimed at those currently involved. Any time the University feels threatened, it will be able to resort to this tactic. Anyone who participated in an effective action may be ~~XXXXXX~~ suspended and banned from campus.

Many people associate the injunction with trashing, beating, and shooting--^{an association} something the University had tried to encourage. Of course, these activities are already illegal, so the injunction has little ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ consequence in these areas. What is forgotten is the University's concern about the peaceful occupation of the computation center.

The computer center was occupied by a large number of people, including people from Venceremos, the New Left Project, and Columbae House. ^{and a large # of unaffiliated people} It was occupied because SRI was doing war-gaming on the University's 360-A. ~~XXXX~~ The occupation was successful, in that SRI pulled its project off the computer. No act during the "Laos

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Crisis threatened the university administration more. ~~THAT~~
~~UNLESS~~ Unless the
injunction is smashed, we can expect ~~IT~~ to be ~~REMOVED~~ suspended
~~FROM~~ and banned from campus should we
take part in such an action *in the future*

For all of Wicked Dick's protestations about the war, his injunction seems designed to prevent acts which effectively injure the war effort. I am not suggesting that Lyman is actually for the war--~~XXXX~~ He believes ~~XXXXXX~~ that the protection of the university--as is, is paramount. The war just isn't very important.