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University injunctions are "terrorization devices" to abridge First Amendment freedoms, noted civil rights attorney William Kunstler told a White Plaza rally attended by 350 persons Thursday noon, Feb. 18.

The Chicago Seven defense attorney said Stanford's suspension of Associate Professor H. Bruce Franklin [with pay], prior to a hearing, was "an absolute disgrace."

The English Department should "refuse to teach any class" until the hearing takes place he added.

(No date has been set for this hearing by the University.)

Describing injunctions as "the devil's handiwork," Kunstler said "you have a right to demonstrate, to show support for anyone you please. . . without [a] judge. . . clapping his hand over your mouth."

He maintained that injunctions are "an open invitation to use the court to kill freedom of speech" since they involve "no jury, no trial." (In civil contempt cases a judge may impose sentences up to five days for each offense without a jury; in criminal contempt, heavier sentences may be imposed after a jury trial.)

Kunstler said injunctions "have very little" effect "when violated by large numbers of people."

Rather than being intimidated by the injunction, he said, "decide for yourself whether you are bound by it or not—or whether the First Amendment was suspended by [Santa Clara County Superior Court] Judge [Homer] Thompson. I hope you choose the First Amendment. All power to the people."

(In a KZSU news interview earlier this week, University President Richard Lyman repeatedly said the temporary restraining order issued by the judge would not be used in any way to interfere with protests which did not disrupt activities or interfere with individual freedoms.)

Thursday morning, a hearing on a preliminary injunction which would bar Professor Franklin and several nonstudents from the campus was continued until Mar. 1 by the court.

At the Plaza rally, Janet Weiss, a defendant in campus judicial hearings, said the protest movement had decided "not to destroy the Stanford Judicial Council" (SJC) because this would be "politically incorrect," distracting from the main issue of Indochina.

She said the SJC had recommended she be suspended for four quarters as a result of the Jan. 11 Henry Cabot Lodge incident. Three other SJC defendants also found guilty by the SJC would not be permitted to continue teaching at the University, she related. No immediate confirmation of the SJC decision was available.

Mrs. Weiss said it was "imperative to do something" and "not be cowed" by the injunction and the verdict. Movement supporters should "consider revolutionary means of opposing these things," she added.

A teaching assistant in English, she said the department faculty had been asked to hold a meeting Friday. If they do not do so, she added, the movement will call a meeting of its own Monday.

Periodically during her talk and Kunstler's, a lone counter-demonstrator from Berkeley shouted to the loose-knit crowd, saying the speakers had given up on God and would shoot those who disagreed with them.

Mrs. Weiss, who continued speaking, said that had she done the same thing to Lodge she could now be found in contempt of court.

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A hearing on a preliminary injunction that would have barred Associate Professor H. Bruce Franklin and seven nonstudents from the Stanford campus was continued today until Mar. 1.

Superior Court Judge Stanley R. Evans granted the request of Norton Tooby, attorney for some of the defendants, for the delay.

For several other defendants, who had not yet been served with notice of the present temporary restraining order, Atty. Andrew Cohen obtained a dissolution of the order. Stanford attorneys said they would obtain a new one.

Professor Franklin, acting as his own attorney, attempted to get advance advice from Judge Evans on whether or not he [Franklin] would be in contempt if he taught his English class today. The judge declined to offer any opinion other than saying "to be on the safe side, don't teach your class."

Professor Franklin, outside of court, said he would indeed teach his 1:15 p.m. class. The class officially has been cancelled by the University in connection with Professor Franklin's suspension with pay Friday from all professorial duties by President Richard W. Lyman, pending a campus hearing.

Professor Franklin held a meeting with his class in Room 258 Engineering, at which he read a letter from Professor Ian Watt, chairman of the English Department. Watt advised Franklin that he had been asked by Professor Albert Hastorf, dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences, whether Franklin had not been meeting his classes regularly, especially in regard to his arrest in Redwood City at the Los Siete hearing and on the day that Franklin allegedly was a factor in the invasion of the Computer Center "and had performed other unethical acts which had been reported to him" [Hastorf]. Franklin said Watt's letter was "just another part of Watt's campaign of harassment and innuendo" and added that the only times his class had not met "was when I was arrested by the pigs" (in Redwood City on the day that Watt had cancelled the class himself, and on the day he "had the class meet at the Computer Center." He said he would continue to meet the class until Mar. 1 the day on which the injunction hearing will be resumed in North County Superior Court. 30-

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