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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
RE: REVOLUTIONARY UNION  
IS - RU  
(Nationality Intelligence)

ReBulet to San Francisco, 5/14/69, captioned  
"HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN, IS-RU (Nationality  
Intelligence).

Referenced Bureau letter proposed that a pamphlet or brochure be prepared reflecting FRANKLIN's position at Stanford University and the subversive activities in which he is involved, which brochure could be anonymously posted to members of the Board of Trustees, selected Alumni, etc.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a clipping of a newspaper article appearing in the "San Francisco Examiner" newspaper, 5/19/69, by ED MONTGOMERY, which is a follow-up of his first article appearing 3/23/69, which reflected revolutionary activities on the part of BRUCE FRANKLIN and other elements.

Although his article of 5/19/69 could have been better organized, this article nevertheless reveals to the public the revolutionary activities in which the RU and FRANKLIN are engaged.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of a circular made from duplicating MONTGOMERY's article of 3/23/69, which is being distributed in the Palo Alto-Stanford area.

, advised that P.O.Box 3697, Stanford, California, is a Box on the Stanford University Campus utilized by the Young Americans For Freedom (YAF), which is composed chiefly of students that disapproved of Communist activities, the brazen activities of SDS and individuals such as FRANKLIN and the RU.

This circular encompasses the highlights of the revolutionary activities in which FRANKLIN is involved in a manner that should startle any patriotic American into some counter action. It is felt that this circular of the 3/23/69 article, together with this new article of 5/19/69, could very well be directed to parents of Stanford students, selected Alumni, Board of Trustees at Stanford, etc., encouraging them to take some positive action against such a person as FRANKLIN who is an educator of their children and insist that FRANKLIN be removed from his position at Stanford.

In lieu of the document mentioned in referenced Bulet, SFO requests authority to prepare additional Xerox copies of the enclosed 3/23/69 circular and attach it to Xerox copies of the ED MONTGOMERY article dated 5/19/69 and commence mailing this material to selected individuals having apparent influence over the Stanford Staff and Faculty, urging them to use this influence to rid Stanford of this menace to the democratic future of their children. It is felt this circulation should begin promptly before this newspaper article becomes stale.

Bureau advise promptly if this action is approved.

# Revolutionary Union'

## Militants' Aims

### Come Into Focus

## Militants Display Red Aims

By Ed Montgomery

The long range objective of Bay Area militants was brought into sharper focus with the recent emergence of the Revolutionary Union and last week's rioting in Berkeley and Palo Alto.

A forerunner to a proposed nationwide Revolutionary Party, the Revolutionary Union membership is comprised of a select group of Marxist-Maoist leaders from within the underground Red Guard, the Students for a Democratic Society, the Resistance, Progressive Labor Party, and similar Communist dominated groups.

There are chapters in Palo Alto, San Francisco and Berkeley. Classes are conducted regularly in revolutionary tactics, guerilla warfare and sabotage. Training sessions in the use of rifles, handguns and automatic weapons are held periodically in a canyon behind Half Moon Bay and in the East Bay hills.

Heading up the RU is Prof. H. Bruce Franklin of Stanford, an avowed Marxist-Maoist revolutionary who

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co-founded the local Red Guard.

Sharing authority with Franklin as an official spokesman for the RU is Robert Avakian, Berkeley revolutionary militant who was active in the Standard Oil strike in Richmond and who recently served a jail term for desecrating the American flag.

Another principal functionary of the RU is Steve Hamilton, a campus agitator who was expelled from UC in 1966. Long identified with the Communist - indoctrinated Progressive Labor Party, Hamilton once headed the Medical Aid for Viet Cong Committee and was one of the Oakland Seven recently acquitted of conspiracy. He presently is serving a 75-day jail term for his part in a campus disturbance in 1967.

#### April 3d Movement

Franklin, whose Red Guard served as the nucleus of the RU, has also been active in the April 3d Movement at Stanford.

At a meeting of some 500 militants in Memorial Church at Palo Alto Wednesday night, Franklin made the motion calling for the demonstration at Stanford Research Institute on Friday.

The attack on SRI, quelled by tear gas, is but one facet of a revolutionary program through which Franklin and his colleagues admittedly hope to reduce Stanford University to an institution run by students and the working class.

#### Examples

In a recent speech in Washington, D. C., Franklin described an example of revolution within the university and added:

"This is not a description of Columbia University in 1963. It's Lenin's description of St. Petersburg University in 1903.

"When Lenin describes even earlier events, it sounds like the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley and its aftermath. . . ."

#### Peking

At another point, in lauding the revolutionary takeover of Peking University, Franklin remarked:

"In the Cultural Revolution in China, students began struggling for increased admission of workers . . . different class content in courses, radical changes in testing and grading, and student power as opposed to faculty and administration power.

"The result is that the universities are now run by the workers. . . ."

#### Revolutionary Party

In the course of an interview last March, Franklin, who has taught revolutionary tactics at the far out Mid-Peninsula Free University, told of his direct ties with individuals recently returned from Red China.

He outlined the "need" for an organization which would serve as a cohesive agent for revolutionary leaders and as the forerunner of a revolutionary party with nationwide political power.

The Revolutionary Union, first announced during a demonstration protesting the scheduled induction of Red Guard Chris Milton three

weeks ago, represents the first step.

#### 'Power to the People'

A statement of principles for the RU, with Franklin, Avakian and Hamilton as the official spokesmen, reads in part:

"We recognize the need for organized armed struggle against the power of the state, and assume the responsibilities of revolutionaries in the preparation of that struggle. The people must be armed, organized under the direction of a revolutionary party serving the working class. . . ."

"The organized repressive violence of the state (police) must be met with the organized revolutionary violence of the people. POWER TO THE PEOPLE!"

#### Named In Order

Franklin was one of the 23 individuals named in a restraining order issued against Stanford University demonstrators over the weekend. Claude Long, an undergraduate in anthropology, served the order on Franklin at about midnight.

He said a friend of Franklin's met him at the door and invited him in, but that when he walked inside Franklin was standing there with an M-1 carbine pointed in his direction.

Franklin's finger was not on the trigger, however, and Long said that after a moment the Franklins relaxed and were hospitable after he had served the order. Mrs. Franklin, he added, explained that her husband had been threatened.

Several known members of the RU, along with unaffiliated leftist militants, have been active behind the scenes at Peoples' Park, focal point for Thursday's riot.

Target Date 1973

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."  
—Edmund Burke

# Leftists Lift Lid on Revolutionary Plans

By Ed Montgomery

Leftist militants are organizing a Revolutionary Party designed to overthrow "the establishment" by terrorist activity including assassinations and bombings. The Examiner has been told.

The information came from persons within the movement—persons who said a target date of 1973 has been set for a nationwide "revolutionary takeover."

How many individuals are involved has not been made clear.

However, one activist said the first step would be to move to liberate downtown Palo Alto. "The individuals named have since been forwarded."

He said young revolutionaries, including scores of black militants, are being trained in a camp near Havana, called "Camp May Fifth" in honor of Lenin's birthday.

Shout in Back

And he gave this advice to those attending the meeting at his home:

o Don't fight the draft. Go to Vietnam and shoot your commanding officer in the back.

o Become an airplane mechanic and learn to sabotage planes.

o The Army can be won over from within. The police has begun, in the ghettos and in Berkeley. When this time

ishment are our prime objectives.

o All police and members of their families must be killed and law enforcement demoralized.

o All jails and prisons must be opened and inmates liberated.

o All counter-revolutionaries, or imperialists, who would fight "liberation" must be cut down.

Target: Police

o Create as many police confrontations as possible. Screen "police brutality" and discredit the "pigs" to win public sympathy. (He cited the Chicago Democratic Convention demonstration, with widespread TV coverage, as an example of what can be done to create anti-police sentiment.)

o Terror is a necessary weapon and must be used "to get the cooperation of the masses." Terrorist tactics are not to be considered "terrible," but "fine," with Mao Tse-tung cited as substantiating reference.

o "The revolution already has begun, in the ghettos and in Berkeley. When this time

comes weapons and explosives will be available."

Acquire Weapons

Another informed person, a former Red Guard and SDS member who became disenchanted and dropped out, identified by name a number of Red Guards who have been acquiring weapons.

Among them, he said, is a Stanford student whose father is a prominent San Francisco physician.

This person said Red Guard membership is not limited to college students and that a number of Palo Alto - Redwood City High school boys and girls are involved.

He said "You can pick up the preliminary indoctrination literature almost any day of the week from a table at Palo Alto High School." A visit to the school proved the statement correct.

Still another source of information on the revolutionary party was H. Bruce Franklin, an associate professor of English at Stanford University.

Franklin, who considers

himself a revolutionary, spoke on "Who Should Run the Universities?" at a meeting at the Madison Hotel at Washington on Jan. 23 and 30. He said:

"The revolution is coming—the elements of revolution already are here."

And he attacked the corporate structure of both Stanford and the University of California, with critical emphasis on the business interests and background of the various trustees.

Looks to Peking

In a subsequent interview in his Menlo Park home, Franklin was asked how he could justify the proposed takeover of a privately endowed university.

He maintained Stanford could not exist as it does without huge government subsidies, which represent public funds. He further contended that the Stanford endowment, with which the university was endowed, was gained through exploitation of the working class and that the masses therefore are entitled to the fruits of the endowment.

Franklin previously had

spoken in glowing terms of the revolutionary takeover of the universities in Red China.

Asked what his authority was for such statements, he said he had been and was in touch with individuals "just out" of Red China, persons who have first hand knowledge of the situation there.

He included among his "contacts" Christopher Millon, who returned from Peking recently claiming to be the only cause as a Red Guard. Franklin's wife Jane, interposed to say there were other whites in the Chinese Red Guard.

He also mentioned "among others" William Howard Hoffman, an author who also returned from behind the bamboo curtain.

Gun Takers

When asked to comment on reports some of the Red Guard members were acquiring guns, Franklin said he knew of no law which prohibited American citizens from possessing guns.

Asked about the 1973 target date for the revolution and for comments on the remarks given by the Red Guard leader in Palo Alto,

Franklin marked irritator

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