

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/31/69

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: HOWARD BRUCE FRANKLIN
SM - RU
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

ReBulet dated 10/14/69.

Relet requested San Francisco to submit comments and/or recommendations considering a technique of creating a rumor to effect that FRANKLIN was able to retain his faculty position because he is furnishing intelligence information to the U. S. Government

Considering FRANKLIN's outspoken anti-U.S., anti-imperialist, pro-MAO utterances in public media, it is felt that his RU associates would scoff at any thought that FRANKLIN would cooperate with any U.S. Government agency under any circumstances.

Secondly, it is common knowledge among faculty and student alike that the Administration at Stanford has never fired or publicly censored any faculty member for his political activities and it is felt that an attempt to circulate such a rumor would have little effect on FRANKLIN's image among the subversive element in the Stanford area. In view of this, it is not being recommended that such an approach be made.

Bureau's attention is directed to San Francisco airtel, 5/20/69 and Bureau airtel dated 5/26/69, both captioned, "Revolutionary Union". The attached circular has been anonymously circulated among the Board of Trustees at Stanford, selected alumni, and local political figures in the Palo Alto - Stanford area in an effort to bring attention to FRANKLIN's revolutionary ideas. The circular appears to

have its origin with P. O. Box 3697, Stanford, which is the post office box utilized by the Young Americans for Freedom, a campus group openly opposed to the FRANKLIN element.

Although the circular has been distributed since June, 1969, it apparently has little effect with the Trustees as FRANKLIN continues as Assistant Professor in the English Department and is still active in RU activities.

Is Stanford the cradle of the 1973

Revolution ?

Revolution Red Guard style
with complete allégience to

MAO Tze-tung

You bet it is if

H. BRUCE FRANKLIN

Associate Professor of English and his Marxist-Leninist group
have their plans materialize.

Lets get him out of

STANFORD

now !

** LETS TAKE SOME ACTION **

Duplicate this circular and attached articles and send it to two
other concerned citizens requesting them to urge the appropriate
authorities to rid Stanford of this type.

If you think he is just another crack pot ----do nothing.

If you think he is just another crack pot ---- take a long look
at the attached articles before you decide to do nothing.

Militants' Aims

Come Into Focus

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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 Hali 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 3rd Movement

Franklin, whose Red Guard served as the nucleus of the RU, has also been active in the April 3rd 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.

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 1933. It's Lenin's description of St. Petersburg University in 1906.

"When Lenin describes even earlier events, it sounds like L. 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 in Berkeley, according to police.

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San Francisco, May 19, 1969

Target Date 1973

"... 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 itself—persons who said a target date of 1973 has been set for a nation-wide "revolutionary takeover."

How many individuals are involved has not been made clear.

However, one activist said the party's top echelon will be made up in the main of militant leaders of an underground organization headquartered in Alamo Park and calling itself the Red Guard.

Others would be from the Black Panthers, Students for a Democratic Society, the Resistance and other Maoist groups.

A Death List

This extremist, an instructor at the far-out Independent Free University, listed a frightening set of action plans at a recent Maoist study meeting of a group of "revolutionaries" in his own Palo Alto home.

A member of the Red Guard, he named certain businessmen and community leaders who would be the first to die "when we make

himself 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 "many police confrontations as possible. Scream '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 "terrific," but "fine," with Mao "describing it as substantial reference."

- o "The revolution already has begun, in the ghettos and in Berkeley. When the 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 information 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 Alamo 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 Leland Stanford fortune, 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 for such statements, he had been and was still with individuals "just a first hand knowledge situation there."

He included among "contacts" Christopher, who returned from King recently claiming the only cause is the Red Guard. Franklin's interpretation to say the other whites in the Red Guard.

He also mentioned officers" William Howard, an author who turned from behind a

Gun Toters

When asked to comment on reports some of Guard members were acquiring guns, Franklin knew of no law which prohibited American from possessing guns. Asked about the date for the review for comments or marks given by Guard lecturer in F

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Includes: "Statement of Principles of the Bay Area R.U.,"



"Against the Brainwash," a defense of Marxism-Leninism,

"Serve the People," an application of the thought of Mao among the working class.

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Yes. This is him