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Tail Wags the Dog

Behind UC Rebellion

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The self-styled Free Speech Movement which has kept the University of California campus at Berkeley in a turmoil for weeks involves only a minute fraction of the student body.

Considering there are nearly 26,000 students, scarcely a piper's guard is involved in the disorders.

Dedicated students no longer evince even a passing interest. The serious scholars couldn't care less.

The tail is wagging the dog.

Of those students involved, few have direct organizational ties of radical, extremist or even Communist nature.

Many are the dupes, unwittingly or otherwise, of trained agitators, some of whom are not even registered as students.

One motivating force behind the Marxist dominated demonstrations is a well organized coalition of adherents of three foreign ideologies.

University President Clark Kerr has stated the majority of the demonstrators were not students and that "up to

40 percent of the hard-core leaders" were adherents of the Mao-Red Chinese Communist line.

While the percentage of Mao line advocates may be open to question, there can be no doubt of Communist influence within the so-called Free Speech Movement.

The Mao-line adherents Kerr alluded to come from within the ranks of the Progressive Labor Movement — an out and out Communist organization headed in Berkeley

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ley by Mortimer Scheer, one-time Communist Party functionary in Buffalo, N. Y.

Scheer was expelled from the Communist Party U.S.A. in 1962 for siding with more militant Peking rather than with co-existence-minded Moscow.

One of Scheer's principal campus contacts is Yvonne Bond, a sometime co-ed who handled much of the money and most of the travel arrangements for the "students" who last summer visited Cuba in defiance of the government ban.

Another of his principal advocates is Maurine "Betty" Blanck, long identified with varied left wing causes.

DUBOIS CLUB

Scheer himself has been photographed on campus in conference with student rebellion leaders and in the act of distributing PLM handbills.

Scheer and his adherents form one segment of the alliance triangle.

The largest single faction involved is composed of members of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America, who advocate the Moscow line.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on Oct. 1 declared:

"... This academic year will undoubtedly see intensive Communist Party efforts to erect its newest facade on the nation's campuses to draw young blood for the vampire which is international Communism. In its continuing drive to attract young Americans, the Communist Party U. S. A. spawned a new national Marxist youth organization in June, 1964—the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America."

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Behind UC Demonstration

HEADQUARTERS

This organization's founding convention, arranged for in part by young Terrence Hallinan of San Francisco, was held here last June 19. The session, originally slated for Chicago, was transferred here because of "the more tolerant atmosphere prevalent in the Bay area," a DuBois press release stated.

Young Hallinan, according to the FBI, was among those who met in Chicago 11 months ago to frame a call for the founding convention.

The organization's national headquarters are here. While there is no formal chapter on the UC campus, there is an East Bay chapter composed in the main of UC students and professional hangers-on who constantly are on campus although not enrolled as students.

There also is a chapter at San Francisco State College, some of whose members have traveled to Berkeley to participate in demonstrations.

AN ADVISER

The organization's newsletter of Oct. 16 discusses the FSM demonstrations at length and concludes, on page nine, with this appeal:

"All groups — especially DuBois Clubs in other areas, are urged to support this (Free Speech Movement) fight. Petitions, protest letters, etc., will help. The central phone for FSM is

TH 8-2930. Correspondence should go to FSM, care of Art Goldberg, 2632 College, Berkeley."

Albert J. "Micky" Lima, chairman of the Communist Party for Northern California, is an "ex-officio" advisor to the group.

Lima has been photographed on campus conferring with students during the FSM demonstration.

HANDBILL

The third dominant faction participating in the disorders is the Young Socialist Alliance—the youth branch of the Socialist Workers Party, which was cited by former Attorney General Tom Clark as a subversive organization.

The YSA adheres to the Trotsky line of Communism, with a leaning toward Castro.

One of the YSA leaders on campus is John Belisle, recently of Detroit and a strong advocate of the Castro takeover in Cuba. Belisle has been photographed on campus in association with Scheer.

The YSA recently distributed on campus a handbill which read in part:

"Over the past year mem-

bers of the Young Socialist Alliance, the W.E.B. DuBois Club, SLATE, and many independent activists, have worked closely together on such important projects as the demonstrations against Madame Nhu, the Lucky Store picketing, the Sheraton Palace demonstrations, the Cadillac picketing, and the new ad hoc committee on Vietnam. Some successes have been registered because socialists, unaffiliated radicals, and liberals serious about their ideals, have been willing to work closely in direct actions."