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CHRIS MENCHINE

'It's no secret'

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**Revolutionary
 Admits Role
 In Nixon Riot**

Spokesmen for the San Jose Revolutionary Union admitted yesterday—readily and rather proudly—they helped organize a 1970 demonstration against President Nixon but termed an undercover agent's charge that they stockpiled rocks for the occasion "ridiculous."

In fact, said union spokesman Chris Menchine, 20, the person who most advocated violence in the organization was Lawrence Goff himself, who turned up in Washington Wednesday to testify as an FBI undercover agent.

"That guy even suggested we get some mustard gas and use it to force the (military) recruiters out of the San Jose State (College) student union," Menchine said.

Goff and his wife told the House Internal Security Committee that they reported on Revolutionary Union activities to the FBI for more than a year.

The couple from Lemoore, Kings county, said the union

was trying to infiltrate the Army and labor organizations and was bent on gathering followers for a violent revolution in America.

Goff, a gunsmith, said the radical group armed themselves with wrenches and stockpiled rocks for a demonstration against President Nixon in San Jose a week before the 1970 elections. Rocks were thrown at the demonstration, but Mr. Nixon was not hit.

"It's no secret, you can even ask the San Jose Police. We certainly did help organize that demonstration along with a number of other groups," Menchine said, "but the strategy was to make it a peaceful demonstration. We did not pile up rocks."

Menchine, who said his group is a Marxist-Leninist organization which does not hide its hopes to "overthrow this rotten parasitic boss class and set up a socialistic society," recalled that members of the group thought of Goff as "a sincere guy who was just a little mixed up."

The fact that he turned out to be an FBI informer and testified in Washington, Menchine said, "makes it clear the government is frantic and thrashing around for anything they can use against the people. It shows the government's weakness."

The young radical said his organization does indeed attempt to put members in the military and labor unions.

"As revolutionaries, we want to go where the revolutionary people are likely to be," Menchine said.

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