

# Guerrilla Guru Called a CIA Agent— S. F. State Experimental Class Nixed

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Guerrilla guru Roberto Kaffke has been kicked out of the Experimental College at San Francisco State because of student suspicion he might be a CIA agent.

A CIA spokesman at Washington, asked for comment, said — with obvious amusement at this particular inquiry — that the agency never comments on whether a particular person may or may not be a CIA agent.

Kaffke, whose class on "Guerrilla Warfare" was sponsored by the EC last semester, is back on campus again as a non-student and wants to teach another course, this one entitled "Philosophy of Revolution."

Despite the onetime motto of the student-founded Experimental College that "any one can teach anything," the EC

turned thumbs down on Kaffke because of alleged "lack of discipline and untrustworthiness."

### PHONE CALL

But the real reason for the rejection, according to student government officials in a mysterious phone call said to have been received by Dean of Students Ferd Reddell.

This call supposedly was an offer from a "federal agency" to pay off Kaffke's back debts (he owes money on a student loan) and to underwrite his entrance fees.

### TRUSTEES

Reddell emphatically denies that he got a call from a "federal agency," but the rumor persists on campus. Whether there was a call by someone purporting to represent a "federal agency" remains a question—at least in the Experimental College

Kaffke, meanwhile, said the call — if there was one — was an attempt to "smear" him and make the EC exclude him of its own volition.

He added, again with amusement, that there would be no departure from this CIA policy in Kaffke's case.

Last semester, Kaffke's class was investigated by the State College trustees after reports he was teaching such subjects as the manufacture of Molotov cocktails and other guerrilla weapons.

Undaunted by the EC rejection, Kaffke circulated his flyer announcing the new course with the words "Experimental College" scratched off and "Ecumenical House" inserted.

The Ecumenical House, however, promptly withdrew its sponsorship of the course after the first session last



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night and that a committee now had been established to pass on the suitability of

his new course. "a seminar not on how but the why of revolution," has a reading list that includes standard texts such as DeBray's "Revolution in the Revolution," and Lenin's "State and Revolution" as well as Plato's "Republic" and the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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A student at S.F. State on and off since 1950, the 40-year-old Kaffke had his latest revolutionary experience this summer when he was jailed briefly in Canada for possession of an unregistered weapon.

### CUBA TRIP

According to Kaffke, he was picked up by police as he left the Cuban Embassy while arranging details for an unsanctioned passage to Cuba.

Last semester, Kaffke's course on guerrilla techniques drew both 125 pupils and the interest of the trustees and state government officialdom.

Ian Grand, 25, head of the EC, refused to comment on the Kaffke incident except to say that "it is no longer

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