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**Agents Tell
 Plotting by
 U.S. Maoists**

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Two undercover agents for the FBI testified yesterday that they infiltrated a Maoist revolutionary group that planned a rock-throwing demonstration against President Nixon in San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Goff of Lemoore, Kings county, told the House internal security committee that members of the Revolutionary Union were responsible for the incident a week before the 1970 elections.

The President was not injured but his car was hit by debris after a speech in San Jose auditorium.

The Goffs said that members of their group had been told to pile rocks and to carry wrenches for self-defense and to foment a demonstration aimed at embarrassing Mr. Nixon.

CLASS

Mrs. Goff, a red-haired mother of four, said the RU wanted to give the working class the impression they should "hate the President" and that members were organized into brigades to encourage the rock throwing.

The couple said they reported to the FBI on RU activities for more than a year and one-half until they were suspected in April after the arrest of their leader, Barry Greenberg.

Asked by Representative Richard H. Ichord if he was certain RU was involved in the incident, Goff said, "I would say they were the main organizers of it."



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LAWRENCE GOFF AND HIS WIFE TESTIFIED BEFORE A HOUSE COMMITTEE
He said a Maoist group wanted to stockpile weapons

He said several members were arrested and that he and his wife did not take part in the demonstration or in the direct planning activity.

Goff told reporters after the hearing he reported all he knew about the incident to the FBI. He refused to say how he made his reports to the FBI during his period as an informant.

Testimony from the Goffs marked the first time the in-

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ternal security committee has heard from members of RU as it continues its probe of the influence of radical group on the military.

Trying to infiltrate the army was one of the aims of RU, but the Goffs said the group also tried to take over unions and to solicit recruits

from production firms as part of its ultimate goal of overthrowing the government.

Under the RU code, he said members pledged to work for the violent overthrow of the state, took weapons training, attempted to foment demonstrations and tried to infiltrate the Army and labor unions.

Goff said suspended Stanford professor H. Bruce Franklin, one of the founders of the RU, boasted in the fall of 1970 that 75 per cent of the workers for the Bell Telephone System in Palo Alto, were members of RU.

He said Franklin believes a bloody revolution will occur in about three years while Greenberg wants to build a base for the revolution to occur in about 15 years.

Franklin later split from the Revolutionary Union and formed a radical group called "Venceremos."

MEMBERS

The Goffs said RU had about 400 members in the San Francisco Bay Area and that chapters had spread to New York, Chicago and Detroit.

In great detail, they told how RU members organized into collectives and studied the teachings of Mao Tse-tung as printed in his "little red book." They said a collective in Salinas was organized to attract GIs from Fort Ord to liquor parties where members tried to recruit them.

The chairman of one collective, they said, had been drafted and with the encouragement of the RU

planned to try and disrupt the army. He said letters from the soldier now at Fort Bragg, N.C., indicated he had been told by friends in South Vietnam of fragging incidents.

"This is, I guess, shooting people on your own side," said Goff. "He seemed quite excited about that."

Goff, a gunsmith, displayed a rifle of the type that he said the organization sought to convert from semiautomatic to the outlawed automatic status. He said the group also wanted to stockpile weapons.

At the close of the hearing, Ichord said the staff of the committee would attempt to track down persons named in executive session who are in the armed forces.

The only persons named as members of RU by the Goffs in public testimony were Greenberg and his wife, Mary Lou, both of the San Jose area, and Franklin.