

Red Unit Seeks S. D. S. Rule

UNDERGROUND GROUP TO ACT AT MEETING

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Senate subcommittee is told that the United Auto Workers union helped finance a 1963 project of Students for a Democratic Society. Story on page 10.

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An underground communist organization is expected to vie for control of the radical Students for a Democratic Society when the S. D. S. opens its national convention here tomorrow, THE TRIBUNE has learned.

The underground group, which recently has emerged after a year of secret organizing in the San Francisco bay area, is known as the Revolutionary Union or the Red Union.

Affiliates with Groups

In recent months, the union has affiliated with other militant groups in Chicago and Los Angeles to "educate and develop a cadre for the coming revolution," according to investigators in the San Francisco area.

The first link with the pro-Chinese communist union was learned by investigators in March when a leader of the union, Robert Avakian, attended an S. D. S. conference in Austin, Tex. Undercover agents said that Avakian was warmly greeted by Michael Klonsky, 26, national secretary of the S. D. S.

Indications of Support

Further evidence of the union's influence on the S. D. S. is that one of the speakers at the convention will be Chris Melton, an associate of Avakian's, who authorities say has lived in Red China for four years. Avakian, while there, was a member of the Red Guards, a revolutionary group.

There are indications, investigators said, that Klonsky will support Avakian for the post he will vacate, that of national secretary.

The Revolutionary Union recently declared its principles in a 31-page booklet entitled "The Red Papers." In it, it was noted that the "main force and leader of a united front against imperialism must be the working class."

The booklet quotes extensively from the teachings of Marx and Lenin and tells of "the need of the working class to

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S. D. S. CONTROL TO BE SOUGHT BY RED GROUP

Secret Unit Will Act at Convention

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acquire arms to overthrow the power of the ruling class."

The union used its booklet to criticize the Progressive Labor party, which has been accused by S. D. S. leaders of receiving operating funds from the Chinese communist government.

Investigators noted that plans are under way by Progressive



Michael Klonsky

party leaders to take over the S. D. S. and indoctrinate the group with its own brand of pro-Maoist and Marxist-Leninist philosophy.

Most of the party's delegate strength to the S. D. S. convention will come from the east coast and sections of the west coast, including a large contingent from the Berkeley [Cal.] S. D. S. chapter. This chapter was recently taken over by leaders of the Progressive party.

Caucus Group to Work

Investigators noted that the Progressive Labor party members are well disciplined and are easily identified at S. D. S. conventions or meetings because they wear clean shirts and ties, in contrast to the slovenly appearance of other S. D. S. members and leaders.

Also working for the party at the convention will be the Workers Student alliance, which is described as a caucus group which sympathizes with the Progressive party. Its members are expected to lobby for the party among uncommitted delegates.

Federal and local authorities, who have been watching closely the activities of the S. D. S., believe that the factional infighting at the convention could lead to the formation of new revolutionary student groups.

Rudd May Join Race

"It all depends which group gains control," said one investigator. "But whichever does, the same Marxist-Leninist theories of revolution will be followed."

Authorities have learned that Mark Rudd, S. D. S. activist who led the riots at Columbia university, may make a bid to run as the national secretary. If Rudd is unsuccessful, plans are under way to place him on the national interim committee of the S. D. S., which sets policy for the group.

Besides Klonsky, whose father, Robert, was the former organizational secretary for the Communist party in eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, two other national leaders of the S. D. S. will leave office.

They are Bernadine Dohrn, 27, the interorganizational secretary, and Fred Gordon, education secretary, who has been known to sympathize with the aims of the Progressive Labor party.

Miss Dohrn played an active role in organizing a legal defense campaign through the leftist National Lawyers guild for those arrested in the Democratic convention disorders last August, and was among 28 American students who traveled to Budapest to confer with leaders of the National Liberation front in the fall of 1968.