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held to his head, had been signed up as an American Nazi Party member and had been present on at least one window-smashing raid.

Each of the nine was charged with six counts of illegal use, possession or transportation of deadly weapons or explosives, one count of conspiracy and one of criminal syndicalism. The conspiracy charge apparently stems from a plan to teargas a group discussing China and Maoism at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church on February 13. Police, warned by Lareau, stood guard on the church grounds and the attackers, disguised with false beards, turned away. Neher was further charged with possession of stolen property. And on May 5, the San Mateo County Grand Jury, after secretly hearing 17 witnesses, indicted the group on 38 additional counts, including the December 3 bombing of the MFU and destruction by arson of a Pacific High School bus. Each of the McGees was charged with 5 felony counts for attempting to bomb the MFU on February 8 and 14, and Lake was charged with 4 counts for the December 3 bombing. The nine were arraigned in Redwood City on February 17 and released on \$6250 bail after Judge Roy Seagraves, in rejecting Donna McGee's plea for on-recognizance release because of her sex, noted that "women can be just as vicious as men." At least 50 Nazis and other avowed white-power advocates were in the courtroom. The nine pleaded not guilty. Two - Cooney and Peddy - have minor police records.



**Cullenbine:** "I felt hatred, fear, guilt..."

Although the large share of the attacks occurred after mid-November, the road to arrest began at a Mountain View gun show on October 19, when Mirto approached Joseph C. Dobiss, Jr., engaged him in conversation and ultimately recruited him into the group, which was operating as a legitimate Bible class under the name "Society of Man." The Dobiss story is long and tangled, and will be covered in detail in later issues of the Free You. He is a self-professed Maoist with an arrest record, and his motives and reliability have been questioned by all sides during the investigation. But on October 13 he went down to buy a gun, was one of several people casually approached by Mirto, and went into the group. Roy Kepler learned independently of the Society a month later when Bruce and Ed Peddy, younger brothers of Walter, draft resisters and occasional

Kepler employees, offered to help with an all-night store watch that was being mounted after Kepler's Los Altos store was bombed on November 13. They referred then, vaguely, to their brother's politics; Kepler was interested and Ed, within a few

## From Joss Cooney

(Editor's Note: J.D. Cooney is one of the nine persons charged with the bombings. He has pleaded innocent. The editors of the Free You have dedicated themselves to unbiased two-way communication. We're glad to present Mr. Cooney's contribution to this effort.)

I have been asked by Mr. Cullenbine to tell you in 500 words or less, what I believe and how I feel about the Mid-Peninsula Free University.

After living in the United States for 5-1/2 years, I became a citizen in 1964. I became a citizen because what most impressed me about this country was the individual liberty each citizen had. The oath I took was to defend the Constitution of the United States and our country from all enemies, foreign and domestic. I took that oath seriously.

I believe in God. I read the Bible. My favorite biblical quotation is from 2 Cor. 3.17 which says, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."

I am concerned, frightfully concerned, with Communism because I have seen that a well financed militant minority can accomplish changes far beyond the relative strength in our community.

I am opposed to violence except in the defense of one's home, loved ones, neighbors and country.

I supported George Wallace in his campaign for President because he was the only candidate who advocated diminishing the grab of power of the Federal Bureaucrats in Washington.

I believe the Federal Government should only be entrusted with those duties that cannot be handled on a local level.

I am opposed to the Mid-Peninsula Free University because from the front cover to the back you seek to advocate permissive sex without any regard for our values concerning morality, the sacred institution of marriage respect for law and due process. You further, by some of the posters you have offered for sale, show many of our institutions in their worst possible light; for example, a poster showing twelve policemen in an act of rape on two women, one dressed as liberty and one dressed as justice.

I am particularly concerned because these permissive attitudes, catalogues and scenes depicting sex in the raw are even being given to grade school children here in Menlo Park. Who can deny that this does not have an effect and question what they are being taught at home by their parents and church?

I have never been furtive in my acts. You at the Mid-Peninsula Free University know how I feel because I have told you. My support of George Wallace was open. If Black Power means pride in race and self, with responsibility, I support it.

I have always stood up to be counted as to what my views are. Anybody who would, at night, bomb another one's home or business is a coward.

J.D.Cooney

days, Had talked to Walter, learned of the group, attended a session and returned to Kepler, shaken by its hostility to Kepler and the MFU. "Ed told me one older woman had been praying for my destruction," Kepler recalls. What sort of destruction wasn't mentioned.