

Beaty Disowned by

'Considered a Brother ... Until Today'

By Tom Hall

Chino inmate Ronald W. Beaty was a member of Venceremos revolutionary organization, the group he says helped him escape in a bloody ambush that left one of two unarmed guards dead on Oct. 7.

"But he's not now," former Stanford Professor H. Bruce Franklin emphatically said yesterday after being released on a charge of harboring the convict captured by San Francisco police on the Bay Bridge Dec. 11.

Franklin said Beaty was "recruited in prison into Venceremos. He never operated under our discipline but we considered him a brother . . . until today."

Franklin as well as his attorney, Charles Garry, labeled Beaty's statement to an FBI agent over the weekend "as an attempt to save his own skin."

Welcome Story

"This is a story the FBI would like to put together to destroy Venceremos and now they have Beaty working for them."

Venceremos is a revolutionary organization composed of Third World people as well as working people who believe the working people should run the country, according to Franklin, a member.

The Beaty statement resulted in eight persons being arrested yesterday — four of them here — by FBI agents on a charge of harboring Beaty after his escape last October.

Campus Exile

Arrested here in addition to Franklin, 30, of 1060 Ringwood St., Menlo Park, who was fired from Stanford for fomenting violence on campus, were:

Bruce W. Hobson, 23, 1114 Villa Dr., Mountain View, son of Jean Hobson, unsuccessful Palo Alto city council candidate last year, member of the Venceremos Central Committee, and arrested with Beaty last week in a car in which numerous firearms and ammunition were found.

Morton Newman, 30, employed by Heublin Industries in Menlo Park as a warehouseman and a shop steward with International Longshoremen's and Warehouse-

men's Union Local 6, of 312 O'Keefe St., Menlo Park.

Charles W. Noble, 25, unemployed, of 933 Scott St., Palo Alto.

Bond Posted

Of the four arrested here, all but Noble were released by U.S. Magistrate Richard Goldsmith on \$10,000 bond after being required to post 10 percent in cash of the total amount. Noble's bail was \$5000. He, too, was released and all were told to return Jan. 5 for preliminary hearing.

Others arrested were Robert A. Seabock, 23, 666 Channing St., Palo Alto, engineering company employe, on a charge involving the slaying of the guard which resulted in Beaty's escape.

Arrested in Fort Defiance, Ariz., on charges of harboring Beaty were Dr. Harry Bishara, his wife, Lorraine, and attorney Michael Goldstein.

Federal Employe

Bishara is employed at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Fort Defiance. Goldstein is a law clerk with a government-funded organization that offers advice to Navajo tribes in Arizona.

Franklin told newsmen he "had no idea who broke Beaty out," when asked if Venceremos members did.

Hobson, Newman and Noble declined to say to newsmen whether they were members of the revolutionary group, an association readily admitted by Franklin, married and father of three children.

Before Magistrate Goldsmith, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Bancroft asked for "substantial" bail, after earlier indicating \$100,000.

Flight Feared

"The offense charged is itself obstruction of justice," Bancroft said. "If these defendants will do for another, then they also will do for themselves," inferring they'd flee or hide if released.

"This is a classic example of guilt by association," Garry claimed while asking that the defendants be released without bail.

"Professor Franklin is prepared to deny any complicity in the harboring of Beaty, any conversations with Beaty or that he ever met Beaty."

Out of court, Franklin said he had never met Beaty or talked to him.

Franklin



Morton Newman, H. Bruce Franklin, Bruce Hobson and Charles Noble after release yesterday

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"This is an attempt to drag down Venceremos," Garry claimed out of court. "It seems to be a prearranged situation. I'm begin-

ning to think that the escape was planned by the FBI in an attempt to get Venceremos.

"It is another attempt on

the part of the Nixon Administration to stifle political dissent and individual freedom."

All eight arrested were

charged with aiding Beaty in various ways to keep out of sight of law enforcement authorities following his escape.