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SPECIAL INFORMATION REPORT

The Rev. Philip Berrigan, an antiwar activist, was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison for destroying draft records in Catonsville, Maryland in May 1968. While in prison, Philip and his brother Daniel organized a group called the East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives. This group had allegedly plotted to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger and demand as ransom an end to the U. S. bombing operations in Southeast Asia and the release of all political prisoners. Philip Berrigan and several other antiwar activists were charged in January 1971 of this conspiracy, which later resulted in a mistrial in April 1972. Berrigan, cleared of the charges that led to a plot to kidnap Kissinger, was sentenced to four concurrent two year terms for smuggling letters out of the Lewisburg Penitentiary. His full sentence for destroying draft records in Maryland will terminate in February 1974. A group of close friends, relatives and ex-cellmates have announced plans for a week of Resistance and Renewal (October 25 - November 1) in Washington, D. C. as a response to Philip's parole hearing being postponed until January 1973. This group will be known as the Prisoners Strike for Peace who have headquarters at 2121 Decatur Place, N. W.

Recently Ted Glick (one of the defendants in the conspiracy trial) met with the National Park Service and discussed plans for the group's activities which are as follows:

25 October -- An all-day fast and vigil will be held at the Department of Justice (9th and Pa. Ave., N. W.) between 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. and officials are expecting 50 to 100 people to participate.

26 October -- Organizers are expecting 100 to 150 people to assemble at the Department of Justice at 9:30 a. m., followed by a march to the Pentagon Mall at 10:00 a. m.

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At 4:00 p. m. the group will march from the Pentagon to Lafayette Park to join the Washington Area Peace Action Coalition to demonstrate against the War. Abe Bloom, one of the leaders of the Washington Area Peace Coalition, has indicated that 1,000 people will participate in the Lafayette Park demonstration and 100 will demonstrate on the sidewalks in front of the White House between 3:30 and 7:30 p. m.

27 October -- The Prisoners Strike for Peace are expecting 100 to 150 to assemble at the Justice Department at 9:00 a. m. and a march to the Federal Bureau of Prisons (101 Indiana Ave. , N. W.) at 10:00 a. m. for a demonstration.

28 October -- The group will assemble at the Justice Department at 10:00 a. m. and at 1:30 march to the Nixon re-election headquarters at which time they will present a petition to the committee headquarters. Five hundred to 3,000 participants are expected. Officials have indicated there will be a possibility of arrests at this demonstration.

29 October -- Nothing scheduled

30 October -- An assembly at the Justice-Department and march to the Nixon re-election headquarters (17th and Pa. Ave. , N. W.) and at which time they will hold an all-day fast.

31 October -- They will assemble at the Justice Department at 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. where they will conduct an all-day silent vigil and 100 to 150 are expected to participate.

1 November -- An estimated 125 persons will assemble at the Justice Department at 9:00 a. m. and march to the Nixon re-election headquarters where they will conduct a sit-in and officials are expecting all to be arrested at this demonstration.

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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

The antiwar movement shows no signs of dissolving now that the war has apparently ended for the U. S. troops in Vietnam. Leaders of the major peace organizations believe that the era of massive demonstrations is over. Their plans are vague, but the generals of the peace movement want to play watchdog over U. S. forces remaining in Southeast Asia.

The following organizations have announced tentative plans:

People's Coalition for Peace and Justice

Sidney Peck, national coordinator of the PCPJ, and Rev. Paul Meyer announced the formation of a "citizens observation commission." The commission will monitor the implementation of Article II of the Accords guaranteeing "full personal and political freedom to all citizens of South Vietnam." Members of the commission will be composed of leading legislative, religious, and academic figures in the U. S. As soon as the commission is completed and visas secured, the names will be announced. The group will report any infraction of the peace agreement they observe.

A "National Emergency Network" of 5,000 persons has been established by PCPJ to lay the groundwork for new demonstrations should U. S. intervention be renewed.

Reportedly, the PCPJ is considering a plan to demonstrate because allegedly high-ranking U. S. military and civilian leaders have caused war atrocities in Vietnam.

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In another area of activity, the PCPJ is planning strategy to obtain amnesty for those who refused to fight in Vietnam.

Recently, representatives of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, the War Resisters League, Catholic Peace Fellowship, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and other organizations met in New York City to plan a series of demonstrations to be called "The Emergency Project for Saigon Civilian Prisoners." These demonstrations will be conducted in Washington, D. C. to protest the fate of Vietcong civilian prisoners held by the South Vietnamese Government.

Tentative schedule of events is as follows:

20 February -- Reportedly, 1,100 demonstrators (representing the number of South Vietnamese prisoners being released by the North Vietnamese) will conduct a march to illustrate that the North Vietnamese are living up to the terms of the peace agreement. The route of march is unknown at this time.

23 - 24 February -- The above sponsoring organizations will conduct congressional visits to request that tax funds not be spent on South Vietnam and to request an investigation of President Thieu's Regime.

28 February - 1 March -- Tiger cages (symbolic of those used by South Vietnamese to hold Vietcong prisoners) will be set up at the South Vietnamese Embassy and at the offices of certain Congressmen.

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National Peace Action Coalition

Jerry Gordon for the NPAC plans to have a picket line at the White House on 24 February from 10 to 11:30 a. m. to protest continued U. S. involvement in Southeast Asia. Following the White House picket, demonstrators will march to Lafayette Park for a rally.

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Officials of NPAC are expecting 150 demonstrators to participate in the White House demonstration and 500 to attend the rally.

American Friends Service Committee (Quaker organization)

The AFSC has launched a million-dollar campaign to double its aid to civilian war victims in North and South Vietnam. The fund raising effort will be directed at university communities across the nation. In the past, AFSC has helped organize teach-ins, as well as counseling servicemen and young people facing the draft.

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Clergy and Laymen Concerned

The CLC identifies amnesty for draft resisters as one of its postwar issues but isn't sure how it should be promoted. They will begin by lobbying in Congress and attempt to persuade the Administration to grant amnesty. Reportedly, they have considered the possibility of approaching the Rev. Billy Graham on this issue.

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Safe Return (An American-based Committee that had alliances with AMEX (Canada) and Up from Exile (Sweden))

Safe Return has announced a strategy conference for exiles and their supporters to take place in Paris 19 - 22 February. The Paris conference for total amnesty will be attended by 100 delegates from the following groups: American Civil Liberties Union, The Vietnam Veterans Against the War, the War Resisters League, the United Methodist League, and the Clergy and Laymen Concerned.

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Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Held in Vietnam

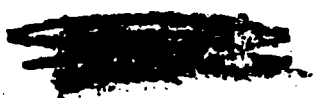
In the past, the Committee of Liaison has sent mail to American prisoners of war and released the names of those held by North Vietnam. The committee will now shift its concern to freeing some of the prisoners in South Vietnamese jails.

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Indochina Peace Campaign

Recently, the IPC sponsored an antiwar educational tour

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conducted by Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden. Reportedly, they will continue to sponsor speaking teams concerning U.S. involvement in Vietnam and the Thieu Regime. *Sanctuary 7 Feb 73*

Medical Aid for Indochina

The MAI (a Boston-based fund raising project) reports that it has raised over \$500,000 for the reconstruction of the Bach Mai Hospital which was allegedly destroyed by U.S. bombing in December 1972. *Sanctuary 7 Feb 73*

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

16 - 19 February, Washington, D.C.

The National Organization for Women has filed a notice to demonstrate across the street from the Supreme Court Building between the hours of noon and 1:30 p. m. on 16 February 1973. The group will demonstrate to protest that women do not have any role in lawmaking.

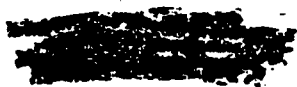
Officials of NOW are expecting 750 women to assemble at the Statler-Hilton Hotel and march to Lafayette Park for a rally on 19 February. This demonstration is to be held between 7 and 9 p. m. *Sanctuary 7 Feb 73* *FBI 850 257* *112 912 73*

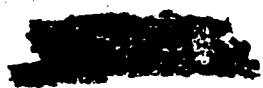
17 - 18 February, Los Angeles, California

The Peace and Freedom Party will hold a conference at the Los Angeles Convention Center to discuss political issues and chart the future course of the party. Dr. Benjamin Spock, Presidential candidate for the party in the 1972 election, has announced he will attend. *Peace + Freedom Party 11 Feb 73*

20 February, Washington, D.C.

The National Association for Community Development is outraged by President Nixon's new budget eliminating the Office *Sanctuary 7 Feb 73*





of Economic Opportunity, as well as other programs to combat poverty and racism. The NACD has announced they will begin lobbying in Congress on 20 February. Officials are soliciting support from the following organizations: Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National Council of Churches, NAACP, and the American Jewish Congress. Tentative plans call for participants to visit their Congressmen and demand appropriation of funds for social needs.

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28 February, 1-2 March, Washington, D.C.

The National Student Association has announced plans to begin lobbying in Congress to force the Administration to cut funds for the continued American involvement in Southeast Asia.

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