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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORTSOLIDARITY DAY 19 JUNE 1968Who is Coming

Bayard RUSTIN, organizer of the 19 June mobilization in Washington, D. C., intended to climax the Poor People's Campaign, will issue a "call for mobilization" on 5 June 1968.

RUSTIN has announced that he hopes to bring 50,000 students to Washington, D. C. for the Solidarity Day mass demonstration.

RUSTIN has appointed Joshua MURAVCHIK, a student at City College of New York, as "youth coordinator".

Ed SCHWARTZ, president of the National Student Association, has said that student government leaders at the 350 schools which belong to NSA would work to bring in bus loads of youngsters from all over the country.

Also participating in the effort is the U.S. Youth Council, to which religious and liberal organizations belong.

Objectives of the Demonstration

RUSTIN announced the objectives of the 19 June demonstration in a "Call to Americans of Goodwill". Among the objectives which RUSTIN listed as attainable in the current session of Congress were:

- a. A million Federally financed "socially useful career jobs" in public works.
- b. Repeal of the controversial welfare "freeze" in last year's social security bill (the freeze will be delayed until mid-1969 if the tax bill passes).
- c. Restoration of "Budget cuts" in the Elementary-Secondary Education Act and Economic Opportunity Act, with special stress on bilingual education, summer jobs and Head Start.

SOURCE: Washington News 4 June 1968

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During a conference on Sunday, 2 June 1968 with Stanley LEVISON, SCLC Advisor [REDACTED], William RUTHERFORD, Executive Director of the SCLC, explained that 19 June 1968 has been chosen by the Campaign as the date for its mass demonstration in order to enable students to participate. RUTHERFORD explained this to LEVISON because LEVISON is opposed to the choice of a mid-week date on the grounds that adults would be unable to participate. Despite RUTHERFORD'S explanation for the choice of the date, LEVISON remained critical of it.

SOURCE: FBI cable 4 June 1968 in 23604

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