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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Elijah MUHAMMAD, leader of the Black Muslims, aka Nation of Islam, was the principal speaker at their annual convention held in Chicago 23 February. An estimated 6,000 members heard Elijah, as he continues to refer to the white man as the devil and the enemy and to call for separation of the races.

FBI IN 99913

Information has been reported that round-trip airline tickets for travel from San Francisco to Stockholm, Sweden, have been prepared in the names of Black Panther leaders Bobby SEALE and David HILLIARD. The two are scheduled to depart 4 March and to arrive in Stockholm 5 March. The date of return and purpose of the trip are not known at this time.

FBI IN 00774

It was announced at a recent Black Panther Party rally in Chicago, Illinois, that the Black Panther Party in Chicago had formed a coalition with the Vice Lords, a Chicago Negro street gang.

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It has been noted that currently the main thrust and emphasis of anti-war, anti-draft, and pacifist organizations

and individuals - as well as many leftist radical ones - seems to be to prevent the deployment by the United States of an Anti-Ballistic Missile System. They are joined in their effort, of course, by many well-meaning loyal Americans, whose opposition is not based on ulterior purposes but who earnestly feel use of the ABM System would be unwise.

Washington High School students are increasing demands on the board of education and have apparently found a friend in the person of Julius HOBSON the recently elected firebrand champion of black power in the D. C. school system. Representatives of the Student Coalition for Education Now engaged last week in a gripe session with a five-member Board of Education Committee. HOBSON siding with the Student Coalition labeled the history books now in general use in the city high schools "a tissue of lies." HOBSON encouraged the students to tell the board that they want changes right now. HOBSON, perpetuating his oft-voiced nostrum, urged the students to continue to press their demands.

Some of the changes the students are demanding are: Incorporation of a book list prepared by the Eastern High School Freedom Annex, a racist center of "Soul Studies" in the Eastern High School area. The list includes several works of the late W. E. B. DuBOIS, founder of the NAACP and later life expatriate who died in Ghana several years ago at age 91, finally a confessed communist. DU BOIS posthumously lent his name to the youth group of the CPUSA; Paid student participation in the formation of a black studies curriculum; and change of outdated text books which present American and world history in a manner which slights the black man. The Student Coalition wants black studies courses dealing with Negro history from two minutes ago back to Zinjanthropus erectus.

With a present public school enrollment in the District over 75 percent black and a majority black school board the school system now faces the possibility of a "back lash" curriculum that relegates Christopher Columbus and George Washington to historic roles subordinate to Malcolm X, KING, and CARMICHAEL.

A campus backlash shows signs of emerging across the country and 1969 may not be as dismal and disruptive as many observers fear. The voice of the silent majority is being heard and at a significant number of colleges and universities the moderate student sees the radical as a threat to his educational pursuit and hence his future in society. The campus revolutionary knows when he presents his list of demands to Father HESBURGH at Notre Dame or to Professor HAYAKAWA he can expect rational dialogue, persuasiveness, and compromise. When confronted by his moderate contemporary, however, the radical faces a worthy foe on the same level. Student apathy against vandalism and violence is dropping away.

Several "middle-right" student groups have formed in recent months, and although there is little cohesiveness and coordination from campus to campus, a movement has started to counteract and confront the SDS. Press attention and hopefully genuine student interest is accelerating. The moderate organizations that have recently been noticed (either because they are new or remain no longer dormant) are: The Thomas Jefferson Clubs; United Student Alliance (USA); The Committee for Academic Environment; and the laugh-provoking Society for Prevention of Asinine Student Movements (SPASM). Even among college professors, growing resentment to campus revolt is organizing. New York University Professor Sidney HOOK who in the past has been noted for his liberal though rational outlook has started a group called the Organization of University Centers for Rational Alternatives. HOOK claims a membership of 400 professors at more than 36 colleges and universities.

Campus resistance to SDS, the Black Panthers and other anarchistic and nihilistic movements takes different form at different locations. Petitions backing the administration have been signed on several campuses. The most noteworthy example is Michigan State University where over 10,000 signatures condemning intimidation, violence, and disruption were recently gathered in a few days. Counter demonstrations have been staged elsewhere (San Francisco State and University of Connecticut) and at Rutgers a student has filed a federal complaint charging that the takeover of a classroom building by Negro students violates his

civil rights. The complaint reportedly is now in the hands of the Justice Department.

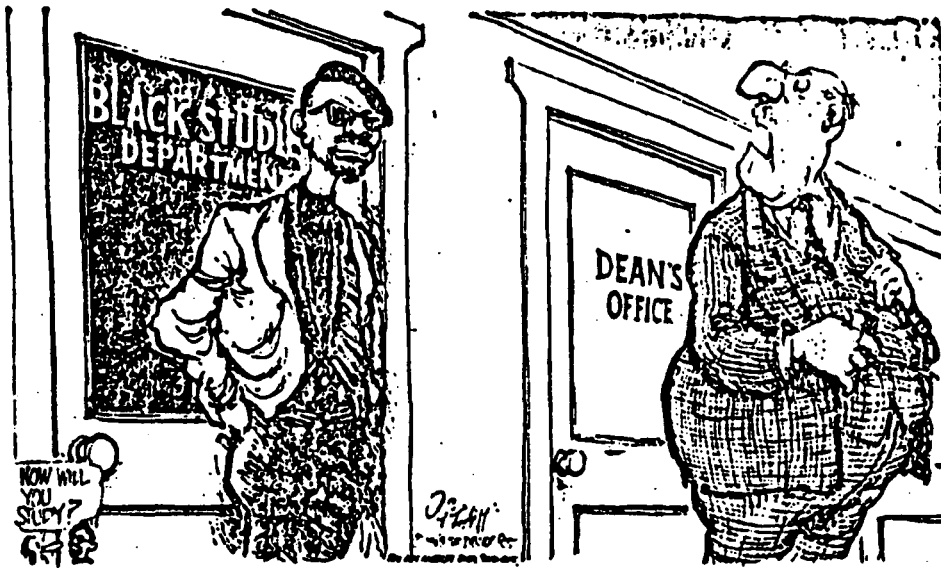
Some observers believe that although the moderate majority will prevail, the radicals of the New Left will begin to resort to more force in coming months. Since destruction is their sole goal and violence their only tactic the SDS in desperation may advance the pace of revolt - not because they see themselves winning but because they see themselves losing.

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"...AND STOP CALLING ME 'BOY'"



"How do you spell amnesty? Man, I'm lost when I get past four letters."

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

February 24 -
March 4

*San Francisco Area - On the morning of 24 February, 20 members of The Institute for the Study of Non-Violence began a march from Carmel to San Francisco to protest mutiny charges against the "Presidio 27." The march is scheduled to end on 4 March at the San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts where a rally with other marchers from Marin County and the Bay Area will be held. Immediate plans call for the march to pass through Seaside, Castroville, and Watsonville and cover a distance of about twenty miles each day.

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February 28

*Chicago, Illinois - It is expected that a press conference will be held by leftist Terence HALLINAN, to announce the formation of the GI Defense Organization (GIDO). This group will be organized to arrange civil legal council for GI's to carry cases involving GI's and to utilize all legal and political channels to safeguard the right of dissent by military personnel.

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March 1

*Lambert Field and Scott Air Force Base, Illinois - The St. Louis Resistance Union plans demonstrations.

March 4

*Cambridge, Massachusetts, etc. - A group of about forty-five professors and graduate students have scheduled a voluntary research halt at M.I.T. to focus attention on how the "misuse of scientific and technical knowledge presents a major threat to the existence of mankind." The M.I.T. organizers are actively encouraging scientists at other universities to schedule similar activities on campus and apparently Cornell and Yale Universities and others will follow their lead. The planning is in no way an official M.I.T. activity and the stopping of research will be done on a voluntary basis and no effort will be made to enforce a compulsory research halt. The idea of stopping research as a "practical and symbolic" expression of the apprehension felt by scientists was in the beginning largely focused on Vietnam but its aims have been expanded. A faculty statement being circulated for signature by the

4 March Steering Committee asserts that "Through its actions in Vietnam our Government has shaken our confidence in its ability to make wise and humane decisions...etc." As well as stopping research, the day of 4 March will be devoted to discussion of problems and possible ways for scientists to initiate political action.

Reportedly the plans for a one day "research stoppage" are moving ahead despite strong opposition from many of the colleagues of those who are organizing the stoppage and discussion at M. I.T. The opponents contend that the work stoppage is an inappropriate vehicle of protest for scientists and that scientific research cannot be turned off and on at will

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March 4

*Washington, D.C. - The New Party plans to inaugurate Dick GREGORY as shadow president of the United States at Washington. GREGORY stated at a recent news conference that planned events on the 4th of March (which he considers the astrologically legitimate date for an inaugural) will be completely peaceful.

The New Party co-chairmen GREGORY and Dr. James P. DIXON, President of Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, plan a shadow inauguration every four years until a New Party candidate actually wins the Presidency.

GREGORY and DIXON have announced plans to : form a shadow cabinet to comment on the performance of the administration and the "coalition congress"; present an alternative to the military-industrial complex budget prepared by the ruling parties which GREGORY terms "too immoral and too corrupt to govern"; and to develop new foreign and domestic policies.

Black students and sympathetic whites at American University have been rebuffed so far in their efforts to arrange use of American University facilities in support of GREGORY's proposed "inaugural gala." American University President George H. Williams has indicated that the New Party activities have no relevance to the University's educational program. Reputedly GREGORY has now decided to hold his "inaugural ball" in a downtown hotel.

March 5

*Coral Gables, Florida - At the Univ. of Miami, the student government President has declared 5 March a "day of conscience" to high light student grievances

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and a one day boycott is planned. Other student activists plan to attempt to extend the student boycott in order to disrupt the campus and have discussed seizing campus buildings.

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March 6

*Seattle, Wash. - SDS at the Univ. of Washington is planning to demonstrate against ROTC on campus.

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March 7

*Los Angeles, Calif. - Various unions have been striking Herald Examiner, a daily Los Angeles paper, during the past year. A large mass demonstration to protest alleged unfair labor practices by this paper, is scheduled for 7 March 1969. SDS, with the support of students from area colleges and universities, is making plans to participate in this demonstration.

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March 16

London, England - Mrs. Coretta KING, widow of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be the first woman to preach at a regular service in St. Paul's Cathedral, according to authorities in London.

March 22, 23 and 24

*Washington, D.C. - The Committee to Abolish HUAC (now H.I.S.C.) will hold its annual conference at which-time strategy will be worked out for continuing the movement to abolish the committee

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March 27-31

*Denver, Colorado - Over 1,000 young Spanish-speaking persons from throughout the country are expected to attend a Chicano Youth Liberation Conference being hosted by the Crusade for Justice. The theme of this meeting is "The New Chicano Revolution! - Where? How? When?" In the series of workshops, broadly described as those dealing with "social revolution" and with "cultural" developments the conference will address itself to the role of young people from the barrios, student movement, rural communities, campesino movement.

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April 4

*Rev. Ralph D. ABERNATHY, leader of SCLC, announced a nation-wide drive to organize poor whites and negroes into unions through an alliance of unions, civil rights and religious organizations. The campaign is to begin April 4, which SCLC has designated as National and International day of protest against racism and poverty in commemoration of the 1st anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr. Inter SCLC announced that it will commemorate the death of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr., one of its founders, by staging nine days of civil rights confrontations at Easter time in major cities. The action will start on Good

Friday, the first anniversary of Dr. King's murder.

Tentative arrangements include school boycotts, walk-outs, sit-ins, rent strikes, and a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. The demonstrations are to take place in areas in which the SCLC has operational agencies and will "take the form of acceptable, non-violent, direct action", according to Ralph D. ABERNATHY, SCLC President. He said that he preferred to center the first day of the confrontation in Alabama, "where George WALLACE is and where so many forces of evil are present."

April 5-6

Toronto, Canada - The Communist Party of Canada will hold its 20th Convention Easter weekend.

April 6

(Easter Sunday) - At the sparsely attended "National GI-Civilian Anti-War Action Conference" held in Chicago December 27-29, it was announced that a large series of demonstrations would be held in six or seven U.S. cities on Easter Sunday. Cities mentioned are: Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, Atlanta, and possibly Los Angeles. The reason for planning regional centers for the action rather than large national demonstrations was to facilitate more local GI participation in various parts of the U.S. The Conference resolved to seek the support of the NAC for the April 6 demonstrations.

Plans are reputedly well under way and the action has been endorsed by both the Chicago Peace Council and the Los Angeles Peace Action Council, two of the major regional anti-war coalitions in the U.S. In Seattle and Atlanta, anti-war GI's are already actively involved in planning for the demonstrations.

On January 13, the national office of the Student Mobilization Committee issued a call for international actions against the war, April 6. In the message to anti-war groups throughout the world, SMC included the request that, "In those countries where American servicemen are stationed, we call on the anti-war movement to make a special effort for GI participation in the peace demonstrations."

To build April 6 on the campuses, the New York SMC has suggested holding "preinduction orientation sessions - anti-war basic training." These sessions would be meant to prepare students subject to the draft to carry on legal anti-war activity while in the Army.

April 7

The trial of James Earl RAY, accused killer of Martin Luther King, Jr., has been again postponed by Judge W. Heston BATTLE on a motion by chief defense counsel Percy FOREMAN.

FOREMAN charged that a number of policemen and firemen were actually looking at KING through peepholes at the time of the assassination but have been prevented from discussing the shooting with him by the director of Memphis Police and Fire Department, Frank C. Holloman. FOREMAN argues that the alleged witnesses should be compelled to answer his questions.

The trial had been scheduled to start on March 3rd.

April 24-27

Washington, D.C. - A National Conference on the "Human Rights of the Man in Uniform" is apparently being planned for the Sheraton Park Hotel by the American Veterans Committee, 1333 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

April 30-May 4

The National Executive Board and the National Committee of the C.P., U.S.A., met earlier this month in New York City to make preparations for the Party's 19th National Convention. The National Committee endorsed a proposal that the National Convention be held from April 30 to May 4, 1969.

On 17 January a call was issued for the Convention by Henry WINSTON, national chairman, and Gus HALL, general secretary. The call hails "the growing radicalization of black Americans, of workers, of students, and the youth."

Summer 1969

According to Leon SHENANDOAH, new Chief of the Iroquois Confederation, Indian tribes from all over North America will meet next summer to discuss such problems as land disputes and the need for more social services.

May 1969

*Representatives of eight communist parties; USSR, Italy, France, Hungary, Belgium, India, Sudan, and Uruguay; have been meeting in Budapest this week in the latest preparatory session for the world conference of communist parties to be held in Moscow next May. The Budapest conference is to lay the ground work politically for a preparatory conference in Moscow next month, to which delegates from sixty parties are expected. The Budapest meeting was reported by communist sources to be drafting basic documents for the long-postponed May conference, at which the Soviet Union hopes to restore some unity to the divided International Communist move-

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ment, split even deeper by last year's invasion
of Czechoslovakia.

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