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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

A number of the Nation's universities and colleges undoubtedly have CPUSA members or sympathizers among their faculty members, but the appointment last week of a highly-placed, well-known spokesman for the Party to a position on the faculty of an exclusive women's college must be considered rather startling. Below is the item as presented in the Communist newspaper Daily World on 27 May 1969.

"BRYN MAWR, Pa., May 26 - Bryn Mawr College has appointed Dr. Herbert Aptheker director of its Black Studies Program.

"Dr. Aptheker, noted scholar of Afro-American History and director of the American Institute of Marxist Studies, was appointed after black students here demanded a black studies program with him as its head.

"Bryn Mawr, originally a Quaker institution and now one of the exclusive 'Seven Sisters Colleges,' is a woman's college with a student body of 1,500.

"The appointment ends a 31-year ban on academic employment imposed on Aptheker for his membership in the Communist Party.

"He will assume the post in September 1969 and as visiting professor will teach a course on the history of the Afro-American people.

"Aptheker praised Bryn Mawr's administration for breaking the ban in complying with the student's selection of a well-known Communist. The fact that he is a member of the Communist Party's National Committee has already been published in the college newspaper.

"Although functioning in the double capacity as professor and director, Aptheker expects to continue his other activities and remain

based in New York.

"Describing his appointment, Apthcker said, 'It is thrilling, with wide national significance for the Communist Party. It also reflects something of what this student movement is all about, which many people have failed to understand.'

"The appointment of a white historian to head the black studies program, he said, is evidence against the opinion many are too ready to hold, that the black students' demands are nationalist in nature."

The following article by Paul SCOTT which appeared in the New York Daily Column of 14 May 1969 is reprinted without comment.

"WASHINGTON - The Nixon Administration is making advance preparations to thwart attempts by radical students, black militants, and anti-war protesters to take over Government buildings in the nation's capital this summer.

"As reported earlier this month in this column, the strategy of the violent New Left is to try to repeat here in Washington the "Battle of Chicago" which took place during the Democratic National Convention last year.

"With the vanguard of thousands of militant protesters beginning to converge on Washington from around the nation, the Justice Department has issued confidential instructions to all Government agency heads on what to do in case of demonstrations in or near federal buildings.

"On direct orders from the White House, Attorney General John Mitchell has frankly informed other government officials that (1) any violations of law will not be tolerated during the summer protests here, and (2) that normal conduct of business on federal property must be maintained.

"Unlike the capitulation policies followed by many college administrators, no government department or agency will be allowed to be shut down by militant protesters. In other words, students and black militants are going to be treated a lot tougher in Washington than they have on college campuses.

"The Justice Department's four-point plan for handling militant demonstrations calls for having 'enough force on hand to handle all situations.'

"If you are uncertain how much force is necessary, 'the memorandum states, 'encourage those in command to keep some of their forces in reserve in an area where they will not be seen but readily available to supplement forces on the line.'

"Other highlights of the Justice Department's plan to protect Government property are as follows:

"General Service Administration building guards and other building personnel should be on the alert for attempts by demonstrators to enter Government buildings and interfere with Government functions. Every practical step should be taken to forestall such infiltrations.

"When building guards detect an appreciable number of demonstrators in the vicinity of the building, they should permit access only to persons who can show a proper purpose for entry.

"The highest ranking civilian official present in the building should be informed immediately if an appreciable number of demonstrators are in the vicinity of the building or reliably reported en route to the building.

"Sufficient GSA guards or other law enforcement personnel should be promptly brought to the scene. If the demonstrators are disorderly or if they will not agree to a voluntary departure from buildings, the official in charge should take steps to require their withdrawal. Demonstrators should be informed that they must leave the buildings or face arrest.

"If, at any time during the demonstration, the demonstrators injure persons or property, arrests should be made in accordance with regular arrest standards.'

"All Government agency and department heads are directed by the Attorney General to keep in close contact with the Justice Department's Criminal division, which has been designated as the control point in Government to handle all serious disturbances.

Commencement exercises at Harvard next Thursday (June 12) will hover under an ominous shadow cast by events scheduled on June 9. After the April building takeover, University President Nathan PUSEY's call for help, the arrest of nearly 200 demonstrators and their subsequent conviction and fining, the Harvard Committee of 15 was formed by the faculty to recommend disciplinary action against the offenders. The Committee of 15 is scheduled to report its findings just three days prior to graduation ceremonies.

The initial faculty call, after furious debate, asked civil authorities to drop criminal charges against the arrested students. The East Cambridge District court refused. The Committee of 15 (an elected committee composed of 10 faculty members and 5 students) now must address the question of punishment by the University. On the question of punishment - expulsion or dismissal - the University is as deeply divided as it was over the 4 a. m. police action clearing University Hall. Some 2,500 students out of a total of 6,000 in Arts & Science have signed petitions calling for no punishment. Some powerful faculty voices believe that the committee must punish the April offenders. Failure to do so will constitute a final surrender of authority, a precedent which would leave Harvard at the mercy of disrupters.

Syndicated columnist Marquis CHILDS, with the dogmatism of a mantis predicts that there will be trouble next Thursday at Harvard. He believes that the degree of disruption may turn on the Committee's findings. "A mere demonstration aimed at the Vietnam War and Harvard's share in defense contracts is the minimum. An attempt by SDS to break up the ceremony, with 15,000 participants and families jammed into the Harvard Yard is not ruled out." Cambridge police will be on hand in large numbers to keep order.

The Committee of 15 will probably show leniency in view of the forthcoming graduation exercises, and in the immediate interest of maintaining peace, if possible, at Harvard. A lenient decision by the Committee finds a ready-made justification in the fact that campus participants in the April takeover and riot have already faced punishment in the courts.

What lies ahead for Harvard next fall remains an unanswered question. The more timorous among the old faculty hands see another wave of disruption and the "sit-in," in the pessimistic

view is out. The new tactic is guerrilla warfare aimed at breaking up individual classes in a hit and run pattern. Bolder and more optimistic faculty members believe the radicalism is a rash that will disappear. The question also remains to be answered: Can the Committee of 15 cope with problems of campus discipline? If so, perhaps such a concept can be successful elsewhere.

The Harvard SDS will be back next year as well, probably, as the Social Relations course 48-9, an experimental seminar in radicalism (treated in a previous WSR) that has found significant popularity among Harvard undergraduates. Additionally, it is presently rumored (reported in an article from the Boston Globe on June 4) that SDS leader Michael ANSARA, who graduated from Harvard last year has approached the University administration for permission to use Harvard facilities for SDS's national meeting two weeks from now. SDS has already been turned down by several schools and has postponed the meeting because of the lack of facilities to house the 2,000 to 3,000 radicals expected to attend. A national SDS headquarters representative at Chicago advised the Globe that Chicago was unaware that Harvard had been approached but all local chapters had been requested by the "National" to try to find a location for the meeting. "If you hear anything about Harvard, call us back," said the SDSer to the Globe reporter.

June 7, 1969

A University of California (Berkeley) Regents committee meeting will convene this Saturday to consider offering a lease on the land comprising "Peoples Park" to the city of Berkeley. If a lease is offered the city council (who proposed the lease to the University in the first place) will turn the land into a city recreation area. Gov. REAGAN, who is in opposition to any move that would give the disputed Peoples Park back to the "street people" will attend the regents meeting.

REAGAN was quoted on June 3 as saying: "I would be totally opposed to anything that would be a subterfuge to go around and give anything to the people who started the issue - give it to them as a kind of face saver." REAGAN also said: "These people are as immature as they are irresponsible."

The SDS will be closely examined in coming weeks by Rep. Richard ICHORD and his Internal Security Committee. Although it would seem doubtful that hearing results will add anything significantly new to the literature, West Virginia's Senator Jennings RANDOLPH stated this week that the congressional hearings presently being conducted will show that SDS receives financial aid from Peking. If such a statement finds basis in fact, SDS will undoubtedly undergo pandemic changes in make up, strategy, and campus impact next fall. One possible result would be splintering between "ideological" and "life style" campus radicals thereby lessening the presently growing influence of SDS on the national level.

Veterans for Peace in Vietnam sponsored a demonstration at New York City on May 31, under the leadership of Ron WOLIN, a leader of the Socialist Workers Party. The Student Mobilization Committee also participated in the demonstration which attracted 800 demonstrators. It was announced during the demonstration that a nationwide-anti-war petition is being circulated and will be presented to the President some time in the future.

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6-2-69*

Three Negro males claiming to be Black Panther Party members from Oakland, California, have been meeting with members of the Black Panther Party from New Jersey and New York City. The three instructed Newark, New Jersey, members to bring into the organization people who are not afraid to throw bombs or "shoot up places like police stations." The members were told that they could hold kangaroo courts to try any Black Panther whose acts harm the Black Panther Party and that sentences up to and including death can be given by these courts. They were also told that they could hold a kangaroo court for the police officer who recently shot and killed a Negro male, if the group so desires.

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6-3-69*

I HAD TO SHOOT THAT BOY YER HONOR, HE COULD HAVE HAD A GUN OR SOMTHIN!

OF COURSE! NICE WORK, PATROLMAN ROBERTS... YOU CAN GO NOW.

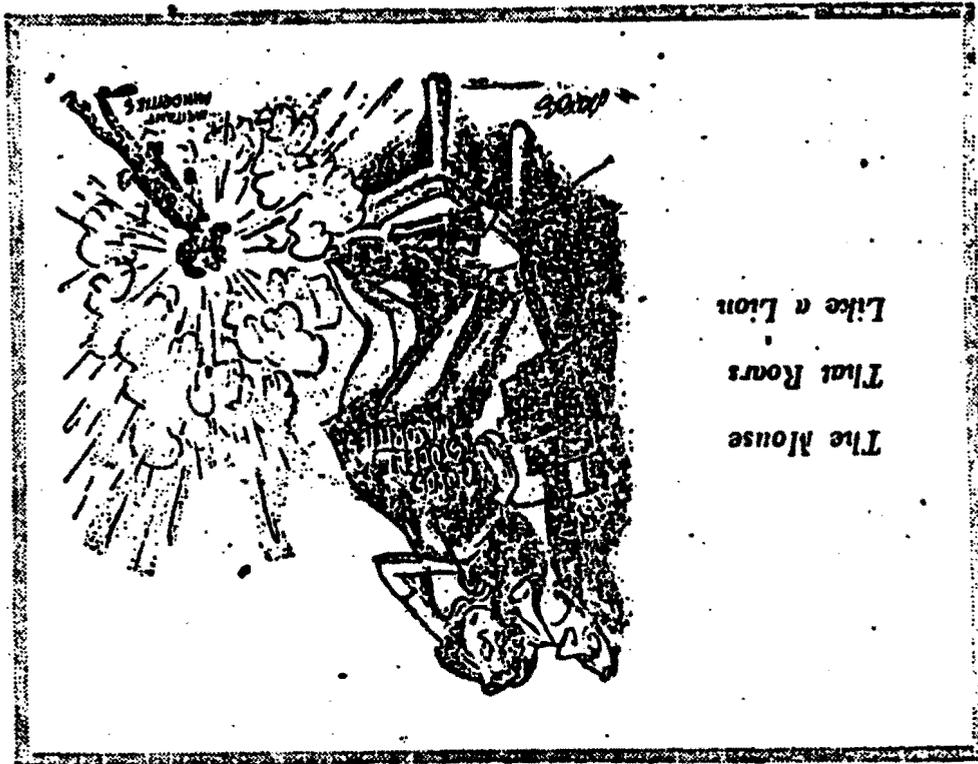


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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

- June 7 *Berkeley, California - An SDS member has stated that since National Guard troops have been withdrawn from Berkeley, California, SDS chapters are planning a "Big Thing" for June 7. No additional details were given. *IN 73266*
4/7/69
- June 7 *Women Strike for Peace, a pacifist organization, is making plans to demonstrate on the appearance of General William C. WESTMORELAND at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia. *IN 63585* *5-29-69*
- June 7 San Clemente, California - The Orange County Peace Center and the Los Angeles Peace Action Council plan to demonstrate during President NIXON's planned visit to his residence.
- June 7 *Columbus, Ohio - On 16 May the Cleveland branch of the Young Socialist Alliance (youth arm of Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party) decided to organize an anti-war demonstration at Ohio State University during President NIXON's scheduled commencement address. YSA members planned to make periodic visits to the campus to organize the demonstration. The Student Mobilization Committee had previously indicated it would work to build a demonstration against the President that day. Vice-President AGNEW is now scheduled to make the address and the President, after making speeches in South Dakota and at the Air Force Academy in Colorado has headed for California and Hawaii and then to his meeting with the South Vietnam leaders on Midway Island. A leaflet has been distributed at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, urging demonstrations on 7 June when the Vice-President delivers the commencement address at the University. *4 June 69*
IN 73296
- June 7 & 8 *Jacksonville, Florida • The May 1969 edition of "Personal News Letter" issued by the National States Rights Party reports that the group will hold its National Convention. *[REDACTED]*

in Jacksonville. The National States Rights Party is a white extremist organization composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-semites. *3 June 69 IN 72146*

June 7 - 9

*Students for a Democratic Society plans to demonstrate during President NIXON's visit to Honolulu, Hawaii, June 7-9. The Resistance, a militant anti-draft group, is joining SDS in the demonstrations. *4 June 69 IN 73296*

June 9, 10 & 23

*Demonstrators from Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi plan to stage mass demonstrations in Montgomery, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi, on 9 June and in Atlanta, Georgia, on 10 June.

Thereafter, demonstrators will travel by bus to Washington, D. C., where a demonstration is planned for 23 June. Reportedly Ralph D. ABERNATHY, president of SCLC said marchers in various communities should go to the county courthouse and demand they be issued food stamps. If they are refused, the demonstrators should "take over the office." *IN 72146*

Approximately 400 persons are expected to assemble at Memorial Park in Warner Robbins, Georgia, on 10 June. After spending the night in the park, they are to proceed to Atlanta, Georgia, on 11 June to join the main body of the march from Alabama to Washington. Savannah, Georgia, is to be the stop for the night of the 11th. *3 June 69*

June 17 - 18

*Washington, D. C. - Women Strike for Peace, a pacifist group, and other peace groups are sponsoring a "no-mass movement, but highly visible anti-Vietnam action." On 17 June, a series of teach-ins will be held at the Pentagon and other Government agencies. On the evening of 17 June, a public meeting will be held to hear a report from a group organized by Clergy and Laymen Concerned About the War in Vietnam and Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace. This group is presently in Saigon investigating "repression." On 18 June the demonstrators plan to visit all U. S. Senator's offices and demand a press release from each Senator concerning his views on the war, repression in Saigon, and repression of GI rights by the military. The press release will be immediately called into the home newspapers in the Senator's State. *FBI 71217 6/21/69*

June 21 - 24

Berlin, Germany - The World Federation of Trade Unions (Communist) has issued a call to all the trade unions of the world urging support of the World Peace Assembly in Berlin.

The WFTU call says:

"The World Peace Assembly is open to all persons and organizations fighting for universal peace, for a world without the danger of new wars." The call says the Assembly will meet to discuss jointly the main problems agitating mankind today: Vietnam, European security, the Middle East, neo-colonialism and national independence, disarmament.

"The questions that will be in the center of the discussion at the Berlin World Assembly are among the main concerns of the WFTU and of the international trade union movement.

"This is why the WFTU supports this big undertaking, held on the initiative of the World Council of Peace in cooperation with other international and national organizations."

July 4-6

*Cleveland, Ohio - Sidney PECK, an official of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, announced that if President NIXON does not end the war by November 1 next, a mass demonstration will be held at the White House on that day. He said that plans for the demonstration will be made at a meeting of the NMC which will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, July 4 - 6.

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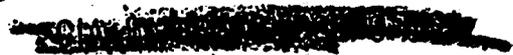
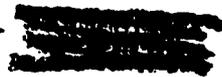
July 18-21

*Don Cox, Field Marshal of the BPP, spoke of the need for revolutionary groups in white communities. He said that a revolutionary conference of the BPP will be held July 18 - 21 at Oakland, California, to form a united front against fascism.

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July 30

Tokyo - The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo) recently announced five points on which the 15th World Conference against atomic and hydrogen bombs will concentrate.



The five items listed are:

1. Opposition to the U. S. aggressive war in Vietnam. Realization of complete victory of the Vietnamese people. Strengthening of further aid to the Vietnamese people. Opposition to war provocation against Korea.
2. Prevention of nuclear warfare. Complete prohibition of nuclear weapons. For the immediate future, conclusion of a treaty to prohibit the use of nuclear weapons.
3. Abolition of the nuclearized Japan-U. S. military alliance - "nuclearized security treaty system." Abrogation of the Security Treaty. Immediate, unconditional and complete reversion of Okinawa. Withdrawal of military bases. Prohibition of the bringing in of nuclear weapons. Opposition to Japanese nuclear armaments and revival of militarism.
4. Together with bomb victims, strengthen the relief campaign for bomb victims aiming for complete prohibition of nuclear weapons. Enactment of law to assist the victims of the bombs.
5. Strengthening of the struggle for international solidarity and mutual assistance.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.