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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

On 15 July, the day before the historic blast off of Apollo 11, Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy and Hosea Williams, SCLC leaders, led a peaceful "demonstration on hunger" at Kennedy Space Center and Cocoa, Florida. Six hundred participants in a rally in a church that night were kept waiting an hour while Abernathy, Williams, and local leaders dined at an exclusive restaurant. FBI NY 10376!

The following item appeared in the 19 July 1969 edition of Saturday Review:

"A recent flier of the U. S. Government Printing Office describes publications for sale by the agency, among them being No. 67J, Subversive Influences in Riots, Looting and Burning, and No. 56J, Factors in Selecting and Applying Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents. The latter 'seeks to acquaint the reader with the great variety of explosives available, their advantages and disadvantages, and their general areas of applications. . . The ingredients and more significant properties of each explosive are tabulated and briefly discussed.' As P. Elliott points out, you can buy these two pamphlets and find out how to do your anarchistic thing and with whom." Sat Review 19 July 69

Wayne State University's student newspaper "The South End" has been, at least temporarily, closed down by WSU President William Rea Keast. "The South End," one of the nation's most radical and controversial student papers operates on an annual, largely state-supported, \$100,000-budget. The suspension is to continue until a newly formed student newspaper publication board comprised of four students and two faculty members can develop policies and guidelines for a successor publication. Dr. Keast said that he took the action because he was convinced that the paper's publication would seriously damage the school and future student journalism at WSU.

The newspaper, which recently underwent a change in editorship had previously been headed by a Negro student who had dedicated the paper to the "black Marxist revolution and the cause of the Black Panther Party." Under the present editorship (chief editor is a nineteen-year-old white girl), the black panthers that formerly flanked the masthead gave way to white panthers (a symbol of white radicalism).

The change in editors brought only a change in emphasis from black to white radicalism. The anti-establishment and Pro Mao Tse-tung and his little red book philosophy persisted. In the last issue published (July 3) the United States was described as the most repressive, inhumane capitalistic-imperialistic nation the world has ever seen.

The present editor, Cheryl McCall, who states that the paper will continue to be printed and sold for 15 cents a copy (presently distributed free), told a news conference that Dr. Keast moved against her and not her predecessor because Keast was frightened to death of the Negro editor (and the racial trouble that might follow such a move on the downtown Detroit campus of WSU).

Mr. George E. Gullen, Wayne State Vice-President refuted Miss McCall's contention and stated that the paper had been suspended both because of dirty language and content. President Keast had not moved earlier to shut off the paper because he was concerned about censorship.

Mr. Gullen said that the paper which has press runs of 10,000 to 15,000 was not being read by students, "They put them around in big racks and then throw thousands of them away. Kids just don't bother to pick them up."

The Black Panthers revolutionary conference scheduled for this weekend at Merritt College (alma mater of Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, and other prominent bay area Panthers) is destined to be a strange mixture of the modern revolutionary breed (see Situation Information Report calendar item 18 to 21 July). What the stated objectives as well as the real objectives of the conference are have caused considerable speculation among radical watchers. The startling inconsistencies must lead observers to believe that, in fact, the Panthers have no philosophy aside from the internally embraced *lex non scripta* of 'cause trouble wherever and whenever possible.'

Consider these factors: The Black Panthers have been strongly and consistently separatist, and black nationalist, until three or four weeks ago when their call for this weekend's conference to form an "American Liberation Front" openly invited participation by all opposed to "American fascism." Included on the Panther invitation list are members of a white Chicago street gang as well as the establishment's greatest new Nemesis, SDS. One of the sponsors of the conference, as strange as it seems, is aging SDS co-founder Tom Hayden who is lilly white and thereby ineligible for BPP membership. It is probably this policy departure that prompted Stokely Carmichael to quit the party last week. Carmichael's resignation is not expected to upset Panther chairman Bobby Seale (who reportedly is merely a drunken puppet of Chief of Staff David Hilliard anyway) or other members of the Party leadership elite, who must certainly ask: "What has Stokely done for us lately (ever)?"

The second head-scratching Panther philosophy rupture is, how come the Panther enamorata for Mao and his trite and childish red book from their historical beginnings (early bay area Panthers even peddled Mao's red book on Berkeley street corners to raise a few hundred dollars for the Panther treasury), and now for their big conference their attempt to seduce and attract the attendance and participation of the Pro-Moscow CPUSA?

According to BPP literature, stated conference objectives are these:

1. Community control of police on a national scale;
2. Freedom for all political prisoners and political freedom for everyone;
3. Elimination of any military presence on college campuses;
4. Recognition of the people's right to self-defense against "fascist tactics"; and,
5. Cooperation among religious groups, teachers, professors, intellectuals, students, and black and white workers in order to wage a struggle against "fascism."

A reliable confidential source of information has appraised the real objectives of the Panther clambake thusly: "The fortunes of the BPP have not been good in recent days. Many of the BPP leaders are either in jail, under indictment, or in a fugitive status. Legal defense has cut into BPP financial resources. It is possible, therefore, that the BPP leadership believe that their organization has reached its peak

and needs a united front with white radicals in order to prolong its existence."



Last month the Harvard Class of 1944 held a class reunion (25th anniversary of their graduation) on the Harvard Campus. A poll was conducted among the group in which questions pursuant to recent strife at the school were asked.

Here are the questions contained in the poll and the results:

1. Students should be able to take ROTC courses at Harvard if they wish.

Answer: 79 percent in favor

2. Academic credit should be given for ROTC courses.

Answer: 64 percent NOT in favor

3. ROTC instructors should have equal status with other Harvard faculty members.

Answer: 62 percent NOT in favor

4. Harvard should stop expanding the low-cost housing area in Cambridge and near the Medical School.

Answer: 49 percent negative
27 percent affirmative

5. Forcible occupation of a university building is a fair and proper means of student protest.

Answer: 90 percent NOT in favor

6. Students who break the law should be liable to civil prosecution.

Answer: 90 percent in favor

7. Students should have a voice in determining what courses will be taught at Harvard.

Answer: 88 percent in favor

8. Students should have a voice in choosing faculty at Harvard.

Answer: 57 percent NOT in favor

9. Amnesty should be granted to all who took part in the University Hall occupation.

Answer: 80 percent NOT in favor

10. The Harvard Corporation should be restructured to include top-representatives of the entire university community, including undergraduates.

Answer: 55 percent in favor

11. President Pusey was right in calling in the police when he did.

Answer: 58 percent yes

12. Although the faculty did not fully support the administration in the recent troubles, I approve the stand taken by the faculty.

Answer: 39 percent agreed
38 percent disagreed

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

July 18-21

"The Black Panther," newspaper of the Black Panther Party, contained a one-page announcement in its June 7, 1969, edition which reported that a National Revolutionary Conference for a United Front Against Fascism is being sponsored by the Black Panther Party. It is scheduled to be held at Oakland, California, from 18-21 July 1969. Don Cox, Field Marshal of the Black Panthers, has spoken of the need for revolutionary groups in white communities. According to "The Black Panther," some 5,000 representatives of all organizations representing the people - students, workers, farmers, and unemployed - will be called together to form the United Front. The call to the conference stresses the need for "a front which has a common revolutionary ideology and political program which answers the basic desires and needs of all people in fascist, capitalistic, racist America. Primary objective will be community control of police to end fascism." Reportedly, David Hilliard, National Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, was to visit New York City on 16 June and hoped to meet with two members of the CPUSA, to discuss the forthcoming conference. Also, it has been reported that Hilliard has already spoken to the Northern California CP functionaries.

July 20

The Stockholm Conference on Vietnam, an international anti-Vietnam war group, sponsored an Emergency Action Conference in Stockholm on May 16-18, 1969. This latter Conference drafted a report which called for the following actions:

- (1) Collection of signatures of prominent figures, both nationally and internationally, with publication of the names in U. S. newspapers;
- (2) National and international demonstrations with the special demands of the Vietnam movement in each country. Suggested actions for these demonstrations were vigils outside U. S. embassies during which the names of American servicemen killed in Vietnam would be read.
- (3) The boycott and harassment of U. S. products and firms providing goods and services for the War in Vietnam;
- (4) The increased international support of resistance in America and by Americans abroad

in refusing the draft, in deserting from the U. S. Armed Forces and for carrying on propaganda within the Armed Services;
 (5) Increased support for the ten-point program of the National Liberation Front and exposure of the "weaknesses" of President Nixon's eight-point program. These actions would be planned in such a way as to build up to an anniversary celebration of the Geneva Accords to be held July 20.

July 24 & 25

*Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico - On the evening of 24 July, the Movement for the Independence of Puerto Rico, the Federation of University students for Independence, and other independence-seeking organizations plan to conduct a demonstration to repudiate the celebration of the Constitution Day of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. On 25 July, the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rican Socialist League will protest "the invasion of Puerto Rico by U. S. Troops in 1898." No further information is available.

July 27

*A recently formed organization, "The Washington Area Citizens Against the ABM," which counts among its membership one of Washington's eminent civil rights troublemakers Etta Horn and outspoken Negro militant D. C. School Board member Julius Hobson are planning a demonstration. The WACA-ABM will initiate an around-the-clock vigil on the Capitol steps on the above date. The vigil will continue for the duration of the Senate vote on the ABM in an effort to impress the Senate with citizen opposition to the system.

(Hobson has recently been quoted in the press as stating that the administration's ABM system was just about as worthless as the Apollo shot to put a man on the moon. The money could be better spent to feed the hungry said Hobson.)

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.

August 2-9

*The Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee is sponsoring a series of demonstrations at New York City to commemorate the anniversaries of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The demonstrations will include church sermons, a demonstration at a city council meeting, a demonstration against the draft, a march from Times Square to the United Nations Building, and a march from Times Square to Central Park. The demonstrations will protest not only the war, but atomic weapons in general and an extension of the U. S. -Japanese security treaty, which comes up for renewal next year.

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August 17

A National anti-war conference was held at Cleveland, Ohio, 4 and 5 July. Eight hundred individuals participated in the conference, including numerous members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). Sidney Peck, a former member of the Communist Party (CP) who is co-chairman of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), stated that the objective of the conference was to unite the Peace Movement. Mark Rudd, National Secretary of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), called for opposition

to imperialism which he contended included opposition to capitalism. David Dellinger, co-chairman of the NMC, was cheered when he appealed for more militancy in the Peace Movement. Dellinger also stated that civil disobedience could not be ruled out as a method of protest. The conference decided to participate in a demonstration at Chicago, Illinois, on 29 September to protest the trial of individuals indicted for their activities during the Democratic National Convention; to hold a massive anti-war demonstration at the White House on 15 November; and to participate in a demonstration against President Nixon at San Clemente, California, on 17 August.

A confidential source has advised that Bobby Seale, Chairman of the extremist Black Panther Party, is being sought as one of the speakers for the demonstration on 17 August.

August 17-19

At a recent meeting of the San Diego, California, branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), it was announced that a peace march will be held during the period August 17-19 at either the summer White House, San Clemente, California, or in the vicinity of the Newport Beach Hotel, Newport Beach, California. During a conference held by the Peace Action Council, Los Angeles, California, on 13 June and 14, it was decided that all groups affiliated with the Peace Action Council will work to build a massive demonstration to be held on August 17 at San Clemente adjacent to the summer residence of the President. Irving Sarnoff, the leader of the Council, called for "A summer vacation the President will never forget."

August 1969

University of Texas at El Paso - 22nd Annual National Student Congress (tentative).

August 20-31

Los Angeles, California - On 13 June, Lerot Jones, the poet and playwright, and other black leaders announced in Newark, New Jersey, that the Fourth National Black Power Conference will be held in Los Angeles. The theme of the conference will be "1969 Reconstruction."

September 16

Southwest, United States - Mexican-American and other Spanish-speaking youths intend to shut down the schools

of the Southwest on 16 September in a demonstration of solidarity and protest on the anniversary date of the Mexican revolution. According to Rudolpho Corky Gonzales, leader of the Crusade for Justice, it will be a demonstration "to change the whole educational system to relate to our needs."

September 24

Chicago, Illinois - Trial has been set for 24 September for the eight protest leaders indicted on charges of conspiracy to incite a riot in connection with the disorders at the Democratic National Convention last fall. All eight pleaded "not guilty" in Federal District Court on 9 April. Each defendant also faces charges of crossing state lines to foment disorder or to otherwise violate the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Rennie Davis, Bobby Seale, John R. Froines, and Lee Weiner had their travel restrictions eased but are required to keep the Court fully informed of their movements.

September 26-28

The SDS (Mark Rudd faction) plans massive demonstrations at Chicago on the above dates. The demonstrations are apparently to coincide with the trial of eight persons who allegedly conspired to bring violence to Chicago during last year's Democratic National Convention. More details will be reported as they become known.

September 29

Refer to information under the date 17 August regarding decisions of the Cleveland Anti-War Conference.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.