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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

From an intelligence bulletin of a Government agency comes information on another black organization. Composed of Negro military veterans, should its control and direction be turned toward extreme militance and violence, it could be a significant threat to law and order:

Attesting to the existence of unsolicited anti-war documents arriving in Vietnam is the recent receipt by the Da Nang Air Base NCO Club of 26 copies of a four-page newspaper entitled The Nam Vet. Written primarily for Negro service personnel, this publication is produced by a new Chicago-based organization called the Concerned Veterans from Vietnam (CVFV).

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According to its literature, the CVFV evolved from an organization called the Negro Veterans from Vietnam. The latter group was formed in March 1968 by several Negro Seabees who were "disgusted with the racial atmosphere at Cam Ranh Bay" and who hoped to "effectively combat racism in the military." From that beginning the CVFV now has its central offices in Chicago and claims chapters are currently being formed in Los Angeles, Spokane, Oklahoma City, Norfolk, Detroit, New York City, and San Diego.

The CVFV's goals are outlined in a ten-point program which is nearly equally divided between securing direct benefits for Negro veterans and working for the improvement of Negro neighborhoods. For example, the first three points of the program are aimed at finding "meaningful" employment for veterans, briefing veterans on available benefits, and "challenging" all sectors of the economy to improve the lot of returning servicemen. The fourth point notes the group will utilize all available resources to "investigate and combat any discrimination or bigotry reported by servicemen, wherever they are stationed." The fifth and sixth points relate to forming a lobby in Washington, D. C., to boost the CVFV's causes and cooperation with other more established veterans groups. The organization's four remaining goals deal with improving the neighborhood living conditions of the newly-returned service member. Point

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seven, for example, states: "We will not tolerate abuse to our Black brothers and sisters whether it be from elements within the Black community or from without." The last three goals call for protection of neighborhoods from "gang rule," alignment with organizations committed to serve the black community, and neutralization of "destructive" elements endangering Negro neighborhood.

The types of situations which the CVFV attempts to exploit and the approach it uses is exemplified by the following: "We are all familiar with the confederate flags which adorn vehicles and everything else in the Nam. What are the area commanders doing about this? We do intend to light a fire under these people until they start squaring this situation away. What's bugging you? Let us know so we can throw some light on the problem."

From the 24 July 1969 Weekly Intelligence Summary,

"Following the conclusion of the SDS national convention in Chicago, numerous individuals have appeared in California who are not native to the State. These individuals are appearing in and around various college and university campuses. This may be an indication that with the beginning of the fall term dissident activity will increase on college and university campuses as a part of the "fall offensive."

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The University of California at Berkeley, probably the scene of more student activism and radicalism than any other university in the country, continues to be beset by troublesome issues calculated to generate student and community unrest. Although the "Peoples' Park" issue seems to have quieted down somewhat - for the present it and other matters can be rekindled easily in the fall. Chancellor HEYNS and the administration of the University have stated that they will not recognize Dan SIEGEL, the Associated Student Body President-elect at UCB next year. SIEGEL has been suspended from the student body, and will not be allowed to attend classes for one year, as a result of his student dissident activities at UCB. However, the student body plans to recognize SIEGEL despite the administration's stand. SIEGEL has indicated that he would take no action during the remainder of the summer to gain recognition of his office, but would wait until the fall term begins in September and let the student body make a decision.

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"Better dig that thing big enough for both of us, Mister President, Sir!"

Daily World (Communist), 2 AUG 1969

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

August 4-10

Los Angeles, California - Last year, the Watts Summer Festival in Los Angeles degenerated into a riot condition in which at least three people were killed and some 20-30 were injured. The Festival is scheduled again this year for 4-10 August with a large parade to climax the activities on the 10th.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that Black Panther Party (BPP) chapters in Chicago, Illinois; Kansas City, Kansas; and Seattle, Washington; will each send five members to Los Angeles to attend the Watts Festival from 4-10 August. The Los Angeles BPP is allegedly recruiting BPP members from San Diego and San Francisco, California, for the festival. No further information is available.

August 9

*Atlanta, Georgia - A demonstration sponsored by the Ad Hoc "The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days Action Committee." Organizations including the Young Socialist Alliance, a Communist youth group, and the SDS are making plans for the demonstration to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Reportedly, SDS desires a confrontation with police and would like to conduct a march without the proper permits.

August 9

*Chicago, Illinois - The Chicago Peace Council, an association of anti-war groups, is planning a demonstration in Chicago, Illinois, to commemorate the use of atomic weapons during World War II and to honor the Japanese killed by the atomic bombs.

August 9

*Boston, Massachusetts - A demonstration sponsored by the Student Mobilization Committee has been planned for "Hiroshima Week."

August 9

New York City - During the period 4-9 August, the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee sponsored anti-war activities to commemorate the anniversaries of the atomic

bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The demonstrations were protesting not only the war and atomic weapons but an extension of the U. S. -Japanese security treaty which comes up for renewal next year:

The climax is to be a Nagasaki Day March and Rally on Saturday. The March will assemble on 40th and 41st Streets between Sixth Avenue and Broadway at 1:30 p. m., and proceed up Sixth Avenue and through Central Park to the Bandshell at 72nd Street west of Fifth Avenue, where the Rally will begin at 4 p. m.

Speakers will include Dave Dellinger, chairman, National Mobilization Committee; Mary Kochiyama, Japanese-American leader; Gilberto Gerena-Valentin, Puerto Rican leader; Jeff Jones, Students for a Democratic Society; Sharon Williams, Black Panther Party; James Johnson, one of the Fort Hood Three; Jose Rudder, GI's United; and Maggie Geddes, one of the five women recently arrested and indicted for raiding a Manhattan draft office.

August 11

*Chicago, Illinois - The Chicago Action Community plans to demonstrate at Selective Service headquarters and may attempt to disrupt the operation of the headquarters.

August 13

*Los Angeles, California - More than fifteen hundred persons have been invited to the reception and dinner in the Century Plaza Hotel's 24,000 square foot Los Angeles Ballroom to participate in the testimonial being given by President Nixon for the Apollo 11 astronauts. With a guest list comprised principally of V. I. P.'s both U. S. and foreign, from Government, industry, and the arts, it is assumed that extensive measures will be taken to protect them from harassment.

Reportedly, the Student Mobilization Committee, which is controlled by the Young Socialist Alliance, is sponsoring a demonstration at the Century Plaza Hotel during the dinner. SMC scheduled the demonstration, which is to consist of picketing followed by a rally, to protest the cost of the United States space program. However, in order to obtain a more favorable public image, the demonstration is now intended to protest the war in Vietnam.

August 14

*The Mid-Atlantic Committee on Fort Detrick (MACFD) will again distribute leaflets at the Pentagon; however, this will be done in conjunction with an extended reading of the names of servicemen killed in the Vietnam War and will be co-sponsored by the Quaker Action Group, Catholic Peace Fellowship, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Philadelphia Resistance, War Resisters' League, and the local chapter of the Women Strike for Peace. Civil disobedience is anticipated at all of the demonstrations. No further information is available.

August 6-17

San Clemente, California - 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 17-19 August 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 and 14 June, it was decided that all groups affiliated with the Peace Action Council, will work to build a massive demonstration to be held on 17 August 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."

Also decided at the National Anti-War Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, on the weekend of the 4th of July, was to participate in a demonstration against President Nixon at the summer White House. 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.

*The Los Angeles branch of the Young Socialist Alliance is attempting to get Marines from a nearby base to participate in the demonstration and plans to have a Marine distribute literature at Camp Pendleton urging such participation. Robert BLAND, a spokesman for the Peace Action Council, has announced that up to 3,000 individuals are expected to participate in the march, picketing, and rally. BLAND is a former member of the CPUSA. The Council expects groups from Seattle, Washington, and Berkeley, San Francisco, and San Diego, California, to participate. An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed at San Diego State College to publicize the demonstration and has announced that transportation to the demonstration will be available.

On 6 August, Floyd B. NELSON, Long Beach, California, was to sail his boat to the area in front of the Summer White House. From that date on until 17 August, he was to send balloons, calling for support for the demonstration shoreward. On August 17, other boats will join him and balloons bearing anti-war messages will be released. On 17 August, demonstrators will assemble at San Clemente and march in front of the President's residence. After the march, a rally will be held. The recent World Peace Assembly, which met in East Berlin, Germany, has endorsed this demonstration and has called for a massive letter-writing campaign. The letters are to reach the summer White House by August 17.

August 19-29

University of Texas at El Paso, Texas - The National Student Association Congress reportedly will be attended by Tom Hayden and Mark Rudd of SDS, Robert Powell (head of NSA),* and Ed Swartz, former President of NSA. Ronald Vincent, President of the Student Action Committee at the University of Texas, El Paso, reportedly has stated that he has obtained information that the Young Americans for Freedom organization is planning to send a "goon squad" to the Congress for purposes of disruption.

Some of the NSA meetings reportedly will be held in Juarez, Mexico, particularly those involving militant discussions, in order to avoid "harassment" by conservative elements.

The Third World Commission (TWC) will hold a convention in El Paso at the same time and in conjunction with the NSA Congress. The purpose of the TWC Convention reportedly is to take the first step in organizing a National Association of Black Students to serve black students in a manner similar to the NSA, which some blacks feel "relates" only to white students. The TWC reportedly was formed and funded for minority group students by the NSA during the past year.

August 22-24

*Morristown, New Jersey - According to the National Review publication - "If SDS and black militants have succeeded in 'radicalizing' many students and faculty through campus disruptions, they also have managed to conservatize a few. To capitalize on that gain, and to seek a way out of the spreading 'institutional and philosophical chaos' of the universities, a band of mainstream conservatives is sponsoring a seminar on 'The Reconstruction of American Higher Education.' Students, faculty, administrators, and private citizens are welcome."

August 29-31

Los Angeles, California - On 13 June, Leroi 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."

LABOR DAY

September 1

*From the Daily World (Communist):

"A call for a 1969 New York Labor Day demonstration to meet the threat of rising reaction and repression has been issued by four labor and left-wing leaders.

"AFL-CIO groups in New York traditionally stage Labor Day parades only in even-numbered years.

"But due to the ultra-right threat and the growing social crisis, this Labor Day must be marked by a mass demonstration, the call said. It was signed by Louis Weinstock, Painters' Rank-and-File; Jim Haughton, Harlem Unemployment Center; Jose Stevens, New York W. E. B. DuBois Clubs; and Irving Potash, New York State Communist Party."

Mid-September

San Francisco - A dramatic move is in the making at Stanford, where student radicals are reportedly developing plans for a week-long series of demonstrations to be held during the International Industrial Conference at San Francisco in September. The conference will bring together 500 heads of major industrial, technological, and financial firms like U. S. Steel, IBM, Royal/Dutch Petroleum, and the Chase Manhattan Bank in a top-level gathering that the students say "is designed to consolidate the dominion of the multi-national corporations in the third world."

September 14-18

*Palo Alto, California and San Francisco - Mark Rudd, newly elected National Secretary of the National Office group of SDS, held a press conference in Chicago on 31 July. In addition to the October 11 demonstration in Chicago, SDS is calling for demonstrations from 14 to 18 September at the Stanford Research Institute during the International Industrialists conference. In addition, he called for demonstrations in San Francisco where the Japanese World Trade Fair will be held during the same period and is reportedly to be addressed by President Nixon.

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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 states 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.

The Chicago Peace Council, an anti-war group, was to hold a planning conference at Chicago, Illinois, on 30 July. The purpose of this conference was to discuss plans for demonstrations to be held in Chicago during these trials.

SDS is reported to be planning to participate in a demonstration on 27 September in support of the trial defendants, the self-proclaimed "Conspiracy Eight."

October 6

Bel Air, Maryland - The trial of H. Rap Brown, militant black former head of SNCC, charged with inciting a riot and arson in a Cambridge racial disturbance two years ago, has been set for October 6 in Harford County Circuit Court. This is the second time it has been scheduled since the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, rejected Brown's request that he be tried in Cambridge, Maryland, which was the scene of a riotous disturbance in July 1967 after Brown spoke at a street rally of Negroes.

October 11

Chicago, Illinois - A statement recently released by the SDS National Action Staff calls for "a National Action in Chicago on 11 October as a way of uniting the youth movement in this country in the fight for liberation."

In a free-wheeling tirade which acknowledge that "while Vietnam is the critical and most pressing issue facing us today," the War

in ON - a war against imperialism, racism, and oppression - "that war must continue even after the U. S. ruling class and its occupational troops have been forced out of Vietnam for good."

"...Imperialism, the international system of capitalism, is the greatest enemy of the people of the world, and it is the cause of the War in Vietnam. Serving the people means ending the War in Vietnam as the primary task of the anti-imperialist movement."

After expressing support of the NLF of South Vietnam and the new Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, the statement goes on to ask all GPs to respond with demonstrations on their own bases as well as joining SDS action. As with the Black Panthers and other dissident groups, it joins in the growing move to label all opposition to "movement activities" as fascist attacks.

Also, the "October 11 action will be just one step in an outgoing attack; off of that action we must build a programmatic attack that reaches everywhere, an attack that makes the slogan 'Get Out of Vietnam' a reality, and builds a mass based revolutionary movement in this country."

All across the country, radical groups are working intensively on plans for a massive descent on Chicago in mid-October.

They claim that as many as 30,000 students will gather there to protest the war and demonstrate their support for the Black Panthers and for the "Conspiracy 8," who are charged with conspiring to incite riots at the Chicago Democratic Convention last year.

Mark Rudd, newly elected National Secretary by the SDS "national office segment," at a news conference 31 July held in Chicago's Grant Park, scene of many disturbances during the Democratic Convention, stated that, "We intend to return to Chicago precisely because it has come to symbolize what a government held together by force is all about." Offering a little something for nearly everyone in order to swell their numbers, among the demands of the demonstrators will be: Independence for Puerto Rico, an end to the income surtax, and the freeing of Huey P. Newton and Fred Hampton, BPP leaders who are serving prison

terms. Rudd said there will be similar demonstrations in other cities during October.

October 15

Nationally - The Vietnam Moratorium Committee, headed by former Harvard divinity student Sam Brown, a former New Hampshire canvasser for Senator Eugene McCarthy, will attempt to "shut down" all normal University activities for the day of 15 October in protest against continued American participation in the Vietnam War. Mr. Brown also hopes that his organization will in coming months work with other forces organized against military training, anti-ballistic missile systems, and racism. Mr. Brown states that his organization, which is planning a mammoth campaign, will greatly appreciate assistance from anyone including SDS. The office address of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee is 1029 Vermont Avenue, N. W., (a favorite for radical groups in the D. C. area).

SDS has indicated it will take a major part in this project, called a "moratorium" rather than the more inflammatory word "strike."

October 18

San Francisco - At the recent National Conference for a United Front Against Fascism held in Oakland, California, 18-20 July, sponsored by the BPP, registration was conducted for membership in the United Front Against Fascism; and it was announced that the United Front would hold a conference 18 October 1969 in San Francisco.

November 8

Nationally - SDS has said that as a follow-up to the 11 October action in Chicago, regional demonstrations will be held throughout the country to make it clear that SDS will not be tricked by "phony bombing halts or troop withdrawals or any games played by liberal politicians." SDS says, "We will not be turned around."

November 14-15

Nationally and Washington, D. C. - The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC), which is controlled by members of the Young Socialist Alliance (the youth group of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party), announced plans in July for a nation-wide student strike on 14 November to be followed the next day, 15 November, by a massive anti-war march in Washington, D. C. The march is being designed to get as near the White House as possible "to bring the Protest message home to the President."

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.

ADDENDUM

Washington, D. C., protest groups who have been engaging in a series of anti-war demonstrations all week will continue activities on the 9th, 13th, and 14th. The demonstrations have included members of SANE, Women Strike for Peace, the War Resisters League, A Quaker Action Group, Young Socialist Alliance, Mid-Atlantic Committee on Fort Detrick, Washington Mobilization Committee, and the Student Mobilization Committee.

On 9 August, the demonstrators will meet at the Peace Monument and then march to the Tidal Basin where they will hold a rally.

On 13 August, they plan to demonstrate at the Capitol Building. Some plan to demonstrate inside the building and it is expected some may participate in deliberate civil disobedience.

On 14 August, a demonstration is planned at the Pentagon when the names of individuals killed in Vietnam will be read. The demonstrators plan to stay at the Pentagon until all of the names have been read. As on several occasions recently it is assumed this will not be permitted and that arrests will ensue.