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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

11 February-28 April, Washington, D.C.

From the first day of Lent to the last day of Passover, two peace groups, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam and the Pacifist Fellowship of Reconciliation, will fast and picket the White House. All group members will fast for one 24-hour period during the demonstration and several have volunteered to fast the entire 75 days. These organizations must renew their city permits weekly. (FBI NY 16450 Boston NY 11000 5/10/70)

* 28 February-^(March) ~~21~~ February, San Francisco, California

Reportedly representatives of the various factions of the anti-war movement on the West Coast will attend a Western States Anti-War Conference being planned by the Bay Area Peace Action Council to plan and organize the Spring Offensive against the Vietnam War. (Weekly Tribble Summary 2/12-19/70 held on 5/22/70)

March - San Jose, California

The Radical Action Movement faction of SDS at San Jose State College reportedly is planning to close the Student Union there during industrial recruiting (Career Days) in March. (NY 16450 1-11/3/70)

* 1 March, New York City, New York

The Vietnam Peace Parade Committee announced that an organizing conference will be held to plan New York's participation in the National Spring Anti-War Offensive. The committee's coordinator said that the conference will lay plans to "build the most powerful anti-war actions this country has ever seen." (Weekly Tribble Summary #107, 2/22/70)

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*4 March, Washington, D. C.

The House Internal Security Committee will open hearings concerning the Black Panther Party beginning with reported party activities in Kansas City. Chairman Richard H. ICHORD (D-Mo.) said preliminary studies indicate the BPP has had branches in 19 states and at least 37 cities at various times. Initial hearings will be held in Washington.

ICHORD said general topics will include use of violence, terrorism or other unlawful means especially to obstruct the government in internal security matters; control of the movement, if any, by persons seeking to overthrow the government; financing of the movement, "and the extent to which they may act in concert with, aid or assist, or be supported by, foreign Communist powers, their agents or nationals." *Wash. Star 2-20-70*

6, 7, 8 March - Chicago, Illinois

A group of civil rights, church, labor and peace figures has called an emergency conference to defend the "inalienable right" of the BPP to "take its program to the people." Sponsored by the Emergency Conference Committee of 417 East 47th Street, the conference will be held at the Church of the Epiphany, 201 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and will be co-chaired by Ossie Davis, Dick Gregory, Fr. James Groppi, BPP leader Bobbie Rush and Mrs. Angie Dickerson of the World Peace Council. Initiating sponsors include communists Dr. Herbert Aptheker, Charlene Mitchell, and William L. Patterson as well as others of similar persuasion. *Nat'l. Ind. 2-20-70*

#7 March, Arlington County, Virginia

The National Socialist White People's Party has rented the auditorium at Yorktown High School for a three-hour "white power rally." After learning that the extremist group intends to welcome only "non-Jewish white persons" to the rally, it was indicated that the Arlington County school board would reconsider the rental permit.

6-13 March, Cleveland, Ohio

The First National Conference of the "American Student Movement (Anti-Imperialist)" will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from 6-13 March. The "Statement of the Formation of the American Student Movement (Anti-Imperialist)" commences as follows:

"Recognizing" (deficiencies in our form of government are stated)... "Therefore: We announce the formation of the American Student Movement (Anti-Imperialist) which comes forward to serve the interest of the working and oppressed people who will totally and completely defeat U.S. Imperialism through armed revolution and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat." Several tasks of this organization are outlined, one of which is to "wage mass democratic struggles in the universities against all forms of bourgeois ideology and to combat the rise of fascism."

8 March, San Francisco, California

On Sunday, March 8, 1970 between 1:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m., at Dolores Park, Dolores and 18th Street, San Francisco, there will be a demonstration to celebrate "International Women's Day" in commemoration of the first Women's Day, March 8, 1908, held on the lower East Side of New York where women demonstrated for the right to vote, better working conditions, short working hours and legislation against child labor. In 1911 Clara Zetkin, a Socialist leader in Germany, proposed that "March 8," be proclaimed International Women's Day. Since then, women have been using this day to celebrate their struggle. Participants will include the Santa Clara Worker's Committee, Third World Sisters, members of the Black Panther Party, Los Siete and the Young Lords. Targets of their speeches will be the Welfare Department, Telephone Company and hospitals in the greater Bay Area.

*March 7, Bel Air, Maryland

H. Rap Brown, head of the Student National Coordinating Committee, who has been freed on \$10,000 bond in connection with charges stemming from racial disorders in July 1967 on Maryland's Eastern Shore, is now scheduled to be tried in Bel Air on 9 March 1970.

William B. Kunstler, Brown's attorney to defend him on the charges of arson and inciting to riot, is also chief counsel for the Chicago 7.

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*16-22 March, Nationally

Although individually sponsoring separate activities, the three main coalition umbrellas of anti-war, anti-establishment dissidents: the New Mobilization Committee, the Student Mobilization Committee, and the Vietnam Moratorium Committee: are jointly supporting one another's actions and with heavy overlapping of membership and leadership, most activities will represent combined effort. As part of the "back to the grass roots" winter-spring planned activities, March is intended to be highlighted by concentrating on anti-draft actions with the emphasis in the week of 16-22 March. The 19th has been selected as the day of large scale, non-violent confrontations with draft board employees.

*21 March, New York City, New York

Women's liberation groups throughout New York are planning a demonstration at Bryant Park to support the legal challenges being brought against New York State abortion laws.

*22-29 March, National

A National Black Referendum on Vietnam has been organized to allegedly determine whether or not Black people favor the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. According to one piece of organizational literature, "Official voting will begin Palm Sunday, 22 March, and continue daily that entire week, ending on Easter Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. Voting stations will be all Black churches participating in the campaign, in every Black community throughout the entire U.S." Supplied by the organizers of the Referendum is a kit of literature giving instructions on propagandizing and conducting the Referendum and expressing a strong stand against the war. The likes of Ossie DAVIS, Julian BOND, LeRoi JONES, Dr. George WILEY,

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and H. Rap BROWN are on the National Executive Council of the Referendum. Irving DAVIS of SNCC is one of the national program coordinators.

How many "votes" will be tallied is conjectural but not the result--which will obviously show almost all those voting to be for the ballot's one simple proposition: the total, immediate withdrawal of all American troops and money from Vietnam.

23-26 March - 8:30-10 p.m. EST, National Educational TV

National Educational Television (NET) will devote an unprecedented 6-hour block of prime time March 23-26 for the showing of "Trial--The City and County of Denver vs. Loren R. Watson." The documentary marks the first time that the complete scope of a single trial is examined on an American television program.

The program is broken into four 90-minute portions to correspond with the trial's four days. As a result, the usual NET schedule has been preempted so that these portions may be presented on successive nights (Monday through Thursday) from 8:30-10 p.m. EST.

Loren Watson, the defendant in the trial, was arrested by a Denver patrolman and charged with resisting and interfering with a police officer. "The issue has national implications, involving police and Panthers, the American system and the blackman," notes Don Dixon, NET's director of public affairs programming. "The case is really a microcosm, reflecting one of our country's most critical concerns." The antagonism between Watson and the Denver police forms a subcurrent within the trial and is a basis of Attorney Leonard Davies' defense of Watson.

"We wanted to represent the ritual drama of American justice," says producer Robert M. Fresco. "Therefore, everything within the trial is placed chronologically in the documentary." Within four days, Fresco has interspersed interviews with Watson, Davies, Judge Zita Weinshienk, Assistant City Attorney Wright Morgan, prosecutor in this case, and police officer Robert C. Cantwell, who made the charge against Watson.

(Some dated material omitted)

*24 March, National

A full-length documentary film, "King: a filmed record...
Montgomery to Memphis," will be at approximately 1,000 theaters
in 300 cities across the country. A nationwide goal is to raise \$5
million for organizations dedicated to fighting the war on poverty,
illiteracy and social injustice. All funds collected will go directly
to the Martin Luther King Special Fund in Atlanta. *WASH. DC 2-2-70*

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