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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.

*25 April, North Long Beach, California

The Peace Action Council (PAC), Los Angeles, California, has announced that Terutaka Niidawa, an official of the Japanese Socialist Party, will participate in an April 25 demonstration at the American Electric Company, North Long Beach, California. The demonstration is to protest the manufacture of napalm.

Irving Sarnoff, the leader of the PAC, recently returned from a visit to the Soviet Union. He said that while in the Soviet Union, he discussed proposed nationwide demonstrations on July 4.to protest court action against Bobby Seale, a BPP leader; nationwide demonstrations during the last week in October to protest the war; and a proposed international conference on racism at Toronto, Canada, on October 16. He also stated that he discussed proposed demonstrations against military bases in May and received a favorable response from the individuals with whom he discussed this matter in Russia.

*26 April, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Groups, including the University of Oklahoma Committee to End the War in Vietnam, the Oklahoma Student Action, and the Oklahoma University Young Democrats, have announced plans to organize a demonstration to be held when Vice President Agnew visits Weatherford, Oklahoma, on April 26 to dedicate a new airport in honor of astronaut Thomas Strafford. At least three chartered busloads of persons, mostly students from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, will attend the demonstrations.



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In a new approach to the antiwar protest movement, the peace activists in concert with many other dissident groups are planning a spring offensive to highlight the economic impact of the War in Vietnam. In addition to the past actions against the military-industrial-establishment which consisted of picketting, propagandizing, and various other forms of harassment and has recently taken the more violent form or bomb threats and actual bombings, a new tactic has been adopted. The New Mobe is sponsoring regional demonstrations at stockholder's meetings of major corporations doing war-related business. While claiming that their actions will be peaceful and nondisruptive, it is highly unlikely that such will be the case. Some protest planners have said that no disruptions were planned, but some acts of nonviolent civil disobedience had not been ruled out. In order to gain entry into the meetings, protestors have gathered proxies and will thus be entitled to the rights and privileges of any stockholder. Protests have been conducted at several stockholder's meetings to date without serious disruption but considerable harassing.

Some of the proposed sites for activity are stockholder's meetings:

- 27 April--Boeing, Seattle, Washington
- 28 April--Gulf Oil Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 28 April--Honeywell, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.
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*29 April, University of Maryland

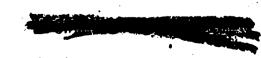
President Wilson H. Elkins, University of Maryland, has agreed to cancel classes for a campuswide discussion of university problems. The University of Maryland has been the scene of a number of protests and demonstrations in recent weeks. Eightyseven people were arrested 24 March after a 13-hour occupation of a campus building allegedly to protest the dismissal of two professors.

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30 April, Nationwide

The extremist Student National Coordinating Committee was backing a National Black Referendum on Vietnam to occur during the period of March 22-29, 1970. This activity, which is to be a polling

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of blacks in fifty cities across the country, is a proposal to demand the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops and money from South Vietnam. This referendum has been rescheduled to commence on April 30, 1970.

30 April, Washington, D.C.

It has been announced that plans are being developed for a "Peaceful March for God" in Washington. Volunteers are being sought to march and demonstrate public pressure in support of repeal of the Supreme Court ban on mandatory school prayers. The House Judiciary Committee has more than 70 bills pending to restore school prayer in some form.

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*1 May, Charleston, West Virginia

Beginning at 2 p.m. at Elizabeth Street, coal miners will march to a rally at the State Capitol to bring public attention to health and safety hazards in the pits. The march is sponsored by the West Virginia Black Lung Association.

*1 May, New York City, New York

Communist Party planning conferences have taken place for a giant May Day parade and rally. The parade will begin at 4:45 p.m. at 38th Street and 8th Avenue and march down to Union Square to join a rally beginning at 5 p.m.

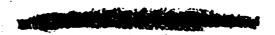
*1-3 May, New Haven, Connecticut

Rallies in support of Bobby Seale and 13 other BPP members being tried in New Haven on charges of murder and kidnapping of Black Panther Alex Rackley, are scheduled for the New Haven Town Green. Bordering on the New Haven Green are the State Superior Court House (site of the murder trial) and a number of Yale University buildings. Tension has been mounting daily with support for the militant Black Panthers being espoused from a number of sectors—Rev. Ralph Abernathy (SCLC), Yale students and faculty, etc. The situation is highly volatile at best.

Yale had scheduled its Law School Alumni celebration for that weekend with many graduates and parents expected to attend.

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Some 70-80% of the student body is currently on strike to show support of the Panthers. Positions vary from demands for a "fair trial" and monetary aid all the way to an unfathomable demand for outright release of the defendants.

A number of BPP leaders from around the country have gathered in the New York/New Haven area and in meetings and rallies recently, have made dire threats as to the retributive action that will be taken in event the Panthers, especially Scale, are convicted. Not the least of these alleged threats is "burning down New Haven." Pretrial hearings are now underway with the actual trial not expected until fall.

*5 May, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico

It has been reported that a number of Indians and Mexican-Americans, who reportedly have been trained in subversive activities and sabotage in Cuba, plan to demonstrate during the Republican governors' conference to be held in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

#8-10 May, New Orleans, Louisiana

A Mother's Day weekend regional conference is being sponsored by the Southern Female Rights Union. Tentative plans are to get a summer camp with cabins and a communal hall so that the women from all over the South can live and learn together for three days.

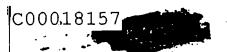
*9 May, Stone Mountain, Georgia

The Atlanta Mobilization Committee to End the War in Victnam plans to demonstrate during the anticipated visit of President Nixon to dedicate the Stone Mountain Memorial.

*16 May, Ft. Dix, New Jersey

A group at Princeton University believed to be affiliated with the SDS has announced plans for a march and rally to be held at Ft. Dix. A leaflet announcing the rally states that the GI movement is suffering from crippling repression at Ft. Dix.

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Dissident GI's and GI organizations and their supporters are planning to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the war, the military and the government. Reportedly, GI's at over 20 bases across the country will be taking actions—each different and relating specifically to the situation at each base.

In Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, the GI's have decided to focus their attention on Ft. Meade.

*16 May, Fayetteville, North Carolina

GI's United against the War in Vietnam is sponsoring an anti-Armed Forces Day rally at Fayetteville, N.C. Jane Fonda, an actress who has been active in demonstrations, and Abbie Hoffman and Rennie Davis have been invited to speak. Hoffman and Davis were recently convicted for violation of the antiriot law. During a rally at Chapel Hill, N.C., on 12 April, Davis called for a "mass show of opposition to the Vietnam War" at the May 16 rally.

*16 May, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina

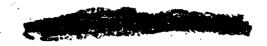
During a highly-publicized peace protest sparked by rock and country music at the University of North Carolina on April 11 and 12, Rennie Davis, the main speaker, called for a massive demonstration May 16 at Ft. Bragg. What had been intended at the biggest protest scene in the South missed its mark. Crowds of only two- to three thousand turned out and they seemed more interested in music than politics.

≠22 May, Houston, Texas

SDS leaders in Houston, Texas, are formulating plans to demonstrate against Vice President Agnew when he visits Houston on May 22. They plan to involve as many blacks, Mexican-Americans, and white radicals as possible in the demonstration which will be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel where the Vice President reportedly will be staying.







#29-31 May, Toronto, Canada

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Reportedly, a World Jurist Conference on Vietnam is to be held Memorial Day weekend, May 29-31, tentatively set for Clendon College, York University, Toronto, Canada. A memorandum announcing same appeared under a letterhead of the Lawyers Committee on American Policy towards Vietnam. Members of the "Consultative Council" listed on the letterhead are individuals such as Richard J. Barnett(Institute for Policy Studies), Hans J. Morgenthan (University of Chicago), and Quincy Wright (University of Chicago). Lawyers delegations from North Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam will reportedly be present.

*Weekend of May 30 or July 4, Tentative, Midwest

Plans are being made for a National GI Conference.

*8 June, Chicago, Illinois

On 17 April Judge Julius J. Hoffman postponed until at least 8 June BPP leader Bobby Seale's Chicago trial on charges of conspiring to incite riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Seale, one of the original "Chicago 8" is currently on trial in New Haven on a murder charge.

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