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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.

\*Present to 20 February, Washington, D.C.

The National Youth Alliance, a right-wing group supporting victory in Vietnam, plans to demonstrate daily at the White House through 20 February. The demonstrators will demand that the United States win the war and bring back prisoners of war now. Two groups, U.S. Patriots Victory March Committee and Sheldon College students, have been invited to participate. The march committee and Sheldon College are both under the direct control of ultraconservative radio preacher Dr. Carl McIntire who has for the past several years sponsored demonstrations demanding a Vietnam victory. The National Youth Alliance estimates 100 individuals will participate daily in White House demonstrations.

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\*Present to 9 March, Nationwide

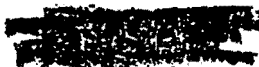
Ireland's radical member of the British Parliament, Bernadette Devlin, is presently on a speaking tour throughout the United States. It is anticipated that during Miss Devlin's stay she will appear at more than 40 American colleges and universities. She has declared her intention, while in California, to visit Angela Davis who is presently awaiting trial on kidnapping and murder charges in the slaying of a Marin County, California judge some months ago. Miss Devlin who is 23 years of age served four months in a Northern Ireland jail last year on riot and incitement to riot charges.

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13-15 February, Chicago, Illinois

The Committee of Returned Volunteers, an antiwar group, has announced that a conference of organizations concerned with American

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imperialism and the liberation movement will be held at the theological seminary at the University of Chicago on the above dates. The principal purpose of this session is to promote the "People's Peace Treaty" that representatives from the National Student Association (led by David Ifshin) brought back from Hanoi in December. The Chicago meeting will attempt to drum up widespread support for the acceptance of the treaty.

\*19-21 February, Washington, D.C.

The Student Mobilization Committee will hold a national student antiwar conference at Catholic University on the above dates. They plan to discuss and make decisions on united mass action scheduled for this coming spring in the struggle against campus complicity in the war effort, building an abolish-the-draft movement, high school rights, support for the GI antiwar movements, and the mobilization of women, workers and Third World people against the war.

The SMC has furnished a liability insurance policy to Catholic University in the amount of \$1 million. They have further agreed that arrangements will be made to feed and lodge conference delegates off campus. No disruption is expected in connection with this conference.

\*22 February, New York

A demonstration is scheduled in New York City on the above date by the Washington's Birthday Defense Committee. This organization, formed recently at Washington, was organized for the express purpose of defending Father Philip Berrigan et al., who have been indicted for conspiracy to kidnap a Government official and damage Government property. The committee has called the indictments "oppression by the Government" and aside from the scheduled 22 February demonstration has urged committee participation in demonstrations planned for 2-4 April to commemorate the assassination of Martin Luther King. (See entry under 2-4 April.)

22 February, Key Biscayne, Florida

Although no additional details have been reported in recent weeks, 22 February is still believed to be on the schedule of Rev. Carl McIntire and his March for Victory organization to demonstrate at President Nixon's Florida home. Still on the McIntire schedule are demonstrations planned in 50 state capitals for 17 March and a third

March for Victory down Pennsylvania Avenue on 8 May. The 8 May date may cause some serious complications because representatives of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (formerly the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression) will be busy in the city on that date, and a major confrontation between pro and antiwar forces may result.

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\*Late February to 4 April, Miami and Tallahassee, Florida

Reportedly plans are currently being formulated by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to conduct a protest march in connection with the anniversary date of the assassination of Martin Luther King. As tentative plans presently stand, the march will begin at Miami in late February and end in Tallahassee on 4 April. Marchers will protest the alleged discriminatory practices at Florida hospitals and training centers. The exact route of the march has not yet been determined.

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\*23 February, Washington, D.C.

Senator Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina, a champion for the past decade of individual constitutional rights, will open nine days of committee hearings on the above date. The principal topic of Senator Ervin's hearings will be domestic spying charges recently brought against the Army and reported in recent weeks at considerable length in national press media. Several former Army intelligence agents are scheduled to give testimony on 24 February. Senator Ervin has also recently expressed concern of excessive use of Social Security numbers, believing that such use may constitute a violation of the individual's constitutional right of privacy.

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\*1 March, Honolulu, Hawaii

The University of Hawaii chapter of the SDS will conclude demonstrations on the above date staged to demand the elimination of ROTC on the university campus. Between now and the first of March demonstrations have been scheduled for each Thursday, oriented to demand the elimination of ROTC.

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1 March, St. Johns and New Brunswick, Canada

A fourth Venceremos Brigade has reportedly been formed and is tentatively scheduled to leave Canada for Cuba on the above date. Members of the brigade will stay in Cuba until the middle of May.

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During their stay the participants numbering approximately 300 will divide their time between sugar cane cutting and political indoctrination. Reportedly the Venceremos Brigade National Committee is placing emphasis on recruiting "quality individuals" between the ages of 19-28 years of age from radical groups sympathetic to the "socialist cause." The brigade has issued instructions that individuals who participate are not to submit to interviews by authorities upon return to the United States.

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\*5 March, Oakland, California

Birthday celebrations for Black Panther boss Huey Newton are now scheduled for 5 March at Oakland. Some disruption in the ghetto neighborhoods at Oakland can be expected during the celebration.

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7 March, Washington, D.C.

The Young Socialist Alliance, youth group of the Socialist Workers Party, held its national convention at New York City during the week between Christmas and New Years. During a Women's Liberation report to the convention by a representative of the YSA National Office, the speaker stated that plans are being formulated by a "radical group" of women within the Women's Liberation movement to carry out an assault on the Pentagon on the above date.

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\*9 March, San Rafael, California

Attorneys for black militant Angela Davis have filed for dismissal of the murder and kidnapping charges against her in the Marin County shootout last 7 August. A retired judge, John P. McMurray, will hear the Davis case. All five Marin County Superior Court judges have disqualified themselves because of their friendship with the slain Judge Harold J. Haley. Charged with Angela Davis is Ruchell Magee, a San Quentin convict who was the only survivor among the four persons in the escape attempt from Judge Haley's courtroom.

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\*13-19 March

The above dates have been scheduled by the Black Panther Party as the first in a series of solidarity weeks. On the above dates the Party will honor the Viet Cong. Additional solidarity weeks that have been scheduled are the week of 15 May, with the people of Palestine, and on 5 June with the Arab people. In the promotion of these celebrations some added Panther rhetoric can be expected but no disruptive

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activity. In a recent column written by Victor Riesel the top nine personalities in the BPP have been listed. The following list represents a fairly good consensus of opinion on their positions of power and influence in the Party. The nine principal leaders in order are: 1) Huey Newton, 2) Bobby Seale, 3) Eldridge Cleaver, 4) David Hilliard, 5) Elbert "Big Man" Howard, 6) Raymond Hewitt, 7) Emory Douglas, 8) Donald Cox and 9) Kathleen Cleaver.

Victor Riesel's article points out additionally that only 43 branches of the BPP (including affiliates) are known to exist. Their membership of hard-core activists numbers between 700-1000. Of the 43 known chapters only 13 call themselves BPP. The remaining 30 are either known as Community Information Centers or the Committee to Combat Fascism.

Panther activities have recently taken some interesting turns. First Eldridge Cleaver and his Algiers contingent have apparently become disenchanted with the antics of Tim Leary and his wife, Rosemary. Electing to call their action protective custody, Cleaver and company, on their own authority, have put Tim and Rosemary under house arrest due most probably to the Leary's continued use of hallucinogenic drugs.

In another recent interesting event Henry Winston, long-time chairman of the CPUSA, has chided Cleaver for doing what Winston terms as a distinct disservice for the fight for freedom of Bobby Seale, Ericka Huggins (on trial with Seale for murder in Connecticut) and all other victims of U.S. reaction in the BPP. Although Cleaver's exact statement reportedly printed in the Party newspaper, the Black Panther, has not yet been reviewed, Winston is highly critical of Cleaver's comments about Angela Davis. Winston characterizes Cleaver's recommendations as demonstrating complete ignorance of developments in the U.S. in general and about black political prisoners in particular. Winston stated in a recent interview that Cleaver's statements about Angela Davis in a recent interview could send her to the gas chamber. Cleaver apparently criticized worldwide communist support for Angela Davis and apparently calls the world communist support for her a "smokescreen" in order to advance ulterior communist motives. The Winston statement demonstrates the continuing push and pull between the pro-Chinese and pro-Russian communist factions and their efforts to control the American Panther movement.

*At 11:30 AM on 11/11/67*

\*20 March, Washington, D.C.

The Progressive Labor Party, a pro-Chinese communist group, is sponsoring a march on Washington on the above date. The march is to protest the high rate of unemployment in the U.S., and marchers are expected from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. A PLP spokesman has estimated that 2,000 persons will participate. The actual figure will probably be closer to 200, and no disruptions are anticipated.

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\*2-4 April, Nationwide

Demonstrations to commemorate the assassination date of Dr. Martin Luther King have been scheduled by all significant antiwar coalitions during the weekend of 2 April. On the first day of the demonstration weekend, 2 April, plans call for actions at Washington consisting of lobbying at Federal agencies concerning poverty and welfare. On 3 April hunger marches are scheduled to demand an end to the Vietnam War. Participants will attempt to get businessmen to sponsor them and pay so much per mile for every mile marched. Reportedly money raised by this method will be contributed to religious and poverty groups. April 4 will be a day of commemoration of the assassination of Dr. King. Scheduled activities will be religious in tone and under the direction of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In addition planners hope that a public fast involving a number of prominent individuals will commence on 2 April. Included among the list of potential fasters are: Ralph Abernathy, King's successor in SCLC; Caesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee; George Wiley of the National Welfare Rights Organization; antiwar activist and self-described Marxist David Dellinger, and possibly Mrs. M.L. King. Those participating in the fast will demand an end to the war and a guaranteed income of \$5,500 a year. All of the above listed plans are regarded as tentative because

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the SCLC has not yet confirmed these plans and as King's old organization will be given primary responsibility for scheduled activities on this weekend.

About the only joint effort that has been agreed upon by the two principal and seriously feuding antiwar groups is the endorsement for demonstrations on the above dates. The National Peace Action Coalition, a Socialist Workers Party front, and the CPUSA-influenced National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression remain otherwise at serious odds on the timing, directions and strategy of spring antiwar activities. The NCAWRR, incidentally, has again changed its name and now answers to the name of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice. The reason for the recent name change remains for the moment obscure.

3 April, Nationwide.

The Worker Student Alliance faction of SDS is sponsoring nationwide campus demonstrations against ROTC on the above date. No recent publicity for this demonstration has been noted; and since it will emotionally be preempted by M. L. King assassination demonstrations, it is not believed that the SDS action will disrupt any campus anywhere.

\*24 April, Washington, D. C. and San Francisco, California

At several recent steering committee meetings the Socialist Workers Party family of organizations (YSA, SMC, NPAC) are persisting in their plans for massive peaceful demonstrations on the above date. The 24th of April actually is being scheduled as the culmination day for nationwide demonstrations beginning on Saturday, 17 April. It is not believed, however, that significant activities will take place prior to 24 April. The National Peace Action Coalition under whose auspices this demonstration is being staged is still in serious conflict with the CPUSA-influenced People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (formerly the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression, New Mobe, National Mobe, etc.). Additional details of this demonstration will be reported in subsequent Information Reports, but it is believed at the moment that the scheduled demonstration will produce fewer than 10,000 demonstrators at Washington and at San Francisco, and no disruption of either city with the exception of minor vandalism.

\*1-9 May, Washington, D. C.

The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice continues to plan for major demonstrations at Washington on the above dates. Planning



for this event remains fluid at this time. As plans become firm they will be reported in Information Reports. At present it seems likely that the original plan being promoted by Rennie Davis, Michael Lerner of the Seattle Liberation Front, Abbie Hoffman and others to disrupt the city of Washington by stalling vehicles on bridges and access roads has been abandoned. This plan, the product of Washington's radical think tank, the Institute for Policy Studies, is strongly opposed by theoreticians and ideologists of both the CPUSA and the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party. It is felt by senior officials in both old line radical leftist organizations that a planned disruption of this nature would tend to alienate trade unionists and preclude involving the working class in demonstrations against the war.

In the absence of a firm scenario which is still being written in national and regional conferences, several conclusions about antiwar activities in May can be assumed. There will be demonstrations centered and principally conducted in Washington and San Francisco during the first week of May. There will be an increase in the emphasis toward civil disobedience, and antiwar activists will continue to solicit support and endorsements of the People's Peace Treaty which most factions of the antiwar left regard as a powerful psychological rallying instrument. Exactly how the peace treaty with its hundreds of thousands of endorsing signatures will be used in connection with the May activities is still undetermined.

One seemingly minor but actually principal road block towards unity in the antiwar movement revolves around the timing of U. S. withdrawal from the Indochinese war. The CPUSA-influenced PCPJ want President Nixon to set a date for total withdrawal while the NPAC demand immediate withdrawal, a seemingly minor yet actually important difference in organizational approach within the antiwar coalitions.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

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