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

*5 March, Las Vegas, Nevada

In late February a joint press conference was held at Washington by Ralph Abernathy, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and by George Wiley, executive director of the National Welfare Rights Organization. During the press conference, Wiley called for a guaranteed minimum income of \$6,500 for a family of four, equal justice for minority groups, free education for all citizens and an end to the war. Abernathy announced that a Poor People's Campaign will begin on 5 March at Las Vegas where demonstrations will be held to "confront the forces of organized gambling and prostitution." Following the Las Vegas demonstration, mass marches will be organized on various state capitals and on economic establishments (presumably securities exchanges), and a mule train will travel from New York to Washington. Abernathy was vague about the SCLC plans for Washington but alluded to the fact that the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice would be conducting demonstrations in the capital at the time of the arrival of the mule train. In a proposed program sheet distributed at the news conference it was reported that massive antiwar rallies will be held at Washington on 1-2 May followed by a week of "nonviolent civil disobedience to protest the war." The program sheet also mentioned that Government workers will be urged to strike in protest against continued poverty, repression and war. (See entry under the heading "24 April-9 May" for additional details.)

*5 March, Oakland, California

The Oakland Auditorium has been reserved for 5 March under the pretext that auditorium facilities would be used for a medical

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symposium. San Francisco Bay authorities believe that the auditorium will actually house the birthday celebration on the 5th of March for Black Panther boss Huey Newton. *FBI 2/14/68 #198 2/14/68*

*6 March, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, a Philadelphia-based protest group that has held a series of hearings mainly in Michigan for the past several months to expose American war atrocities, is planning a series of meetings with Vietnamese students attending school in Canada. The proposed purpose of the meeting is to exchange ideas for closer cooperation between all of the people of North and South Vietnam and the Vietnam Veterans group. Plans will also be discussed at the Canada meeting for a proposed trip by VVAW representatives next summer to Hanoi. *FBI 2/14/68 #198 2/14/68*

*7 March, Washington, D.C.

In late December and early January plans were announced at a convention of the Young Socialist Alliance for a Women's Liberation march at the Pentagon on the above date. No additional reports of this plan have been noted, and in view of plans being formulated for later in the spring it is not believed that the "assault on the Pentagon" is still scheduled for this weekend. *FBI 2/14/68 #198 2/14/68*

*8-10 March, Florida

Black extremist Stokely Carmichael, the author of the black power philosophy who presently resides in Conakry, Guinea, with his wife Miriam Makeba, is presently in the United States conducting a fund-raising speaking tour. Carmichael will speak at Florida Agriculture and Mechanical College in Tallahassee on 8 March, at Santa Fe Junior College in Gainesville on 9 March and at Florida Presbyterian College in St. Petersburg on 10 March. Reportedly Carmichael has also been invited to speak at a rally of the Junta of Militant Organization (JOMO) in Tampa on 10 March. It is further reported that plans are being made for Carmichael to address the Lexington, Kentucky, chapter of JOMO later in the month. JOMO is a Florida-based black extremist organization. *FBI 2/14/68 #198 2/14/68*

*9 March, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The War Resisters League will stage a march to the state capitol building on the above date to protest the Selective Service. *FBI 2/14/68 #198 2/14/68*

System and the "repressive" nature of the Vietnamese War. Demonstrators allegedly will also demand that enlisted personnel be granted freedom of speech. *FBI 27654? 1/10/71*

*9 March, San Rafael, California

The preliminary stages of the trial of Angela Davis are scheduled to begin on the above date. Within the past several days the prosecution has filed briefs in connection with a number of defense motions presented to the court last month. The prosecution reportedly took serious exception to the defense motion that Angela Davis be authorized to act as a co-counsel in her own defense. The prosecution believes that if this motion is granted the eventual trial will be converted into a political circus. *Wash Post 20 Feb 71*

*9 March, Nationwide

Bernadette Devlin's American speaking tour is scheduled to be concluded on this date. There will probably be some press coverage of her departure for Ireland, but no significant demonstrations are anticipated at this time. *N. Day - Wash Post 5/1/71*

*11 March, Williamsburg, Virginia

A group called the Peninsula Concerned Citizens for Peace plans to demonstrate at Williamsburg on the above date in connection with President Nixon's planned visit to that city. The demonstrators hope to present the President with their endorsement of the People's Peace Treaty recently negotiated with North Vietnamese youth by representatives of the now radical National Student Association. While in Hanoi in December, incidentally, the present chairman of the NSA, David Ifshin, made a tape recording that was later broadcast over Radio Hanoi to American forces fighting in South Vietnam. The radio broadcast encouraged American GIs to refuse to fight, to turn on their officers, and otherwise disrupt the war effort against the communists in every possible way. *FBI 27654? 1/10/71*

*13-14 March, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Actress Jane Fonda and former Army captain Dr. Howard B. Levy who served 26 months in prison for refusing to train Vietnam-bound soldiers have announced the formation of an antiwar entertainment group which will tour Army bases in the style of Bob Hope to

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entertain the troops. It is undoubtedly the plan of this newly formed group to intersperse with entertainment a political message designed to disrupt the psychological preparedness of American fighting men. The group has asked for the same type logistics support that is afforded establishment entertainers such as Bob Hope, Martha Raye and others. In case the group is denied facilities at Fort Bragg (near Fayetteville), entertainment will be performed at the Haymarket Square Coffeehouse in Fayetteville.

The antiwar troop of entertainers is being sponsored by the U.S. Servicemen's Fund which was established in 1967 to encourage the antiwar movement within military ranks. Entertainment groups generally require an official invitation from a base commanding officer in order to perform on base. It can be expected that, even though he is regarded a liberal commander, Lt. Gen. John J. Tolson, III, who commands Fort Bragg, will turn the Fonda group down flat. Along with Jane Fonda other show business personalities among the approximately dozen well-known entertainers who have pledged to give support and talent are actor-director Mike Nichols, actor Elliott Gould, cartoonist Jules Feiffer, Negro comic Dick Gregory, writer Herb Gardner, actors Donald Sutherland and Peter Boyle, folksingers Barbara Dane and Pete Seeger, and a rock music group known as Swamp Dogg.

13-19 March

The Black Panther Party has announced the above dates as a week of solidarity with the Viet Cong. *for the Sun 30 Jan. 71; Daily Worker 28 Jan. 71*

#14 March, Nationwide

At a recently held national conference of the SDS, Worker Student Alliance faction, 14 March was designated as National ROTC Day. Reportedly anti-ROTC demonstrations will be conducted on various campuses with the theme "ROTC Must Go." Although it is difficult to predict the severity of any planned disruptions around the nation, it should be kept in mind that a similar demonstration recently conducted at the University of Hawaii resulted in the destruction of the ROTC building by firebombing. *F/E 2/1/71*

14 March, Albany, Boston, Trenton, Harrisburg, Philadelphia

At 12 noon on the above date the Jewish Defense League will "sit-in" on seats of government at the above mentioned cities. This

group has been militantly active in recent months by harassing Soviet diplomats and disrupting presentations of touring Soviet artists. The alleged purpose of these "sit-ins" is to dramatize the concern of activist Jews for Russian Jewry. FBI 3/19/71 11/24/71

*19 March

During the last week of February, representatives from 24 major religious denominations met at New York City and formed an organization called "Set the Date Now." The group has planned a campaign that will press the Nixon administration and the Congress to designate a specific date for the withdrawal of all direct and indirect U.S. military involvement in Southeast Asia. The date that the organization is pressing for is 31 December 1971. Mr. Herschel Halbert has been named as the director of the "Set the Date Now" campaign. Halbert was formerly director of the International League for the Rights of Man and is presently the secretary of the International Affairs Council of the Episcopal Church.

The religious denominations that have pledged their support to the campaign are as follows: American Baptist Convention, American Ethical Union, American Humanist Association, Church of the Brethren, Church Women United, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal Church, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Lutheran Church in America, Mennonite Central Committee, National Catholic Council for Interracial Justice, National Coalition of American Nuns, National Council of Churches, Philadelphia Meeting of the Society of Friends, Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), United Presbyterian Church, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Unitarian Universalist Association, United Church of Christ, Board of Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church, World Conference of Religion for Peace, and Women's Division of the United Presbyterian Church. N.Y. Times 3/18/71

*20 March, Washington, D.C.

A march on Washington is planned for the above date by the Progressive Labor Party, a pro-Chinese Communist group, and by the PLP-dominated Worker Student Alliance faction of SDS. These groups will march to protest unemployment, and following an assembly at the Banneker Center the demonstrators will march to the Department of Labor where a second rally will be held. Reportedly marchers are expected from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Estimates of the size of the assembly issued by SDS and PLP range from 2,000-5,000 persons. The actual figure will probably be only several hundred. No major disruption is anticipated. FFE 27(10) - 11/71

*21 March, Washington, D. C.

The Jewish Defense League (see entry under "14 March") is planning a noon rally at the main gate of the White House. The national coordinator of the JDL has announced that he hopes 15,000 people will attend the White House demonstration. Since in the past the Washington Jewish community has not been in sympathy with the militancy of the JDL, it is not believed that the demonstrators will number more than several hundred. FFE 27(10) - 11/71

2-4 April, Nationwide

National demonstrations in commemoration of the date of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. have been scheduled by all national groups in the antiwar and civil rights arena. At this late date plans still remain somewhat vague, but according to press sources plans will include demonstrations at Federal agencies concerning poverty and welfare, hunger marches and demonstrations demanding the end to the Indochinese War. Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. King's successor as leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has already started a series of fasts in an effort to bring about an end to a variety of national ills as he interprets them. Abernathy and his organization have for the past six months initiated a degree of cooperation with the CPUSA-dominated People's Coalition for Peace and Justice. The PCPJ, in order to satisfy the objectives of Abernathy, George Wiley of the National Welfare Rights Organization, union organizer Caesar Chavez and others, has amended their charter since the days of the New Mobe to provide a cause for anyone and everyone interested in public protest against established order. Additional details regarding planned demonstrations in early April will be reported when and if they become known. FFE 27(10) - 11/71

*8 April, New York City, New York

A demonstration commemorating International Women's Day will be staged at New York on the above date by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. This organization that has survived for several decades has often been the target of communist penetration but remains relatively free of radical leadership or ideologies. The league can be described as liberal but not radical. FFE 27(10) - 11/71

*10 April, Washington, D.C.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will sponsor demonstrations on the 10th of April similar to their 8 April demonstrations in New York. *FBI 27648 170 71*

*24 April-9 May, Washington, D.C.; San Francisco, California; and Nationwide

A most significant meeting was held at Washington on 27-28 February. As a result of this meeting a temporary truce between the two feuding major antiwar factions in the United States has been agreed upon for spring antiwar protest demonstrations. At this date plans are still not firm and are subject to considerable change during coming weeks. A final and stable scenario of events during this period will probably not be known until mid-April. It has been recently reported that pressure was brought to bear on the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice and the National Peace Action Coalition by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About the War and the American Friends Service Committee to bury the hatchet in the interest of a unified and hence forceful appeal for unilateral American withdrawal from Indochina. The coalition of these two groups must be viewed as an extremely shaky one because it joins again in a united front the significantly differing philosophies of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party (the power behind the NPAC) and the CPUSA (the power behind the PCPJ).

For many weeks the PCPJ has pressured the NPAC to drop their plans for 24 April. Failing in this they now propose jointly to sponsor 24 April activities and carry straight through their previously planned demonstration schedule during the first week in May. Their plans as they are presently specified are as follows: following the cosponsored demonstration of 24 April at Washington and San Francisco, the PCPJ on 25 April will conduct workshops and religious services at Washington. On 26-27 April the demonstrators plan to lobby with Congressmen and at Government agencies. On 28 April civil disobedience is scheduled to begin at various Government buildings. Government buildings susceptible to the most harassment probably will be those housing war-related departments. The Pentagon and the CIA facility at Langley will undoubtedly be on the program if present plans persist. On Friday, 30 April, continued civil disobedience is scheduled to reach a peak in Washington. On the first of May Rennie Davis and his small band of followers, the May Day Collective, have been

tentatively given the green light for additional "civil disobedience" in Washington. Davis' support by a coalition of the NPAC and the PCPJ depends upon his pledge that all planned actions remain non-violent.

Unfortunately, the strategy of blocking the roads and highways has again entered the rhetoric and at this stage must be considered once more a highly probable tactic that will be employed probably on Monday, 3 May. On Sunday, 2 May, the PCPJ plans a massive assembly of a "religious nature" to prepare demonstrators for the increased intensive nonviolent activities scheduled for later in the week. The theme for 5 May will be "Stop the War or We'll Stop the Government." It would seem that the intention during the first week in May is a constant increase in pressure on the Government to get out of Southeast Asia.

Rennie Davis apparently took serious exception to the joining of forces between the antiwar groups. This office predicted one month ago that as a long shot possibility Davis might decide to go it alone with what he regards as a superior tactic with a youth constituency that he has been building for many months. If successful in his bridge-blocking tactics, sit-ins, and teach-ins with Government employees, Davis undoubtedly would view his position as the emerging single leader of domestic antiwar activity. On the first of March Davis addressed a friendly audience of 1,500 students at Davidson College at North Carolina and resumed his call for blocking the highways and bridges of Washington. Davis' action is clearly contrary to the wishes and desires of the CPUSA which believes such a tactic would be counter-productive. At this time it is a stronger possibility than ever that Davis will indeed keep his own counsel and go his own path this spring. If he does, his efforts could produce considerable disruption in the city and considerable violence in clashes principally between his immediate family of followers (the May Day Collective) and police authorities. The May Day Collective, incidentally, is a radical, political commune located in Washington.

Admittedly the details of forthcoming demonstrations are complex and cloudy. The influence of the Laotian operation will undoubtedly add fuel to the antiwar fire, and the recent bombing of the capitol will tend to neutralize planned demonstrations somewhat. Although the coalition that has now been formed is an uneasy one, it should multiply the numbers who come to the city during the spring protest season. Due to the lengthy plans, however, which encompass

a period of approximately three weeks, the impact of disruption if it occurs could be watered down and provide no single peak period of large numbers of participants. FILE 27767 277 71

The Continuations Committee of the NPAC/PCPJ coalition has set its next meeting for 13 March to make additional plans for spring demonstrations. Additional plans and programs for the spring demonstration season will be reported as they become known. FILE 27767 277 71

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