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24 FEB 1972SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

As previously reported, San Diegans in coming weeks will be petitioned to express their opposition to the presence in their city of the Republican National Convention next August. Not only will petitioners be asked to witness against the presence of the convention but will be asked to sign a "catch all" statement criticizing practically all of the imagined ills of contemporary society including environmental pollution, the oppression and economic exploitation of women, price and wage controls, crime, drug abuse, the war, etc. These petitions are being circulated in the San Diego area by the San Diego Convention Coalition, a recently formed group of radicals. It has been reported that in May one John Huyler, a former Navy pilot who is active in the coalition, will bring the signed petitions to Washington where he will confront members of Congress.

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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 end of trial, Harrisburg, Pa.

The Harrisburg Defense Committee and associated protest groups plan to use Holy Week as the focal point for their antiwar messages.

A "pilgrimage of renewal" for the peace movement is planned on Palm Sunday. Organizers estimate 10,000 "counter-trial" demonstrators will stage a Palm Sunday procession into downtown Harrisburg across the State Street Bridge.

The Seven Stations of the Cross, with new questions and answers appropriate to the antiwar movement reportedly will be performed at seven defense plants and military installations in the vicinity of Harrisburg throughout the week.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with an ecumenical sunrise service for peace and freedom.

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#26 February, Wrightstown, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philadelphia Resistance, the National Lawyers Guild Project, the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and the Women Strike for Peace, all radical protest groups, reportedly will sponsor an antiwar demonstration at McGuire Air Force Base on 26 February. Demonstrators are scheduled to assemble at Independence Hall in Philadelphia and drive in a funeral cortege to the base to demand an end to the air war in Southeast Asia.

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27 February, Oakland, California

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War have indicated that they may demonstrate during activities at a "Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Night" which has been scheduled at the Oakland Coliseum on the above date.

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#28 February, San Jose, California

Superior Court Judge Richard A. Arnason, has ordered the trial of Angela Davis, the black activist and acknowledged Communist, to commence on February 28.

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The hearing ended more than eighteen months of pretrial hearings. Miss Davis, a scholar and former philosophy instructor at the University of California, Los Angeles, will be tried on charges of murder, kidnapping and criminal conspiracy. *WASH. Post 10 Feb. 72*

Due to a recent decision by the California supreme court abolishing the death penalty, Davis was released on bail on February 23. Only \$2,500 cash was required and a surety bond of \$100,000. It has not yet been disclosed who put up the money or who has guaranteed the bond. Singer Aretha Franklin previously offered but the cash probably came from the CPUSA. In a similar case some years ago Eldridge Cleaver failed to appear in a California court on 23 December 1968 thereby forcing six supporters who had filed bail affidavits in Cleaver's behalf to forfeit the total sum of \$50,000. Included in the group who supported Cleaver were Godfrey Cambridge, the Negro comedian, Edward Keating lawyer and former publisher of Ramparts Magazine and Dr. Philip Shapiro, a San Francisco physician and an active supporter of the Black Panther Party. *SIR 20 Dec. 68 WASH Post 2-24-72*

CPUSA sources are already saying that American public opinion forced release, not a change in the California law. Davis is not expected to take flight immediately because of her probable intention of turning the trial into a radical circus. Past performance indicates, however, that a disappearing act can not be ruled out.

\*29 February, New York City

The militant Jewish Defense League continues its schedule of activities protesting the treatment of Jews principally in the Soviet Union but in other quarters as well. The JDL has announced that on the above date a demonstration will be conducted at New York City's board of higher education to protest a quota system of enrollment being planned by the board for the City University of New York. Such a system apparently would, in the opinion of JDL leaders, be prejudicial to the Jewish population of the city. *FBI IN 541174 dtd 18 Feb. 72*

\*2-5 March, San Francisco, California

Reportedly, the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco has announced actions to be taken during the forthcoming visit of the Russian Osipov Balalaika Orchestra on the above dates. The council plans to picket and leaflet all performances of the orchestra while at San Francisco, and each performance will be the responsibility of a different bay area Jewish organization. Some of the groups expected to participate are the Soviet Jewry Action Group, the Anti-Defamation League, the Bay Area Council of Soviet Jewry, and the Jewish War Veterans. *FBI IN 540087 dtd 17 Feb. 72*

\*6 March, New York City

The Jewish Defense League has scheduled a demonstration to be held at Red Cross headquarters to demand that the Red Cross aid in the fight against Syrian persecution of Jews.

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18 Feb 72

10-12 March, Gary, Indiana

The Congressional Black Caucus and other elected Negro officials and civil rights leaders have announced plans to hold the first National Black Political Convention on the above dates.

The announced purpose of the Gary Convention is to discuss the political positions blacks should take this year and to "crystallize a black agenda" of needs that will be presented to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions this summer. The Black Caucus has not endorsed any presidential candidate, though one of its members Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N. Y.) is a candidate.

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\*19 March, New York City

The Jewish Defense League has announced plans for a mass demonstration to be held in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza at the United Nations Building protesting against policies of the United Arab Republic.

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\*27 March, Jackson, Mississippi

Judge Russell B. Moore, Hinds County Circuit Court, has set a 27 March trial date for the "Republic of New Africa (RNA) Eleven."

Seven of the eleven members of the militant black extremist separatist organization RNA have been in custody since August of last year. The defendants are charged with levying war against the state of Mississippi, murdering a police lieutenant, and wounding an FBI agent and patrolman in a confrontation at the Jackson RNA headquarters last summer.

Information about the RNA Eleven is being issued by the Southern Conference Educational Fund which has been cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities.

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\*7-9 April, Palo Alto, California

Governor Reagan is scheduled to speak to approximately 400 delegates attending the California Republican Assembly Conference on the above dates. An invitation has also been extended to President Nixon to speak at the conference. Although no information has emerged pursuant to planned demonstrations, bay area radicals will not miss the opportunity afforded by this conference to conduct at least a minor protest.

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\*14 or 17 April, Nationwide

The War Resisters League and the War Tax Resistance have scheduled demonstrations at the Internal Revenue Service Centers in major cities on either April 14 or 17. The demonstrations are to be known as "R-Day" and stand for resist, refuse and reform.

*FBI IN 509882 10 Jan 72*

\*21 April, College Park, Maryland

The B'nai B'rith (a Jewish organization) has scheduled a national conference on the above date at the University of Maryland. The main topics to be discussed are the problems of the senior citizens, which include housing programs and low cost rent, shopping assistance in high crime areas, transportation to synagogues and medical care.

*N.Y.T. 13 Feb 72*

\*22 April, New York, Los Angeles

The National Peace Action Coalition (Trotskyite group) has announced that a massive antiwar demonstration would be staged in Los Angeles on the above date to coincide with a similar demonstration in New York City. The demonstration is to be a part of the spring antiwar offensive and is intended to keep the antiwar movement visible and in the streets during the 1972 election year. The theme of the demonstration will be the same as that of past demonstrations: end the war in Vietnam, withdraw all troops and cease the bombing. Additional details will be reported as they become available.

*N.Y.T. 27 Jan 72 Weekly incident Rpt. 27 Jan 72*

29-30 April, Washington, D.C.

The National Spanish-speaking Coalition Task Force, Inc. has announced plans for a national convention on the above dates. A conference was held last October which disintegrated into acrimonious shouting over specifics, such as the prospect of a separate Spanish-speaking political party and Puerto Rican statehood. The prime issue at the April convention will obviously be the formation of a separate political party.

*N.Y.T. 26 Jan 72*

\*1-6 May, Nationwide

The second annual Women's National Abortion Action Coalition Conference was held at Boston, Massachusetts on 12-13 February. The women voted to stage an "Abortion Action Week" on the above dates. The local demonstrations would include hearings on abortions, high school programs on contraceptions, picketing against anti-abortion groups and protests against forced sterilization of welfare women. These demonstrations are to culminate in regional protest actions May 6.

*WASH. Post 14 Feb 72*

1972, May, New York

The trial was postponed until the above date for Leslie Bacon who is charged with conspiring to firebomb a Manhattan bank. District court Judge Sylvester J. Ryan has scheduled a pretrial hearing for March 28 to consider new defense motions to dismiss the indictment or to exclude certain evidence. Miss Bacon was jailed for contempt in Seattle last spring for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the bombing of the U.S. Capitol. The U.S. Court of Appeals later ruled she was illegally arrested in that case.

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