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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Black Panther Party leaders gathered in Oakland, California, in mid-November. Among items and policies discussed - amidst indication of much dissension - were: - What action to take re Eldridge CLEAVER's being ordered back to prison. One estimate is that CLEAVER will remain in hiding at various locations around the country and continue to "direct" Black Panther Party operations. - All Black Panther Party members were to arm themselves with heavy caliber weapons and obtain at least one thousand rounds of ammunition for each weapon.

It was mentioned at the meeting that the "Black Power Revolution" would probably occur in 1972, when all conditions were favorable.

It has been alleged that the Black Panther Party is attempting to get a complete roster of all black students registered in the elementary schools in West Oakland. They are going to set up a free breakfast program three days per week for these students. This program will not get started until after Christmas vacations. The Panthers are also holding meetings in which the parents of members are invited to learn what being a Black Panther is about.

The FBI has officially entered the search for missing Black Panther Party leader Eldridge CLEAVER. An FBI affidavit seeking a Federal fugitive warrant contended that CLEAVER's wife, Kathleen, flew to New York City, Sunday, 8 December with \$33,000 she had withdrawn from a San Francisco bank account. The affidavit said, "It appears she has transported funds which are the fugitive's property for delivery and probable use outside the state." The issuing of the Federal complaint gives rise to speculation that CLEAVER has left the country.

Reportedly - at a meeting of the Black Panther Party on 7 December in Oakland, California, it was stated that should un-

attended police cars be located in Oakland and San Francisco they should be wired with explosives. It was also stated that revolution will start when Eldridge CLEAVER comes out of hiding.

The NAACP in Frederick, Maryland, has asked its supporters to boycott sixty-three businesses it claims are owned by people who supported George C. WALLACE in his campaign for President. The manager of the Frederick Chamber of Commerce does not believe the boycott will have a significant economic effect.

As part of a new Movement strategy involving the aggressive use of legal action to defend the Movement and to place the machinery of the Government on the defensive, representatives of sixteen left groups have joined in a suit filed 19 November to challenge the constitutionality of the concentration camp provisions of the McCarran Act. Groups represented include: Women Strike for Peace, National Mobilization Committee, SDS, Southern Conference Educational Fund, Progressive Labor Party, CPUSA, SNCC, and the DuBois Clubs.

The HCUA hearings on the disorders at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago have ended for this year. Acting Chairman Richard ICHORD (D-Mo.) said more hearings may be held next year when he hopes his unit's name will be changed to the House Committee on Internal Security.

Heretofore when the student radical graduated from college he was faced with the reality of life in the environment. Since no suitable forum existed the average SDSer was forced to make a degree of peace with the establishment for the purpose of keeping bread on the table. Hence, with the few exceptions personified by "Newleft" hardcore leaders (such as: Tom HAYDEN, Jerry RUBIN, etc.) the campus revolutionary was neutralized and forced to play the game by the established rules of society.

Signs now emerge that neutralization through graduation may well be changing. At the 1966 National Convention of the SDS the question of formation of a new organization was resolved. The Movement for a Democratic Society (MDS) conceived by the SDS as a post-student radical repository, fared poorly the

first year or so. No serious effort was made in 1966 to implement the MDS and therefore only a few groups were started.

In the past year former SDSers have organized MDS groups in many parts of the country. Some groups are organized on occupational lines; some, residential; and some, "specific target."

The MDS chapters (the name varies from group to group) share the anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist philosophy of the SDS but so far as a national entity, have no universal politic. No formal coordination has yet been established between chapters but formation of central policy and planning control can be anticipated. Most of the MDS chapters are small (20 to 30 members) but most feel they are making an important and essential beginning toward a mass new left insurgency in all areas of the society.

MDS is located at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City.

The Daily World, east coast Communist Party newspaper, reported recently the rumor that the Federal Bureau of Investigations (sic) intends to initiate prosecution of Joan BAEZ for her latest anti-Vietnam War action. During a recent concert in California, Miss BAEZ interrupted her performance and called upon her listeners to hand over their draft cards for forwarding to President-elect NIXON. Forty young men responded.

Christmas cards are being sold this season by the following organizations: Women Strike for Peace, CORE, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Fellowship of Reconciliation and the NAACP. Most have a special theme or motif which corresponds to the organization's ostensible aims.

Calendar of tentatively scheduled activities of Possible Interest for the remainder of 1968.

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

- December 13 *New York City - The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (the old cited Emergency Civil Liberties Committee under a new name) is to hold its annual Bill of Rights dinner at the Americana Hotel.
- December 12 & 13 *Kingston, Rhode Island - An unidentified group of students at the University of Rhode Island plan to hold demonstrations which will be directed against DOW Chemical Company recruiters.
- December 15 *A one-hour documentary supporting the views of dissenters at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago will be televised on WNEW-TV (Channel 5) in New York City, Sunday at 9 p. m. It will also be carried by the Metro-media Stations in Washington, Los Angeles, Kansas City, and San Francisco. Stations in areas served by Metro-media stations will be permitted to rebroadcast the program twenty-four hours after its original telecast on the Metromedia outlet.
- The program will be divided into two segments - the first forty-five minutes of which will be presented by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Mobilization Committee, and the final fifteen minutes by the Youth International Party (YIPPIES).
- December 13 & 20 *Pullman, Washington - The Pullman Citizens for Peace in Vietnam were to hold silent vigils at Pullman, Washington, on 6, 13, and 20 December to protest the war in Vietnam.
- December 15 *New York City - The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is sponsoring a "Stop Police State - Fight Back" rally at the Penn Garden Hotel. This date is the 177th anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

December 10

*San Francisco - The trial of leftist attorney Terence HALLINAN on a battery charge, arising from his part in earlier disturbances on the strife torn San Francisco State College campus.

December 16-19

*Northridge, California - Members of SDS and the Black Student Union (BSU) have announced that they will hold daily rallies on the campus of San Fernando Valley State College in support of seven students arrested on 4 November for seizing a building.

On 19 December, SDS and BSU will march to the Los Angeles Municipal Court to give support to the seven students during their preliminary hearing.

December 20

*Rufus (Catfish) MAYFIELD, former leader of Pride, Inc., at Washington, D. C., has been indicted in connection with the April riots. The indictment included two counts of interfering with a police officer and one count of engaging in a riot. Maximum penalty on all three counts is eleven years in prison and \$11,000 fine. MAYFIELD will be arraigned in U. S. District Court, on or about December 20.

There have been 260 indictments in connection with the April riots in Washington.

At a recent speech given by MAYFIELD at George Washington University, a spectator reports that during an altercation, MAYFIELD's shirt was torn open revealing a concealed pistol carried in a shoulder holster.

December 20-27

*Included in the "Declaration of Montreal" (the statement issued by the 1800 delegates and participants in the three-day Hemispheric Conference to End the War in Vietnam) was an action program including:

Organize a week of solidarity with the Vietnamese people in all countries of the Western Hemisphere on 20 December, the anniversary of the founding of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam.

December 23

*If, Eldridge CLEAVER, Black Panther Party leader currently a fugitive as a parole violator, fails to appear in Alameda County Superior Court for the setting of a trial date on charges growing out of the shoot out in Oakland in April between Black Panthers and the Oakland police, the \$50,000 bail put up for him could be forfeited.

The \$5,000 premium fee for his bond was paid for by various donations but six of his supporters signed affidavits promising payment of the \$50,000 if he does not appear.

Included are: 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.

December 27-29

*Chicago, Illinois - The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) is sponsoring an anti-war conference calling it a "GI-Civilian Conference." At the Conference a date will be set for a massive spring demonstration led by "thousands of GI's in many cities."

SOURCES: Government and news media reports

RELIABILITY: Probably true