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AVAILABLESITUATION INFORMATION REPORTCALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

The NMC recently held a press conference to announce plans for a "winter-spring" offensive against the war which would have three themes: 1. Protest repression of dissent and support the rights of the BPP and the "Chicago Conspiracy 7"; 2. Educational program to expose corporations profiting from war and costs of war effects on U.S. citizens to culminate in massive demonstrations on 15 April; 3. Teach and support the legal and moral rights of GI's to refuse service in Vietnam.

*(Source: Aick 12-18-69)*

\*December 13 and 24, Nationally

After the mass demonstration approach of the November 13-15 actions in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and other major cities the Vietnam Moratorium Committee plans for December called for three days of action split between the 12th and 13th of December and the 24th but on a peaceful, small-sized, low-key, decentralized, individual community level. Reputedly, VMC thinking now is that future VMC-sponsored activities will not be scheduled to escalate a day a month as previously planned nor are they to include mass demonstrations. Plans are to work peacefully through the electoral system and to create dialogue on the Vietnam war. As noted earlier, the plans of the New Mobe have not been firmed up yet, but it is anticipated that they will entail much more aggressive actions.

VMC activities planned and suggested to local anti-war groups include:

Peaceful "town meetings" in 25 major American cities to discuss the war, to remind local 1970 political candidates that Vietnam will be a major issue, and to encourage adults to take a more active anti-war role;

A deluge of postcards and telegrams to President Nixon urging a faster withdrawal of all American forces;

Peaceful anti-war "USO-type" concerts by anti-war entertainers;

Peaceful silent vigils at shopping centers;

Interdenominational "services for peace" Christmas Eve;

Public "silent night" vigils and Christmas carolling with theme of "Peace on Earth" on Christmas Eve;

Peaceful goodwill visits to Vets Hospitals and military bases;

Visits to home offices of Congressmen pledging support only if they are anti-war; and, broadened contact with the GI anti-war movement.

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December 20, International

In Helsinki in August 1969, at the World Meeting of Solidarity of Youth and Students with Vietnam, attended by young people from 78 countries, among three documents adopted was one containing recommendations for national youth organizations and movements to conduct a world-wide campaign of action of the youth and students in support of the Vietnamese people and its struggle for independence, freedom and peace. Mass activities on December 20 - the day of establishment of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front, "must become a culmination of all the mass action conducted in the most diverse forms," it declared.

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\*December 20-21, Los Angeles, California

A conference on military law and GI organizing is scheduled for the UCLA Law School. All lawyers, servicemen and persons interested in GI organizing are invited. The final purpose of the two-day conference will be to form a military law panel to help supply radical lawyer-organizers for the GI Movement.

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\*December 20, Los Angeles, California

Brown Berets to stage parade beginning 1200 hours as part of Chicano Moratorium. March to start at Memorial Monument and end with rally at Obregon Park. Parade sponsors claim 3,000 will participate.

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\*December 20, Washington, D.C.

Activities in support of the BPP in Washington, D.C., reportedly include a meeting at St. Stephen's and the Incarnation Church in northwest

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Washington on December 20, 1969. It was indicated that nationally known William Kunstler, a defense attorney in the current antiriot trials in Chicago; Rennie Davis, National coordinator of the New Mobilization Committee; and an unidentified BPP leader will appear at the meeting.

\*December 20-21, Baltimore, Maryland

Revolutionary Youth Movement II Faction of SDS met 20-22 November in Atlanta, Georgia, and decided to hold another conference in Baltimore on 20-21 December. Meeting site unknown. *ARCH 11-23-69*

\*December 24, National

A national day of prayer on Christmas Eve, sponsored by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee, has been endorsed by some eight church leaders, who issued a statement asking Americans to "give up one day of merrymaking during this season and make it instead a day of penitence and mourning for all victims of this war." *N.Y. Times 12/24/69*

\*December 23, Detroit, Michigan

The SMC will sponsor a candlelight procession to Kennedy Square or the foot of Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit. *ARCH 11-23-69*

\*December 24, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The "New" Moratorium Committee at the University of New Mexico has declared the 24th a "Day of Sorrow for Those Not Home for Christmas." *ARCH 11-24-69*

December 24, Cincinnati, Ohio

The Cincinnati Peace Coalition will sponsor a Christmas eve peace service at St. John's Unitarian Church. *ARCH 11-24-69*

December 24, St. Louis, Missouri

The Greater St. Louis Peace Coalition plans the distribution of leaflets at churches before and after religious services on 24 December. *ARCH 11-24-69*

December 24, San Francisco, California

The Bay Area Peace Action Council will hold a rally at the Gate of the Presidio. *ARCH 11-24-69*

\*December 24, San Clemente, California

The SMC which is controlled by the YSA at California State College, Fullerton, California, plans to conduct a candlelight parade in the vicinity of the President's residence at San Clemente, California, on the evening of 24 December. The SMC estimates that 100 to 500 individuals will participate. *FILE-03038 12-24-67 - 1100 1337*

December 27-30, Minneapolis, Minnesota

National Convention of Young Socialists being held by YSA at the University of Minnesota. *MINNEAPOLIS 11-15-67*

\*December 27-29, Hollywood, Florida

Negotiations are under way to secure Miami Speedway Park for a Rock Festival. Preliminary estimates of attendance range from 30,000 to 200,000. *MIAMI 12-17-67*

\*December 27-30, New Haven, Connecticut

Worker Student Alliance-Progressive Labor Party faction of SDS to hold national council meeting at Woolsey Hall, Yale University. A poster listing individuals to be contacted for details on the meeting includes such prominent national SDS members as Alan Spector, Fred Gordon and Jared Israel. *NEW HAVEN 11-16-67*

\*December 31, Nationally

The National Citizens' New Year's Eve Peace Observance (NCHYEPO) located at 133 West 72nd Street, New York, N.Y., is organizing nationwide decentralized New Year's Eve dignified peace gatherings to be held in homes, churches and town halls.

The entire thrust of these aforementioned plans and actions are for individual community peaceful demonstrations attuned to seasonal activities.

"Relating to GI's" is expected to take the form of genuine, friendly attempts to create dialogue on the war. At this date, all sources report any potential civil disturbances are completely within the capability of local law enforcement agencies to control.

SOURCE: Government and news media. *11-16-67*

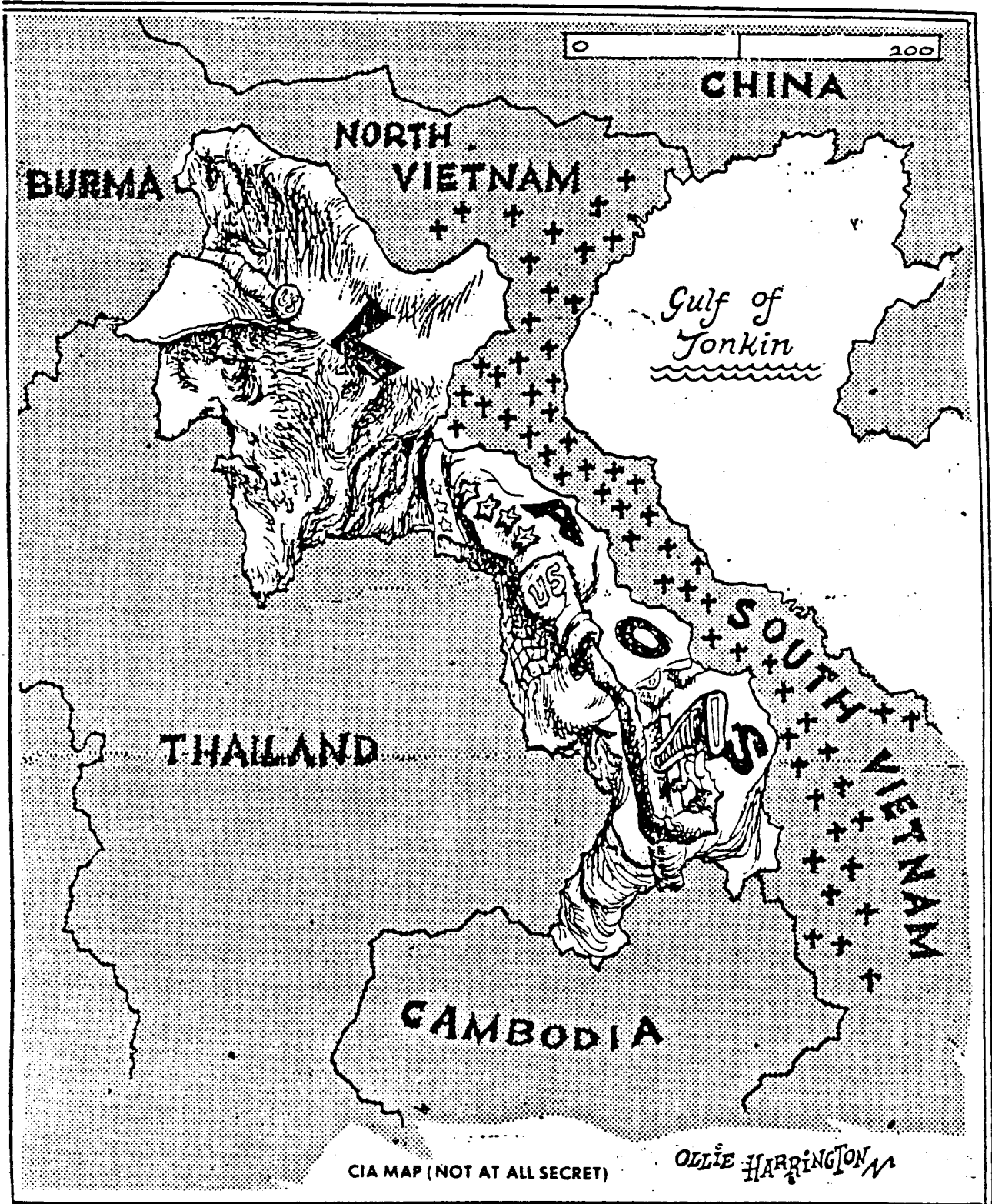
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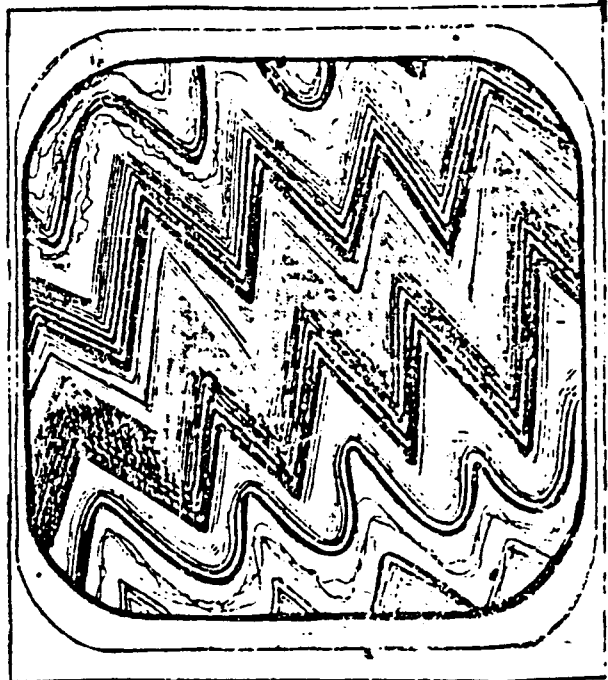
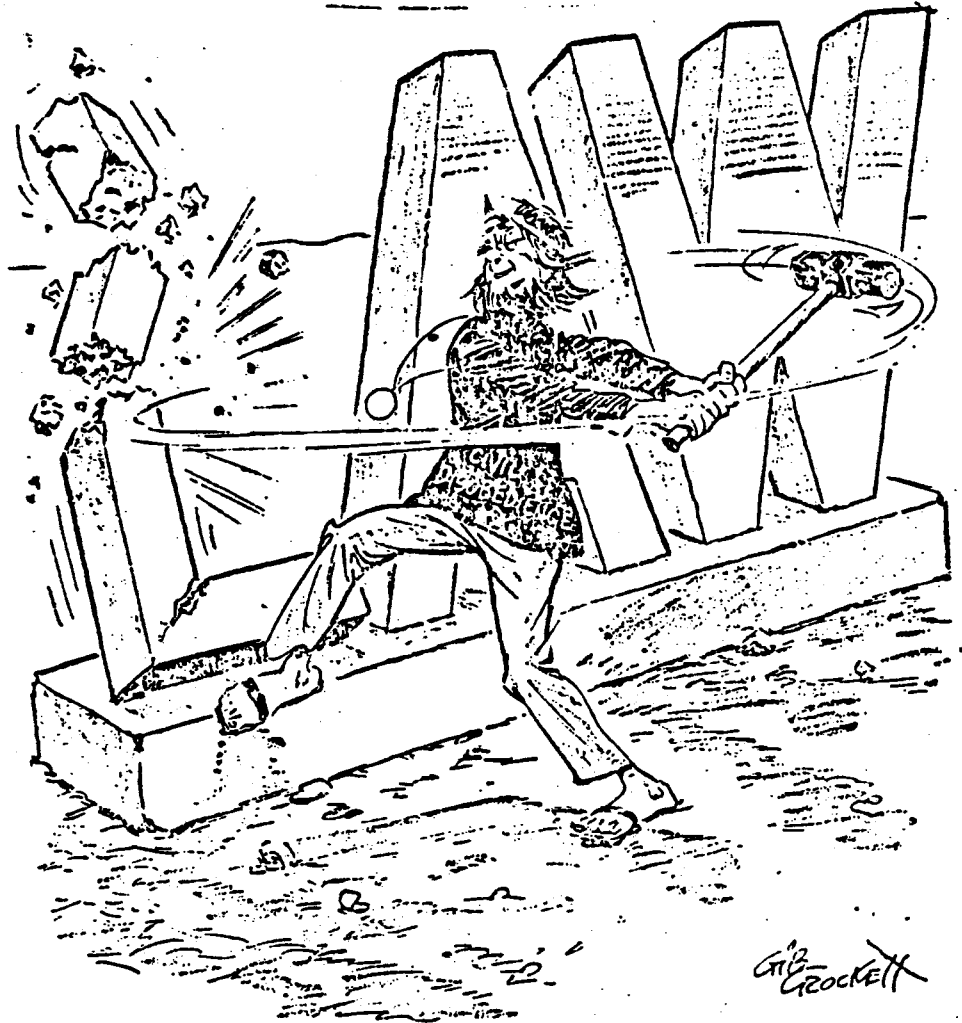
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"I want to make one thing clear."



"I, too, Was Once a Handsome Prince," Said the Frog. "Until That Evil Witch . . . Say, Fella! You're Starting to Croak!"

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