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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.

13 March to 28 April, Washington, D. C.

Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam and the Pacifist Fellowship of Reconciliation continue their Lent to Passover fast and picketing of the White House. The event which has now lost much of its newsworthiness is no longer receiving much publicity in the press.

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14 March to 1 May, California

The University of California Ecology Action organization at the Berkeley campus is staging a "survival walk" from Sacramento to Los Angeles. Between 100 and 200 marchers are expected to participate with other persons joining for rallies along the way. A major stop is planned at Delano, center of the chronic grape pickers labor strife. Presently, along the ecology line, Mexican-American grape pickers are protesting the use of pesticides in the field. Other stopping points along the way will be Stockton, Modesto, Merced, Fresno, Visalia-Tulare, and Bakersfield. The "survival walk" will terminate on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, probably on 1 May.

22-29 March, National

A National Black Referendum on Vietnam has been organized allegedly to determine whether or not Black people favor the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. According to one piece of organizational literature, "Official voting will begin Palm Sunday, 22 March, and continue daily that entire week, ending on Easter Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. Voting stations will be all Black churches participating in the campaign, in every Black community throughout the entire U.S." Supplied by the organizers of the Referendum is a

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kit of literature giving instructions on propagandizing and conducting the Referendum and expressing a strong stand against the war. The likes of Ossie DAVIS, Julian BOND, LeRoi JONES, Dr. George WILEY, and H. Rap BROWN are on the National Executive Council of the Referendum. Irving DAVIS of SNCC is one of the national program coordinators.

How many "votes" will be tallied may be conjectural but not the result--which will obviously show almost all those voting to be for the ballot's one simple proposition: the total, immediate withdrawal of all American troops and money from Vietnam. *Submitted 2-20-70*

25-29 March, Denver, Colorado

A major conference of Chicanos will be held in Denver at the end of March. The conference is sponsored by the militant Crusade for Justice, a leading Chicano force in the southwest headed by Corky Gonzalez, and will run from March 25-29. Chicano groups are expected from all parts of the country. Puerto Rican activists have also been invited. It is the second such Chicano parley. Last year a Chicano conference in Denver drew 1500 persons. A three day Chicano Youth Conference March 25-27 will open the parley.

On March 28, Chicanos will convene to discuss El Plan de Aztlan which calls for the formation of an independent local, regional and national Chicano political party. The National Congress of Aztlan has been called for March 29. The congress will discuss a program for a nation "autonomously free, culturally, socially, economically and politically." El Plan de Aztlan provides the underlying theme for the conference. The program says that Chicanos "must use their nationalism as the key or common denominator for mass mobilization and organization."

(See Aztlan at 7 pages)

29 March to 3 April, Quebec, Canada

A "Cultural Exchange Meeting" has reportedly been planned to attract anti-establishment students from throughout the world. The gathering will also allegedly include U.S. military personnel who have sought refuge in Canada.

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*30 March, New York

About 300 students voted on 22 March to close down Hunter College if demands are not met by the 30th. Hunter, one of the several colleges in the city of New York system, has a total enrollment of nearly 20,000 (both day and night students). The demands include changes in the tuition structure for night students, equal representation of students on all faculty committees, a review of the budget and a student review of all faculty hirings and firings.

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*31 March, Cincinnati, Ohio

Reportedly the White Panther Party, ultra-militant white protest group, is sponsoring a demonstration during a visit by the Army Chief of Staff. *FBI INCS 6-86 3-26-70*

*April, Ellicot City, Maryland

The much delayed and potentially violence producing trial of H. Rap Brown is now expected to begin in early April at the Howard County Courthouse. Lawyers have been given until March 30 to file pretrial motions. *WASH NEWS 3/26/70*

*1 April, Washington, D.C.

A Student Mobe fund raising program will be presented at the "Theatre Lobby", 17 South Matthews Circle, N.W., on 1 April. The Jean Paul Sartre film "No Exit" will be shown. Sartre, the French philosopher long associated with political leftism, is best known for his formulation of existentialism and as the father of the post World War II beatnik generation. Seats cost \$3.50 (\$2.50 for students). *Student Mobe Flyer dated 3-11-70 filed in 543538*

*3-4 April, Trenton, New Jersey

At a statewide conference "against repression" held at Rutgers University in late February, participants from defense, peace, black freedom, student, church, political and civic groups adopted a program of demands and immediate actions. Among them-- a statewide march on Trenton was set for 4 April, anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., with the stipulation that on April 3 a document setting forth the demands of the demonstrators be placed in the hands of Governor Cahill.

Daily World 3/3/70

*4 April (Saturday), Washington, D. C.

"March for Victory"-- Main sponsor, Dr. Carl McIntire, President of Internat'l Council of Christian Churches. Mass march and rally to demand an immediate "military victory" in Vietnam. Fairly broadly sponsored by number of conservative, right-wing, patriotic, and religious groups as response to prior left-wing anti-war demonstrations.

Assembly--11:00 a. m. at 4th and the Mall

Parade--12:00 noon--2:00 p. m. at 4th to 15th on Pa. Avenue N. W., over to Washington Monument for

Rally--2:00 p. m. --5:00 p. m. Speakers to include McIntire, Georgia Governor Lester MADDOX, etc.

Backers are optimistically predicting more than 100,000 participants from all over the country and Canada.

Dr. McIntire, also described as a fundamentalist radio preacher, had requested the use of the Washington National Cathedral for a "rally" on April 3 in conjunction with the projected "March for Victory" scheduled the following day. According to the press, McIntire in the past has attacked the Cathedral and Cathedral authorities on his radio program. Rev. Sayre, dean of the Cathedral, has turned down the request saying that he did not wish to offer facilities to one who had refused to give his unqualified assurance that the proposed "prayer meeting" would be conducted in accordance with the precepts of brotherly love and tolerance.

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*4 April

This date is the second anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King. So far little enthusiasm for memorial demonstrations has been reported from the Negro community. Last year, in Washington and elsewhere in areas of heavy black population, considerable agitation for a school, business and civic moratorium in Dr. King's honor was proposed by community leaders. The reasons for this year's apparent cooling are undetermined but are probably attributable in part to a slight lessening of racial tension in the cities, lack of enthusiasm among the leadership, the recent national showing of the King motion picture (serving as an emotional cathartic) and the fact that this year the 4th falls on a Saturday, a non-school day. Some demonstrations may be scheduled or erupt but they have not as yet been publicized.

*4-5 April, Baltimore, Maryland

An East Coast GI conference is being organized by the Ft. Bragg GI's United Against the War in Vietnam. Intent is to unify the GI movement and plan for a spring-summer offensive. Workshops are to cover: GI organizing, publications and layout, political analysis and various offenses needed for spring and summer activities.

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*4 April, Miami Area

Reportedly the New Party of Florida is planning and sponsoring observance of 4 April as Martin Luther King Memorial Day. Marches and rallies at Miami Beach Convention Hall and at the University of Miami are planned. Also fund raising rally at University of Miami by United Black Students group will be held; allegedly Sammie Davis, Jr., will be principal entertainer.

Memorandum 3/4/70 filed in 54-1599

*9-12 April, Washington, D.C.

The Washington Friends of the Chicago Conspiracy are planning a fund raising art show at the Dunbarton Methodist Church, 3133 Dunbarton Street, N. W., on the above dates.

*11 April, Little Rock, Arkansas

"Taxpayer's Rally" in support of Vietnam Moratorium Committee (VMC) nationally scheduled activities in Little Rock, Arkansas, sponsored by the Arkansas Moratorium Coalition.

*13-18 April, Week of Antiwar Activities, National

The three major antiwar coalitions (The New Mobe, The Vietnam Moratorium Committee and the Student Mobe) have jointly and severally planned a great number of activities for this period, 13-18 April, Vietnam Week. In most areas, action will be highlighted by mass demonstrations and student strikes on the 15th--Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, and Washington, D. C. Some cities have settled on Saturday, the 18th, for their massive citywide actions--Atlanta, Madison, Seattle, and San Francisco. Many areas have planned special women's actions, like women's teach-ins, led and organized by and for women on the war and its relationship to women's

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liberation. Reportedly the "High School Bill of Rights" and campus complicity will be the focus of the student strikes. Also, there will be concentration on the 15th on the relationship of taxes to the war effort.

*13-14 April, National

A nationwide student referendum on the war in Vietnam will be conducted by American University's Student Association Vietnam Committee in conjunction with the antiwar Student Mobe and the conservative Young Americans for Freedom.

Plans call for a weekend of debates, April 10-12, with the voting following on the 13th and 14th. The results will be sent to the American University student government and results will be announced April 21. The SMC (YSA youth arm) will provide much of the planning and organizational effort on many campuses.

*14 April, Nationwide Workplace Teach-ins

New Mobe encouraging educational meetings focusing on "who pays for the War? who profits from the War?" and possible work stoppages and walk-outs on 15 April.

*15 April, Miami, Florida

All day rally in front of the Federal Building--speeches and entertainment--sponsor is New Party of Florida.

*15 April, National

Primarily sponsored by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee is the idea of nationwide tax protest on April 15, the traditional last day to file income tax returns. Such activities are planned as the dumping of tea bags as a Colonial era-style tax protest, march on the Internal Revenue Service offices, and the distribution of leaflets at factories to show workers how much of their tax dollar goes to support the War. The VMC will circulate big, fake dollars with bar graphs depicting the amount of expenditures on the War and is running newspaper ads sarcastically proclaiming April 15 to be "Support the Pentagon Day." The VMC predicts that there will be "Taxpayer rallies" in 30 cities and about 100 smaller communities.

*15 April, Washington, D.C., area and Nationally

Student Strike--Primary sponsor--the SMC. Antiwar actions in high schools and colleges, rallies, assemblies, debates, teach-ins, demonstrations, class discussions, etc.

Mass March--Washington, D.C., called by the "April Action Committee," a broad coalition of antiwar groups. Assembly at 5:00 p.m., L'Enfant Square, 9th and Constitution, N.W., march to Capitol for massive antiwar rally.

*13-18 April, Spokane, Seattle, Washington

A statewide conference at the University of Washington on 7 March planned a week of antiwar activity (13-18 April) culminating in mass marches in Seattle and Spokane on 18 April.

14 April--designated as day to focus on the relationship of the War to ecology

16 April--Day of High School Opposition to the War

17 April--Day set for statewide student strike

Another day will be selected to focus on the relation of the War to the oppression of women.

*13-18 April, Austin, Texas

Unspecified actions by the SMC in Austin in support of anti-Vietnam War week.

*12-18 April, Atlanta, Georgia

12 April--Mass leafletting of GI's at nearby bases

14 April--Women's actions

15 April--Tax day, factory leafletting

16 April--GI day

17 April--High school and college strikes

18 April--Citywide marches and rallies

*15 April, San Francisco

The Downtown Peace Coalition has called for a one day work stoppage on the 15th. DPC literature advises that peace groups throughout the nation have issued the same call and "April 15 promises to be the most successful nationwide call for peace since our entering

San Francisco Downtown Peace Coalition was Feb 70

"the Vietnam War." The DPC advises further that the proposed work stoppage has also been endorsed by the International Peace Conference (held in Vancouver, B. C., last February).

*15 April, Arkansas

Support demonstrations of VMC spring offensive in Arkadelphia, Batesville, Clarksville, Conway, Fayetteville, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Russellville and Texarkana, Arkansas, sponsored by Arkansas Moratorium Coalition.

*15 April, San Antonio, Texas

Demonstration in San Antonio, Texas, to protest the Federal income tax, site not announced, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

*15 April, Houston, Texas

Student strike planned by the SMC as a protest of the war in Houston, Texas; students at both high school and university level are being urged to participate.

*15 April, Austin, Texas

Antiwar demonstration at the Internal Revenue Service building in Austin, Texas, sponsored by the SMC. Protesters are being urged to bring their 1969 returns to be turned in to the IRS during the demonstration.

*18 April, St. Petersburg or Tampa, Florida

Demonstration sponsored by SMC. New Party of Florida will attempt to organize bus tours throughout the city as propaganda for later demonstrations against pollution. More than 100 antiwar activists from 30 organizations met 7 March in Gainesville and formed Florida's first statewide antiwar coalition--the Florida Antiwar Coalition (FAC). The conference called for a mass march and demonstration in St. Petersburg on 18 April, with local areas building a week of antiwar activity 13-18 April. Peace activists also plan massive demonstrations at St. Petersburg from 10 to 18 May, where 30,000 (their estimate) are expected to march for peace. No further details at this time.

Memo dated 3-12-70

*22 April, National

Designated as "National Earth Day," this date will be marked by extensive activity related to the burgeoning ecological protest movement. Details will be included in the next Situation Information Report.

*Late April, National

In a new approach to the antiwar protest movement, the peace activists in concert with many other dissident groups are planning a spring offensive to highlight the economic impact of the War in Vietnam. In addition to the past actions against the military-industrial-establishment which consisted of picketing, propagandizing, and various other forms of harassment and has recently taken the more violent form of bomb threats and actual bombings, a new tactic has been adopted. The New Mobe is sponsoring regional demonstrations at stockholder's meetings of major corporations doing war-related business. While claiming that their actions will be peaceful and nondisruptive, it is highly unlikely that such will be the case. Some protest planners have said that no disruptions were planned, but some acts of nonviolent civil disobedience had not been ruled out. In order to gain entry into the meetings, protestors have gathered proxies and will thus be entitled to the rights and privileges of any stockholder.

Some of the proposed sites for activity are stockholder's meetings:

- 22 April--G. E. , Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 27 April--Boeing, Seattle, Washington
- 28 April--Gulf Oil Corp. , Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 28 April--Honeywell, Inc. , Minneapolis, Minn.
- 30 April--Olin, Stamford, Connecticut

New Mobe pamphlet 5/15/68

*30 April, Washington D. C.

It has been announced that plans are being developed for a "Peaceful March for God" in Washington. Volunteers are being sought to march and demonstrate public pressure in support of repeal of the Supreme Court ban on mandatory school prayers. The House Judiciary Committee has more than 70 bills pending to restore school prayer in some form.

SOURCE: Government and news media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.