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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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\*17 July, Washington, D.C.

A group of Massachusetts women plan to picket the White House during the dinner dance that Tricia Nixon is holding in honor of visiting Britons, Prince Charles and Princess Anne. The Concerned American Mothers, described as an embryonic grass roots group of women who have been uncommitted until now, do not believe that the President should be dancing while American soldiers are dying in Vietnam.

Although no announcements have been made, other protests during the royal visit can be anticipated in Washington during the coming weekend. It is not believed that any of them will be particularly disruptive or threatening to the British guests.

\*17-19 July, New York City, New York

Brave New World, Inc. is producing a rock festival at Downing Stadium on Randalls Island in New York's East River. In a recent press conference the two co-producers announced that an undisclosed portion of their profits would be contributed to a variety of dissident, militant and leftist protest organizations. Included among the recipients are the Young Lords, the White Panthers, and a conglomeration known as the Revolutionary Youth Party Collective. This collective unites such groups as the Gay Liberation Front, the Committee to Defend the New York Panther 21, the Youth International Party, and the Underground Press Syndicate. Prices for rock festivals of this type seem to be steadily on the increase and have undoubtedly become a promoter's dream for quick profits if sufficient preplanning is carried

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out. Tickets for three concerts on Randalls Island are going for \$21. The festival has not been widely publicized and the entertainment fare is unknown. The festival will probably attract thousands.

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\*18-19 July, Washington, D.C.

The "Chaplain of Sunset Strip" and a small entourage arrived in Washington this week wheeling a 105 pound cross. The chaplain, Arthur Blessitt, announced his evangelistic plans for Washington on the coming weekend. Next Saturday night he and his team will drag their cross through Georgetown and mingle with the hippies. Blessitt expects earlier on Saturday to be in the downtown area trying to drum up interest for a big rally at the Washington Monument. Sunday will be a call for prayer, presumably at the Washington Monument grounds, and the entire metropolitan area is invited to participate. It is not anticipated that the hippie Southern Baptist evangelist will create any disruption in the city.

The preacher, whose motives seem pure though bizzare, visits Washington as one stop on his nationwide trek that started last Christmas and eventually will return to Los Angeles. Blessitt states "we want to call this nation back to God and real brotherhood." *WASH STOR 7-11-70*

\*18-19 July, Northern Michigan

The Environmental Action organization is sponsoring a strategy session on "what next" at a United Auto Workers lodge for 200 community leaders as well as Leonard Woodcock, new UAW president, and Frank E. Fitzsimmons, head of the Teamster Union. Environmental Action, which operates a small office in the hippie DuPont Circle area of N. W. Washington, is presently pushing opposition to the supersonic transport and trying to promote tough air pollution legislation. Although Environmental Action is playing ball with a number of traditional and respectable naturalist organizations such as the National Audubon Society and the Sierra Club, their political balance is still the subject of some doubt. The Michigan meeting will be attended by representatives of the National Welfare Rights Organization and Neighborhood Legal Services. The ecology movement since its initial emphasis about a year ago has been a natural repository for the so-called ecology freaks (compulsive, idealistic naturalists), and the movement continues to be regarded as a prime target for radical leftists and antiwar revolutionaries. The very makeup of the ecology movement makes it a fertile recruiting ground for organizations with other and highly

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ulterior motives. The cooperation of the UAW and the Teamsters remains something of a mystery. One of the points listed by Environmental Action that they will strive for is banning of the internal combustion engine after 1975. This point must certainly irritate the sensibilities of the unions' leaders whose rank-and-file is so completely dependent upon the engine. *WASH STAR 7-13-70*

\*Mid July-Mid August

A curious admixture of American criminals, militants and various dissidents are presently the guests of North Korea's Committee for Reunification of Korea. The leaders of the delegation are Robert Scheer, former editor of Ramparts magazine; exiled Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver; Anne Froines, the wife of John Froines who was acquitted in the trial of the Chicago 7. The remainder of the small group (about 10 people) are relatively unknown representatives of other American anti-establishment movements. Included are representatives of the Berkeley (California) Student Movement, the Women's Liberation Movement, Newsreel, Movement for a Democratic Military, and San Francisco's Chinatown Red Guard. The group's journey has been accompanied by the usual anti-American rhetoric dealing with the time-worn topics of U.S. imperialism and American brainwashing and propagandizing about Korea. The group until mid July had been visiting in Moscow; Robert Scheer has stated publicly that the financing for the trip was arranged individually and not by the North Koreans (highly unlikely). Cleaver's wife, Kathleen, is presently in Pyongyang awaiting the birth of their second child. *WASH STAR 7-13-70*

\*25 July, Ocean City, Maryland

Forty thousand young people are expected to attend a rock music festival at Berlin, Maryland (7 miles south of Ocean City) on the 25th. The festival is scheduled to take place on a 150 acre tract that has become a popular summer playground for thousands of hippie youths. Prominent entertainers advertised for the program are: Steppenwolf, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Country Funk, and Little Richard. *WASH STAR 7-13-70*

\*27-29 July, Washington, D. C.

Dissident VISTA volunteers and former volunteers have formed their own organization to promote what they regard as the original purpose of the VISTA program. Spokesmen for the new National VISTA *WASH STAR 7-3-70*

Alliance believe that the Nixon administration has begun a systematic attempt to change the role of VISTA, leading it away from its stance of activism to a more bland service-oriented organization. Local spokesmen, who form the vanguard of a reportedly growing but still indeterminate number of VISTA dissidents, are critical, among other things, of the increasing number of older people among the VISTA volunteer cadre. The Alliance is not officially sanctioned by the Office of Economic Opportunity, but according to OEO sources the new group is being watched closely. The Alliance will hold its first national conference at Washington, D. C., 27-29 July, and is expecting about 1,000 volunteers to take part.

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\*26 July, Oakland, California

La Raza Unida is planning a moratorium parade and rally for the above date. The rally will be held at Dimond Park in Oakland, but the parade route has not been selected as yet. Betty Corey, a member of Merritt College Chicano Student Union, is one of the promoters of this event.

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\*29 July, New York City, New York

The documentary film on Martin Luther King, Jr., "King: A Filmed Record. . From Montgomery to Memphis," which was shown last March 24 in 300 theaters throughout the country will open in New York on the 29th. It is anticipated that the film will open in other cities at about the same time. Ely Landau, who produced the film and donated it to the Martin Luther King Foundation, has advised that all profits from its summer-fall showing will go to the Foundation after the distribution and theater costs have been deducted. The one-day screening last March raised \$2.1 million for the Foundation.

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31 July-2 August, Middlefield, Connecticut

A rock music festival has been scheduled at the Powder Ridge Ski Area near Middlefield on the above dates. Twenty-five rock groups have allegedly been signed to perform, including several big names such as Janis Joplin. Tickets are on sale at New York for \$20 each (for the entire three days) and the festival publicity director expects 50,000 to be in attendance. The promoter of the Powder Ridge festival is Joseph Middleton of Atlanta.

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\*August, Washington, D.C.

A decision will be made in August by District Court Judge John J. Sirica on continuance of the much disputed Three Sisters Bridge. The suit against construction was filed last October by the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations. Construction of the bridge has been a constant target for radical ecologists and has produced several past confrontations between demonstrators and police. If Judge Sirica finds in favor of the continuance of Three Sisters Bridge, demonstrations and police confrontations can be anticipated on the Potomac. *WASH News 6 24 70*

\*August, San Clemente State Park, California

Peace action and antiwar factions plan to reserve camp spots at San Clemente State Park (adjacent to President Nixon's western White House) and during the month of August, use this area as a base of operations as well as providing the demonstrators a place to stay. *Meridian Bulletin L.A. May 74*

\*1 August, Saint John, New Brunswick

Upon return in April of the second Venceremos Brigade, Carol Brightman, a member of the national executive committee of the Brigade, announced that a third group would leave for Cuba 1 August, and tentative plans call for their return 14 September. She said that because the sugar harvest ends in July, this group of about 500, which would be composed almost entirely of students, would be employed in other forms of agricultural work. *Guardian 4 21 70*

The third Brigade will leave from New Brunswick, Canada, and will probably work in the citrus fields on the Isle of Youth. Following a 4-week work period, the group will tour Cuba for two weeks. The Cuban Government will pay all expenses from New Brunswick. *FBI CE 1034 5-21-70*

\*1 August, Nationwide

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, a pacifist group with representation in some 50 countries, and the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress will initiate a national campaign on the first of August toward ending the war in Vietnam. Although reportedly in its 55 years of existence the WILPF has been influenced, and in some chapters dominated, by communists the organization appears *WASH Post 7-10-70*

still under the control of slightly left wing dedicated pacifists rather than communists. The organization has been active in legislative lobbying and social work and strongly endorsed the Poor People's Campaign. The WILPF is on record with three principal international goals: 1) total and universal disarmament, 2) economic and social well-being and protection of civil rights, and 3) the formation of a world organization functioning democratically within the framework of law for the settlement of international economic and social problems.

During the forth-coming campaign, women will be asked to refrain from shopping on the first Saturday of each month as a dramatization of their serious concern for peace in Vietnam. Shoppers will be asked to concentrate on a list of consumer items manufactured by major producers of war materials. Among the manufacturers mentioned in a recent two-day meeting were Westinghouse, Motorola, Dow, and General Electric. A second action planned by the ladies is to work for the election of peace candidates next November. A third action will be to support and participate in an international peace conference to be held in Canada in October which Indo-Chinese women will also attend.

Additional suggestions to emerge from the recent conference were to support sons, husbands, and brothers who resist the draft and the encouraging of women to participate actively in preventing the Selective Service System from functioning. It was also suggested that the ladies refuse to pay telephone taxes and other Federal taxes which are used for military purposes and to support the just demands of all minority groups in their struggle for legal justice and equal opportunities.

9-19 August, St. Paul, Minnesota

The National Student Association will hold its 23rd annual congress at Macalester College. *W. Wash. Star 4/26/70*

\*20 August, Los Angeles, California

SDS chapters from southern California colleges held a regional conference at the University of California at L. A. on 20 June. Only 35 individuals participated in the conference which decided to sponsor a demonstration at L. A. on 20 August to protest the teaching of police science.

\*26-30 August, Nationwide

The Women's Liberation Movement is planning several events during this period. From 28-30 August, a national conference on feminism is being sponsored by Human Rights for Women, Inc. This organization provides free legal assistance for women seeking redress against sex discrimination.

Betty Friedan, head of the advisory board of the National Organization for Women, has announced a Women's Strike for Equality Day on 26 August. This date is the 50th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the vote. A number of bizarre events have been scheduled for this day of demonstration. To protest sex discrimination, Mrs. Friedan has proposed a march by women carrying lighted candles into the halls of politics as well as a massive "sit-in" and "baby-in" where infants are to be placed on the laps of city fathers to show the need for child care centers in New York.

The present president of NOW, Aileen Hernandez, in a May press conference stated that the demonstration will not be merely symbolic. Women on the 26th of August will refrain from shopping, secretaries will stop typing, and wives will debate their husbands in the home. Women in Boston plan to distribute 4,000 pressurized cans of contraceptive foam on Boston Commons.

Mrs. Friedan has listed three major objectives for the strike: free abortion on demand in every state, 24-hour child care centers under the control of parents, and true equality in education and employment.

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\*28 August, Portland, Oregon

The 1970 national convention of the American Legion will be held at Portland, 28 August - 3 September. A rock festival will be held in the area during the same period. The Oregon Vietnam Moratorium Committee and the Yippies are planning demonstrations during the convention and are counting on individuals attending the rock festival to participate. Press accounts have indicated that the President may attend the convention.

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29 August, West Coast

A national Chicano moratorium is being planned by radical leftist Mexican-American organizations principally in the San Francisco Bay area. Additionally, demonstrations are planned in a number of western cities between now and 29 August. The themes of the planned protest actions are the usual--bring the boys home, let the Vietnamese employ self-determination, etc. Involved in the various National Moratorium Committees are a number of organizations that often involve themselves in anti-establishment activities. Some of the organizations involved are the Mexican-American Political Association, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, the Young Socialist Alliance, the Socialist Workers Campaign Committee and others.

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