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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

*31 July, Washington, D. C.

"DMZ" GI coffee house, a haven from the degradation and dehumanization of military life, will open at 918 9th Street, N.W., 31 July.

1) Wash Post 29 July

*31 July-2 August, Middlefield, Connecticut

The Powder Ridge music festival scheduled for a ski area near Middlefield has come under considerable fire in recent days. Reportedly, 20,000 tickets have already been sold and possibly 50,000 persons will attend the festival at Middlefield, a town of approximately 4,000 people. Ruling that the music festival would create a public nuisance in the town, a Connecticut state superior court judge has issued an injunction banning the affair. The promoters have appealed and the legality of the festival is in serious doubt. Joseph Middleton, the promoter, allegedly has already spent \$135,000 for performers and has budgeted an additional \$50,000 for advertising. All of the big names in the rock music business are scheduled to perform at Middlefield.

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Legal or illegal, it will probably be held and reportedly hippie-type young people are already beginning to assemble in the area. Recent experiences with music festivals of this type (in Georgia, at Chicago's Grant Park, at the Merriweather Post Pavillion in Columbia, Md., and at New York City's Randalls Island) indicate that if no more than 20,000 tickets are sold there will be more gate crashers than stub holders. If the court order holds, there is little doubt that there will be police confrontations, probably considerable property damage to the town and innumerable serious personal injuries.

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Because of a recent history of serious civil disruptions, music festivals scheduled for future weeks around the country are running into serious legal snags. A court injunction has been issued barring a summer festival in a small town in Iowa. A federal court in Newark has banned a proposed six-day festival near the town of Walpack that had been scheduled to begin on 4 August. In Scott County, Mo., efforts are under way to stop a scheduled Labor Day rock festival. Governor Bartless of Oklahoma has petitioned the courts and received an injunction halting a festival scheduled for Turner Falls Park on 8-9 August. City officials in Bremerton, Wash., have also canceled a rock festival there. Dallas, Texas officials are considering stopping a rock concert scheduled for that city's Municipal Auditorium because of vandalism committed at recent summer performances. Washington Constitution Hall, the Post Pavillion at Columbia and Chicago Park Commissioners have now canceled all future rock concerts. *WASH Post 7-29-70*
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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. *News Nation 2-6-1949 70*

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 Post 6-24-70*

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 4-28-70*

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.

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 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.

#6 August, New York

The newly formed group called Peace Incorporated is promoting the New York Summer Festival for Peace at Shea Stadium on 6 August. The same group helped coordinate the 8-hour long Winter Carnival for Peace staged at Madison Square Garden last January. That event drew 21,000 people and raised \$60,000 for the Vietnam Moratorium Committee. The organizers tentatively plan to hold a series of similar festivals in different parts of the country. One is already being planned for Philadelphia on August 9. Admission charges for the Shea Stadium affair will probably range from \$5 to \$10. The promoters idealistically state that such events are the emergence of a new political force that would be an alternative to street action for young people. "It's a positive affirmation of love and the ability to create change within the system," states Philip Friedmann, one of the organizers.

Proceeds from the affair (after the promoters have pocketed their profit) will go to support the candidacy of peace advocates in the coming November election. A special committee which will decide to what candidates funds will be given is being formed. Among those in the committee are the following: Princeton professor Jim Johnson, who was chairman of the Princeton Strike Committee; Marian Adelman, a lawyer who was active in the Mississippi civil rights movement between 1964-68; Rev. Richard Fernandez, executive director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam; Stewart Mott, the eccentric philanthropist; David Hawk, former coordinator of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee; and Michael Brewer, an officer in the liberal Republican Ripon Society. Reportedly, all performers have donated their talent and among those who allegedly will participate are Janis Joplin, Country Joe, Dionne Warwick, Judy Collins, Steppenwolf, the cast of "Hair" and others.

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*8, 22 August, Washington, D. C.

Col. Hassan Jeru Ahmed-Bey, who heads the Black Man's Volunteer Army for Liberation, is planning a rally at the Washington Monument grounds to emphasize the fight against the illegal drug traffic. The rally was originally scheduled for 4 July, but was postponed due to the site and date preemption by Bob Hope's Honor America Day. Col. Hassan's organization reportedly has a national membership of 14,000 persons.

The Black Man's Volunteer Army is particularly concerned with the treatment and cure of drug addiction in the black community. The organization has met a degree of success in treating black drug addicts

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and has now been given some public funds to continue the effort. On the plus side, Negro addicts trust the Colonel and feel secure that all treatment administered by the Volunteer Army will be kept confidential. To be sure, many drug addicts have sought treatment from one of the several local outlets who would not have sought treatment from Washington public health facilities. On the minus side, however, considerable shortcomings have been cited by public health authorities in the Colonel's operation. One criticism is a lack of professional medical supervision in the administration of the addictive but less disastrous drug methadone. Additionally, the centers run by Col. Hassan have to date not provided sufficient laboratory testing facilities to assure that addicts under treatment have not reverted to the use of heroin. For these minus reasons, Col. Hassan's operation is considered only partially successful. *SDS Anti-American 7/21/70 File 231 241*

9-19 August, St. Paul, Minnesota

The National Student Association will hold its 23rd annual congress at Macalester College. *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. *FBI 1A10 913 7 0 23 70*

*26 August, Nationwide

Betty Friedan, chairman of the advisory board of the National Organization for Women, continues to promote the militant feminist plan for a nationwide women's strike on August 26. Betty Friedan, who calls herself the "chairperson" of August 26 activities, lists three strike demands: free abortions, basic equality and child care centers. The "chairperson" states that political parties, corporations, hospitals, churches, unions, mass media and all the other establishment groups have not yet felt the urgency and power of women who constitute 53 per cent of the national electorate. In her role as a modern Lysistrata, the "chairperson" is urging women to march, demonstrate, sit-in, rap, stop typing, stop vacuuming, stop buying and, if appropriate, stop making love. She labels the strike as really a confrontation. The August date was selected because it coincides with the 50th anniversary of the 19th amendment giving women the vote. *Wash Star 11/26/70 File 347879*

Marches and demonstrations are planned this year in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Syracuse and other cities. In Syracuse freedom trash cans will be set up for women to dump some object of their oppression. Karen de Crow, Eastern regional director of the National Organization for Women, advises women to use freedom trash cans to dispose of an apron, a copy of Dr. Spock, hair curlers and, states de Crow, "I fully expect that someone will deposit her husband."

The National Coalition of Nuns, which claims a membership of 1,800, have allegedly agreed to participate in the Chicago protest. New York leaders are also discussing placing infants on the steps of city hall to dramatize the need for child care centers. The day's motto for housewives will be "Don't Iron While the Strike Is Hot." The strike has been endorsed by the League of Women Voters, the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Labor Department and almost every women's liberation group in the political spectrum. Sponsors include New York Rep. Shirley Chisholm, writer Gloria Steinem and Jeannette Rankin, the first woman member of the U.S. House of Representatives. So far the ladies have aroused little collective interest from large groups of women such as nurses, telephone workers and factory employees. The more radical women's groups are not disclosing their plans but they forecast a highly energetic protest. Some surprises are probably in store from the extreme radical feminists.

In Washington, D.C., a protest demonstration is scheduled for Lafayette Park on the 26th. The sponsorship of the Washington protest is by Federally Employed Women, Inc., an organization coordinated by Mrs. Julius Hobson.

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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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*28-30 August, Nationwide

Human Rights for Women, Inc., is sponsoring national conferences on feminism during this period.

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*September, New York

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, founded 16 months ago by 50 black scholars, artists and authors, has announced that three black Americans will be enrolled in the academy's newly established Hall of Fame in September. One of those elected to the Hall of Fame is the late W. E. B. DuBois. DuBois, a founder of the NAACP, joined the Communist Party in 1961 at the age of 93. Before his death a year or so later, he had renounced his American citizenship and had become a citizen of Ghana. The former Communist Party youth group which was succeeded 8 months ago by the present Young Workers Liberation League was named for Dr. DuBois.

Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, president of the board of the Black Academy, has expressed considerable chagrin at the denial of a visa for DuBois' widow, Shirley Graham DuBois, who wanted to attend the ceremonies. The 71 year old Mrs. DuBois, a citizen of Ghana living in Cairo, attempted to obtain a visa to travel to America earlier this year. Reportedly, the Department of Justice overruled State Department approval for the visa. Immigration and Naturalization Service reportedly has advised that Mrs. DuBois was found to belong to some 30 subversive organizations which made her inadmissible under the law and she did not advance sufficient reason to waive that inadmissibility.

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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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*29-30 August, New York City

Joan Bird, one of the New York 21 Black Panthers recently freed on bail who will soon stand trial for conspiracy to bomb public places in New York, has announced a "People's Tribunal" to be held in the center

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of Harlem. She will expose the facts in the frameup charges against those being tried.

Recently in Harlem David Hilliard, Black Panther chief of staff, has announced that the Panther minister of defense, Huey P. Newton who will probably soon be released on bail from a California prison, will establish a Harlem headquarters. Since the initial organization of the BPP in the San Francisco Bay area, Harlem has reportedly been at best lukewarm to the Party. Repeated organizational efforts have been made in the New York area with scant success. Newton, who has become a martyr and a legend, is probably planning to establish himself in New York in an effort to organize a strong and well-subscribed chapter there.

Newton was serving time in the California Men's Colony for the killing of an Oakland policeman in a 1967 shootout. He will soon be released because the courts have ruled that irregularities existed in the trial judge's charge to the jury that convicted him. Newton will probably be retried in California but a new trial date has not been set and is probably many months if not years in the future.

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#3-7 September, Atlanta, Georgia

The Congress of African People will meet to develop institutions to bring about the liberation of black people. Thousands of persons are expected to attend from North America, Latin America, Africa and the Caribbean. The congress is an expansion of black power conferences held annually since 1966. Last year at Bermuda several thousand black persons attended. Haywood Henry, chairman of the congress, is a member of Harvard University's department of Afro-American studies and is also chairman of the Black Affairs Council. One of the participants will be LeRoi Jones, radical poet and playwright. Mr. Henry, in a prepared statement for a recent press conference, has established the following congress goals: 1) to provide an ideological framework for the black power movement; 2) to develop plans to build black institutions at local, national and international levels; 3) to create structures to implement mandates; 4) to exchange information; and 5) to provide an opportunity for African peoples' fellowships.

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*Addendum - 8-9 August, Washington, D. C.

The Black Panther Party has announced a planning session to be held on these dates at Howard University. Initial plans will be made

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for the Panther Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention to
be held next 4 November at an as yet undisclosed location.

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