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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORTHIGHLIGHTS

I. The Washington Committee to Defend the Conspiracy met on 5 February 1970, and discussed plans for "TDA" (the day after the verdict in the trial of the Chicago 7). This meeting and earlier ones were led by Richard Davis (brother of Rennie, one of the Chicago defendants) and one Betty Garman, a protest activist who reportedly was one of those arrested during the mid-October "Weatherman" riots in Chicago. A reliable source of information reflects that the 14 persons attending the meeting decided that "TDA" action will start at 4:00 p.m. (evening rush hour to increase disruption) on the day following the verdict. Demonstrators will march from George Washington University to the Watergate Apartments where Attorney General Mitchell resides. The demonstrators will not apply for a permit and plan to confront police if stopped. The demonstration is planned to humiliate and embarrass the attorney general. If not locked out, they will tour (and probably vandalize) the Watergate to "see how the ruling class people live."

At the same time as the Watergate march, a synchronized "diversionary group" is scheduled to march on the Department of Justice building where they will place a "For Sale" sign. The Washington Committee expects from 1,000 to 1,500 participants (probably an exaggerated estimate).

In previous meetings (late January and early February) a number of alternative action strategies were discussed and may still be in the committee's protest bag. The alternatives included the placing of anti-war signs on the Iwo Jima Memorial, a demonstration at the house of J. Edgar Hoover, throwing ketchup-filled balloons at the Watergate Apartments and holding a "Guerrilla Theater" play entitled "The Rape of Justice." In this presentation actors portray the attorney general and other politicians who "rape" justice, a role played by a girl.

At one of the earlier meetings, Betty Garman (mentioned above) advised that she had checked out a building belonging to CIA as a possible demonstration site on "TDA." No additional details, or the location of the CIA building Garman had in mind, are known at this time.

The exact date of "TDA" is not definitely ascertainable. The case will probably go to the jury late Thursday or Friday. Because of the mass accumulation of testimony, the jury will be virtually unable to come to a quick verdict. Further, they may or may not deliberate on Sunday. The best guess is that the verdict will not be rendered until Monday or Tuesday (16 or 17 February) at the earliest. Committee leaders promise "TDA" demonstrations regardless of conviction or acquittal. "TDA" activities are also planned in other cities.

II. The founding convention of the new CPUSA political youth organization was held at Chicago between 7 and 9 February. The convention, attended by about 400 delegates, claims a current membership of 800 in 30 urban areas. It is expected that the new organization (designed to replace the monolithic and moribund W. E. B. duBois Clubs) will not ostensibly be tied to the parent as tightly as its predecessors have been thus, hopefully, being more attractive to the nondoctrinaire and multi-varied Marxist adolescents. The new organization's name (in typical CPUSA character) is Young (Communist) Workers' Liberation League (YWLL).

III. The New Mobe met recently and announced their "winter-spring offensive." They will not attempt, during this period, to stage another mass demonstration on the order of last November 15, at Washington, D. C., and San Francisco. Instead, the New Mobe leaders plan smaller protests centered in many American cities and hitting hard at certain themes at certain times.

The first effort comes next week (14-21 February) allegedly in 100 U.S. cities and is obviously designed to encourage more Negroes to take part in future anti-war activities, an area in which the New Mobe umbrella has failed dismally to date. An additional emphasis is aimed at what the New Mobe calls political prisoners. The political prisoner issue will tend to highlight the plight of the Black Panthers, the Dow Company trespassers (the D. C. 9) and, of course, the Chicago

Conspiracy 7. Most, if not all, of the Chicago 7 are wheels in the new Mobe, most especially world traveller Rennie Davis and admitted revolutionary communist David Dellinger. Although the two February causes (repression of blacks and political prisoners) will be staged throughout the country, the main focus will be on Chicago and Washington, D.C. Either by design or designed coincidence, New Mobe February demonstrations will undoubtedly overlap with TDA activities planned by the Washington Committee to Defend the Conspiracy. Such coordinated planning will probably increase the mob size and has already resulted in added news media (free) publicity.

During the week, Mobe leaders plan teach-ins, marches and rallies against "Nixon's repression," climaxing on the last day, 21 February, with a mass march to the D.C. courts. On February 18, a demonstration is scheduled for the Justice Department building. Demonstrations will include guerrilla theater skits and mock trials designed to embarrass U.S. District Judge Julius Hoffman and Government officials. It is also reported (reliability unknown) that on the 21st protestors will infiltrate the regular FBI tour and attempt to disrupt and embarrass that bureau.

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The New Mobe, which falsely claims to advance a peace in Vietnam major theme (but actually is directed toward a communist revolution in America) represents more than 100 peace interested organizations ranging from the National Council of Churches to the CPUSA. In its "back to the grass roots" winter-spring planning, March will be anti-draft and April anti-income tax. In March New Mobesters will try to disrupt as many draft boards as possible through a "dialogue of confrontation." During the week (16 to 22 March) the 19th has been selected as the day of large scale, nonviolent confrontation with draft board employees. The April week (13th through the 19th) will deal with the Vietnam impact on the economy and will encourage tax resistance and the withholding of income taxes. More information on March and April events will be forthcoming in subsequent Situation Information Reports. Plans for Easter weekend are still vague and contradictory, but the peaceniks will certainly not miss the chance to exploit the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

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Plans are in the making now for the next big action on the West Coast, a War Crimes Tribunal to indict the California educational system for its alleged complicity with the war in Vietnam. Intensive research is being carried out in Student Mobilization Committees all over the state, including Stanford. Efforts are also being made to bring high school students and GI's into the peace movement and to support the GE workers' strike, the Black Panthers, and the Chicago 7.

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*February 1970, Washington, D.C.

The Washington Committee to Defend the Conspiracy will sponsor demonstrations on TDA (The Day After) the verdict in the trial of the Chicago 8. (See Highlights I.)

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February 1970, Washington, D.C.

A second Freedom Rally supporting the U.S. position in the Vietnam War will be held at Constitution Hall. The February rally, to be held indoors because of unpredictable winter weather, will hopefully, according to organizers, have a number of "big name entertainers" as well as Senators and Congressmen at the events. No further details to date.

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*11 February to 28 April, Washington, D.C.

From the first day of Lent to the last day of Passover two peace groups, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam and the Pacifist Fellowship of Reconciliation, will fast and picket the White House. These organizations must renew their city permits weekly. All group members will fast for one 24-hour period during demonstration and several have volunteered to fast the entire 75 days.

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*12-15 February, San Francisco, California

A source advised that several members of the extremist BPP in San Francisco traveled to Los Angeles yesterday for the purpose of insuring that the BPP and sympathetic organizations were planning activities to celebrate the birthday of Huey P. Newton, February 17; he is the jailed BPP minister of defense. A group called the Friends of the Panthers is planning to hold a rally some-time between February 12 and 15, and one of the proposed speakers is communist party member Angela Davis. Another source advised that BPP national headquarters has instructed all chapters to organize activities in celebration of Newton's birthday. *FBI 10/3/70 1-24-70*

14-15 February, Cleveland, Ohio

The SMC is sponsoring a conference at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, February 14-15 to discuss the future of the anti-war movement. The meeting is open to all youth organizations and individuals opposed to the war in Vietnam. Participants in the conference will formulate plans for protest activities during the coming spring and will discuss methods to force ROTC from campuses and methods to end University research for the Government. So far, workshops are being planned on: United national mass actions, anti-complicity, struggles on the campus, high school organizing, anti-war GI's; workers struggles and the GE strike, women's liberation, third world liberation, and legal and political defense. Registration will begin 5 p.m. 13 February and the conference itself will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, 14 February. *FBI 10/3/70 2-24-70* *Continued*

14-15 February, Cleveland, Ohio

The steering committee of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam will also meet at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 14-15 to formulate plans to coordinate a movement to recruit high school students, college students, and a representative number of Negroes into the anti-war movement. *FBI 10/3/70 2-24-70*

14-21 February

The New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam plans a series of demonstrations 14-21 February to support "repressed" people and to support the defendants in the current Chicago, Illinois, anti-riot law trial. (See Highlights III.) *FBI 10/3/70 1-22-70*

*14-21 February, Chicago, Illinois

The New Mobe announced at Chicago, on 6 February that demonstrations will be held daily at Chicago during "Anti-Repression Week." The demonstrations will support the Chicago 8 and individuals who expressed dissent against the United States. NMC officials announced they were calling for participation of hundreds of thousands of individuals across the nation. Demonstrations are scheduled at Boston and Seattle for "the day after" the trial ends. At Seattle, the demonstrators claim they will "run out" of their jobs United States marshals, United States attorneys, and senators. *1-9-70*

15 February, New York City, New York

A confidential informant of a Government agency advised on 7 January that the Black Panther Party is planning a "National Benefit" on the weekend of 15 February to commemorate the birthday of Huey P. Newton, minister of defense of the BPP who is presently in prison. A National Guard Armory and a local theater in New York City are being considered as the possible location for the affair. *1-9-70*

*Week of February 15, Brooklyn, New York

The Black Solidarity Day Committee, a coalition of Negro groups in Brooklyn, New York, has designated the week of February 15 as "Black Liberation Week." Leaflets being distributed by that organization call for all black New Yorkers to join in scheduled activities charging the United States Government with genocide against blacks and urging blacks to unite in the "struggle for survival." These activities reportedly will include special programs memorializing Illinois BPP leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark who were killed in a shootout with Chicago police in December 1969. *2/5/70*

16-22 February, New York City, New York

The week of February 16-22 will be observed in New York City as Black Liberation Week to make the community aware of the "grave peril facing us and to organize new common strategies for our protection," at least so said a group of black leaders at a news conference in Harlem on 23 January. The leaders were from many different political and ideological backgrounds, including the New York Urban League, the CPUSA, the New York Urban Coalition and the United

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Black Women's Political League. The week has also been designated as Black History Week.

Seven days of activities are being planned for Black Liberation Week.

On Monday, February 16, blacks will be asked to stay home from work or to participate in a fifteen minute work stoppage. They will be urged not to shop "downtown" department stores that day and a mass rally is intended at I. S. 201 Harlem at 10 a. m.

Day-long activities will also be scheduled for a Black Political Prisoners' Day; a Black Children of the Struggle Day; a Tribute to Black Mothers of the Struggle Day; and on the 21st the anniversary of Malcolm X's assassination. On the 22nd black churches will have readings of the names of blacks who have been imprisoned or killed for civil rights activities.

*21 February, Atlanta, Georgia

The Atlanta Mobilization Committee (a local umbrella representing the Student Mobe, SDS RYM, YSA, SWP; GI dissenters and several other anti-war or communist forces) will peacefully picket the Marriot Motel with the main slogan "U.S. out of Vietnam Now" during Vice President Agnew's address at a Republican fund-raising party.

21, 22, and 23 February, San Pedro, California

The Peace and Freedom Party held their pre-convention at the YMCA, 1530 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, on November 28, 29, and 30. Attendance varied from a low of 15 to a high of 40 persons. Candidates for political office were discussed. There was much disagreement, shouting, and the use of four letter words; however, they finally set a date and place for their state convention. At present the Peace and Freedom Party is very splintered and at a lowebb.

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*22 February, Los Angeles, California

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee (VMC), Los Angeles, California, has applied for permission to use the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for a fund-raising folk rock festival on February 22.

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The committee expects an audience of 60,000 to 95,000 individuals. Permission to use the coliseum will be granted if the committee can deposit \$35,000 for rental plus a surety bond of \$100,000 by February 9.

*28 February, Los Angeles, California

The Brown Berets are planning to stage another Chicano Moratorium march starting at Atlantic Park, 6th Street and Atlantic Blvd. The moratorium is in the planning stage at this time and further information will be forthcoming.

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*March, San Jose, California

The SDS RYM faction is planning to close the Student Union at San Jose State College during industrial recruiting in March.

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2 March, Bel Air, Maryland

H. Rap Brown, head of the Student National Coordinating Committee, who has been free on \$10,000 bond in connection with charges stemming from racial disorders in July 1967 on Maryland's Eastern Shore, is scheduled to be tried on 2 March 1970. William B. Kunstler, Brown's attorney to defend him on the charges of arson and inciting to riot, is also chief counsel for the Chicago 8. He may be cited on contempt charges for his handling of the Chicago case and the Brown trial may be again postponed. On 12 January the Supreme Court turned aside Brown's plea that his forthcoming trial be shifted back to Cambridge, Maryland.

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*6, 7, 8 March, Chicago, Illinois

A group of civil rights, church, labor and peace figures has called an emergency conference to defend the "inalienable right" of the BPP to "take its program to the people." Sponsored by the Emergency Conference Committee of 417 East 47th Street, the conference will be held at the Church of the Epiphany, 201 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and will be co-chaired by Ossie Davis, Dick Gregory, James Groppi, BPP leader Bobbie Rush and Mrs. Angie Dikerson of the World Peace Council. Initiating sponsors will include communists Dr. Herbert Aptheker, Charlene Mitchell, and William L. Patterson as well as others of similar persuasion.

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*6-13 March, Cleveland, Ohio

The First National Conference of the "American Student Movement (Anti-Imperialist)" will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from March 6-13. The "Statement of the Formation of the American Student Movement (Anti-Imperialist)" commences as follows:

"Recognizing" (deficiencies in our form of government are stated)... "Therefore: We announce the formation of the American Student Movement (Anti-Imperialist) which comes forward to serve the interest of the working and oppressed people who will totally and completely defeat U.S. Imperialism through armed revolution and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat." Several tasks of this organization are outlined; one of which is to "wage mass democratic struggles in the universities against all forms of bourgeois ideology and to combat the rise of fascism." *Henry 11006 - Summary 1/27/77*

*23-27 March, 8:30 p.m. EST, National Educational Television

National Educational Television (NET) will devote an unprecedented 6-hour block of prime time March 23 to 26 for the showing of "Trial--The City and County of Denver vs. Loren R. Watson." The documentary marks the first time that the complete scope of a single trial is examined on an American television program.

The program is broken into four 90-minute portions to correspond with the trial's four days. As a result, the usual NET schedule has been preempted so that these portions may be presented on successive nights (Monday through Thursday) from 8:30 to 10 p.m. EST.

Loren Watson, the defendant in the trial, was arrested by a Denver patrolman and charged with resisting and interfering with a police officer. "The issue has national implications, involving police and Panthers, the American system and the blackman," notes Don Dixon, NET's director of public affairs programming. "The case is really a microcosm, reflecting one of our country's most critical concerns." The antagonism between Watson and the Denver police forms a subcurrent within the trial and is a basis of Attorney Leonard Davies' defense of Watson. *Excerpts from... 1/27/77*

"We wanted to represent the ritual drama of American justice," says producer Robert M. Fresco. "Therefore, everything within the trial is placed chronologically in the documentary." Within four days, Fresco has interspersed interviews with Watson, Davies, Judge Zita Weinshienk, Assistant City Attorney Wright Morgan, prosecutor in this case, and police officer Robert C. Cantwell, who made the charge against Watson.

NET Journal--"Trial--The City and County of Denver vs. Loren R. Watson" will be seen on most of the public television stations across the U.S. that are interconnected by NET. Local broadcast times and dates may vary, however.

27 March, 15 April, and 30 May, Nationally

Although plans are still not definite, there is strong likelihood that the New Mobc will sponsor nationwide demonstrations on these dates. These activities will be decentralized to cities all over the country.

On March 27 (Good Friday), the theme will be opposition to the draft; on April 15 (Income Tax day), among other things, supporters will be urged to withhold what they feel are "war taxes." and on May 30 (Memorial Day), support will be given to GI's for Peace in Vietnam.

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