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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.

*Summer, Nationwide

The Weatherman faction of SDS will probably be heard from again this summer. As was widely predicted, the Weatherman "Days of Terror" demonstrations last October in Chicago where 284 arrests were made (the largest campus contingent was Kent State with 9) flopped badly. The remnants of the Weatherman faction have now been driven underground. The Weatherman leadership, which presently includes Mark Rudd, Bernardine Dohrn and others, since October has been reported meeting twice, once immediately following the October demonstrations in a remote Illinois state park and again around Christmas time at Flint, Michigan. Subsequent Weatherman events have been the explosion of the New York bomb factory and a federal indictment against 12 charged with violation of the riot laws in connection with the Chicago demonstration.

Since last fall Weatherman philosophy has obviously changed from one of mass membership to one of an elite core of revolutionary terrorists (a revolutionary vanguard). It cannot be logically supposed that the New York bomb factory was the only one.

Widely circulated in recent weeks is a communication from the underground allegedly authored by Bernardine Dohrn, entitled "Declaration of a State of War." Dohrn, who has always been an outspoken Weatherman spokeswoman and is perhaps the most rabid female radical in the country, speaks in this communication (a tape recording) in typical revolutionary rhetoric. Whether the voice is Dohrn's or not is insignificant because the message transmitted is in the Weatherman mood and had prophesied that within two weeks Weatherman would attack a



symbol of American injustice. Within two weeks of the Dohrn message a New York City police building was bombed, creating extensive damage and injuring several people. On 11 June another bomb was exploded in a building of the Omaha, Nebraska, police department. The New York bombing is probably the work of Weatherman and the Omaha explosion may also be. The Dohrn tape recording additionally identified the third member killed in the New York bomb works blast. The victim, says Dohrn, was Terry Robbins; and, although police authorities are unable to verify this disclosure, the whereabouts of Robbins is unknown. Robbins, like the two confirmed deaths (Diana Oughton and Theodore Gold) had a past record of second string Weatherman leadership. An interesting coincidence is that Robbins was active up until a year or so ago on the campus of Kent State in Ohio.

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Only one of many for whom the police have been searching has thus far been found. Linda Sue Evans was arrested some weeks ago in New York. Although the CIA has not been specifically identified as a prime Weatherman target, because of the organization's place in "the establishment," a continuing bomb threat to Agency facilities cannot be disregarded. An attack on the Agency would undoubtedly be considered a major coup within the radical movement.

The Weatherman events of past weeks, their lack of cooperation with other radical units and their virtual disappearance into the hippic and commune nether world indicates an agreed-upon plan to foment violent revolution through their previously enunciated "shock brigade" tactics in a number of American urban areas. The hostile and seriously alienated youth that comprise the present Weatherman faction have threatened violence, and it is believed that their threats must be taken seriously.

A serious breach seems to have developed between the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam and the once closely affiliated member, the Socialist Workers' Party. This breach will probably widen during the coming summer months. At a New Mobe steering committee conference at Atlanta in May, the New Mobe cold-shouldered a plan for this weekend's antiwar conference in Cleveland that was apparently a SWP brain child.

The New Mobe in recent weeks has also shown itself to be in a quandary over to continue or discontinue the mass rally concept, that

has been successful in some places on some occasions in the past. The most notable success was last November 15, at Washington. Although there is no question but what a well-planned rally can produce the bodies, New Mobe leaders fear that the festive atmosphere that increasingly creeps into the mass antiwar, anti-establishment rallies is counterproductive in two ways: first, nose count alone does not seem to impress the establishment and second, mass rallies are fast becoming "old hat" and the participants are too interested in rock music and pot to care much one way or the other what the radical political merchants are selling. Although they have not defined exactly what they mean, New Mobe spokesmen have now verbalized a need for civil disobedience and direct action. This widely discussed tactical change to do away with the mass protest philosophy by the New Mobe has tended to alienate its former comrade in dissent, the SWP, who still believes in the value of the mass demonstration and hastens to point out that Hanoi likes them too.

The SWP, through its youth group, the Young Socialist Alliance, has indeed built a formidable mass movement body in the form of the SMC (Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam). The SWP undoubtedly sees its organization work within the SMC subverted by its former New Mobe associates. The SWP additionally takes umbrage at the seemingly sincere but misguided motives of several New Mobe organizations to work for peace candidates through the summer and into the fall. The SWP does not believe that such methods are the road to American revolution.

To further complicate the serious rifts and in-fighting among the organizations of the radical left, the Maoist Progressive Labor Party and the SWP's Student Mobe have recently battled in Boston. It will be remembered that last summer the PLP faction of SDS split away at Chicago and formed the SDS Worker Student Alliance. On 24 May the National Steering Committee of the Student Mobe met at Boston and the SDS/WSAers tried to crash the party. A battle ensued in which a number of over-zealous radicals were injured.

What is clearly implied is that the power factions in the doctrinaire communist left in scrambling for movement supremacy will intensify the battle against one another in coming months. In all of this the Communist Party, U.S.A. is trying to stand on the sidelines and will probably eventually pick up the pieces. The CPUSA is undoubtedly the best organized of the old left and has the coolest hand.

As a capper, the Black Panther Party is also on the outs with the entire white left radical movement. See details under 19 June Panther activities scheduled for Washington.

Summer, Georgia

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference has announced a summer political action program for the South in general and Georgia in particular. The Summer Community Organization and Political Education (SCOPE) program specifies three major objectives: mass voter registration, political education and community organization. SCOPE volunteers reportedly will spend ten weeks working in all 149 Georgia counties and possibly in Alabama and Mississippi as well. This week the volunteers began a one-week intensive training and orientation program at Atlanta. The SCOPE address is c/o SCLC, 344 Auburn Street, N. E., Atlanta. *Wall. State in 7-0-68 Los Angeles 11/12/70*

*19 June, Pentagon

A Quaker action group, which has been active in antiwar demonstrations, plans to picket the Pentagon every Friday in June beginning 12 June. The demonstrators will distribute antiwar leaflets at the mall entrance. *FBI IN 10/383. 11 June 70*

*19 June, Los Angeles, California

At a mid-May meeting of the University of California Regents, Chancellor Young of UCLA announced his intentions to rehire Negro, admitted communist, instructor Angela Davis. Miss Davis' initial appointment to the UCLA philosophy staff last fall caused considerable dislocation of campus tranquility and seriously divided the regents from the university faculty and administration. Davis was a protégé of new left pasha Herbert Marcuse at San Diego State and was appointed to the staff by tenured radical leftist philosophy department chairman Donald Kalish. California law provides for a loyalty oath and precludes those from state jobs who are members of the Communist Party. Miss Davis in the turmoil shouted racial foul; and to further irritate and alienate the regents, Kalish assigned Davis several additional classes to teach.

At the May meeting the regents overwhelmingly voted to strip Chancellor Young of his appointment prerogatives (vote of 15 to 6) and will make the decision on Davis at the regents meeting on the 19th.

Since the regents are largely in the Governor Reagan camp there is little doubt how they will vote. If they reject her reappointment, serious trouble could erupt on the heretofore mostly docile UCLA campus. Chancellor Young who in philosophy falls somewhere between Nathan Pusey of Harvard and Kingman Brewster of Yale will probably tender his resignation. Since Young has been given much personal credit for keeping the lid on at UCLA (and probably with sound justification), the trouble of the northern schools could well shift to southern California next fall.

*19 June, Washington, D. C.

The BPP is planning a "Jubilee Day" rally and national press conference at Washington on the above date. According to a BPP source, the Party will announce a "4th executive mandate" by Huey Newton. This mandate allegedly will call for the convening of a constitutional convention (an Eldridge Cleaver brain child) to establish a provisional revolutionary government for the United States. The time and place for the constitutional convention will be made public on "Jubilee Day." *FBI INV 091914 8 June 70*

According to another source, an additional purpose of the BP action is to protest the denial of rights to black people. Ralph D. Abernathy may address the gathering.

19 June at the Lincoln Memorial has been selected because this is the date on which the enforcement of Abraham Lincoln's emancipation proclamation supposedly went into effect in 1863. The Panthers have called for an end to "Nixon's era of facism."

The planned Panther activity in Washington constitutes a departure from past activities. Signs are that Panther membership is growing and that Panther leaders have adopted the time-honored mass movement approach so successfully employed by revolutionary forces of the past. The Panthers have in recent weeks been busy in public relations and in organizing a number of front organizations in major American cities. The euphemistic cover names are the "National Committee to Combat Facism" (active in Washington as well as other cities) and "Black Community Information Centers." Under the shelter of these innocent sounding fronts Panther leaders are aggressively continuing organizing activities throughout the country despite claims that no new BP chapters are being established. It would appear that

this disclaimer is a deliberate deception. The new front groups are under complete BPP control and discipline and must follow all Party instruction from the Black Panther national headquarters. Currently, aside from Washington, D. C., the National Committee to Combat Facism units are operating in the following cities: Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland, Lima, Milwaukee, Tulsa, Omaha, Augusta, Portland (Ore.), Bridgeport, Hartford, Winston-Salem, Newark, East St. Louis, Cambridge, Atlantic City and Jersey City. Black Community Information Centers are now functioning in Baltimore, New York City, Mount Vernon (N. Y.), and Gary (Indiana). In process of being organized in either one or the other front names are sub-rosa BP groups in Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Albany, Greenville (Mississippi), Providence, Des Moines, Flint, and Kankakee (Illinois).

Last July the Panthers held a national conference at Oakland, California, aimed at bringing together all elements, black and white, of the new left. It was at this conference that the name "National Committee to Combat Facism" was originated. In attendance at the Oakland meeting were members of the Communist Party, SDS, and other extremist elements. One of the immediate goals of the NCCF is community control of police forces.

Although the July conference flopped, most likely Communist Party delegates to the conference offered advice to the Black Panthers in the proven value of fronts.

The Panthers are also involved in the current rash of feuds among extremists. Among the Panther epithets for white radicals whom they dislike are Zionists, ideological phonies, pseudo-revolutionaries, egotistical racists--and numerous other ferocious names. Principal rhetorical spokesman for the Party is Elbert Emcy (Big Man) Howard who is deputy minister of information and managing editor of the Party newspaper, the Black Panther. Among the bitter invective Big Man heaps on the new left whites is that the new left possesses the "socialist traits of the Nazis."

In coming months the BPP will probably experience additional growth through the utilization of front organizations and will probably attempt to dispell their current super-violent image in the interest of building a greater mass foundation following.

Panther literature distributed by the NCCF Washington office at 2327 18th Street, N. W., announcing the Lincoln Memorial rally

also is promoting community discussions. The NCCF offers to send spokesmen to home discussions groups by appointment to deal with such topics as the U.S. fascist government, why a constitutional convention must be held and positive alternatives to the present system of exploitation, slavery, brutality, and injustice.

#19-21 June, Cleveland, Ohio

A National Emergency Conference against Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam War will be held at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, 19-21 June. This conference is being sponsored by the Student Mobe and the Cleveland Area Peace Action Council. Its purpose is to plan future antiwar activity. Participants in the conference plan to demonstrate at Cleveland on 20 June when the Vice President visits that city to speak at a fund-raising dinner. *FBI IN 104476 2 June 70*

This conference is dislocating many radical noses. The New Mobe is shying away from the Ohio meet as is the large and powerful Chicago Peace Action Council which is dominated by the CPUSA sympathy group. The game of domination politics is being played out and probably the Student Mobe (controlled by the Trotskyite SWP/YSA) will be left holding an empty antiwar leadership bag at Cleveland. *10 June 70*

Reportedly, the New Mobe which is feuding with the SWP (see p. 2) has co-opted the SCLC which will support and take part of next weekend's New Mobe conference at Milwaukee but will shun or token attend the emergency conference at Cleveland. *10 June 70*

The SDS Worker Student Alliance is planning to send two bus loads of radicals to the Cleveland conference and a WSA spokesman states that they are going to Cleveland to fight the Student Mobe both politically and physically. *FBI IN 104527 16 June 70*

#26 June, Carbondale, Illinois

The Committee of Returned Volunteers and the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars are sponsoring a conference June 26-27, at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. The objective of the conference is to provide a public forum for "critical, scholarly analysis of the Vietnamese Center and United States foreign policy in general." The Center for Vietnamese Studies and Programs is located on the campus of the university. *FBI IN 102355 17 June 70*

*26 June-5 July, Detroit, Michigan

The National Association of Black Students plans to hold a convention at Wayne State U., Detroit, Michigan. It is attempting to obtain a university building for the convention; however, university authorities have not yet agreed to furnish a building. The association has been advised that university buildings cannot be used on 4 July. The association has also called for a rally at Belle Isle and authorities are concerned inasmuch as large crowds traditionally celebrate 4 July there.

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27-28 June, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A New Mobe sponsored national antiwar conference is being planned for 27 and 28 June at which time it is expected a final decision will be made whether or not to return to earlier tactics of large-scale, "non-violent, civil disobedience." The belief of many members of the Mobe's liberal-radical coalition that the May 9 antiwar demonstration in Washington was a "disaster" accomplishing little with its traditional march-rally scenario has them leaning towards more militant action for the future. Final plans as to the nature and place of the activities should come out of this conference. Regardless of the concensus decision of the group, a number of the more radical leaders and groups will opt for more militancy and will go it alone or form new coalitions.

Among a number of summer programs tentatively approved at a New Mobe steering committee meeting in Atlanta in May, was the organization of some sort of mass, non-violent demonstration at the end of the summer involving civil disobedience.

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*27 June, Waltham, Massachusetts

The Brandeis Student Strike Information Center for whom the Student Mobe also has a "mad-on" will meet at Waltham. The Student Mobe poutingly labels the Strike Information Center as a "self appointed grouping with no significant base in the student movement." This meeting has been called, believe Student Mobe spokesmen, deliberately to lessen the impact of the Cleveland emergency conference.

*27-28 June, Chicago, Illinois

Recent issues of the Communist Party Daily World have given considerable publicity for a National Rank-and-File Conference of the

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American labor movement. The Daily World has announced that a delegation from Seattle will also take part in the June conference. One of the topics to be discussed in Chicago is the war in Vietnam and the manner in which pressure can be brought on the Nixon administration to end the conflict now, bring the troops home and bring a halt to the "bloody dissent and repression at home." The conference additionally is designed to defend trade union and membership rights against the "Nixon big business, anti-labor, racist onslaught." Daily World publicity criticizes such responsible labor leaders as George Meany, and although it is not spelled out it is obvious that the planned conference is a CPUSA operation. *Daily World 1/2 June 70*

*Late June, Cleveland, Ohio

According to a source, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine reliability, the BPP plans to bomb a building in Cleveland, Ohio, on the day in late June that Vice President Spiro Agnew plans a visit. The targeted building will be in an area removed from the Vice President's itinerary and will be symbolic in nature. *[1] (N. 1/19/70) (K. 1/19/70)*

*1 July, San Francisco, California

The conviction of Black Panther minister of defense, Huey Newton, has been reversed by the California courts. An appeal by the state is presently in progress but will probably be denied, and Newton is expected to be freed from the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo on about the 1st of July. Newton was convicted in September 1968 for manslaughter in the shooting to death of an Oakland policeman. He has been serving a 2-15 year sentence. There are still a number of legal technicalities to be satisfied before Newton is free. If released in early July, the posting of bail will be necessary. Since Newton is such a charismatic Panther figure there is little doubt that sufficient funds for bail can be collected. Newton's release can be expected to trigger jubilation in the Panther strongholds principally in the San Francisco Bay area, but no immediate violence as a result of the Newton release is anticipated.

*1 July, Washington, D. C.

President Nixon has set 1 July as the date for the 1970 draft lottery (for men turning 19 during 1970). Lottery proceeding will probably again be followed by claims of foul play, establishment roulette, etc. Additionally, renewed new left draft abolition rhetoric can be expected to make some minor headlines in parts of the nation.

1 July, Washington, D. C.

5 July, Baltimore, Maryland

6-9 July, Edgewood Arsenal and Ft. Detrick

The War Resisters League and a Philadelphia Quaker action group are jointly sponsoring a campaign against the production of chemical and biological weapons. Of principal concern to the protestors is the production and storage of nerve gas. The groups will demonstrate in front of the White House at 10 a. m. followed by a 1 p. m. march to the Capitol. At 3 p. m. the demonstrators will begin a march from the Capitol to Baltimore, Maryland, which is scheduled to arrive there on July 4. A mass demonstration is then scheduled for Baltimore on 5 July, and from 6-9 July the demonstrators will make separate walks to Edgewood Arsenal (7 July) and to Ft. Detrick (9 July). Reportedly civil disobedience is being planned for Ft. Detrick. The demonstrators will attempt to enter the Fort to demand that it be converted to a world health center.

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* 4 July, Washington, D. C.,

Plans for the Bob Hope-Billy Graham originated Honor America Day being produced by Walt Disney Productions are progressing. The guest list and participating organizations appear to be growing. Along with those previously reported as participants (Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Billy Casper, Henry Aaron, Willie Mays, Frank Borman and others) a number of ranking government officials, both hawks and doves, have endorsed the celebration. Among those prominent members of Congress in the dove category who have sent endorsements are Sens. Church, Cooper, Hatfield, McGovern and Muskie. The hawks who have endorsed Honor America Day so far are Senator Stennis and Reps. Ford and Teague.

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The event will be televised live by the CBS Washington affiliate WTOP TV. Charles S. O' Malley, an official of the organizing staff, has advised that city officials are whole-heartedly supporting the celebration. Mayor Washington is an honorary vice chairman and City Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn is a member of the executive committee.

In the wake of the initial announcement, the Washington Post was snidely critical of the Honor America Day plan. The Post editorial implied that this year's 4th of July observances will take on the trappings of a pro-war rally in support of the President's Vietnam policy.

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The Post editors believed that just the identity of the principal figures who have associated themselves with the idea have made the planned day of celebration suspect. The Post suggested that to equalize the day a number of well-known doves should step forward and offer to participate. The Post should, therefore, be pleased to note those congressional doves mentioned above who have come forward. 1.56

Although the reasons are unexplained, a recent press article reflects growing uncertainty about the relationship of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington to the July 4 event. 1.55

The day's plans call for an 11 a.m. religious patriotic service at the Lincoln Memorial followed by an afternoon of entertainment on the Washington Monument grounds. Details will be announced in the near future by Walt Disney Productions. The day's entertainment will be capped by the usual 45 minute fireworks display on the Washington Monument grounds. Predictions are that Honor America Day may turn out as many as 500,000 participants. This would undoubtedly comprise the largest demonstration in the history of the city and perhaps of the world. The planners have several factors going for them over and above the basic call of patriotism. Many tens of thousands turn out annually in any event for the city's spectacular fireworks display. There will also be many thousands who will come for the outstanding slate of entertainers. 1.54

Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin and the Yippies have not altered their plans for a smoke-in and an insurrection city for the Monument grounds for the same day. Like the Black Panthers, Hoffman has called for a constitutional convention. He says, "First we're gonna proclaim ourselves a new nation, then we're gonna declare war on Amerika. It's gonna be a summer of siege for Washington. We're out to occupy the Capitol and have a hot three months of liberation." 1.53

It has been reported that the Yippies had planned a confrontation with the police. A reliable source, however, has recently advised that the Yippies are now shying away from violent demonstrations believing them no longer to be useful. Yippie party members allegedly prefer to be in the background and appear "straight" so that they can execute projects of a larger scale. One project that has been recently discussed in Yippie circles for instance is the kidnapping of a foreign ambassador and the holding of him for ransom of a political prisoner such as Bobby Seale. Yippie leaders feel that such an action would set a pattern for other

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radical groups and create fear among elected officials. No definite plans have been made for political kidnappings. Unfortunately, such talk among the irrational revolutionaries cannot be easily laughed off. Although the Yippies are known for big mouth and little action, the very dire possible consequences of their thinking regarding kidnappings could be extremely serious.

David Giltinan, a New Mobe spokesman, has stated that the New Mobe expects the 4th of July to be a "real blood bath" due to the conflicting demonstrations scheduled on that date. Giltinan's statement was probably an effort on the part of the New Mobe to discourage attendance at the Hope-Graham affair. Although there may be some skirmishes on the Monument grounds, a major confrontation between pro and anti-war forces seem not to be in the cards this time. The Yippies should be outnumbered 1000:1 and against such odds, crazy as they seem, the Yippies should not provoke the "straights."

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9-18 July, New York

A World Youth Assembly under the sponsorship of UN Secretary General U Thant is expected to attract 750 participants from all over the world. The assembly budget (\$733,500) is reportedly in trouble.

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A third contingent of the Venceremos Brigade will travel to Cuba for six weeks of citrus fruit picking (on the Isle of Youth) and for political indoctrination. Two Brigade offices, one on New York and one in Cambridge, have published a call for volunteers among high school and college youth. The Brigade is expected to consist of approximately 500 persons and will probably depart from New Brunswick, Canada, by Cuban freighter as have the two earlier contingents this year.

*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.

*15 September, Chicago, Illinois

Judge Julius Hoffman has continued the conspiracy to riot trial of Bobby Seale to 15 September. Seale is presently being tried (with a number of his confederates) for the kidnap murder of a former fellow Black Panther in Connecticut. Recent court decisions, incidentally, have affirmed the constitutionality of the Connecticut proceedings thus far. It had been alleged by the defense that the indictments were illegally grounded.

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*20-21 June, Newport, Kentucky

The National States Rights party, a white extremist anti-Negro group, has scheduled its annual convention at Newport. An organization official has assured Newport police that the convention will be peaceful.

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*20 June, Augusta, Georgia

A march is scheduled on Saturday in support of the Augusta police for their efforts during the Augusta riots of 11 May. The march sponsor, a labor union, is hoping for 5-10,000 participants.

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