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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Raymond HEWITT, Los Angeles Black Panther Party leader, apparently is substituting for David HILLIARD, and will accompany Black Panther Party chairman Bobby George SEALE on a trip to Stockholm, Sweden which was scheduled to begin from San Francisco on 6 March. At least one purpose for the trip is alleged to be an attempt to obtain financial backing for the party.

Reportedly, members of the organization of Afro-American Students and SDS have formed the "New AU" at American University, Washington, D.C. This group is developing student demands to present to the University and if they are not met within one month, will attempt a confrontation with university authorities.

SDS allegedly is unhappy that the school authorities have acted in such a way as to satisfy most of the student body and SDS, therefore, has decided to increase its demands.

What affect the ranting and ravings of some of the more extreme black militants have on the masses is difficult to assess but certainly there must be some who are moved by such frenetic mouthings, often openly, and blatantly made.

For example, Bobby Eugene WRIGHT, a thirty five year old negro schoolteacher and leader of a black caucus of the Chicago Teachers Union, reportedly recently delivered

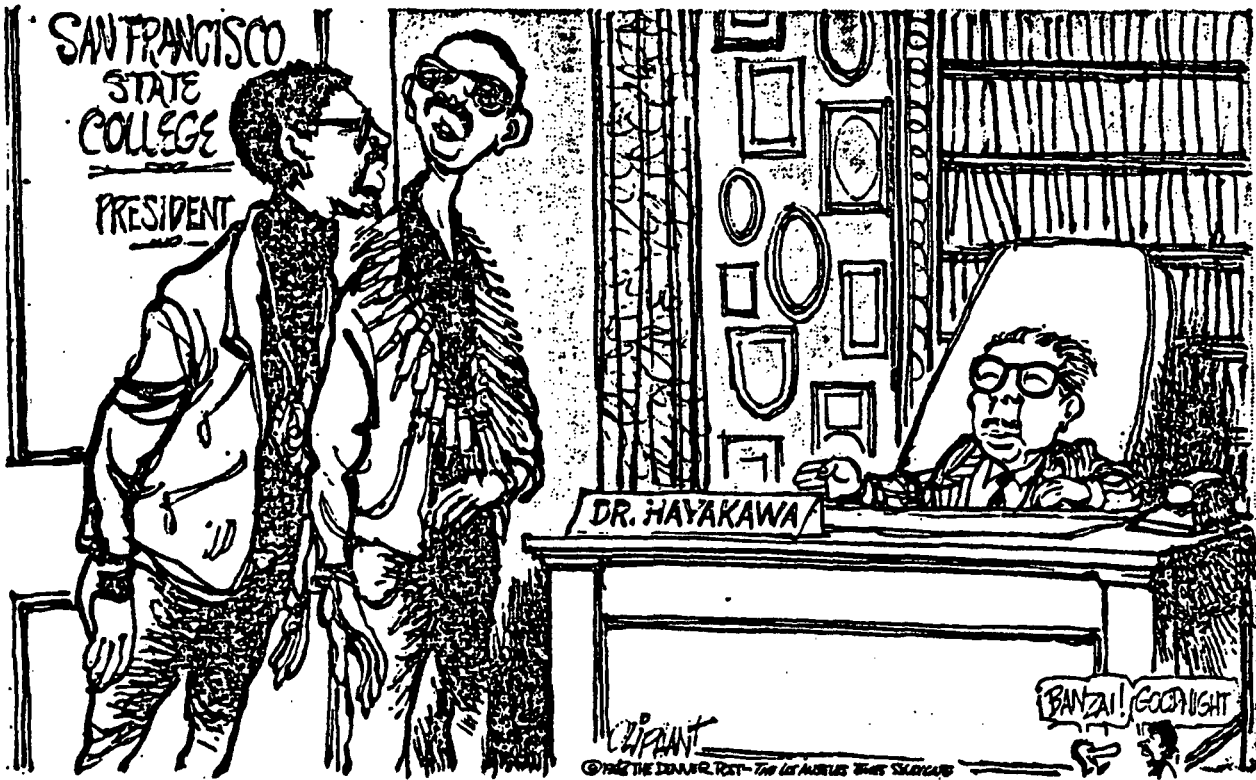
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a lecture to thirty board of education personnel at a Chicago, Illinois high school. He made violent statements during this lecture which revealed the underlying theme that reform was not wanted by blacks and that their ultimate goal was to destroy. He stated. "Our job of destroying the system must begin with the school system." Also, "We want a black person in the position held by every single Irish-Catholic, and Jew." He stated that it did not matter whether a teacher was qualified, just as long as he was black. He further stated, "Quality education is not our concern. Destruction of the system and black control is." He concluded by stating that in order for blacks to gain control over the major cities, "We must destroy the community, the system, the society." and "What we replace it with is unimportant."

A study recently concluded by the National Association of Secondary School Principals reflects wide spread protest activities on the high school and junior high school campuses throughout the nation. The survey which involved a random sampling of just over 1,000 schools indicated that 60% of secondary schools are experiencing student activism ranging in intensity from vocal complaints to riots. Schools in rural areas, as would be expected, did not report as much protest activities as suburban and city schools but the rural incident too was over 50%. "Young people," said an association spokesman. "are becoming vocal on every topic from the vote for 18 year olds to glue sniffing."

Dress and hair requirements head the list of complaints, followed by smoking rules, cafeteria, and assembly fare, censorship of student papers, and scheduling of sporting events. Forty-five per cent of the schools reporting protest activities find dissatisfaction regarding the way pupils are educated. The complaints included poor teachers, curriculum content, scheduling, grades and exams. Protests over racial relations problems were reported by 10% of the schools. Three per cent of the protests involved Vietnam and 2% the draft.

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"How does one handle nonmilitant minorities?"

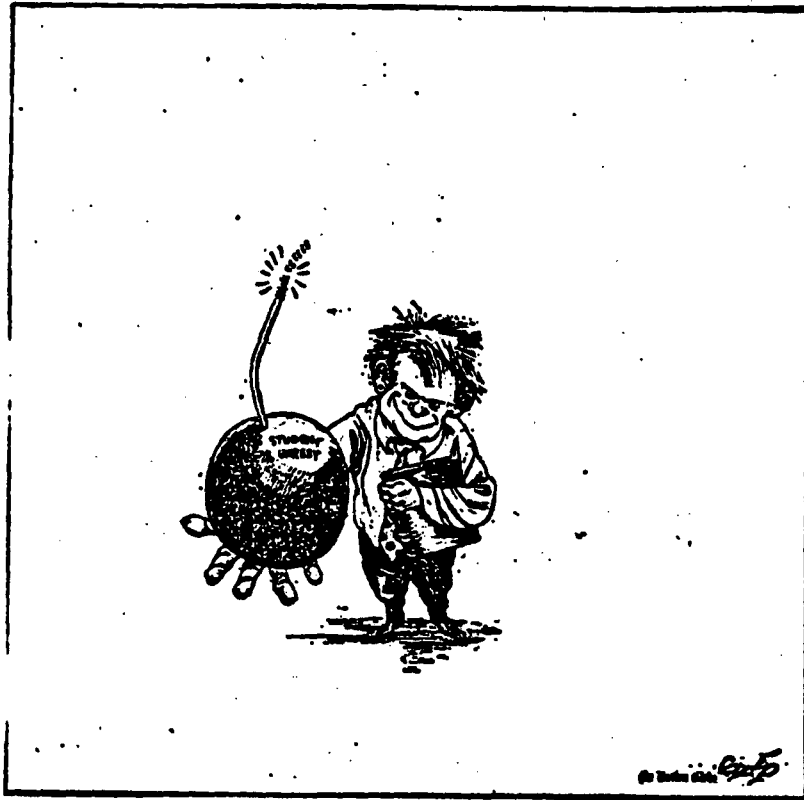


"Dammit, I'm on your side — I'm a teacher!"



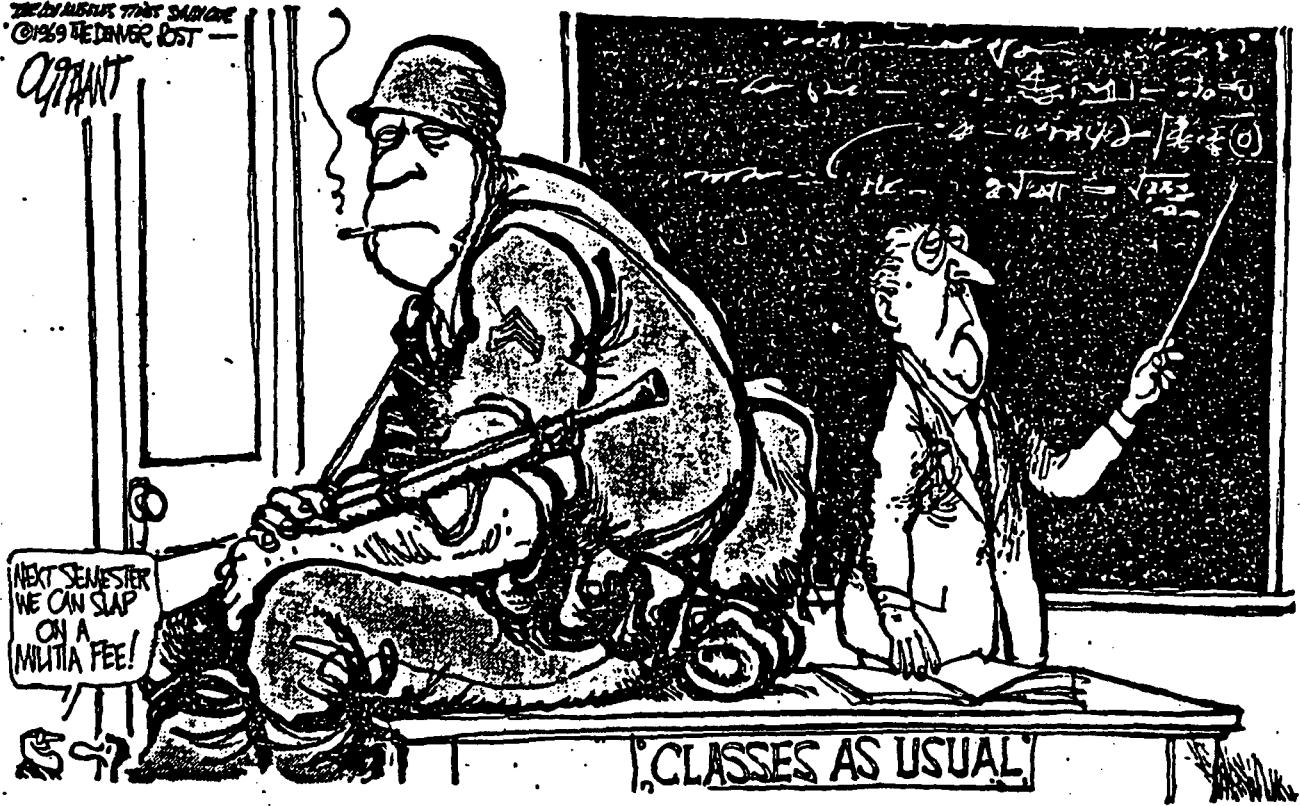
Brooks in The Birmingham News

"The Supreme Court says we got a right to limited protest—so we're only going to burn down three buildings."



THE INDIAN TIMES SAYS ONE
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OPINION





"Thanks to student revolt, we archeologists don't have to leave the campus to study ruins."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

BY LICHTY

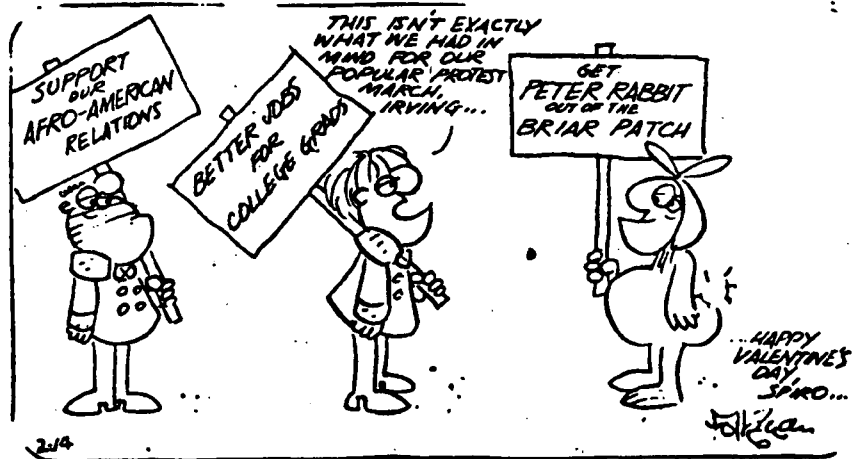


"Radical!"



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"Let's toss! . . . Heads we set fire to the administration building, tails we work on our exams and send our laundry home!"

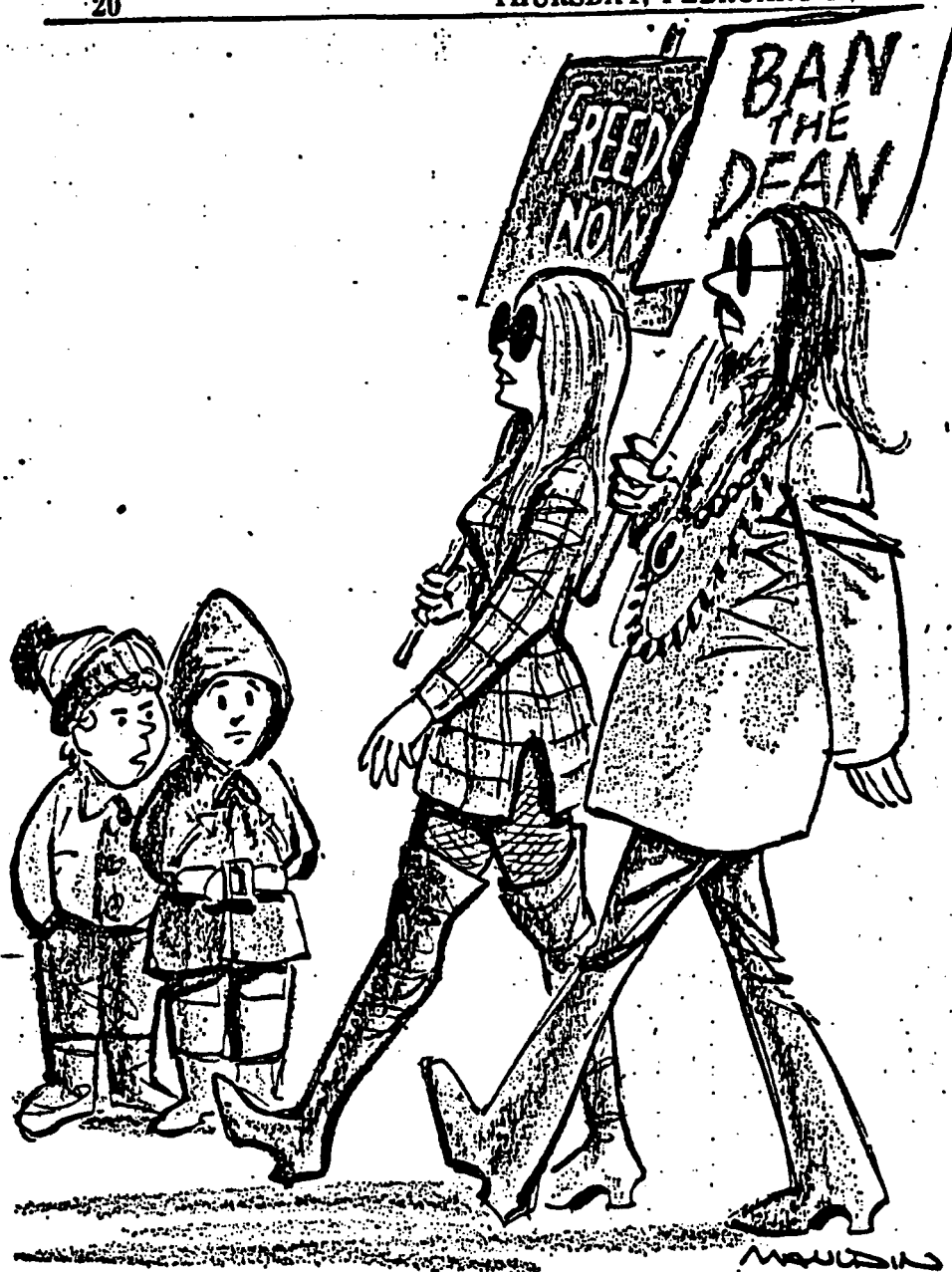


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The Boston Globe

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1969



'What do the know about what count?'
They're Establishment'

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

- 10 March *Kent, Ohio - The Kent State University SDS chapter is rumored to be planning to bomb the Reserve Officers Training Corps installation at the University some time during the week of March 10.
- 14-19 March *Washington, D. C. - A conference on the Atlantic Community has been scheduled and sponsored by a Georgetown University student organization, CONTAC. The conference is expected to include some seventy outstanding college students from this Country, Western Europe, and behind the Iron Curtain. Among the topics at this year's conference, an annual affair, is "Student Revolt in the West." Daniel COHN-BENDIT, leftist student leader from Germany has reputedly been invited. It is doubtful that a visa will be granted for his attendance.
- 16 March London, England - Mrs. Coretta KING, widow of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be the first woman to preach at a regular service in St. Paul's Cathedral, according to authorities in London.
- 22, 23 and 24 March Washington, D. C. - The Committee to Abolish HUAC (now H. I. S. C.) will hold its annual conference at which time strategy will be worked out for continuing the movement to abolish the committee.
- 27-31 March Denver, Colorado - Over 1,000 young Spanish-speaking persons from throughout the country are expected to attend a Chicano Youth Liberation Conference being hosted by the Crusade for Justice. The theme of this meeting is "The New Chicano Revolution! - Where? How? When?" In the series of workshops, broadly described as those dealing with "social revolution" and with "cultural" developments the conference will address itself to the role of young people from the barrios, student movement, rural

communities, campesino movement.

4 April

*Rev. Ralph D. ABERNATHY, leader of SCLC, announced a nation-wide drive to organize poor whites and negroes into unions through an alliance of unions, civil rights and religious organizations. The campaign is to begin April 4, which SCLC has designated as National and International day of protest against racism and poverty in commemoration of the 1st anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr. Later SCLC announced that it will commemorate the death of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr., one of its founders, by staging nine days of civil rights confrontations at Easter time in major cities. The action will start on Good Friday, the first anniversary of Dr. King's murder.

Tentative arrangements include school boycotts, walkouts, sit-ins, rent strikes, and a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. The demonstrations are to take place in areas in which the SCLC has operational agencies and will "take the form of acceptable, non-violent, direct action," according to Ralph D. ABERNATHY, SCLC President. He said that he preferred to center the first day of the confrontation in Alabama, "where George WALLACE is and where so many forces of evil are present."

At a SCLC meeting on 25 February the following schedule was agreed upon:

- 4 April - School boycott by children; closing of chain food stores; commemorative vigil at U.N. in N. Y. C. (thru April 7)"
- 5 April - "National Tag Day" to raise funds for the SCLC;
- 6 April - "Black Easter" including a pageant at Chicago, Ill., during which KING will be symbolically raised from the dead;
- 7-12 April - "Days of confrontation" in thirty or more cities

SCLC also plans to continue its efforts to have KING's birth date, January 15, declared a legal holiday.

5-6 April

Toronto, Canada - The Communist Party of Canada will hold its 20th Convention Easter weekend.

6 April

(Easter Sunday) - At the sparsely attended "National GI-Civilian Anti-War Action Conference" held in Chicago December 27-29, it was announced that a large series of demonstrations would be held in six or seven U.S. Cities on Easter Sunday. Cities mentioned are: Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, Atlanta, and possibly Los Angeles. The reason for planning regional centers for the action rather than large national demonstrations was to facilitate more local GI participation in various parts of the U.S. The conference resolved to seek the support of the NMC for the April 6 demonstrations.

Plans are reputedly well under way and the action has been endorsed by both the Chicago Peace Council and the Los Angeles Peace Action Council, two of the major regional anti-war coalitions in the U.S. In Seattle and Atlanta, anti-war GI's are already actively involved in planning for the demonstrations.

On January 13, the national office of the Student Mobilization Committee issued a call for international actions against the war, April 6. In the message to anti-war groups throughout the world, SMC included the request that, "In those countries where American servicemen are stationed, we call on the anti-war movement to make a special effort for GI participation in the peace demonstrations.

To build April 6 on the campuses, the New York SMC has suggested holding "preinduction orientation sessions - anti-war basic training." These sessions would be meant to prepare students subject to the draft to carry on legal anti-war activity while in the Army.

7 April

The trial of James Earl RAY, accused killer of Martin Luther KING, Jr., has been again postponed by Judge W. Heston BATTLE on a motion by chief defense counsel Percy FOREMAN.

FOREMAN charged that a number of policemen and firemen were actually looking at KING through peepholes at the time of the assassination but have been prevented from discussing the shooting with him by the director of Memphis Police and Fire Department, Frank C. HOLLOMAN. FOREMAN argues that the alleged witnesses should be compelled to answer his questions.

The trial had been scheduled to start on March 3rd.

24 -27 April

*Peoria, Illinois - A black cultural week is scheduled to be held at Bradley University.

24-27 April

Washington, D.C. - A National Conference on the "Human Rights for the Man in Uniform" is apparently being planned for the Sheraton Park Hotel by the American Veterans Committee, 1333 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

30 April -
4 May

The National Executive Board and the National Committee of the C. P., U.S.A., met earlier this month in New York City to make preparations for the Party's 19th National Convention. The National Committee endorsed a proposal that the National Convention be held from April 30 to May 4, 1969.

On 17 January a call was issued for the Convention by Henry WINSTON, national chairman, and Gus HALL, general secretary. The call hails "the growing radicalization of black Americans, of workers, of students, and the youth."

Summer 1969

According to Leon SHENANDOAH, new Chief of the Iroquois Confederation, Indian tribes from all over North America will meet next summer to discuss

such problems as land disputes and the need for more social services.

SOURCE: Government and News Media

RELIABILITY: Probably true

SITUATION INFORMATION REPORTWashington, D C. (April 4-6) - Easter Weekend

Any prediction at this time as to the atmosphere which will prevail in the Washington area during Easter weekend 1969 is admittedly speculative and conjectural, particularly as there may be later official and unofficial decisions as to whether or not April 4, the anniversary of Martin Luther KING, Jr. 's assassination, will be declared an official Holiday locally by the federal and/or district government and/or by the local business community. It appears that the overwhelming majority of the populace would prefer that the weekend could be noted in traditional religious services and Easter customs and festivities, with appropriate memorial observation of KING's death by those so inclined. However, an air of tension and hostility has been growing nationally and locally and it must be considered that there will be disorders within the nation and possibly in the Washington Metropolitan area.

As many dissident groups have already indicated that they intend individually or in joint concerted actions to demonstrate during this period, it would be folly not to anticipate disorder. These numerous groupings include: anti-war and pacifist organizations; civil-rights and racial organizations; new-left and student organizations; and old left organizations. Their activities include marches, rallies, guerrilla theatre, memorial services, workshops, boycotts, etc. etc. Tempers have been rising, militance increasing, and inter-racial violence escalating particularly marked by polarization of whites and blacks at the high school level. Recent confrontations with the police, as exemplified in the shootings in Detroit during the recent gathering of members of the New Republic of Africa, militant black separatist organization, reflect the current hostile climate. The indictment of eight leaders in the disorders at the Democratic National Convention has been viewed by the dissident movements as another signal of a hardening posture and has been answered by expostulations to react with renewed vigor and activity to demonstrate to President NIXON and the Government that the Movement is no

less viable and dedicated than it was prior to the bombing halt and to NIXON's election. Stepped up activity is to emphasize the Vietnam War issue, the ABM system, and, of course, racism in the U. S. A. Rumors and reports of possible violent or destructive action nationally include the burning of ghetto areas in Chicago (black militants) and damage of military facilities in the Seattle area (SDS).

Locally, there have been intimations of violence if April 4 is not observed in the fashion deemed appropriate by militant blacks. Some direct threats have been made - for example, "Hahn Shoe Stores will be the first to go." Businessmen and other informants have not acknowledged receiving specific threats nor have any groups other than the "51st Statehood Committee" been noted as making belligerent demands or statements. The elements are present, nevertheless, for disorder if crowds gather and an incident occurs intentionally or inadvertently to spark it. Having failed to disrupt the Inauguration ceremonies to the extent they desired, the same dissident groups are eager for another opportunity to embarrass the administration and to further the same varied goals they had at that time. The recent property damage of the local DOW Chemical Company office, primarily by religious pacifists, may serve as an example to be emulated by others. In addition, black militants, although nationally uncoordinated, have shown increasing impatience in attaining their goals. Among the greater threats for disorder are the juveniles and young adults. They are responsible for the majority of the crime and violence in the area. Students will be out of school and potentially "on the streets" all weekend. Spring brings a rash of youthful exuberant mischievous activity, at best. There have been reports that students have vowed to break out all car lights which are not lit on April 4 in honor of KING.

The business community's decision on whether to close Friday, as was noted, is still moot. In addition to the campaign for closing being pushed by the D. C. Statehood Committee group, at least two predominantly white organizations are also agitating for it: Arthur Waskow's Center for Emergency Support and The Jews for Urban Justice.

Latest information reflects that Mayor Washington has officially announced a liberal leave policy for all D. C. employees on Friday, 4 April. This indicates there will be no official closings, but individual decisions must be made. At least two Safeway Stores in the District have received anonymous threats to close or "burn." Sources report widespread but unorganized discontent in the black community of the District. There have been reports of unidentified "out of towners" milling about the 14th Street area.

On the "right," the National Socialist White People's Party (NAZI) has dropped agitative leaflets in the area from a plane and can be counted on to make its disruptive influence felt during the weekend.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

- April 4 A newly formed District of Columbia Statehood Committee announced a drive to make the District the 51st State by 1971, and also declared that April 4, Good Friday should be a holiday marking the first anniversary of Martin Luther KING, Jr.'s, assassination.
- April 4 Washington civil rights leaders are planning at least four outdoor rallies on April 4 in addition to the March 30 mass march to the National Cathedral. Permit applications for the daytime rallies in Meridian Hill Park, DuPont Circle, Lincoln Park, and a small park at 48th and Deane Avenue, N. E., are still under consideration.
- April 4 *Friday, 8 p. m. - Peace and Freedom SEDER (Jewish rite) - featuring Haggadah by Arthur Waskow - especially written in memorial to Martin Luther KING, Jr. - Lincoln Temple - 11th and R, N. W.
- April 6 The National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE) is sponsoring a "Speak-Out on Vietnam." Six buses have been chartered to carry demonstrators from Philadelphia. SANE has applied for a permit to demonstrate in front of the White House. Some 500 individuals are expected to participate. Additionally SANE has called for a gathering at the Pentagon.
- April 6 *A Vietnam Passion Play at the Park 18th and H, N. W. Audience to be part of cast - sponsored by SANE.

SOURCE: Government and News Media.

RELIABILITY: Probably true.

SPECIAL SITUATION REPORT**Student Afro-American Society**

The Student Afro-American Society (SAS) was founded on the Columbia University campus in late 1962. Caught up in what its founder, Hilton CLARK called the "identity crisis," SAS's mission, though loosely formulated in the beginning, was designed to "relate" the Negro collegian to the black community and to synthesize his awareness of ethnic self.

SAS appears to be only one of many such Negro student organizations found on most campuses of predominantly white colleges and universities (at Harvard - Association of African and Afro-American Students; at Yale - Black Student Alliance; at Princeton - Association of Black Collegians; at Cornell - Afro-American Society; and at most other universities the Black Student Union). Although there is no defined and recorded unity among the various organizations, at least one regional conference of Afro groups has been held - at Columbia in 1966. The 1966 conference was attended by 300 delegates representing 30 schools in the Northeast.

Regardless of the purity of expressed initial motives, in the past several years Afro groups on most major American campuses have proven to be a radical, divisive force and a major contributor to the present state of college troubles. Through tactics ranging from disrespect and insulting arrogance to criminality, the names of the Afro campus groups have made the headlines from Columbia (the SAS) to San Francisco State (BSU). They have acted alone as at Cornell in the April 1969 armed takeover of a campus building and in coalition with other radical entities, often of a minority group nature, as at San Francisco State where they joined forces as part of the Third World Liberation Front.

The SAS is presently known only at Columbia but coincidentally named sister associations may exist at other places. The use of the name Black Student Union (used both at Maryland and at San Francisco