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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Three months into the school year university administrators, Government leaders, and private citizens are breathing a bit easier. Campus revolt seems to be on the decline. The splintering of once-powerful Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), many observers feel, reduces it to isolated, sectarian struggles, a far cry from its former mass movement capabilities. Militant black campus groups are under attack by students who dislike their reliance on terrorist tactics and reverse racism. Despite such favorable omens, student radicalism is not dead...and it is worthwhile to take a look at the organization which expects to benefit most from New Left disenchantment, an organization which appears to be emerging as the new leader of radical youth - the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA).

There's plenty of evidence to support this contention...that the YSA, youth arm of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party (SWP), has the inside line with campus rebels today. And that's exactly what SWP had in mind when it formed a loose amalgamation of youth, of various left socialist tendencies, in October 1957. By April 1960 YSA had reached the point where official unified direction was needed. The resulting founding convention formed a National Executive Committee (totally SWP composed) which aligned YSA with the "traditions of Marxian socialism as developed by Lenin, Trotsky, Luxemburg and Liebknecht." (Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, German socialists, were leaders in the 1919 Spartacist uprising.) YSA, in turn, recognized SWP as the "only existing leadership on class struggle principles." Thus, the Alliance became SWP's hope for radical youth leadership and recruiting base for future SWPers.

YSA's "emergence" hinged on several factors. Free of the taint of foreign direction (such as USSR-dominated CPUSA or Peking-lining PLP), it appealed to radical youth with its "Americanism," its concern with national issues and its seeming willingness to peacefully work for change within the system, i. e., via ballot box (YSA supports SWP candidates for national and local office). It ostensibly seeks an American socialist state operating in a world socialist community.

Discipline, enforced by the old left principle of "democratic centralism," is an essential tool of YSA leadership. "We can argue points in our meetings," explained oceanographic major Jay LaVassar, "but after the vote is taken everybody is required to abide by the decision of the majority." Thus, tactical decisions on local issues are made at the campus chapter level, but always within the bounds of national strategy - determined by SWP. To avoid isolation and harsh response from authorities YSA's current tactics require "defensively-formulated demands." YSA views demands like "Shut the University Down" as poor, putting students on the defensive to defend their demand. Rather, clear, reasonable demands, such as "Support Black Control of Black Studies" is good, rallying broad support and putting the university on the defensive. Such demands, in YSA's view, have the added advantage of putting the "onus for any violence that occurs where it properly belongs - on the university administration, not on the students."

At the national level "united front" is the name of the YSA game. Mass support, Alliance leaders feel, requires issues evoking the broadest sympathy and implying majority backing. Peter Camejo (formerly YSAer, now SWPer and non-student leader of Berkeley's YSA chapter) told his audience (YSA educational conference) in mid-1969, "You should try to get everybody who is against the war to work together. The YSA understands that the best way to end this war, and to weaken the ruling class, is to get massive consciousness against the war - and to break the concept that the people against the war are a minority." Trotskyites have always been anti-war (they view war as imperialism's ultimate weapon of oppression) and YSA expanded this anti-war thesis into its central rallying issue. It's "united front" was a loose coalition of youthful anti-war protest movements which now calls itself the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC). Formed in December 1966 SMC activists led Vietnam Week protests in April 1967; later that year were major participants in the Pentagon demonstration; and in April 1968 organized the nationwide student strike. More recently SMC, operating within the New Mobilization Committee's protest coalition, "got out" the young during November anti-war demonstrations in Washington and San Francisco.

YSA's view that anti-war action is essentially anti-imperialist in character (therefore anti-U. S. capitalism), led it to regard the Vietnam War as its "single issue" around which to rally mass support and provide a base for radical education (a la Trotsky). From its anti-war base YSA attempts to enlarge student consciousness regarding other "imperialistic" tools.

On-campus, YSA issues encompass "institutionalized racism," war related research, ROTC, minority discrimination, corporate "domination" of college administrations and meaningless education. Its program embraces such non-campus issues as support of black power, black control of black communities and anti-draft and GI protest movements.

National reform is only one aspect of YSA. Internationally it joins with dissident youth organs from other countries like the French Jeunesse Communiste Revolutionnaire (Revolutionary Communist Youth) led by Alain Krivine who polled 1.06 percent in 1968 French presidential elections; the German Socialist Students Federation; Belgian Youth Guard; Japan's violence-prone Zengakuren; and Canada's Ligue des Jeunes Socialistes (League of Young Socialists). Three days of wild demonstrations erupted in Berkeley in 1968 as YSA led a coalition of youth groups protesting DeGaulle's treatment of French student rioters. Despite a 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, over forty persons were injured and 132 arrests were made.

In this hemisphere, YSA's historical support for Castro continues. Fourteen YSAers spent 6 weeks celebrating the Revolution's 10th Anniversary in January-February this year. SWP has apparently recovered from the trauma induced when Cuba gave critical endorsement to Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia. Subsequent SWP-Cuban discussions resulted in continued SWP support for Castro but the vaguely worded communique... which reserved for SWP its "own independent and sometimes differing view on various issues"... conveyed SWP disappointment. After all, Cuba was SWP's model of socialism, "the Socialist example for the development of the colonial revolution," and any USSR support must have been crushing to Trotskyites.

The Cuban compromise highlights the "flexibility" of SWP-YSA politics. Its ability to compromise contrasts with the absolutism of other radicals. For example, YSA usually labels "social democrats" as "reformist" however, it supported Dubcek's social democracy against Red Army occupation and called for Warsaw pact troop withdrawal. Earlier it supported Hungarian and Polish workers uprisings. It views both the USSR and Communist China as bureaucratic revisionists inflicting on workers their own style of oppression.

So... YSA had something for everyone. Even so, its appeals resulted in only minor growth up to mid-1968. Then, as National

Chairman Charles Bolduc reported, membership "doubled from 400 to 800 during the last six months of 1968." Some of this spurt can be laid to "switching" by disaffected SDSers and a modest increase in high school members. But most of it apparently stemmed from stepped-up YSA/SMC recruiting coupled with growing sentiment against the Vietnam War. At the 1968 National Convention high school recruiting received additional stress and membership requirements were "relaxed"... in an attempt to swell membership to several thousand and increase campus chapters from 38 to 100 during 1969. There's no indication these goals were met, but judging from YSA/SMC's growing leadership role among radicals (and peace advocates, often well-intentioned, sincere students who are unaware of SMC's role as a Trotskyite front) some increase in both college and high school members can be expected. YSA should also have benefitted by attracting the lion's share of disenchanted SDSers whose own organization disintegrated in mid-summer. Continued modest membership growth can be predicted for 1970, however, most can be expected to come directly from YSA/SMC recruiting, rather than from defecting competitors.

The forthcoming 9th YSA National Convention (University of Minnesota, 27-30 December) will probably contain few surprises. Past success should dictate continuation of present policies. YSA's present single-issue campaign based on an anti-war posture will continue. Massive American troop withdrawal from Vietnam could blunt YSA's main thrust, however, such a withdrawal is not likely in 1970. Expect mass action and united front tactics to continue also. YSA will attempt to strengthen and broaden SMC's role in anti-war actions (as well as on-campus issues) and will stress support to GI-dissenters and draft opposition. High school recruiting will be emphasized again in 1970. The recently enacted draft legislation will, as one YSAer views it, cause a "further extension and deepening of the radicalization in the high schools, the place where the 19-year-olds will come from." Greater effort to involve black and third world minorities in the anti-war drive is anticipated. YSA's "black liberation" program is already receiving a large share of attention at pre-convention educational seminars on various campuses.

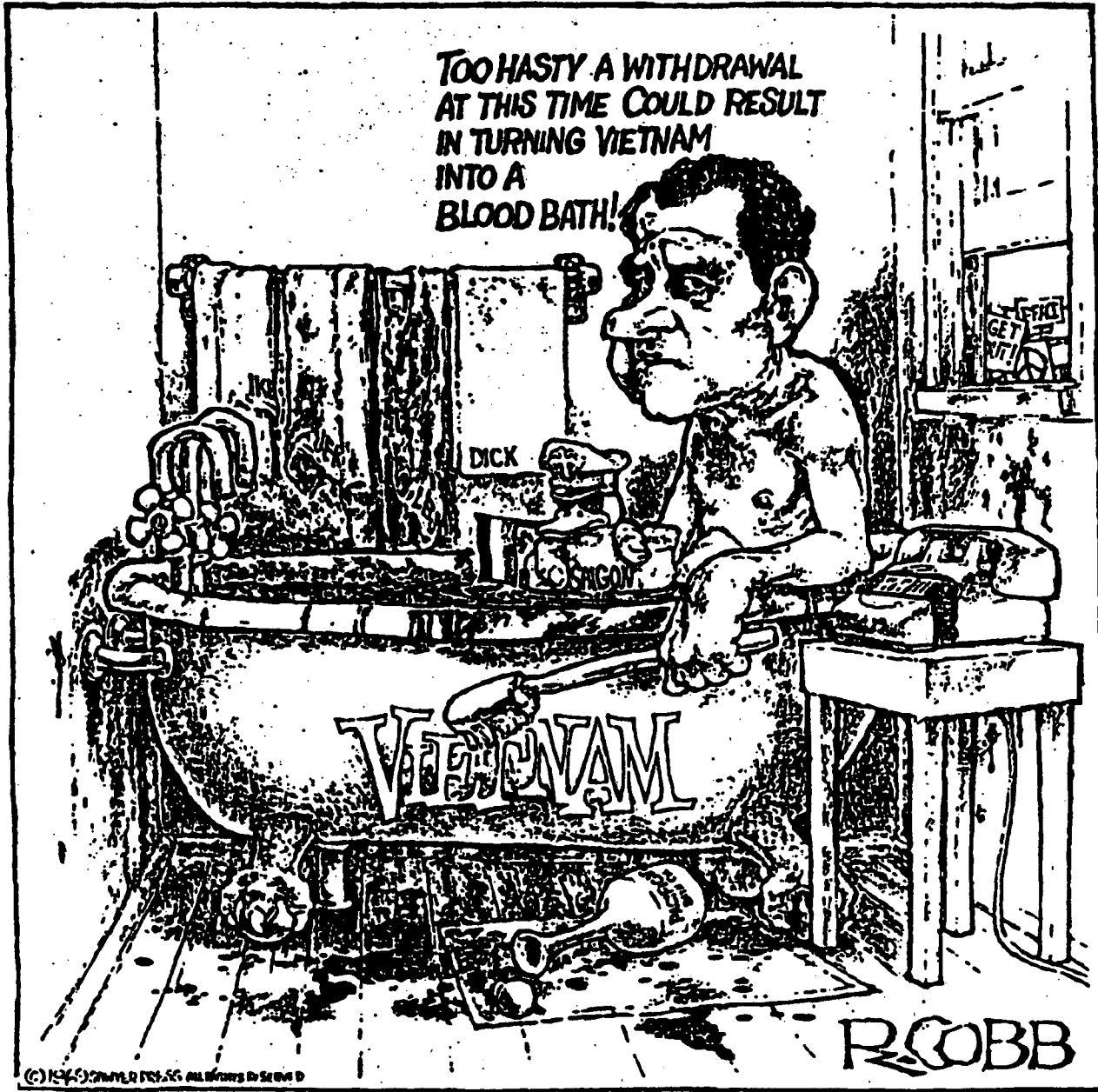
While the "old left" may not be as glamorous as recent groups of New Left anarchists, its threat potential may be greater and its aim the same - destruction of American democracy. It is willing to

forego immediate change in favor of a program of gradual erosion of democratic institutions. It seeks to build a large base of members and sympathizers to pave the way for revolution in 10, 20, or even 30 years. Socialism's target is today's impressionable youth. The Young Socialist Alliance, SWP's action arm among youth, merits close and continuing attention.



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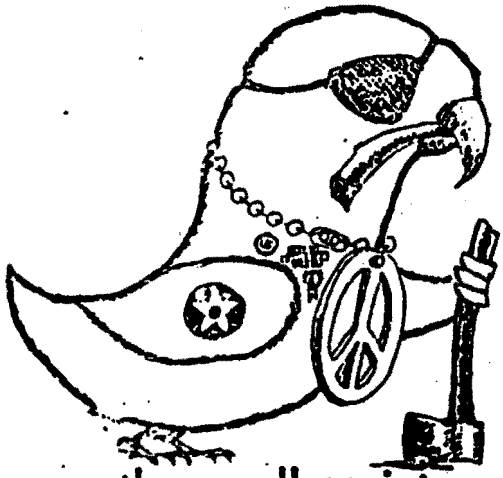
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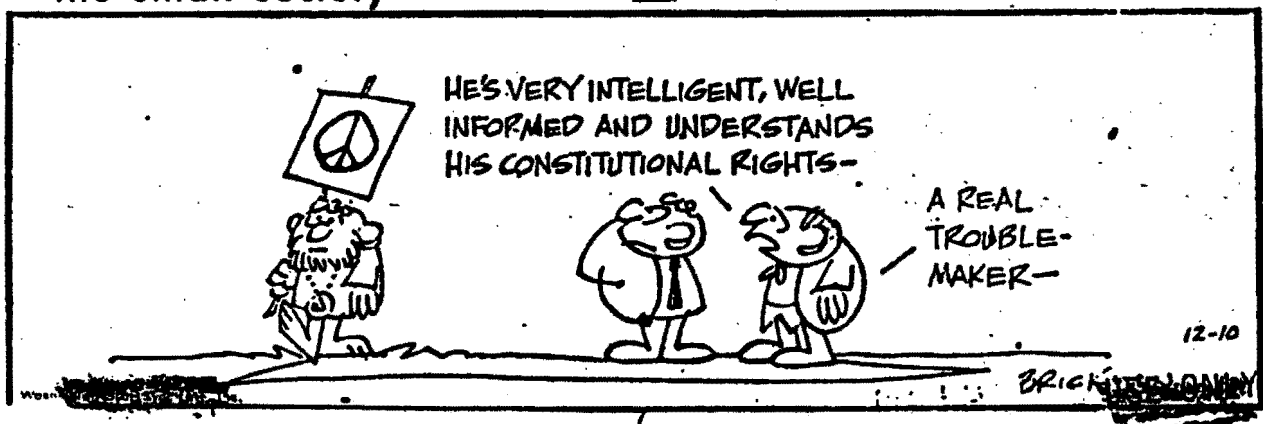
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THE EVENING STAR
Washington, D. C., Wednesday, December 10, 1969



This weekend the nation will experience round three in the Vietnam Moratorium Committee's battle to get the troops out of Southeast Asia. To recapitulate, the first moratorium was in mid-October after extensive planning (since at least June) and, from a sinistral point of view was highly successful. The greatest single accomplishment was turning 100,000 people out in Boston Commons. In mid-November the VMC was forced to share the limelight with the New Mobe who, like the VMC in October, had devoted many months to the November protests. The New Mobe dominated November, closely followed by the Student Mobe leaving the once ambitious and perhaps over-enthusiastic VMC little more than a sippet.

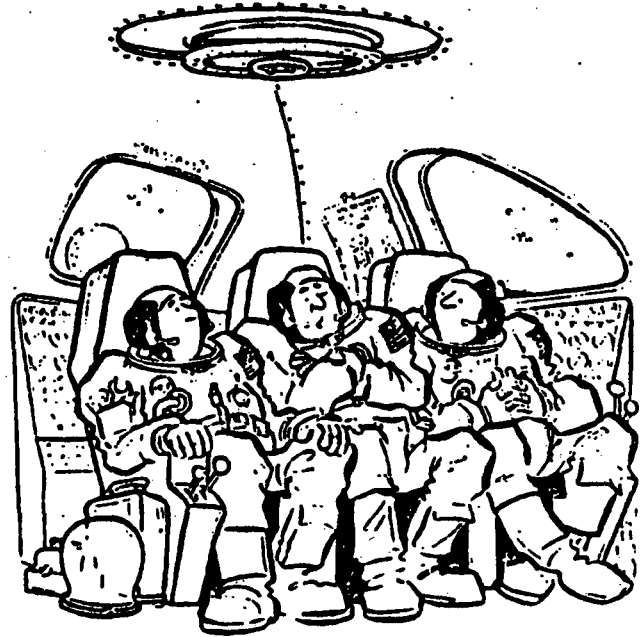
VMC leaders, who march to the rhythm of a different drummer, now concede that December will be the last expanded protest (one day in October, two in November, three in December, etc.). Marge Sklencar, one of the four national coordinators recently asked "what could we do for eight days in May."

The December demonstrations planned for the 12th, 13th, and 24th are shaping up to be generally unproductive and dull to the point of boredom. It appears that December will be for the youngsters. They will leaflet shopping center Christmas shoppers, sing Christmas carols (with a peace on earth theme), and promote church services, pray-ins, and sing-ins. All forms of press media (conventional, radical, and underground) have failed to see newsworthiness in the December effort and therefore have not afforded the VMC all the free publicity of last October.

Former Pennsylvania Senator Joseph S. Clark, President of United World Federalists, as well as chairman of the little known and ineffective Coalition for National Priorities and Military Policy has thrown his coalition in with Sam Brown and the VMC and will organize a series of town meetings in several dozen American communities to discuss such over-worked topics as local needs, military spending and Federal taxes.

Although no big names in the communist-radical-peacenik ranks have been publicized for the December demonstration speech making effort there will probably be a few usual, anti-administration, anti-war diatribes around the country. It is hard to imagine Spock, Dellinger, Rennie Davis, Carol Lipman, and many others missing an opportunity to kick the establishment shin.

One may well hear a few more voices singing Christmas songs and may be handed a pamphlet by a youthful hippie at the shopping center but otherwise there will be no excitement this weekend or Christmas eve, except for the usual excitement of the typical American office party.



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"I can't help thinking if we'd carried protest signs they'd have taken more interest in us. . . ."

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NATIONAL REVIEW

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

December 12, Hot Springs, Arkansas

The Vice-President will be the subject of a demonstration at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on 12 December during his appearance at the National Republican Governors Conference. This demonstration is being sponsored by the Fayetteville, Arkansas, Peace Group and is expected to attract approximately fifty demonstrators. At the same time, the Council for the Liberation of Blacks plans to conduct a picket line across the street from the hotel where the Vice-President is scheduled to speak. This demonstration is for the purpose of dramatizing the ineffectiveness of the local Office of Economic Opportunity.

Allegedly, a group of students from the University of Arkansas intend to run through the streets shouting obscenities about the Vice-President.

***December 13, New York, New York**

Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam will stage a demonstration from 1600 to 1800 hours, 13 December at the General Electric building at Lexington Avenue and 51st Street.

***December 13, Brooklyn, New York**

A march scheduled by an unidentified peace group at 1300 hours from 73rd Street and Seventh Avenue to Fort Hamilton area. March then to proceed to St. John's Episcopal Church for service. Attendance of 300 anticipated. Permit for march granted.

***December 12-13, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Philadelphia Resistance will stage a 48-hour teach-in from 0001 hours, 12 December to 2100 hours, 13 December at St. Mary's

Episcopal Church, Locust Street. The My Lai Massacre, GI organizing, military-industrial complex are among topics for discussion.

*December 12-13, Baltimore, Maryland

Students from Baltimore Junior College plan to leaflet the city of Baltimore.

*December 12, Fort Meade, Maryland

Revolutionary Youth Movement II (RYM II) faction of SDS will stage anti-war demonstration at the Fort. The time of the planned demonstration is not known.

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*December 12-16, Washington, D. C.

George Washington University SDS demonstrators will attempt an occupation of the ROTC area, second floor, North Building, on 12 December. The Vietnam Moratorium Committee will stage activities on 12 December at the Office of Economic Opportunity, Health, Education, and Welfare Buildings. A vigil planned by VMC at the "G" Street, N. W., draft board.

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The VMC will sponsor "Carolling for Peace" during 13 December.

A "Squat-in" is planned by National Tenants Organization on 15 December.

*December 13, Miami, Florida

New Party members, and sympathizers commenced reading names of Vietnam war dead on steps of Flagler Street Court House at 2400 hours, 11 December this activity will continue until 1700 hours, 13 December.

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*December 12, 13 and 24, Cincinnati, Ohio

The Cincinnati Peace Coalition will sponsor a "Yuletide for Peace" song fest 12-13 December at Fountain Square, Cincinnati. A Christmas eve peace service is planned at St. John's Unitarian Church.

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*December 12, Normal, Alabama

Student government at Alabama A&M College (AAM) will sponsor an appearance by Hosea Williams of Southern Christian Leadership Conference to lead a march from the mall shopping area in Huntsville, Alabama, four miles to AAM gymnasium where Williams will speak. March includes a coffin draped with the American flag drawn by mules.

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*December 13, 14, and 23, Detroit, Michigan

On 13 & 14 December speeches and the distribution of anti-war leaflets will occur throughout Detroit sponsored by the SMC and Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam. On 23 December the Committee will sponsor a candlelight procession to Kennedy Square or the foot of Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit.

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*December 11-12, South Bend, Indiana

The St. Joseph County Committee to End the War in Vietnam plans a film showing at the North Shore Drive Unitarian Church on 11 December and a candlelight march on 12 December from the church to the downtown section of South Bend.

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*December 13, Madison, Wisconsin

The Madison Area Peace Council has requested six parade permits for marches to start in various Madison parks and end at the State Selective Service headquarters.

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*December 12, 13, 17, 18, and 24, St. Louis, Missouri

The Greater St. Louis Peace Coalition plans the distribution of leaflets on campuses on 12 December, at major shopping areas on 13 December, at major transportation terminals, on 17 and 18 December, and at churches before and after religious services on 24 December.

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*December 12-13, Austin, Texas

On 12 December the SMC plans a Christmas anti-war vigil at the Zilker Park Christmas tree, picketing of Balcones Research

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Laboratory from 1100 to 1300 hours, an anti-war rally at 1330 hours on University of Texas, Main Mall, and a march downtown at 1515 hours with leafleting along the route. A regional anti-war conference will be held on campus on 13 December.

The SMC will also sponsor a rally on University of Texas campus at Austin featuring discussion of Laos situation, Conspiracy Eight trial and anti-war movement. SMC will then march through downtown Austin. SMC plans anti-war conferences throughout Texas in small towns where there have been no previous Vietnam activities.

*December 12-13, San Antonio, Texas

The San Antonio Committee for Peace and Freedom, the American Friends Service Committee, and the San Antonio Moratorium Committee will sponsor "Town Meeting" at Trinity University, on 12 December.

A boycott against buying is scheduled 13 December by above organizations. Shoppers will be leafleted and engaged in conversation.

*December 12-13, El Paso, Texas

The Student Action Committee of the University of Texas at El Paso plans to hold a teach-in from 1200 to 1500 hours on 12 December. GI's for Peace (GIP) at Fort Bliss, allegedly will hold services at the Unitarian Fellowship Church, from 1330 to 1430 hours on 13 December. GIP members will pass out literature in El Paso shopping centers at 1830 hours on 13 December.

*December 13, Seattle, Washington

A "Mill-in" supported by American Servicemen's Union, Student Mobilization Committee, will be staged from 1100 to 1500 hours at the Westlake Mall shopping area. Demonstrators will attempt to disrupt shoppers and distribute leaflets.

*December 12, Olympia, Washington

An independent group granted permit by Olympia City Commission to parade at 1915 hours from State Capitol to Sylvester Park.

Parade to be silent candlelight procession with names of war dead read. No estimates on numbers of participants.

*December 14, Oceanside, California

Anti-war demonstration to be sponsored by Green Machine Coffee House, First Unitarian Church and New Mobilization Committee, Los Angeles. Speakers to include former servicemen, one priest, and David Hilliard, Chief of Staff, BPP. Hilliard was arrested on 5 December for making threats against the President of the U. S. A. and may not be available.

The Peace and Freedom Party plans a military moratorium near Camp Pendleton. The rally will begin at the Oceanside Police Department followed by a march at 1:40 hours to Beach Stadium for a rally where Capt. Howard Levi, Donald Duncan, Lt. Susan Schnell, Angela Davis, and an unidentified Black Panther Party member and serviceman will speak.

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*December 12 and 24, San Francisco, California

After a rally, a candlelight march to Union Square will be followed by leafletting of shopping area advocating boycott of Christmas purchases to protest war. 2500 participants expected.

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On 24 December the Bay Area Peace Action Council will hold a rally at the Gate of the Presidio.

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*December 12-13, Long Beach, California

Demonstration targets of Southern California anti-war groups during period to be Long Beach Naval Station; American Electric Company, North Long Beach, and Presidential San Clemente Estate, where candlelight vigil planned. Spokesman for Peace Action Council of Los Angeles says demonstrations will "relate to servicemen or military bases."

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*December 13, 14 and 24, Los Angeles, California

The SMC will sponsor a rally at South Park at 1:00 hours. BPP members are scheduled to speak. The purpose of the rally is to mobilize black students for participation in the 14 December Oceanside, California, rally.

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The San Fernando Valley State College Vietnam Moratorium Committee plans a rally for 13 December at Sherman Oaks Park.

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee plans to hold a candle-light rally and march at 1730 hours on 13 December. 20,000 persons are expected to participate in the march down Van Nuys Boulevard.

A "Stand for Peace Along Wilshire" demonstration is planned for 24 December from 1200-1400 hours. Participants are expected by the VMC to occupy 12 intersections on Wilshire Boulevard.

*December 13, Fayetteville, North Carolina - Anti-war demonstration parade in Fayetteville will include 30-40 students from University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. Organizers are representatives of Southern Students Organizing Committee and Progressive Political Union. The PPU is an UNC-C campus organization whose leaders subscribe to New Left philosophies. A state leader of past moratorium activities, and a member of the GIUAWV at Fort Bragg, N. C., are to assist in coordinating demonstration. *Nick 7387 5/28*

*December 13, Wrightstown, New Jersey

Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, plans to assemble at 1300 hours in front of town movie theatre and move to Fort Dix, New Jersey. Theme of demonstration is to show silent majority doesn't exist, stop war in Vietnam, stop trial of "Fort Dix 38," and stop exploitation of GI's at Fort Dix. *filed 4/2/69*

*December 13, Phoenix, Arizona

Silent Majority, local organization in favor of administration policies, will sponsor march from Federal Building to State Capitol grounds where rally will be held to show 100 percent support for GI's in Vietnam. Group expects over 1,000 participants. *filed 6/3/69*

*December 13, Fort Dix, New Jersey

Student Mobilization Committee of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to hold anti-war demonstration 1300 hours. Participants to assemble at town movie theatre, Wrightstown. Group to protest war and alleged exploitation of GI's at Fort Dix. *filed 7/3/69*

December 13-14, Cleveland, Ohio

While the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam has not yet officially announced its plans for the future, its Executive Committee has indicated that contrary to original "stated" intention to be just an Ad Hoc Coalition for purposes of organizing the Fall Offensive on a United Front basis, it feels it "has a future" and will consider detailed plans for new anti-war demonstrations. A Cleveland meeting on December 13-14 will include the 100 odd-members of the steering committee and will probably ratify the Executive Committee opinion. *100y 11/14/69 25000069*

*December 13-14, Oakland, California

Bay Area Peace Action Committee granted permit to hold parade at General Electric plant on 13 December. Servicemen will speak at morning church services on 14 December. Later, conference at Oakland Technical high school will feature anti-war speeches by Vietnam veterans. Leaders of demonstrations say first priority is to recruit servicemen to participate in low-key demonstrations. *FILE 9337 DEC*

*December 16, Washington, D. C.

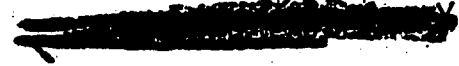
The Vietnam Moratorium Committee plans peace activities at the time of the tree-lighting ceremony at the White House December 16. The student group plans to organize Christmas caroling at the White House on December 22, 23, and 24. *FILE 10000*

December 20, Los Angeles, California

Brown Berets of Los Angeles to hold Chicano Moratorium. March from Memorial Monument, Brooklyn and Indiana Streets, to Obregon Park, where rally will be held. Berets claim 3,000 to participate. No further information available. *FILE 9316 22000*

December 20, International

In Helsinki in August 1969, at the World Meeting of Solidarity of Youth and Students with Vietnam, attended by young people from 78 countries, among three documents adopted was one containing recommendations for national youth organizations and movements to *100y 11/20/69*



conduct a world-wide campaign of action of the youth and students in support of the Vietnamese people and its struggle for independence, freedom and peace. Mass activities on December 20 - the day of establishment of the South Vietnam National Liberation Front, "must become a culmination of all the mass action conducted in the most diverse forms," it declared.

SOURCE: Government and news media

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