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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.

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The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice concluded its big summer meeting at Milwaukee on 27 June. Proposals and plans advanced and adopted during the three-day session were encumbered with the usual rhetoric, and at this point they are regarded as sketchy and highly indefinite.

Antiwar events which took place in Washington and San Francisco in the spring clearly indicate that the leading role in antiwar activities in the immediate future will be played by the Trotskyite-dominated National Peace Action Coalition. The Milwaukee conference even decided to join with the NPAC in cooperative ventures this fall. It can be expected that when the NPAC meets at Hunter College in New York this coming weekend that they will call the shots for forthcoming antiwar activities. Their strength at this time is probably so great that the PCPJ will be faced with the alternatives of either playing the game by the NPAC rules or facing the highly likely prospects of dismal failure. The NPAC in order to exercise the leadership role will probably reject many of the plans adopted by the CPUSA-dominated PCPJ. The Rennie Davis-led May Day Collective which is one of many organizations making up the PCPJ can be expected to go it alone in disruptive tactics as they did last spring with a degree of success. The MDC after the efforts to close down Washington last May has emerged as the most radical element in the antiwar movement. This group has rejected political orthodoxy, has established itself as drug oriented, and appears to subscribe to the general philosophy of "revolution for the hell of it."

It has been recently reported that the MDC has purchased a tract of land somewhere in the Carolinas where they will establish a revolutionary commune. It is reasonably certain that the MDC will be heard from again, but they will probably alter their disruptive tactics of the past in an effort to increase their potential for success. It should be anticipated that their future disruptive activities at Washington and elsewhere will probably be planned in increasing confidential circles in an effort to catch those responsible for law enforcement off guard.

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Last weekend's conference at Milwaukee from early reports appears to have been better organized and more tightly controlled than past conferences staged by this group and its predecessor organizations. Approximately 400 persons reportedly were in attendance (although conference organizers claimed between 800 and 1,000 registrants), and reportedly policy decisions were made by the leadership without consulting the delegates. Organizers reported that approximately 100 organizations were represented, the most prominent ones as in the past were the May Day Collective, the National Welfare Rights Organization, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The same faces, too, dominated activities; and those prominent figures in attendance were David Dellinger, Sidney Peck, Father James Groppi and others (although it has not yet been confirmed, Rennie Davis, leader of the MDC, probably was present at Milwaukee). Black comedian Dick Gregory spoke to the gathering, promoting a consumer boycott at Thanksgiving and Christmas time this year. The mother of Angela Davis and Al Hubbard who represented the VVAW also addressed the group. The articulate spokesman for the Vietnam veterans, ex-lieutenant John Forbes Kerry, was not reported in attendance and probably was not there. Kerry's popularity during spring antiwar activities and his willingness to embrace the publicity afforded him by national television has been criticized by members of his organization, and he is reportedly on his way out of his leadership role with the veteran's group for the crime of "elitism."

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At the same time the Milwaukee conference was in session, 175 people attended the Northwest May Day Collective conference at Eugene, Oregon. Reportedly this meeting produced nothing but a drug-inspired euphoria among the participants and the open-ended decision that some form of demonstration was in order in coming months.

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The Milwaukee meeting decided on the activities listed below. It should be emphasized that at this point their scheduled plans should not

be taken seriously; these plans are highly subject to change, and without considerable advance planning and the approval of the NPAC they have very scant chance of success:

4-6 July, New York

The May Day Coalition caucus at the Milwaukee conference planned a May Day party at Rockefeller Center.

At Boston, Massachusetts, the May Day Coalition decided to invade Boston beaches where guerrilla theaters will be conducted.

In Chicago block parties will be scheduled featuring acts of vandalism.

Washington, D.C. -- Although not a decision made at the Milwaukee conference, a related event by drug users has been publicized in underground newspapers for the Capital City over the Independence Day weekend. Probably under the sponsorship of the Underground Press Syndicate but with added participation by Yippies, Vietnam Veterans, White Panthers and streetniks, a marijuana "smoke-in" will be conducted in the city to demand that the U.S. sign the People's Peace Treaty as well as repeal all drug laws and guarantee an adequate supply of marijuana for everyone. The "smoke-in" at the Washington Monument on the 4th and coupled with a rock festival at the "P Street Beach" on the 6th will also call for the release of all political prisoners and may attempt to attack the South Vietnam embassy on 6 July. It is not believed that the Washington demonstration will cause significant disruption but will probably result in a number of drug-related arrests. Participation should be light to moderate in size.

1 August

The national May Day Coalition is planning a convention on 1 August at a location not yet selected.

6-9 August, Nationwide

Commemoration and observance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days (plans indefinite).

7 August, Birmingham

Demonstrations in support of Angela Davis.

1 September, Washington, D.C.

NWRO will rally and demonstrate in the city in an effort to stop the enactment of President Nixon's Family Assistance Plan. The NWRO

has campaigned for some time for a guaranteed family income of \$6,500 for a family of four. (The NWRO has also been subject to the pressures of inflation. Over the past two years their demands have gone from \$4,500 to \$5,500 and now to \$6,500.)

6-16 October, Nationwide

This period represents the first significant possibility of disruption at Washington, D.C. and other cities similar to the street action of last May. This time period reportedly will start with massive regional demonstrations with New York City singled out for heavy demonstrations on 13 October (a Wednesday). This date will probably be advanced for activities to be scheduled by the NPAC at the forthcoming session in New York. It is then hoped by PCPJ leaders that the demonstration will move to Washington for 14-15 October. Boston, Massachusetts, is scheduled as the prime target for 16 October where sit-down demonstrations at military bases will be scheduled. Hanscomb Field in the Boston area was specifically mentioned at Milwaukee. October 13 has tentatively been scheduled as a day of national moratorium to stop business as usual. This tactic has been tried a number of times in the past always resulting in dismal failure. The 14th and 15th of October also have been designated as days of locally organized civil disobedience around the country.

6-13 November, San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

The PCPJ has planned a series of activities during this period at the above cities and possibly elsewhere. The 6th of November, a Saturday, is scheduled for a demonstration march in support of the People's Peace Treaty. On 7 November organizers envision a "soul rally" at Washington probably featuring rock music groups in an effort once again to amass youthful music lovers for an assault on the city scheduled for Monday, 8 November. Demonstration planners anticipate closing down the "military aspects of the Government" for two or three days. The scenario for November appears so far to be a carbon copy of activities staged last May. Although the dates are still highly subject to change, at this time it appears that 8 November is considered the most likely day for the next serious effort at disrupting the city and certain agencies of Government.

Additional details will be reported as they become available. The forthcoming New York meeting of the Trotskyite group could and probably will significantly alter demonstration planning. Additionally, the seriously planned disruptions and demonstrations will not be firmly identified until publicity has begun.

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