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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

As previously reported, the San Diego Convention Coalition, a group which has been organized to coordinate demonstrations during the Republican National Convention, is circulating a petition expressing opposition to the Republican Party holding its convention in San Diego. The text of this petition has previously been reported. Efforts will be made to seek 100,000 signatures of residents opposing San Diego as the convention site. It is intended that the petition will be transmitted to the White House.

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The SDCC has announced a Western Region Planning Conference at Santa Barbara, (Isla-Vista) California on March 17-19. A number of "leftist" groups are expected to attend. Friday night the conference is to be held in the lounge of the Student Center at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the other meetings are to be held at the "LaCasa" a Chicano community center. This conference will set forth the objectives of the SDCC during the Republican Convention. The coalition has issued a call which states the following:

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"Because we view the Nixon Doctrine politically and militarily, at home and abroad, as a supreme threat to all peoples of the world, we believe that massive opposition to Nixon's policies must be demonstrated here in San Diego in August of '72.

The demonstrations being planned can outflank Nixon domestically and internationally. Coalitions of Blacks, Chicanos, Asians, women, working people, and the unemployed can reveal the depth of domestic opposition. International opposition can be expressed by obtaining the authority of other countries and liberation movements to carry their flags in our demonstrations.

In addition to demonstrations, we will be preparing with other groups a peoples' platform and a large exposition in the campsite called "expose '72," which with movies, exhibits,

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and displays will portray the struggles of people all over the world. We need your ideas and skills to make the platform and the "expose '72" truly reflect the present situation. . . ."

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Two groups have decided to give financial assistance to organizations in San Diego who are protesting the Republican Convention. The first organization called the Joint Service Action Center has a budget of \$51,000. The San Diego Convention Coalition is attempting to obtain the total amount. The second organization called the Inter-faith Task Force (most active in N. Y. C. and Washington, D. C.) is composed of various religious dominations who are interested in church participation at the forthcoming GPO Convention. Rev. Van Anderson, a member of the San Diego Inter-faith Task Force and an organization known as the Community Congress, has been conducting speaking engagements at churches and civic clubs in the area. Anderson is urging participation in the Inter-faith Task Force and the Community Congress programs which include housing, feeding and counseling the street people who will be in San Diego during the convention. Anderson claims to have served on the staff of the University of Missouri at Kansas City as a sociologist and reportedly was in Chicago during the 1968 Democratic Convention.

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Members of the Community Congress of San Diego have requested financial support from the Joint Service Action Center and the Inter-faith Task Force. The Community Congress is a newly formed militant group which has grown out of a largely successful San Diego drug abuse and counseling activity. The CC plans to use the GOP Convention to call attention to a need for federal funding for free drug clinics, ex-convict rehabilitation agencies, halfway houses for runaways and unmarried pregnant girls and a criminal justice reform task force. In the past the CC has displayed greater interest in social reform than in politics.

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Reportedly, John P. Adams a member of the Joint Service Action Center and the Inter-faith Task Force, has recently been in San Diego investigating the San Diego Convention Coalition and the Community Congress regarding their request for funds. (The SDCC has requested \$102,000 and the CC has requested \$23,000). Adam was in contact with the San Diego Police Department in an effort to determine if the SDCC and the CC are violence prone organizations.

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The United Farm Workers Union has announced that it would turn its boycott machinery against the Republican Party because it was trying to destroy the labor movement among field hands. Leroy Chatfield, administrative assistant for the AFL-CIO announced the U. F. W. would send 25,000 farm workers to the GOP Convention in August to

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demonstrate against the party. The union also has an immediate plan to send 250 members to its boycott offices in 32 cities to begin the anti-Republican campaign.

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CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

18-26 March, Nationwide

The Youth International Party (YIP) the militant hippie group recently announced a nationwide voter registration drive which they will call "Spring Freak Week" on the above dates. No additional details are known but the drive is not expected to draw significant attention if any.

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19 March, New York City

The Jewish Defense League, self-described as a militant activist group, has announced that a mass demonstration would be staged in the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza at the United Nations Building on the above date. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest against the policies of the United Arab Republic.

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*25 March, Washington, D.C.

As previously reported the National Welfare Rights Organization, a group interested in increased welfare payments for recipients, is sponsoring a "Children's March for Survival" on the above date. Leaders of the NWRO expect 15,000 to participate in the march, however, the metropolitan police have advised that they expect between 7,500 and 10,000 demonstrators.

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The children participating in the march will assemble at the west end of the mall between 12th and 14th Streets, then proceed to 15th and Pa. Avenue past the White House and return by 17th St. to the Ellipse. A rally and children's festival are to be held at the Ellipse from 1 p.m. until dark.

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Delegate Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.) and School Board president Marion Barry announced that the Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana and the D.C. School Board voted to support the Children's March. Among the list of people who support the march include Rep. Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.), Dr. Benjamin Spock, Gloria Steinem, the Harrisburg 8, John Kerry, Dick Gregory, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

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The organizations which have endorsed the march include the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and other antiwar and women's liberation groups. The demonstration will protest the Nixon administration welfare policies; and oppose the welfare reform bill known as HR-1 which has been passed by the House. The bill includes the Family Assistance Plan setting a \$2400 minimum income for a family of four and provisions for custodial care of children between the ages of three and six which NWRO and other groups consider inadequate.

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*21 March-2 April, Harrisburg and Gettysburg, Pa.; Wash., D.C.; Laurel, Aberdeen, Baltimore, Catonsville and Fredrick, Md.

The D. C. Defense Committee, the Washington, D. C. affiliate of the Harrisburg Defense Committee, plans to participate in the following revised "pilgrimage to Harrisburg" program.

March 21--The pilgrimage begins at 0830 hours at the Dept. of Justice Building, 10th and Pa. Avenues, Wash., D. C. with leafletting and speeches. The participants then will proceed to Andrews Air Force Base for an antiwar demonstration. In the afternoon the group will visit Ft. Meade for another antiwar demonstration. At 1800 hours a community supper is scheduled at the Laurel Presbyterian Church. An open educational session with speakers followed by open workshops will take place at the church commencing at 1930 hours.

- Speakers will cover such subjects as (1) the Trial (a defendant or unindicted co-conspirator), (2) Erosion of civil liberties and legal significance of the trial, (3) Moral and theological issues, (4) the airwar and (5) Action ideas.

The workshops will concentrate on (1) Women's liberation, (2) Airwar and electronic battlefield film slides, (3) Slides on oppression in Brazil, (4) Street and guerrilla tactics, (5) Various forms of resistance, (6) Life style and alternative institutions--(communes, food buying corps, free medical and legal clinics). Similar evening programs are scheduled for Catonsville, Fredrick and Gettysburg, all overnight stops for the D. C. Defense Committee caravan.

March 22--0830 hours--A demonstration is planned at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds; 1300-1500 hours--Demonstrations at the Maryland State Penitentiary and the Baltimore City Jail; 1800 hours--community supper and 1930 hours--an evening program at St. Mary's College (Seminary) one mile north and east of Wilkins Road and Interstate 695 (the Baltimore Beltway).

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Defense Committee*

March 23--0800 hours--At the Catonsville Draft Board--a celebration of the beginning of direct overt interruption and resistance to selective service procedures; at mid-morning a demonstration at the Maryland State Reformatory for Women and Men at Jessup, Md.; in the late afternoon--picketing, vigil, and leafletting of Fort Dietrick, Fredrick, Md.; at 1800 hours community supper and 1930 hours evening program at Hood College in Fredrick.

March 24--Morning leafletting in Gettysburg at 1300 hours, a symbolic pageant of war, resistance and peace at Gettysburg Battlefield National Park followed by late afternoon speeches and a new Gettysburg Address by Howard Zinn. Mr. Zinn is a professor of political science at Boston University, a known radical historian and antiwar pro-revolution activist.

March 25--A gathering and orientation of pilgrimage delegations in Harrisburg.

March 26 (Palm Sunday)--A mass procession of caravans from around the country into downtown Harrisburg is planned, culminating at the State Capitol Park adjacent to the Federal Building.

March 27-30--Workshops and training programs related to trial issues are scheduled throughout the week.

March 31--A demonstration to protest contributions of "war contractors," including civil disobedience activities at the Aircraft-Marine Products Plant, Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg or the Cumberland Army Depot, New Cumberland, Pa.

April 1--A massive national demonstration and march against the war and repression is scheduled to take place on Saturday.

April 2 (Easter Sunday)--To close out pilgrimage activities, a sunrise service for peace and freedom is scheduled for all participants.

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The Princeton, New Jersey Eagle Tribe Commune reportedly plans to hire a private plane to drop toy parachutes in and around Harrisburg during the Harrisburg Seven Trial. Some of the toy parachutes supposedly will conceal relatively harmless explosive devices designed primarily to create disturbances and a possible over-reaction by local law enforcement officials.

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*25 March, Washington, D.C.

The "D. C. Committee to Save a Baby March 25" has announced plans for a demonstration at Farragut Square from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. The Committee estimates approximately 100 persons will participate to protest against abortion, abortionists, and the abortion laws and policies.

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* March and April, Nationwide

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, which is strongly influenced by the Communist Party USA, has announced the following calendar of events for March and April:

25 March--PCPJ will endorse the "Children's March for Survival" previously reported on and scheduled to take place in Washington, D. C. on 25 March.

1 April--Two concurrent mass antiwar demonstrations are planned for Harrisburg, Pa. and San Jose, California. The Vietnam Peace Parade Committee, PCPJ's New York City affiliate, has already reserved 100 buses for the Harrisburg demonstration.

15 April--Following the national mass antiwar demonstrations at Harrisburg and San Jose, PCPJ will organize and support nationwide decentralized "R-Day" protests.

The War Resisters League and the War Tax Resistance people and members of PCPJ will hold these "R-Day" demonstrations at Internal Revenue Service Centers around the nation. The "R-Day" protests are designed to emphasize the economic costs of the war and urge American citizens to refuse to pay their income taxes. "R-Day" stands for resist, refuse, and reform.

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*26 March, Washington, D. C.

Ralph J. Temple, an attorney for the Washington Area Peace Action Coalition an affiliate of the National Peace Action Coalition, has submitted on behalf of WAPAC a notice to the National Capitol Park Service of a proposed demonstration. Demonstrators will picket in front of the White House from 12 noon to 2 p. m. on the above date. A meeting will follow in Lafayette Park from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. The WAPAC in a permit request estimate the maximum number of participants would be 1,000 at the White House and 5,000 at Lafayette Park but noted that a more probable number of participants would be 200 to 500.

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27 March, Indiantown Gap, Pa.

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War have scheduled an antiwar demonstration at the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation on the above date. The VVAW leaders plan to maintain a mock Vietnam Village encampment on the military reservation until forced to disband.

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*30-31 March, Cambridge, Mass.

The Students for a Democratic Society are planning a "national convention against racism" at Harvard University on the above dates.

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Leaders of SDS announced they will risk a confrontation even though the University has denied them permission to meet there because classes were scheduled those days.

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*11-15 April, Nationwide

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War announced a "National Action" is planned to denounce and discredit President Nixon's recent visit to China. Five hundred prisoners of war families will be solicited to help support the protest on the above dates.

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*15 April, Crane, Indiana--19 April, Nationwide

The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Southeast Asia controlled by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party and its youth group, the Young Socialist Alliance, recently sponsored a national student antiwar conference in New York City. College and high school students attending the conference rejected the 6-week antiwar activities agreed upon earlier by representatives at the World Peace Assembly in Versailles. These activities have been endorsed by the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, the National Welfare Rights Organization, the Defense Committee for Angela Davis and the Berrigans, and other national left-wing organizations.

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The students agreed to support the following activities:

19 April--Organize nationwide high school "speakouts" across the nation to build for a mass demonstration on 22 April.

22 April-- Support the demonstrations sponsored by the National Peace Action Coalition at New York and Los Angeles.

The Student Mobilization Committee sponsored a state antiwar conference at Indiana University on March 4. The purpose of the conference was to formalize a program of antiwar demonstrations to be held in Indiana this spring. As a result of the conference a demonstration has been scheduled for April 15 at the Naval Ammunition Depot.

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28-30 April, 1 May, Chicago

The Young Workers Liberation League (youth group of the CPUSA) has announced they will hold its first convention since its founding (Feb. 70) on the above dates. A draft resolution evaluating the work of YWLL developments among youth during the last 2 years and projections for work in the future will be circulated for further refinement. The theme of the draft resolution will be how to build a mass united youth front in the shops, communities, high schools, college campuses and among soldiers and veterans. The priorities of these united youth front movements

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will be to free Angela Davis, end the war, and defeat President Nixon's economic offensive. Plans are being made for a major May Day rally during the convention.

Rally will be on Dec 11

29-30 April, Washington, D.C.

The National Spanish-speaking Coalition Task Force has announced plans for a national convention on the above dates. Reportedly, the main issue at the April convention will be the formation of a separate Spanish-speaking political party.

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