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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Can black Americans be mobilized into as powerful a pressure group for the liberation of Southern Africa as American Jews have been for Israel?

This is the dream, admittedly a long way off, of a growing number of black leaders who see the destiny of American blacks linked with the continent from which their ancestors came. As a result of this dream, the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee was established in January of this year.

The ALDCC, organized as an ad hoc committee, has attracted the most broadly based political group of black leaders to join together for any project in recent memory. Owusa Sadauki, president of Malcolm X Liberation University in Greensboro, North Carolina, is the chairman of ALDCC and Cleveland Sellers, a former Student National Coordinating Committee organizer, is the field coordinator. Members of its steering committee run the gamut from churchmen to Black Panthers and from Congressmen to avowed Communists.

The list includes the Rev. Ralph Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Angela Davis, an acknowledged Communist now on trial in California for conspiracy to murder and kidnap; Representatives John Conyers, Jr., (D-Michigan) and Charles C. Diggs (D-Michigan); the Rev. L. Maynard Catchings, communications executive of the National Council of Churches; H. Rap Brown, now in a New York jail awaiting trial for robbery; the Rev. Dr. Charles Spivey of the World Council of Churches; and Black Panther leader Huey P. Newton.

The ALDCC has been active since its formation. A conference on the theme, "The United States and South Africa," sponsored by ALDCC was held in Washington, D. C. on 16 and 17 March. The

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conference drew more than 300 persons--representatives of churches, human rights organizations, labor unions and individuals "hung up" on Africa. The stated purpose of the conference was to explore ways in which concerned persons and groups in this country could provide support of various kinds for African liberation movements. The committee supported the April 21st rally at the Portuguese Embassy in Washington, D. C. protesting the bombing of Tanzanian territory. Just recently ALDCC supported the Pan-African Liberation Council and the Harvard-Radcliffe Afro-Student Association (pro-African liberation groups) in their effort to pressure Harvard University into divesting itself of its \$21 million in Gulf Oil stock (large investments in Portuguese Angola).

Much of the financial and logistical support for the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee is coming from church sources by way of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization. IFCO was set up five years ago in the wake of the Detroit and Newark riots to help churches put their money where their resolutions were.

With the recent decline of church income and a noticeable white backlash within some denominations, IFCO seeks to continue as a bridge (though increasingly fragile) between minority groups and its supporting white denominations.

On 15 March, a non-tax exempt spinoff organization, IFCO Action, was formed with the avowed purpose of attempting to influence legislation and effect social change. Support of the African liberation struggle is one of its top priorities. It should be noted that IFCO Action was involved in the unsuccessful attempt to prevent the unloading of the Rhodesian chrome in Burnside, La., on 20 March 1972.

The African liberation movement is an issue that lends itself well to the unification of the black community in America. If the movement can entice antiwar advocates, the new left, and "progressive" movements to play a more active role in supporting their cause, the liberationists will be far down the road to creating an utopian Africa solely for black people.

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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

*May, Washington, D. C.

The National Peace Action Coalition which is controlled by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party and the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice which is influenced by the CPUSA have announced that they will co-sponsor the following calendar of events in Washington, D. C. during the month:

18 May--Planned civil disobedience demonstrations in the halls of Congress.

27 May or 29 May--A mass rally--details unknown as yet.

22-30 May--Disruption of Federal functions wherever applicable.

source: FBI IN 60-6157 11/10/72

It is not believed at this time that these demonstrations will produce great numbers of people or cause significant disruption of the city. Demonstrations in recent weeks (following the Hanoi bombing) have been numerous but poorly attended and highly ineffective. The enthusiasm is missing.

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice has also announced the following schedule of activities for the month:

18 May--A massive demonstration will take place at the Capitol, which will include civil disobedience and calls on congressmen.

20 May (Armed Forces Day)--Antiwar demonstrations are planned for military installations throughout the country.

21 May--A massive march and rally are planned at the Capitol to protest the war in Southeast Asia. A few thousand will probably attend.

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22 May--A "peoples blockade of the Pentagon"
demonstration is planned and will include blockading
all entrances to the Pentagon in an act of civil dis-
obedience to protest the War in Vietnam. Some minor
violence could result. One of the leading spokesmen of
the Pentagon blockade is Rennie Davis who has been an
advocate of militancy and civil disobedience in the past.
This demonstration will not be near the magnitude of last
May in Washington but a few fanatics may be troublesome.

Source: FBI (A 11639) dated 13 May 72; U.S. State Dept. (A 11639) dated 15 May 72;

*18-19-20 May, Washington, D. C.

Right-wing fundamentalist preacher Carl McIntire, who is
national chairman of the March for Victory Committee, has announced
plans for a demonstration on 20 May. The purpose of the demonstration
is to show support of the U. S. position in Vietnam and to protest
President Nixon's visit to Russia.

Demonstrators will assemble at 4th Street and Pennsylvania
Avenue at 12 noon to begin a march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the
Washington Monument where a rally will be held at 2 p.m. Reportedly
Governor Maddox of Alabama will be one of the guest speakers. Leaflets
are being circulated which call for five hundred thousand Americans
to join in the stand for a free America and a free world. Realistically,
attendance will probably not top several thousand. Demonstrations
sponsored by the March for Victory Committee in the past have been
non-violent.

Recently, McIntire announced plans to hold a press conference
at the Pentagon at 12 noon on 18 May. The following day (19 May)
will be called Embassy Day at which time they will visit some of the
embassies which include Saigon, Philippines, Formosa, Japan and
others.

Source: FBI (A 11639) dated 12 May 72; U.S. State Dept. (A 11639) dated 12 May 72;

*May through August, Nationwide

The following calendar of events was decided upon by the
steering committee of the National Peace Action Coalition (Trotskyite
group) at their 7 May meeting in Washington, D. C. :

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20 May--Nationwide antiwar actions are planned for Armed Forces Day. The Washington, D.C. action will consist of demonstrators assembling at West Potomac Park between Independence Avenue and West Ohio Drive from 10 a. m. until noon, a march from West Potomac Park down Ohio Drive to Memorial Bridge, across the bridge to the Pentagon, concluding with a mass antiwar rally at the Pentagon. Several thousand participants are expected. The probability is for a legal, non-violent demonstration.

27 May--A mass antiwar march is scheduled for Washington, D.C. from the West side of the Capitol to the Ellipse by way of Pennsylvania Avenue and 15th Street from 10 a. m. to noon.

23 June--A trade union antiwar conference will be held on 23 June at the Teamsters headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.

21 July--An antiwar national conference will be held at Los Angeles, California.

6-9 August--Nationwide antiwar demonstrations are scheduled to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As in the past, indications are for a light turnout for these demonstrations.

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*19-22 May, Washington, D.C.

As previously reported, the National Peace Action Coalition to Free Soviet Jews, organized by the militant Jewish Defense League has scheduled 24 hour-a-day prayer vigils at Lafayette Park on the above dates. The purpose of the demonstration is to influence President Nixon to intervene on behalf of the suppressed Soviet Jews during his visit to Moscow slated to begin on 22 May 1972.

Recently William M. Perl, chairman of the Greater Washington, D.C. chapter of the JDL met with representatives of the JDL in New York City concerning plans for the demonstrations. JDL leaders from New York City projected that 600 individuals from New York City and the surrounding area would participate; however, Perl stated he is making plans for only 300 participants from all areas.

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The original plans to erect a tent city at Lafayette Park to house the demonstrators has been cancelled. Perl now intends to obtain other housing facilities, including private residences as well as an undisclosed church in the Washington area.

Leaders of the JDL advised they have no specific activities scheduled for 19 May, but small organized and/or spontaneous actions might take place in the vicinity of Soviet diplomatic establishments and/or the residences of Soviet diplomats. Demonstrators will be located at the White House and at Andrews Air Force Base on 20 May, prior to President Nixon's departure for Russia. There are no specific plans for actions on the night of 20 May, after President Nixon's departure for Russia, but the possibility exists that there will be JDL actions in the vicinity of the residences of Soviet diplomats.

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18, 23, 24, 25 May, Washington, D.C.

The Freedom Leadership Foundation which had demonstrated in the past against communism has scheduled demonstrations on the above dates. The purpose of these demonstrations is to call for an ideological victory over communism. FLF leaders expect 10 persons to participate each day.

*20 May, San Jose, Calif.

The May 20th Coalition has announced plans to hold a rally beginning at noon at the William Street Park. The purpose of this demonstration is to protest against racism, war and repression. Reportedly among the scheduled speakers for the rally are: Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., singer Roberta Flack, Al Hubbard of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and Angela Davis if bail restrictions on her right to speak are lifted by then. The sponsors of the rally include the following: The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, National United Committee to Free Angela Davis and All Political Prisoners, Los Angeles Peace Conference, Young Workers Liberation League, Communist Party, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, Laymen and Clergy Concerned, Welfare Rights Organization and many others.

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*22 May, San Rafael, Calif.

The trial is scheduled to begin on the above date for Ruchell Magee, a San Quentin convict who is allegedly charged with the killing of Judge Harold Haley. The charges stem from the shoot out at the Marin County Courthouse in which four persons were killed in August 1970. Magee was once a codefendant with Angela Davis before a superior court granted them separate trials.

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*27 May, Washington, D. C., San Francisco, Calif., and Toronto, Canada

As previously reported, the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee, 2207 14th Street, N. W., is planning mass "African Liberation Day" demonstrations in Washington, San Francisco, and Toronto on the above date.

The demonstrations are designed to signify the United States' observance of "African Solidarity Day" (May 25th) established in Africa by the Maoist influenced Organization of African Unity (41 independent African nation members).

The Washington, D. C. action is scheduled to begin at 9 a. m. on the premises of Malcolm X Park. At 11 a. m., participants will march to the Portuguese Embassy, the Rhodesian Information Center, the South African Embassy, and the U. S. State Department. At each stop along the way an indictment of the government concerned will be read by various individuals representing organizations supporting the indictments. The demonstration will culminate at 4 p. m. with a mass rally at Sylvan Theatre near the base of the Washington Monument.

The purpose of the stateside demonstrations is to mobilize black Americans in support of the liberation movements in Africa and to protest American business involvement in Southern Africa.

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