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Rpt. #8 48SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

The House Committee on Unamerican Activities (HCUA) has been renamed the House Internal Security Committee (HISC) after Congressional debate which saw a fight by two forces to defeat the move. One group fought to abolish the Committee entirely and the other sought to transfer its work to a Judiciary subcommittee. Final approval of the change in name came on a vote of 305 to 79 after opponents had failed to block consideration by an earlier vote of 262 to 123. This was the best showing by opponents of the Committee in nearly twenty years of attempts to abolish it.

The smallest of all Congressional Committees, it was first created in 1934 as a special committee to investigate the rise of "Hitlerism" in Germany. It became a permanent House Committee in 1945 and shifted its attention to ferreting out Communists or suspected Communists.

Its new chairman, Richard H. ICHORD, (D-Mo.), vowed last fall to improve the committee's image. Last month, in a first step, four moderate-to-liberal Democrats were named to the nine-member committee. Mr. ICHORD assured the House this week that the Committee had adopted new rules that would more fully protect the rights of witnesses.

Under a revised mandate, the Committee is still authorized to investigate the extent, character, objectives, and activities of groups seeking to establish a totalitarian dictatorship within the U. S. or to overthrow or alter or assist in the overthrow or alteration of the Government by force, violence, treachery, espionage, sabotage, insurrection or any unlawful means.

It is also authorized to investigate groups or individuals who incite or employ "Acts of force, violence, terrorism or any unlawful means to obstruct or oppose the lawful authority of the Government of the U. S. in the execution of any law or policy affecting the security of the U. S."

The first comprehensive Congressional examination of tax-exempt organizations in nearly twenty years began Tuesday, 18 February 1969 before the House Ways and Means Committee. A witness list of forty-six for just the four opening days of the hearings indicates the number and complexity of the issues involved.

Combat Newsletter states that the Coalition for an Anti-Imperialist Movement (CO-AIM), a combine of groups under heavy influence of the Communist Workers World Party, plans to move its headquarters from New York City to Washington, D. C.

Julius HOBSON, the outspoken champion of the black crusade in the Washington School System, in years past as a private citizen, and presently an elected member of the D. C. school board (the only member elected without a run-off vote) may end up doing more harm than good to the Negroes to Washington. HOBSON wants the D. C. schools to start teaching Swahili immediately. (NOTE: The topic of Swahili was treated previously in Situation Information Report dated 23 January 1969). If they (the schools) don't, HOBSON says "I'll go to the schools and urge the children to strike."

The only apparent use for Swahili is to "turn on" the otherwise disinterested student. In a city that is perhaps the most language conscious in the nation, the language is practically overlooked as a meaningful study. Washington's Berlitz language school for instance had only four Swahili students last year and this year have none. The only area university even offering Swahili is Howard (Howard has offered a degree in African culture for fifty years) and Howard only has forty-two takers at present.

In a recent editorial in the Scripts-Howard Washington Daily News, one of the most Negro community-conscious papers in Washington due to its large circulation in the inner city, the editors do not believe that useful studies should be sacrificed for useless ones. Time, talent and money, believes the News should be channeled to the teaching of skills fundamental to "making it" in the country in which they live - English for

instance. Strongly characterizing HOBSON as a microcosmic maleficent, the News writes: "Mr. HOBSON's barbaric yawp begins to pall. He keeps saying he wants to get on with the serious business of educating children, which is, after all, what schools are for. We congratulate him on grasping this basic principle. If he thinks it can be accomplished by encouraging children to rebel against the school establishment, of which he, himself, is a major part, then we think he is badly mixed up."

A Los Angeles county grand jury has indicted five members of the militant black nationalist organization "US" on two counts of murder and one count of conspiracy to commit murder in the January 17 slaying of two Black Panthers at UCLA. The indictments followed two days of hearings held in secret session and under tight security to eliminate the possibility of any retaliation against witnesses.

The indictment of five came as something of a surprise because press media had reported only two suspects apprehended. The investigation and arrests were apparently conducted with considerable discretion due to the sensitive and tightly charged atmosphere in the Los Angeles Negro community. Members of "US" and the Black Panther Party can be expected to continue their feud regardless of the outcome of the pending prosecution of the five accused. Trial date has not yet been announced. The five who have been charged (including their Swahili names) are: George (Ali Sultani) STINER; Larry (Sakia) STINER; Claude (Chuchessa) HUBERT; Harold (Tuwala) JONES; and Donald (Stodi) HAWKINS.

A coalition of militant black shopworker groups has called for a national boycott of Chrysler Corporation products until the company reinstates twenty-six fired U. A. W. members who were protesting the bad working conditions and racism they charged were practiced by Chrysler.

The coalition will be named the League of Revolutionary Black Workers and is made up of three black caucuses within the U. A. W.: The Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM); the Ford Revolutionary Union Movement (FRUM); and the Eldon Revolutionary Union Movement (ELRUM).

The League will distribute leaflets and hold rallies in Detroit as the first step in publicizing the national boycott campaign.

Dr. S. I. HAYAKAWA, acting President of San Francisco State College announced last Sunday that the Department of Black Studies will not be operating during the spring semester. HAYAKAWA charged that the department will have to be postponed until fall because of the "Sabotage" by Dr. Nathan HARE and other black administrators.

HAYAKAWA announced that disciplinary action against HARE, the acting chairman of the Black Studies Department, would be taken because of HARE's involvement in present campus rioting. HARE will not be made chairman of the department but rather another chairman would begin in the fall.

Troubles at Duke University are subsiding and little seems to have been gained by the demonstrators except dialogue. Duke President DOUGLAS M. KNIGHT, Board of Regents head Wade and Assistant Provost William J. GRIFFITH have flatly denied most demands but miraculously appear to have satisfied the protesters and demonstrators. The campus has returned to near normal in the wake of peaceful (and tactful) explanations by the administration that Duke has already made good on most of a twelve-point list of demands presented by Negro students last October. At the height of last week's trouble that may in fact have been mishandled by over-zealous and under-trained policemen, 85 percent of the student body remained uninvolved.

The pinnacle of ludicrousness was approached in the list of twelve demands presented to Duke administrators last fall. One of the twelve was a demand that the University hire

a barber qualified to cut hair Afro-style. One of the Negro students in a recent confrontation with Provost GRIFFITH objected to the fashion the university employed in satisfying this demand because the barber was also going to cut the hair of whites.

The University of Wisconsin, scene of student protest for the past ten days, seems to be stabilizing and can probably be expected to carry through a relatively peaceful spring semester. Wisconsin administrators who have been criticized (and with partial justification) for their unsophisticated handling of student demonstrations by requesting 2,000 troops of the Wisconsin National Guard are now requesting their withdrawal as circumstances permit and as events change allowing university Chancellor H. Edwin YOUNG to preserve the dignity of his position. Although hit and run harassment continued last Monday and a small contingent of Guardsmen were re-activated (in much more sensible numbers) the protesters were unable to arouse the large segment of the student body that turned out last week (7,000) incensed by the presence on campus of a veritable army in full battle dress. One university spokesman believes that possibly the only way to avoid a semester-long siege is to negotiate an end with black student leaders. If the Negro students who number less than 2 percent fail to gain continuing support from the white radicals and left-leaning student body, their bargaining position will be extremely weak. At any rate, Dr. YOUNG, Gov. KNOWLES, the Regents and administrators seem determined to employ now both the moderate force required and the negotiating acumen necessary to avert a prolonged disruption at the university.

An ironic side light of the distress being experienced by the 33,000 student campus at Madison is that at the nucleus of the protest are more than 200 Negro students from Wisconsin, the Midwest, East, and rural deep South that were brought to the university under a special program for disadvantaged youngsters. Now they are striking for a Black Studies program because, they say, they are not learning the kind of things they feel are necessary to take back to their cities for the aid of others. "We aren't talking about any soul food or none of that kind of junk," one youth said. "We want a relevant education that we can use to help liberate our brothers and sisters in the black community."

The Reverend Theodore M. HESBURGH, President of Notre Dame University has issued a "get tough" letter to both faculty and student body.

Father HESBURGH's policy of suspension, expulsion, and arrest was apparently triggered by protests at Notre Dame last week after he banned an art exhibit and film during a campus conference on pornography and censorship.

The letter spelled out a series of steps the University would take against anyone or any group that substituted force for rational persuasion be it violent or non-violent. The new policy gives students and faculty members only minutes to halt protest activities which disrupt the normal operations of the University or infringe upon the rights of others.

Reportedly the SDS at American University, Washington, D. C., is considering taking some action as a result of the release of three teachers from the University who have been active in new left activity there.

Washington, D. C. - The SDS at George Washington University plans to demonstrate on a weekly basis against the presence of all recruiters on the George Washington University campus. On 19 February, demonstrations are planned against the Army Material Command Night Vision Laboratory, the Mitre Corp., the Naval Oceanographic Office, and the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company.

Reproduced herewith in its entirety is an article which appeared in the 27 January 1969 edition of the San Francisco Examiner. In our judgment, this is a concise, reasonably accurate, and well-stated exposition on "The New Militancy":

THE NEW MILITANCY

Americans everywhere are concerned about the what and why of militancy and dissent.

In San Francisco one of the men most concerned and most informed is Inspector Tom FITZPATRICK, director of the Police Department's intelligence unit. He and his staff of experts daily process a flow of information from the area and around the world.

FITZPATRICK is San Francisco born, 32 years on the force. He is vice-chairman of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Units, a national police network.

Here FITZPATRICK answers questions concerning the recent course of campus militancy, in the Bay Area and elsewhere.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT CAMPUS MILITANCY?

It is one of the most serious threats of our times. The damage done to the educational process is incalculable. But most dangerous of all is the fact that successful accomplishment of the aims of campus militancy-when it occurs-also accomplishes one of the major goals of revolutionary plan that we know exists. Give the subverters control of education and their fingers are really around the throats of the next generation. Just as we know there is conspiracy against our way of life we also know that grabbing or destroying schools is one of five basic steps of the current revolution.

WHAT ARE THE FIVE STEPS?

To obtain control of education, transportation, communications, labor and, or government. The revolutionaries believe complete control of any one of these areas of activity equals

victory. Envelopment of the educational process is their main aim at the moment.

DOES COMMUNISM-INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL-RELATE TO THIS PLAN?

We strongly feel it is no mere coincidence that most of the leaders in recent demonstrations either are or were members of the Communist Party or some revolutionary organization. Nor is it without significance that the pattern of agitation and action neatly conforms to procedures carried out by Communists or revolutionaries elsewhere and at other times.

DO POLICE AROUND THE WORLD INDICATE SIMILAR CONCERNS?

The patterns everywhere - at San Francisco State, at U. C., at Columbia University, at Brandeis, at the Mexican University, in Paris and in the West German universities - are identical.

The procedures are the same almost to the smallest detail; the tactic of invoking police violence, the list of demands that are merely ploys which they have no real desire to negotiate; the use of sympathetic causes - Vietnam, the draft, oppression of the young, etc; destruction of public property, the vilification of police as brutes and sadists; the attempts to stigmatize every educational or governmental leader who opposes them; the profane and brutal demands for total capitulation and surrender.

The story of each onslaught is almost a carbon copy of the previous or subsequent incident. Is this another multiple coincidence? I don't think so.

DO MILITANTS MOVE FROM CAMPUS TO CAMPUS?

They do.

The police regularly exchange observers at each outbreak, take pictures, record appearances and reappearances. We see the same hard core of manipulators over and over again. These are pros at trouble making highly skilled and artfully directed craftsmen.

WHAT ARE THEIR GOALS?

Just two.

To obtain complete control or to destroy. Either is an equally satisfactory goal to their leadership.

Sub-goals are to immobilize police by discrediting them if possible, and to exploit or denigrate the news media, depending on the attitudes of individual elements in this group. Their ultimate aim is successful revolution.

HOW ARE THEY FINANCED?

That's a good question. We know they take up collections, charge dues or solicit contributions from well-heeled fellow travelers, of whom there are many. But all these sources put together couldn't come up with the money it takes to run their operations.

Some of them, for instance, have been able to commute between, here, Havana, Hanoi and even Moscow like well-to-do globetrotters, not to speak of frequent transcontinental trips. Maybe the Internal Revenue people might take a closer look at the traveling proclivities of some of these impecunious types and come up with answers.

ARE WE LIKELY TO SEE MILITANCY INCREASE? WILL IT SPREAD TO HIGH SCHOOLS?

Like wild-fire. Radical literature, using the familiar revolutionary phrases, is beginning to be seen in the lower schools. Polytechnic and Mission high schools are now going through the same tired old procedures of radical division, impossible demands, character assassination, picketing and violence. The youngsters are next on the list of the destroyers.

HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE RACE FACTORS?

Most important. There ARE injustices. The subversives exploit them.

Yet these revolutionary attempts to use an entire race, to

turn black power into red power, are relatively unsuccessful. Negroes are collective individualists and are not easily fooled by pie-in-the-sky doctrines. They don't rest comfortable in the mould of the docile proletariat. I think they will fail with the Negroes.

WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS DO IN THEIR OWN BEST INTEREST?

They should resign from the diffident, uninvolved silent majority.

They should study the situation, become informed, and make their views known.

They should be active in progressive, un-sick programs.

They should write their views and present them. They should protest.

They should abandon apathy and make their majority strength felt by the noisy minorities in these vital contests.

IS THERE A PHYSICAL THREAT TO STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COOPERATE WITH MILITANT DISSENTERS?

Yes, but the present threat is more that of intimidation and psychological manipulation. The demonstrators project menace more than they activate menace.

San Francisco State is an example in microcosm. Imagine 500 loudmouths subduing 16,500 normal, right-thinking, well-protected young Americans - all able-bodied, ambulatory and in full possession of their faculties. The pickets use bull-horns - not bull-whips.

WHAT DEVELOPMENTS CAN WE LOOK FOR NEXT?

More of the same, Much more.

WHAT CAN ORDINARY CITIZENS DO TO HELP THEIR SCHOOLS?

They can interest and involve themselves in school affairs,

in proper pay for and the proper selection of good teachers in the elimination of those who threaten these vital institutions.

They can check on the uses to which school money are put.

They can support good, tough, honest administrators.

They can raise hell about violence and destruction when it occurs.

They can indicate their anger about these things to their legislators.

HOW CAN ORDINARY CITIZENS GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR POLICE DEPARTMENTS?

They should see the police as they really are; not an alien group but a projection of themselves, just as the fingers project from the hand.

They should not be misled into judging the police on the basis of the infrequent defections of the few and they should be instinctively unwilling to believe ill of those who stand between them and violence, exploitation and the many kinds of harm that exist in our community and world today. Especially ill that stems from biased information or the plans of conspirators.

And they should place every implement of defense in our hands, including laws and adjudication of laws that all too often give the edge to subverters of the law; to people who would use the Constitution to destroy the innate intention of the Constitution.

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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

February 20-21

*Washington, D.C. - The Women Strike for Peace (WSP) has announced that Congressman Geo. E. Brown, Jr. (D-Calif.) will be the featured speaker at a public meeting at Georgetown University. The topic of the meeting is - "Anti-ballistic missiles - Monster in Our Midst." WSP has requested a permit to demonstrate in front of the White House in protest to the war in Vietnam. They also want to hold a "Pageant of Peace" on the ellipse of the White House during Easter Week.

February 21

*Detroit, Mich. - "Malcolm X Day " Allegedly, the extremist Black Panther Party sponsored a community forum on Malcolm X on February 14, 1969, in Detroit, Michigan. The event was to feature tapes of speeches made by Malcolm X and local speakers from the Detroit Black Panther Party who were to encourage all black people to stay home from work and school on "Malcolm X Day," February 21, 1969, in observance of the anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X. Malcolm X was a black extremist who advocated hatred of the United States and the white race. He was assassinated on February 21, 1969.

February 21-23

*Philadelphia, Pa. - Memorial services commemorating the death of Malcolm X will be held at various schools in the Philadelphia area. The Philadelphia school board decided to make school property and buildings available for such services.

James LESTER, a member of RAM and The United Veterans for Peace, has allegedly rented the Royal Theater for the period 21-23 February 1969. His plans are unknown at this time

February 21

*Kingston, Rhode Island - Students for Democratic Action (SDA), whose goals and methods are similar to those of SDS, plan a protest demonstration on the campus of the University of Rhode Island to coincide with planned interviews of CIA applicants. The likelihood exists that counter-demonstrations will be staged by students who feel the interviews should proceed as scheduled.

In view of CIA's past policy of avoiding unnecessary disruption and confrontation tactics, it seems probable the interviews will not be held on the Rhode Island University campus.

February 22

*Austin, Texas - The Austin City Council has given permission for a parade (a walk for development) of 32 miles through the city. Purpose of the march is to solicit money which will be sent to the poverty fund in Washington, D.C.

February 22

*Sylvester, Ga. - In Sylvester, Georgia, unrest continues in the negro community protesting the arrest of two negro juvenile sisters on December 4, 1968, on charges filed by the Board of Education. Recently, Leroy Young, Sr., a representative of the Worth County Improvement League, advised he had talked with various civil rights organizations in Atlanta, Georgia, and they will send representatives to Sylvester on February 22, 1969, to participate in a "Black D Day." He said the civil rights organizations reportedly will have five hundred people in Sylvester on Washington's Birthday to take part in a demonstration. In Sylvester, it was reported, the group will start a "destructive project" in order to attract publicity. It was indicated the group will try such things as blocking intersections and causing fires. Plans are also being made to get the Sylvester Police Department stirred up.

February 22

Chicago, Illinois - A city-wide conference on peace will be held by the Chicago Peace Council, at the 8th Street YMCA. The meeting will reportedly deal with: The Vietnam War; Potential Vietnams; Racism and U.S. Foreign Policy; the Arms Race; and Repression - Trade Union, Civilian and GI.

February 24

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin - State arraignment of the "Milwaukee 14" - 14 war protesters, including five catholic priests and a protestant minister on charges of burglary, arson to property and criminal damage to property after their destruction of thousands of draft records by burning last September is scheduled for 24 February 1969. Federal arraignment has not been scheduled yet although the U.S. Attorney said the government would seek the charges of conspiracy to violate selective service laws and destruction of government property.

March 4

Cambridge, Massachusetts, etc. - A group of about forty-five professors and graduate students have scheduled a

a voluntary research halt at M.I.T. to focus attention on how the "misuse of scientific and technical knowledge presents a major threat to the existence of mankind." The M.I.T. organizers are actively encouraging scientists at other universities to schedule similar activities on campus and apparently Cornell and Yale Universities and others will follow their lead. The planning is in no way an official M.I.T. activity and the stopping of research will be done on a voluntary basis and no effort will be made to enforce a compulsory research halt. The idea of stopping research as a "practical and symbolic" expression of the apprehension felt by scientists was in the beginning largely focused on Vietnam but its aims have been expanded. A faculty statement being circulated for signature by the 4 March Steering Committee asserts that "Through its actions in Vietnam our Government has shaken our confidence in its ability to make wise and humane decisions...etc." As well as stopping research, the day of 4 March will be devoted to discussion of problems and possible ways for scientists to initiate political action.

March 4

Washington, D.C. - The New Party plans to inaugurate Dick GREGORY as shadow president of the United States at Washington. GREGORY stated at a recent news conference that planned events on the 4th of March (which he considers the astrologically legitimate date for an inaugural) will be completely peaceful.

The New Party co-chairmen GREGORY and Dr. James P. DIXON, president of Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, plan a shadow inauguration every four years until a New Party candidate actually wins the Presidency.

GREGORY and DIXON have announced plans to: form a shadow cabinet to comment on the performance of the administration and the "coalition congress"; present an alternative to the military-industrial complex budget prepared by the ruling parties which GREGORY terms "too immoral and too corrupt to govern; and to develop new foreign and domestic policies.

March 16

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.

April 4

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, the anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

April 5-6

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

April 6

(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.

April 7

*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.

April 24-27

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

April 30 - May 4

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.

*Large scale preparations are reportedly under way in the Soviet Union for the World Women's Congress to be held in Helsinki next summer. Over 90 countries and twelve international organizations, according to the chairman of the Soviet Women's Committee, have expressed a desire to attend the Congress which is sponsored by the International Women's Democratic Federation. The theme of the forthcoming forum is to be Womens Role in the Present Day World. The Chairman expressed confidence that the World Women's Congress will demonstrate solidarity with "heroic Vietnam".

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