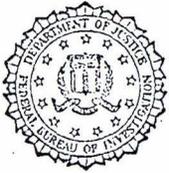


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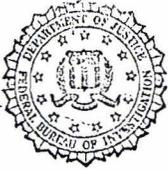
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DE T-1 advised on April 9, 1970, that in regard to captioned demonstrations in the Detroit area, an environmental Teach-In will be held at the Wayne State University (WSU) Center Building on April 22-23, 1970. This Teach-In which is a part of National Earth Day is a joint effort of two groups: The Committee on Environmental Preservation (CEP) formed by graduate students in the School of Social Work at WSU and WSU's Department of Biology, with the program put together by graduate students in biology.

DE T-1 made available a circular regarding the Teach-In which reflected that CEP from the outset has been more liberal than the biology students who have gone for a strictly educational program. CEP has proposed walks along the Detroit and Rouge Rivers to dramatize pollution and picketing at the General Motors Building. In most cases, the programs have blended together and simultaneous meetings are to be held.

Featured speakers at the Teach-In are to be Senator Philip Hart and Ralph Nader.

DE T-2 furnished substantially the same information concerning WSU's Teach-In and additionally indicated that the demonstrations at the General Motors Building would involve peaceful picketing by students with signs and the handing out of appropriate literature.

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DE T-4 related that a Teach-In is planned for April 22, 1970, at the Flint, Michigan, Branch of the University of Michigan (UM) in support of National Environmental Actions planned nationally for that date. No final plans are set for this Teach-In but no known extremist activity is involved.

The April 20, 1970, issue of the "Detroit Free Press," a daily newspaper carried an article on page 3A captioned "Nation To Observe 'Earth day'." This article stated that on more than 2000 college campuses, in more than 10,000 public schools and among more than 2,000 community groups, Wednesday is Earth Day across the country--a day of politics and nature love designed to teach people how life ought to be.

The article mentioned some of the activities which would take place throughout the country. Included in Michigan activities was Wayne State University where Senator Philip Hart was to give the keynote address on Wednesday, followed on Thursday by Ralph Nader. It stated Michigan State University's program began last Tuesday and would run intermittently through May 28. Former Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, was to appear at MSU on Tuesday, the day before National Teach-In Day.

Programs were to take place also at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and Ironwoods Gogebic College in the Upper Peninsula, according to the article.

DE T-1 made available on April 22, 1970, the program of Wayne State University concerning "Teach-In On The Environment". Instant program was coordinated by the Committee for Environmental Preservation and also sponsored by WSU's Department of Biology and Mac Kenzie Union. According to the program, classes on the campus were scheduled on April 22, 23, 1970, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 7:30 or 8:00 p.m.

This source related that the main speaker on April 22, 1970, was Senator Philip Hart who spoke at 11:30 a.m. before a crowd estimated at 2,500 persons.

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Source said the meetings have gone very smoothly and there have been no indication of any extremist activities in connection with the Teach-In.

DE T-1 advised that during Ralph Nader's speech at WSU on April 23, 1970, the auditorium was filled and the doors had to be locked. Other students attempted to get into the auditorium and as a result the WSU Department of Public Safety was called to maintain order. According to the source there were 2,000 to 3,000 people present at the meeting and no damage resulted; further, no arrests were necessary.

DE T-5 advised on April 20, 1970, that a meeting of the Michigan State University (MSU) Committee to Defend The Conspiracy Seven, a group whose leaders believe in Weatherman politics but claim no national Weatherman association was held April 19, 1970, and a decision was made to attempt to disrupt former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall's speech, which will be given at 1:00 p.m. April 21, 1970, at MSU auditorium in conjunction with Environmental Teach-In activities. Current plans were to disrupt the speech by staging a guerrilla theater skit.

DE T-5 stated on April 21, 1970, that an additional meeting of the above group was held on April 20, 1970 and again a discussion was held concerning methods to disrupt Udall's forthcoming speech. It was decided that approximately 14 persons in costumes would march into the MSU auditorium carrying signs such as "Free Bobby" and balloons filled with red paint. These persons are to chant "Free Bobby" and upon the signal "Now" the balloons will be thrown at Udall and everyone will scatter.

This source related that the MSU Department of Public Safety was aware of this plan and would station plain-clothes men in the audience in order to apprehend those who might disrupt Udall's speech.

Subsequently, DE T-5 advised that the above group of about 14 members marched into the MSU auditorium at about 1:15 pm on April 21, 1970, during Udall's speech.

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They carried signs such as "Lives First, Profits Second" and "He's Not For Real". The demonstrators paraded through the auditorium three times and made no attempt to throw any objects. There were no arrests.

On April 22, 1970, DE T-5 stated that several balloons filled with paint were located in the men's room at the MSU auditorium following Udall's speech.

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