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DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING UNITED STATES
INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM

The Communist Party and other organizations are continuing their efforts to force the United States to change its present policy toward Vietnam. There is set forth below a summary of current and planned future activity through which they hope to accomplish this end.

Demonstration Against the Vice-President

On January 19, 1968, approximately 150 individuals demonstrated near the entrance to the Hotel Lowry, Saint Paul, Minnesota, between 7:30 P.M. and 9:20 P.M., in protest of the war in Vietnam. During this time Vice-President Humphrey was present at the hotel. Several members of the Minnesota-Dakotas District of the Communist Party, as well as members of the Twin Cities Branch, Socialist Workers Party, participated in this demonstration.

The Socialist Workers Party has been cited as subversive by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Demonstrators carried signs bearing antiwar slogans and distributed literature against the Vietnam war.

Demonstration at Washington, D. C., February 5-6, 1968

Previous information has been supplied concerning a demonstration to be held in Washington, D. C., on February 5 and 6, 1968, sponsored by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, a group which opposes U.S. policy in Vietnam. The announcement for this demonstration was made by Martin Luther King, Jr.

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It has been developed that Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Eugene McCarthy will be speakers during this demonstration. An invitation has been sent to former Vice-President Richard Nixon to speak, but he has not accepted or rejected the invitation.

The current schedule for the demonstration calls for registration on February 5 and a "state by state strategy session" at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., until noon. From 1:00 P.M. to 2:15 P.M. a "procession of agony" will be held followed by "Congressional visits" from 2:15 P.M. until 5:15 P.M. On February 6, two plenary sessions will be held devoted to the draft and "Politics, 1968."

Leaders of the demonstration include well-known clergymen from various faiths throughout the United States. One of these is the Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr., who was recently indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for counseling against Selective Service.

It is anticipated that several thousand clergymen from all parts of the country will participate.

Other Demonstrations

Approximately 30 persons participated in a demonstration at the Armed Forces Induction Center, 640 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on January 18, 1968, in protest of the war in Vietnam, the draft, and in support of William Sloane Coffin, Jr., and Dr. Benjamin Spock, who was indicted along with Coffin.

On January 18, 1968, approximately 25 students picketed on the Wright State University campus, Dayton, Ohio, in protest of Dow Chemical Company recruiters who were on the campus at that time. The pickets carried signs stating "Dow shall not kill," "Napalm is malignant, cut it out," and "Stop the war in Vietnam."

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On January 18, 1968, approximately 35 individuals demonstrated in front of the Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where Governor Ronald Reagan was scheduled to speak before a Republican fund-raising luncheon. The demonstration concluded prior to the arrival of Governor Reagan. The demonstrators carried signs protesting the war in Vietnam.

Approximately 50 individuals participated in a demonstration at the main gate of the United States Armed Forces Induction Station, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York, on January 18, 1968. Plaques indicated the demonstration was sponsored by ~~The Resistance~~, a group which opposes the draft, and was being held in support of Resistance member Leonard Brody who was scheduled for induction that day but whose induction had been canceled by Selective Service officials.

The Young Socialist Alliance, the youth group of the Socialist Workers Party; the University of Illinois Circle Campus Committee to End the War in Vietnam, a group in opposition to the Vietnam War; and the Chicago area Draft Resisters, a group in opposition to the draft, set up a protest desk at the Student Union Center on the University of Illinois Circle Campus, Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 1968. This action was taken to protest the presence on campus of Marine Corps recruiters on January 16 and 17, 1968.

During this period a debate among students occurred. As a result of the debate, an altercation occurred among the students which resulted in the arrest of Jake Morowitz, President of the Circle Campus Chapter of the ~~Students for a Democratic Society~~. Morowitz was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint signed by University police. The ~~Students for a Democratic Society~~ has been described by Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us."

On January 20, 1968, 20 individuals demonstrated in front of the Cincinnati Workhouse, Cincinnati, Ohio, in protest of the war in Vietnam and in sympathy for individuals who were arrested on December 7, 1967, for their antidraft activities in Cincinnati.

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Approximately 50 individuals under sponsorship of the Long Beach Area Community for New Politics, a group which opposes U.S. policy in Vietnam, demonstrated in Long Beach, California, on January 20, 1968, in protest of Federal indictment of Dr. Benjamin Spock and his codefendants for counseling evasion of the draft. During the demonstration participants carried signs protesting U.S. commitments in the war in Vietnam.

On January 20, 1968, New York State Assemblyman Joseph Resnick was the featured speaker at the Middletown Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner, Middletown, New York. During the dinner approximately 45 persons under the sponsorship of the Middletown Committee for Peace Education picketed outside the building where the dinner was being held. The demonstration was held protesting Resnick's stand in support of present national policy regarding the war in Vietnam.

The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam has called a conference to be held January 27-29, 1968, at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of this conference will be to discuss an international student strike for the Spring of 1968.

The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam is a broad coalition of student and youth groups located on over 600 campuses throughout the country, which has organized student participation in such activities as the October 21-22, 1967, demonstration in Washington, D. C., and the Stop the Draft Week held December 4-8, 1967.

In connection with this forthcoming meeting at the University of Chicago, Mike Zagarell, Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, National Youth Commission, has sent out a directive to all Party youth urging them to help build this conference and to organize as many students as possible to attend.

Zagarell pointed out that the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, a Marxist youth group, had called a meeting of interested young people to discuss different approaches to this conference.

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