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DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING UNITED STATES  
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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

~~The Fayetteville Citizens Concerned About Vietnam,~~ an antiwar group, and ~~the Southern Students Organizing Committee,~~ a student antiwar and civil rights group, sponsored a silent vigil at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, on June 1, 1968, shortly prior to an address by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. The 20 demonstrators carried signs reading "Support the Boys in Vietnam - End the War Now," "Peace in Vietnam," and "We Support Negotiations."

San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam

~~The San Antonio Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam, San Antonio, Texas,~~ which has been active in sponsoring demonstrations, has asked that its members be alert for any indication that the President plans to visit San Antonio. In the event they hear of such a visit, the members plan to form picket lines at the Hemisfair.

Demonstration Against the Secretary of Defense

On May 31, 1968, 30 individuals, the majority of whom were students at Washington University, picketed the Chase Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, during an address by the Secretary of Defense at the Hotel. Three of the demonstrators were arrested. Ten of them subsequently picketed the St. Louis Police Department as a protest against the arrests.

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Freedom and Peace Party

The ~~Freedom and Peace Party~~ New York City, which is controlled by members of the Communist Party, concluded its convention on June 2, 1968, at New York City. The convention nominated ~~Dr. Benjamin Spock~~ for President of the United States and ~~Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.~~ for Vice President. Among the 324 delegates were 20 members of the Communist Party, including Gilbert Green, a member of the Communist Party, USA, National Committee. It was indicated at the convention that ~~Blyden Jackson~~, a Communist Party member, will be the New York State Chairman of the Freedom and Peace Party. The Freedom and Peace Party was formed for the purpose of supporting candidates who are antiwar. It has not yet drawn up a platform.

Demonstration Against the Reserve Officers Training Corps

It was previously reported that ~~The Strike Committee~~, a recently formed group at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, was sponsoring a demonstration at a Reserve Officers Training Corps review at the University on June 3, 1968.

On June 3, 1968, nine individuals demonstrated at the review. They carried signs protesting the compulsory Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University. The demonstrators made no effort to interfere with the review.

Demonstration Against the Draft

The ~~Ann Arbor Resistance~~, a student antidraft group at the University of Michigan, sponsored a demonstration at the office of Local Board 85, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on June 3, 1968, as a protest against the trial of Dr. Benjamin Spock, who is being tried for violation of the Selective Service Act. The 78 demonstrators carried signs protesting his trial.

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