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DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING UNITED STATES INTER-  
 VENTION IN VIETNAM AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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

"Speak-Out"

It was previously reported that the ~~Committee for Nonviolent Action~~, a pacifist group, is sponsoring a "Speak-Out" on June 16, 1965, at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. During this demonstration participants will make speeches from the Pentagon steps; distribute leaflets; and demand an opportunity to discuss Vietnam and the Dominican Republic with Pentagon officials.

~~Mal Hayworth~~, Executive Secretary, Committee for Nonviolent Action, Washington, D. C., has stated the demonstration will start in the park at the Pentagon with the hope that arrests of the demonstrators will result. If this phase of the demonstration produces no arrests, the demonstrators will move to the steps of the Pentagon and engage in civil disobedience to provoke arrests. On June 12, 1965, an announcement was made at the national convention of the Students for a Democratic Society, a socialist-oriented youth group, at Kewadin, Michigan, that the ~~Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee~~ planned to demonstrate at the Pentagon and at Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters on June 16, 1965, as a protest against United States involvement in Vietnam. Hayworth has stated he has rejected offers by the Women's Strike for Peace and the Student Peace Union to join this demonstration as it will be a Committee for Nonviolent Action effort only.

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"Peace Conference"

Mary Clarke, a former Communist Party member and the present Southern California representative of the Women's International Strike for Peace, a pacifist group, stated at a meeting of the Women's International Strike for Peace that tentative plans have been made to hold a "Peace Conference" between women from North Vietnam and the United States in Djakarta, Indonesia, from June 29, 1965, to July 4, 1965. She has asked for a two-week postponement of this meeting in order to have time to raise money and select the United States delegates. Congressman George E. Brown, Jr., of California upon being advised of this proposed Conference by representatives of the Women's International Strike for Peace reportedly stated he thought it was "a marvelous idea." According to Clarke, Jessica Mitford, a former Communist Party member; Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and Dagmar Wilson, a prominent pacifist, have been tentatively selected to attend the Conference.

Upon the delegates' return to the United States, they plan to arrange a press conference concerning the meeting. The press conference would include Congressman Brown and Congresswoman Edith Green.

Washington Action Caravan

The Vietnam Day Committee, Berkeley, California, which has been active in protesting United States policy toward Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, is assisting in planning a Washington Action Caravan as a further protest against United States intervention in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. Under this plan motorized caravans will leave the San Francisco, California, area in mid-July, 1965, and travel to Washington, D. C. In selected communities en route, the caravan will hold protest demonstrations to build public opposition to our foreign policy. It is hoped by the Committee that similar caravans will be organized in other parts of the United States. All caravans will congregate in Washington, D. C., in early September where mass protest action will occur. Present plans include blocking traffic, staging sit-ins in Government buildings and obstructing entrances to military buildings.

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Other Activity

On June 12, 1965, the Committee for Nonviolent Action sponsored a demonstration at Times Square, New York City. Approximately 18 individuals participated in the demonstration and carried placards asking for an end to the war in Vietnam.

The Inter-University Committee for a Public Hearing on Vietnam, Ann Arbor, Michigan, which sponsored the recent national teach-in at Washington, D. C., is continuing its attempt to arrange a national television debate on Vietnam and the Dominican Republic with Mr. McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President. Upon learning that Mr. Bundy has been invited to appear on the American Broadcasting Company television program "Issues and Answers," a representative of the Committee contacted the American Broadcasting Company in an attempt to have members of the Committee invited to appear on the same program. The American Broadcasting Company was agreeable provided such an arrangement had Mr. Bundy's approval and if the Committee furnished a list of participants and full details of how the program will be conducted. As yet no arrangements have been made concerning this proposed television debate.

The Emergency Council on the Crisis of America sponsored a public meeting at Santa Monica, California, on June 12, 1965, to express opposition to United States policy in Vietnam. Senator Wayne Morse, the principal speaker, spoke for approximately 45 minutes. He criticized our present policy in Vietnam and said that it was impossible for the United States to win even though we may win some individual battles. He contended that United States foreign policy belongs to the American people and not to the President. Approximately 2,500 people were present at the meeting and receipts totaled above \$11,000.

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