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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.

Proposed Demonstration Against the Vice President

A leaflet has been distributed in New York announcing an anti-Vietnam demonstration during the "Billionaires Diamond Ball" which is to be held at the Plaza Hotel, New York City, at 7 p.m., on January 24, 1968. Among the sponsors of the demonstration are the following: ~~Youth Against War and Fascism~~, the youth affiliate of the ~~Workers World Party~~, a pro-Chinese communist group; ~~United States Committee to Aid the National Liberation Front~~, a group which openly supports the Government of North Vietnam and opposes United States policy in Vietnam; ~~Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee~~, a militant Negro organization; ~~Movimiento Pro-Independencia De Puerto Rico~~, a movement for the independence of Puerto Rico; and ~~Organization for Revolutionary Action~~, a group which has described itself as dedicated to violence during demonstrations. According to the leaflet, Vice President Humphrey, Governor Nelson Rockefeller and Senator John Sherman Cooper are scheduled to attend the Ball which is to benefit the Institute of International Education.

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Demonstrations Against Campus Recruitment

On January 17, 1968, approximately 15 demonstrators surrounded and occupied a United States Marine Corps recruiting booth located on the Circle Campus of the University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, from 10 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

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The Marine Corps recruiters, in the interest of public safety, did not man the booth but awaited University officials' attempts to disperse the demonstrators. The demonstrators, however, ignored direct orders from school officials to disperse and continued the demonstration. Recruiters were never able to occupy the booth throughout the day.

~~Joe Horton~~, a member of the ~~Chicago Area Draft Resisters~~, a group which is in opposition to the Selective Service, was one of the leaders of the demonstration. ~~Robert Lucas~~, the Chairman of the Chicago chapter, Congress of Racial Equality, a civil rights organization, spoke to the demonstrators extolling black student power. During his talk, approximately 200 curious students congregated in the area.

The Chicago Police Department had representatives on the scene, but would not arrest demonstrators without specific complaint from University officials. No complaint was issued since school officials feared a riot would occur if arrests were made. The students dispersed at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Demonstrations in Opposition to the Selective Service

An article appearing in the January 13, 1968, issue of "People's World," a west coast communist newspaper, stated that David Harris, upon reporting to the Oakland Induction Center, Oakland, California, on January 17, 1968, and refusing induction, would be met with a large supporting demonstration planned by the ~~Committee for Draft Resistance~~, a group which is in opposition to Selective Service laws. On January 17, 1968, at 6:30 a.m., a demonstration began at the Oakland Induction Center, Oakland, California. Approximately 200 individuals participated. During the demonstration, ~~David Harris~~, the former student body president of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, and a leader of The Resistance, a national organization devoted to draft opposition, arrived on a bus with other inductees. While other inductees entered the center, Harris did not and became the center of attention of those participating in the demonstration.

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Harris spoke for approximately ten minutes stating that today was the culmination of a whole year in which his opposition to the draft had been known to his draft board. He expressed his refusal to be inducted and urged those present to consider him as an example and to refuse to cooperate with the draft. He asked people not to enter the induction center and stated the only way to stop the war in Vietnam would be to oppose the Government's attempt to draft persons into the armed services.

On January 17, 1968, The Resistance conducted a demonstration at the Armed Forces Induction Station, 1031 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, and approximately 100 individuals participated. During the demonstration, David Bolduc appeared at the induction station for induction, but refused to be processed.

On January 17, 1968, 50 individuals demonstrated at the main gate, United States Armed Forces Induction Station, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York. This demonstration was held in support of Peter St. Clair who has refused induction.

On January 16, 1968, approximately 150 individuals demonstrated in front of the Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in protest of the Selective Service and in support of Theodore Marsh who was refusing to be inducted into the military service at the Federal Building that date.

Forty-four individuals demonstrated at the entrance to the Old Federal Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 15, 1968, to protest the scheduled induction into the armed forces of Francis Robert Shor. During the demonstration, Shor entered the induction station located in the Building, but after reporting as ordered, turned in a statement setting forth the basis for his refusal to continue the process procedure. He was thereafter escorted from the Building by induction center personnel.

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On January 16, 1968, three individuals attempted to stop a munitions truck on the county road immediately in front of the Port Chicago gate of the United States Naval Weapons Station, Concord, California. A sheriff's deputy went into the base to obtain additional help to effect the arrest of these three individuals. While he was on the base, several other individuals, who had apparently been delayed by the blocking of the truck, proceeded to hit the three individuals, stopping the truck. Subsequently, the three who had blocked the truck were arrested for blocking a public highway and causing public nuisance.

On January 15, 1968, a demonstration sponsored by the Youth Against War and Fascism, consisting of approximately 30 individuals, was held at Times Square, New York, New York. This demonstration was staged in support of Private Andrew Stapp.

During the demonstration, Deirdre Griswold Stapp, the wife of Private Stapp, told newsmen in an interview that her husband, who was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, had received a court martial because of his stand against the Vietnam war. She stated that the Youth Against War and Fascism favored the establishment of a union for GIs to end alleged injustices in the Army.

At a news conference held in New York City on January 12, 1968, under the sponsorship of the Clergy and Layman Concerned About Vietnam, a group in opposition to United States policy in Vietnam, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., announced a demonstration to be held in Washington, D. C., on February 5-6, 1968. He said that this demonstration would be held to protest the war in Vietnam and that, while other protesters would not be turned away, the demonstration would be held primarily for church affiliated groups.

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