

THE ARMY IS SPYING ON US

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WASHINGTON -D.C. (LNS) — The U.S. Army has a nation-wide "omniscient" watching network, complete with informers and daily "intelligence" reports teletyped to bases across the country. [a

The center of the operation is near Baltimore, Md., at Fort Holabird where the U.S. Army Intelligence Command is located. Every day, Robert A. Brisentine, Jr., "TPMG Liaison Officer" for the Army's Criminal Intelligence Division (CID), signs the Daily Intelligence Summary which is sent out over the wire from Fort Holabird to bases across the country.

"The U.S. Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Maryland, reported the following summary which contains items of intelligence interest..." begins each dispatch. What follows is not limited to information about "illegal" activity within the Army, the Criminal Intelligence Division's area of jurisdiction, nor even to movement activities which might bring violence and a call for Army troops to restore "order."

AP wire, edited so that it contains only stories about the activities of the left, rewritten in military jargon and embellished with tidbits, obviously from informers.

The Daily Summary could be composed substantially of newspaper clippings, though most probably a large number of military personnel are involved in compiling it from first hand observation. But when the U.S. Army Intelligence Command puts out a "Special Summary" it becomes obvious that they have informers at work. Take for example, the "Special Summary" covering 0700 to 1800 hours of January 20 in Washington when demonstrators were reacting to Nixon's inauguration:

"At 1000 hours, a meeting of dissidents broke up at St. Stephen's and the Incarnation Church, 16th and Newton Streets, N.W., WDC. SO members from the Ohio and Michigan SOS contingents were present. After the meeting broke up into small groups, as they did not want to get 'busted' before they could get into action.

Two members of the group were to go to Franklin Square. Neither Mark Rudd nor weapons were present at the meeting."

And this, from January 19:

"Out-of-town dissidents currently in Washin2:ton are being housed in a 'commune' at .ddress deleted by LNS] along with 'Pigasus' and several dogs' who are permitted to move among; the persons sleeping on the floor but are not permitted to leave the building f r. fea f being seen. Four or five unidentified hippies announced plans to leave Washington for fear that it will be another Chicago and many of the dissidents have expressed their apprehension about police intervention in their demonstrations."

Before counter-inaugural demonstrators ever arrived in Washington, Army Intelligence was at work on the matter. Special summaries listed the number of buses and persons en route to Washington from major cities. And they had a full-fledged spy in Nashville, at least, who supplied them with more detailed "information:"

Volkswagen sedan believed to be registered to the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) Nashville, Tenn., departed Nashville, appareijty enroute to Washington, D.C. There were four (4) occupants in the car, [name deleted by LNS] a female Caucasian, [name deleted ... J personality data unknown, and two unidentified individuals. During the night of 16-17 Jan '69, [name deleted ...] had in his possession a .22 caliber bolt action rifle and 'more than 100 rounds of ammunition.' During the early morning hours of 17 Jan 69, the rifle and ammunition could not be found at SSOC headquarters. [Name ...] also had with him a GI helmet bearing on the front a red star **within** a yellow circle with unknown lettering above and below the emblem. [Name ...], a SSOC high school coordinator, is believed to have an extensive arrest record in New Orleans, La., various places in North Carolina, and possibly other states, Also at 1430 hours one POV (Privately Owned Vehicle) with four (4) occupants and at 1530 hours another POV with five (5) occupants departed SSOG Hqs--Na-shville-, allegedly enroute to Washington, D.C."

And, of course, the Daily Summary includes items about the establishment of GI coffee-houses, GI teach-ins and demonstrations, and cars with base parking stickers sighted near protest meetings.

For example: "Chapel Hill, N.C.: On 7 December, a crowd numbering approximately 120 staged a march from the Morehead Planetarium to the First Baptist Church. The Marchers carried placards reading "A Free Army in a Free Society," 'Free Speech for Gis,' and 'Try War Criminals Not War Resisters.' The

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March appear. to be led by Charles Mann, a member of the United Anti-War Mobilization Front (UAWMF)."

In addition to the Daily Summary, the U.S. Army Intelligence Command compiles and sends out "personality data" -- dossiers on movement activists. The "personality data" is reportedly classified "Top Secret". But Army Intelligence is interested in all dissent -- even that which threatens no violence. The Daily Summary for December 7, for example, carried this account of civil rights demonstration in the South:

"Jeffersonville, Ga.; Q, 6D(1)ccmb0r, a group of approximately 100 Negroes, 30% percent of whom were 18 years of age or younger, held a meeting at a Baptist Church, and then marched through the downtown area. The march was held in support of Negro demands for a Negro Deputy Sheriff (reference USAINTC summaries 8339 and 8341). There were no incidents or arrests. On December 7, several groups of five persons each marched in and out of the courthouse; but no disturbances were reported. A group of 35 Negroes gathered at a church but, disbanded a short time later and no organized demonstration occurred."

In addition, the Daily Summary is interested in radical education and propaganda, for instance on December 30, it reported:

"SDS Week of Solidarity: The National SDS has been invited to send five observers to Cuba for the celebration of the Cuban Revolution on 2 January. The five persons will be chosen by the SDS National, Interim Committee (NIC). The NIC has also decided to call for a week of solidarity with Cuba from 3 to 10 January. This solidarity week will consist mainly of an educational program with posters and educational material being prepared by the National Office of SDS."

What's the Army up to? Keeping close watch on the anti-war, anti-army movement among GI's? Yes. And checking out action against ROTC? Yes. And maintaining surveillance over the black movement, particularly near big Army bases in the South, where "unrest" could send "racial tensions" skyrocketing among GI's? Yes. And smothering demonstrations which the Army may be called in to quell? Yes.

And more. The Army is paralleling, through its criminal investigation division, some of the spy work of the F.B.I. The CID supplies the information to the U.S. Army Intelligence

Command, which in turn reports to the  
Defense Intelligence Agency. As a result,  
the Defense Intelligence Agency has its own  
watchful eye on the radical movement in the  
United States, with no need to rely on data  
from civilians.

Be careful. The Army is watching you.  
Not just when you're telling secrets, con-  
spiring or holding guns, if you do that sort  
of thing. But in all your political actions.  
They're watching you so they'll know how to  
destroy you. Watch the Army. So we'll know  
how to destroy it.

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#### AUSSIES SUSPECT "STUDENT PLOT"

SYDNEY, Aust. (LNS) -- Australia Attorney  
General Nigel Bowen said today his depart-  
ment was investigating reports that students  
planned to take "extreme action" on a  
national scale in June and July, according  
to Reuters.

derground student newspapers and other  
sources, indicated plans to take over se-  
condary schools.

The reports said that widespread demon-  
strations were also planned against Prime  
Minister Gorton, Army Minister Philip  
Lynch, Labor Minister Leslie Bury and the  
Attorney General.

They were to culminate in a nation-  
wide demonstration on July 4, "Independence"  
Day.

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that it takes power to talk to power, it takes  
power to make power respect you and it takes  
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SECTION II: FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY - MONDAY, 20 JANUARY 1969

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B. OUT-OF-TOWN DISSIDENTS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON ARE BEING HOUSED IN A "COMMUNE" AT 1728 S STREET NW ALONG WITH "PIGASUS" AND SEVERAL DOGS, WHO ARE PERMITTED TO MOVE AMONG THE PERSONS SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR BUT ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE BUILDING FOR FEAR OF BEING SEEN. FOUR OR FIVE UNIDENTIFIED "HIPPIES" ANNOUNCED PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR FEAR THAT IT WILL BE ANOTHER CHICAGO AND MANY OF THE DISSIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR APPREHENSION ABOUT POLICE INTERVENTION IN THEIR DEMONSTRATIONS. MUCH DISSENTION EXISTS AMONG THE DISSIDENTS BECAUSE THEY ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS, AND EFFORTS TO SECURE A UNITED ACTION BETWEEN SDS AND WMS HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS TO DATE.