The planning includes four areas:


2. 18 Mar 05. This concerns a send-off rally apparently of the 250-275 people going to Fayetteville, NC.

Start Quote

3. Saturday, March 19. Civil Disobedience at recruiting centers. Via YA Network and Code Pink have joined WRL et al in this effort. Three Recruitment center sites—Flatbush, Kingsbridge, and Times Square—have been selected. There will be a rally at each site and then a march to the recruitment center, where those who choose to will commit civil disobedience. Others who do not want to risk arrest will leaflet, hold banners and coffins and talk to people.

End Quote

4. 20 Mar 05. A church service for peace.

Separately, an Internet search of the term "WRL" using www.google.com, located a link to the War Resisters League website. At http://www.warresisters.org/counter-recruitment05.htm, the recruitment stations were Page 1
Listed as Civil Disobedience at 43 Street and Broadway in Manhattan at 12 noon. Also, listed was a demonstration in Brooklyn at 102 Flatbush Ave (near State Street) with details to be announced later. The webpage also contains links to two flyers for this event.

PERSONS BRIEDED LOCALLY: JTF Atlanta, JTF New York, Atlanta Field Intelligence Group, 9024 MI Group Fort Knox RO, NCIS, AFOSI

COMMENTS: 1. This information was from an e-mail and a website on the Internet. The source made no effort to validate the credibility of the information. The source shared the information solely for informational purposes.

2. The source feels the e-mail and website listing the locations of the New York City recruiting stations has a theme that vandalism or a direct attack on a recruiting station is permitting and encouraged by the sender. Also, civil disobedience can range from a sit-in to forcibly removing personnel from the station along with vandalism of the building(s). The source also states that there is an intense debate among the anti-war protest groups concerning whether to be nonviolent or to conduct civil disobedience. While a group may publicly call for nonviolent protests, individually many of the individual may members actually favor civil disobedience and vandalism. Also, many members of these groups view vandalism as 'nonviolent' action.

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(FUUD) The original source received an additional e-mail over the Internet with the following new information:

(FUUD) On 28 Feb 05, organizers for one of the protests met at the International Action Center (NFI), on behalf of 'CAN,' to discuss plans for 19 Mar 05. They want a vibrant anti-war message from a strong youth and student contingent, lively signs, and loud chants. For the protest, they plan to start their rally at 10:00 AM at Marcus Garvey Park, before marching to Central Park. They further stated, 'the march to the East Meadow of Central Park will be interrupted, not by the NYPD, but by a quick but an important stop at the recruiting center at 125th Street to protest militarism in our schools, and the return to the draft.'

(FUUD) There was no information provided on planned protests at the other New York City recruiting center locations.

UPDATE: (2) 08-MAR-05
DETAILS: 2.

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The source received another e-mail directly from the Internet. Source made no effort to validate the credibility of the information and shared it solely for informational purposes.
The key text of the e-mail follows:

-----Original Message-----

From: [name]

Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2005 9:34 AM

Subject: 430, March 19 scenario, maps, fliers, guidelines

The easiest is to visit http://www.warresisters.org/counter-recruitMar05.htm instead of reading this, there may also be info somewhere deep in the unitedforpeace.org site, though there was none a few days ago. If you're rushed, see text below:

crassly pasted from warresisters.org:

Map of Manhattan march:
http://www.warresisters.org/images/midtownManhattan.jpg

Map of Brooklyn march:
http://www.warresisters.org/images/downtownBrooklyn.jpg

fliers
http://www.warresisters.org/co flyer3-19-05_ver2.pdf
http://www.warresisters.org/co flyer3-19-05_ver2.pdf

versions that include blank 'local contact' boxes
http://www.warresisters.org/counter-recruitMar05.htm

MANHATTAN [click on map (left) to see detail of route]
March 19 (Saturday)
10:30 am gather at Dag Hammerskjold Plaza
(47 St. b/t First & Second Aves.)
11:30 am solemn procession with coffins to Times Square Recruiting Station
begins 12 noon Civil disobedience at military recruiting station (43 St. & Broadway)
BROOKLYN [click on map (right) to see detail of route]

March 19 (Saturday)

10:45 am Gather at two locations:
- Brooklyn Public Library
  (on Flatbush Ave. near Grand Army Plaza and Prospect Park)
- Brooklyn Borough Hall

11:30 am Two solemn processions with coffins will begin; one along Flatbush Ave.
  from the library and the other through the Fulton Mall from Borough Hall 12 noon
  Leafleting and civil disobedience at the military recruiting offices at 102
  Flatbush Ave. (near State St.)

THE BRONX

March 19 (Saturday)

11 am Vigil at recruiting offices, Fordham Rd. and Grand Concourse [Also, the day
  before - on Friday, Mar. 18 - there will be a demonstration at Kingsbridge Armory]

Nonviolence Training & Affinity Groups. Two nonviolence trainings are planned; one
located at a church in Brooklyn and another at a church in Manhattan.

This civil disobedience action will be structured by affinity groups who will be
able to act autonomously (within the nonviolence guidelines) and to participate in
decision-making with the whole group.

Nonviolence Guidelines. For the purpose of building trust and a common foundation
for safety, and ensure that we act in the spirit of nonviolence, participants in the
action agree to the following:

* Our attitude will be one of openness and respect toward people we encounter.
* We will not use physical violence or verbal abuse toward any person.
* We will not damage any property.
* We will not bring or use any alcohol or drugs other than for medical purposes.
* We will not carry weapons.
Participating Organizations. The NYC War Resisters League is organizing this civil disobedience action with the endorsement of United for Peace and Justice; Socialist Party USA; Voices in the Wilderness; Brooklyn Parents for Peace; Park Slope Greens; Catholic Worker; Code Pink; Not in Our Name; Ta-Ya Network; Socialist Party of NYC; Progressive Programmers League; Kairos Community; World War I Arts in Action; No. Police State Coalition.

COMMENTS: Believing war to be a crime against humanity, the War Resisters League, founded in 1923, advocates Gandhiian nonviolence as the method for creating a democratic society free of war, racism, sexism, and human exploitation.

Next Meeting. Thursday, March 17, 7 pm, 333 Lafayette St. (at Bleecker St.) in Manhattan. Next meeting about the Brooklyn action will be March 15, 7 pm, 123 Garfield Pl. (between Fifth & Sixth Aves.), Park Slope, Brooklyn.

JOIN US

[signature]

For more information or how to participate in this action, please e-mail nycwrl[dot]net or call [phone number]. If you haven't contacted us before, please give us your name, e-mail address, telephone number, where you're from, and what previous experience (if any) you have had with nonviolent direct action.