New anti-logging protest starts

Earth First! declares 'Redwood Summer'

By Steve Geissinger

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Activists of all stripes, spurred by a bombing that injured two environmentalists, are preparing for a widespread logging protest campaign they're calling Redwood Summer.

Earth First! organizers said they hope to reproduce the environmental equivalent of Freedom Summer, the 1964 voter registration campaign centered in Mississippi that helped lead to the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Though Redwood Summer protests are planned as peaceful civil disobedience to slow the pace of logging and save old-growth redwoods, a number of violent incidents already have occurred because of tension between those who make their living from the northern California timber industry and environmentalists.

A letter writer, identified only as "the Lord's avenger," has claimed responsibility for a pipe bomb explosion that injured Earth First! leaders Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney in Oakland on May 24. The writer also claimed responsibility for a pipe bomb that exploded outside a lumber mill May 9.

Earlier, Bari and Cherney reported receiving numerous death threats, and last August her car was allegedly rammed by a logging truck.

During demonstrations, a protester had her nose broken by a logger and another protester was dropped by a punch from another logger. To that extent. Redwood Summer resembles Freedom Summer, which was marked by violence, including the murder of three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss.

Police arrested Bari and Cherney, saying they knowingly carried the bomb when it blew up inside their car. But so far no charges have been filed against them.

Earth First! founder Dave Foreman said in interviews that he believes the car bombing was an attempt to derail Redwood Summer.

"Dari and Cherney were giving it all they had. Why would they risk losing it all?" he said.

Redwood Summer "could galvanize national and even international opinion to stop the destruction of old-growth temperate rain forests," Foreman said. "Just like that Mississippi summer that finally turned public opinion around and brought about the passage of the Civil Rights Act."

Foreman is under federal indictment on charges of plotting last year to destroy transmission lines serving nuclear plants in California, Colorado and Arizona.

The car bombing already has helped pull activists involved in other issues to the anti-logging campaign.

Amnesty International, which investigates allegations of politically motivated violence against individuals worldwide, has offered to look into the bombing incident.

"We've had a multitude of groups step forward," Pam Davis, an Earth First! organizer, told a cheering audience last month at an anti-logging rally in Santa Rosa.

Daniel Barron, an Earth First! member in San Francisco, said that the group is starting to form alliances with organizations in the peace, labor and environmental movements that might have been enemies or "lukewarm to us in the past."

Offers include manpower, money, technical support and non-violence training, organizers said.

Police, student clashes taking racist overtones

(CPS) — Students and police at three different campuses suddenly find themselves confronting each other amid charges of racism and excessive force.

Temple University and the universities of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Illinois have been plagued by confrontations that, some observers say, are laced with racial overtones.

Other observers say the confrontations are the results of minority students' increasing frustrations with the isolation and hostility they encounter daily on campuses.

"That was just the catalyst that set everything off," declared a member of the Black Student Union at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, referring to an April 29 incident in which campus police arrested four black students outside a dorm following a shouting match that got out of hand.

Black student leaders apparently had met four days earlier with university officials to complain about unfair treatment by campus poSimilar incidents occurred at Temple in Philadelphia and Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. At all three campuses, the incidents were followed by massive student outcries.

"We've had this as an undercurrent for years." Siegal said.

An annual gathering of black collegians at Virginia Beach, Va., last fall broke into a violent clash with police. The National Guard was brought in to oust the estimated 100,000 students, and 43 people were injured and 220 were arrested during the melce.

Students claimed they had been unfairly singled out because they are black.

The Temple incident began April 26 when several windows and a door at the predominantly white Phi Kappa Psi fraternity were broken. Fraternity members chased a group of black students they thought were the culprits.

A brawl broke out and university police took eight

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