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SKETCH WARNING

As ban-the-bombers get out of hand

STOP THESE GERM

MARCHERS

By **LOUIS KIRBY**

A PROUD boast was made yesterday by the assorted group of British men and women who melodramatically call themselves the Committee of 100.

They proclaim that a carload of their officials drove two miles into the grounds of the secret germ warfare establishment at Porton on Salisbury Plain. And spent one hour inside drawing maps and making plans for a mass demonstration there on Saturday.

Stringent precautions to safeguard life are taken among the Government workers at Porton. But one of the top scientists there, Mr. Geoffrey Bacon, last year died from pneumonic plague—a variety of the Black Death that swept Britain in the 16th century.

Now, flushed from their success over their nuisance campaign against Regional Seats of Government, the Committee of 100 begin to meddle with life and death. They plan to wear gauze masks for this foolhardy adventure

THOUSANDS OF MAPS

Last night thousands of detailed maps were being turned out at grubby upstairs offices in London's Finsbury Park.

They invite Ban-the-Bomb fanatics to force their way into the grounds and march near to three main blocks where the top secret work is carried out, including the experimental animal-compound.

Mr. Michael Harwood, London secretary of the Committee of 100 says he is urging anyone who is caught to refuse to be fined or bound over, and to go to prison instead.

And Mr. Peter Moule, the national secretary, says joyfully: "We expect arrests."

A COUNTY CANCELS POLICE LEAVE

THE Porton establishment will be well guarded against any demonstration. Its approaches will be covered by War Department police, and Wiltshire county police — many of whom have had their leave cancelled.

The Daily Sketch does not believe in over-publicising the vainglorious braggarts of the Committee of 100. Nor has it any wish to cause unnecessary alarm

TOO FAR

But the predominant public interest compels us to say that these men may now be taking upon themselves an unacceptable risk. Not only for themselves, but for the rest of their peace-loving countrymen.

They have gone too far this time along the path to anarchy. AND they must be stopped. NOW.

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PROFUMO AFFAIR

Enter —a girl called Maria

By **PETER DUFFY** and
JOHN McLEOD

A BLONDE with a lorgnette talked yesterday about a transatlantic investigation by American G-men into an alleged call-girl racket at the United Nations HQ in New York.

She is 21-year-old Maria Novotny, wife of former London club-owner and antique merchant Hod Dibben.

Following the Profumo affair, the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency are inquiring into the security aspects of girls being used—often unwittingly—by the Russians to obtain information from diplomats.

'Ashamed'

Maria, a relation of Czechoslovakia's President Antonin Novotny, peered through her gold lorgnette in a Belgravia tavern last night and said: "I suppose the Americans will want to interview me in this probe."

"I am ashamed of my relationship to the Czech President. It is something I have tried to hide all my life."

Two years ago Maria was arrested in New York on a vice charge. Her close

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pernicious plan, the master minds of Finsbury Park also intend trouble for President Kennedy on his visit to Britain this week-end.

On Saturday night and Sunday they will organise a "vigil" at Birch Grove. They will picket Gatwick Airport and the Church of Our Lady of the Forest, where the President is attending morning Mass. After that—peace until

July 9, when their talents will be turned full blast on the King and Queen of Greece with demonstrations and marches against their visit.

This time Canon John Collins and his Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will also be there. Yesterday he wrote to the Greek King and Queen threatening to stage incidents.

Their aim, he pointed out, was to demonstrate "our solidarity with the Greek peace movement."