

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

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 Date: 17/3/69

20th day of February, 1969.

SUBJECT North
 West London
 March 9th
 Committee
 for Solidarity
 with Vietnam.

On Tuesday, 18th February, 1969, at Friends Meeting House, 120, Heath Street, Hampstead, N.W.3. the inaugural meeting was held by the North West London March 9th Committee for Solidarity with Vietnam, which is sponsored by the Britain Vietnam Solidarity Front.

Reference to Papers

The meeting, which commenced at 7.45 p.m. and terminated at 10.0. p.m. was chaired by [Privacy] and was attended by 12 persons. [Privacy]

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[Privacy] opened the meeting by outlining the purpose of the proposed march, stating that it was their intention to march from Trafalgar Square to both the Soviet Union and American Embassies to express disapproval at the "imperialistic actions of those countries". She went on to enumerate the U.S. and South Vietnamese losses since the beginning of this year stating that the "aggressors" had lost over 700 aircraft, 13,000 military vehicles and 630,000 military personnel killed or wounded.

The next speaker, AL MANCHANDA, expounded at great length upon the failings over the past two years of the U.S., "the greatest imperialists the world has ever known", and allied nearly all recent world events, viz, Tokyo university riots, French student upheaval and the L.S.E. "lock-out" with the persistent interference of the United States and the C.I.A.

MANCHANDA closed with an appeal for support for the demonstration to be held on Monday 24th February, 1969, at Grosvenor Square, to protest against the arrival in the U.K. of President Nixon.

There then followed a showing of the North Vietnamese film, 'The River of Ben Hai', with Vietnamese commentary, a propaganda film supposedly demonstrating the North's superiority over the Allies in the battle in the de-militarised zone in the Summer of 1967.

Following the film [Privacy], who stated that he was secretary for the above mentioned March 9th Committee, gave a resume of the slogans intended for use during the March 9th demonstration. Among those mentioned were "Long live Ho Chi Minh"; "Long live Mao Tse Tung"; "Down with U.S. and Soviet Union Imperialism"; "U.S. Aggressors get out of Vietnam".

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References to persons mentioned in this report and others recognised at the meeting:

Privacy
AL MANCHANDA R.F. 402/53/274.

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Britain Vietnam Solidarity Front is the subject of R.F. 400/66/120.



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