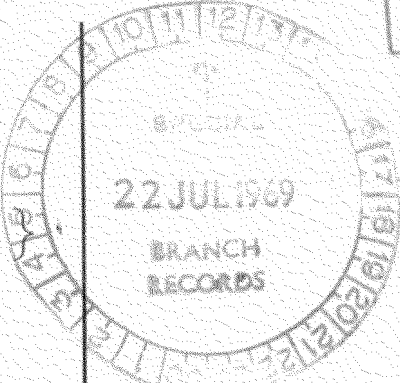


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Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

19th day of July, 19 69

SUBJECT

Meeting -

B.V.S.F.

Reference to Papers

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1. Together with D.C. [Redacted], I was present to-day in the vicinity of Kilburn High Road, N.W.6. near the junction with Birchington Road, where a meeting was held under the auspices of the Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front. The meeting commenced at 4.5 p.m. and terminated at 5 p.m. There was a fluctuating audience of between 20 and 80 people who, apart from the incident mentioned below, were orderly throughout.

2. The Chairman and only speaker was Edward DEVOREN.

3. DEVOREN opened the meeting by saying that he thought that it was time that other organisations supported the Irish people in their struggle for liberation and he said that the Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front was giving its wholehearted support to this campaign. The Irish problem he said, was similar to that being experienced in Vietnam, and it was by holding meetings and letting the public know what was going on in these countries that eventually public opinion would play an active part in solving the problems of these countries.

4. It was at this stage that an Irish member of the audience gave his objection to 'a lot of Macists' siding with the Irish and tore down the Vietnam Liberation Flag from the platform. Quick and timely intervention by uniform officers prevented an ugly situation and the meeting was allowed to continue.

5. DEVOREN then gave a lengthy account of the use of Ireland by the British Government as a cheap source of labour and said that more money should be received by all Irish workmen from the industrial capitalists.

6. In closing the meeting, DEVOREN said he would like to see the 'six counties' become part of a United Ireland, to be known as the United Irish Republic, run by the Irish for the Irish.

7. During his speech DEVOREN was continually heckled in a light hearted manner by several Irishmen and when questions were asked from the audience nothing of particular interest to Special Branch emerged.

8. The following persons were identified amongst members of the audience:-

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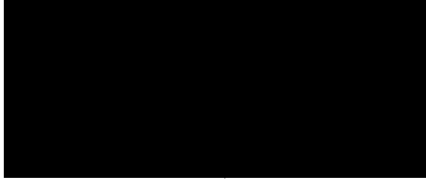
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9. Attached to this report are photostat copies of a pamphlet which was handed out to pedestrians before the meeting commenced.



Detective Sergeant.

Submitted.

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for Chief Inspector.

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Appendix to Special Branch concerning a meeting of the Britain Vietnam Solidarity Front held on 19.7.69 at Kilburn High Road, N.W.6:-

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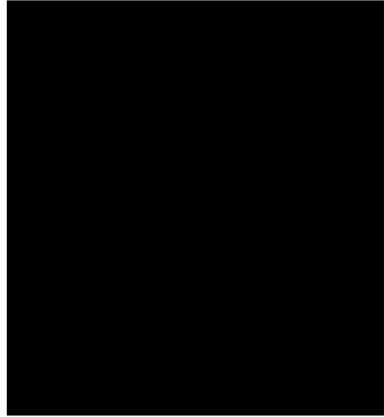
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