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METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

8/3/68
8th day of February 1968.ROUTINE MEETING/POSTER PARADE REPORTOrganization: Vietnam Solidarity Campaign

Ref: 400/67/73.

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 8th day of February 1968 from 7.45pm. to 10pm.

Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E.1.

Source of Information: Vietnam Solidarity Campaign leaflet.Admission - Private/Public: Public.Police Arrangements: No uniformed police present.Subject: Showing of Japanese film on "American War Crimes in Vietnam, followed by discussion on preparations for International Solidarity Demonstration.
Chairman, Speakers, Officials (references; new pars. obtained; descriptions if necessary):Chairman: David ROBINSON

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Speakers: There was only one speaker who can not be identified.

Officials: ---

Attendance: i) Number: About 70.

ii) Groups: none

iii) Collection: collection taken -
total amount received not
known.

iv) Individuals Identified:

Pat. JORDAN ✓ - RF.402/60/182.

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Ernie TATE ✓ - RF.402/66/451.

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v) Vehicles:

None seen in vicinity.

Incidents:

None.

Banners/Slogans:

None displayed.

Literature:

Several Left-Wing booklets on sale.

(P.T.O.)

Future Activities:

See below.

Remarks:

The only speaker (who can not be identified) spoke briefly about "atrocities committed by the Americans against the Vietnamese civilian population". He then appealed for support from the audience for the organisation's future activities which he listed as follows:-

"A" Friday, 23/2/68 - A poster parade to be held outside Lambeth Town Hall during the visit there of the Prime Minister Harold Wilson at 7.30 p.m., protesting against British support for America in Vietnam.

"B" Friday, 15/3/68 - A poster parade to be held outside the premises of Dow Chemicals, 105 Wigmore Street, W.1. at 5 p.m., protesting against "the supply of napalm and other dangerous chemicals to the American government for use against the Vietnamese people".

Saturday, 16/3/68 - Distribution of anti-Vietnam war leaflets to American servicemen and their families at the U.S.A.F. base at Lakenheath from 2.30 p.m. onwards.

"C" Sunday, 17/3/68 - International Solidarity Demonstration against "U.S. aggression in Vietnam" at Trafalgar Square at 2.30 p.m. to be followed by a march to the U.S. Embassy.

From 8.30 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. a Japanese film with dialogue in English was shown on "American War Crimes in Vietnam".

The meeting was then closed by a discussion on the distribution of leaflets and display of posters advertising the organisation's intended demonstration for Sunday, 17th March 1968. Any persons in the audience wishing to assist in these activities were asked to telephone Privacy.

During the closing discussion a young man in the audience intimated that a meeting would be held on 12/2/68 at 8 p.m. at Privacy Privacy to discuss future activities of members living in the Kilburn area. His description is: Aged about 25 years; height about 5 feet 9 inches; medium build; long black hair with centre parting; pencil moustache; pale complexion.

Officers Present:

D.C. HN299/342

HN299/342

(Signature)

Submitted

Constable. (rank)

Chief Inspector

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- 4. To note
- 5. S.B.(R)

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Chief Superintendent