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Link-arms call to Communists for Sunday

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YOUNG COMMUNISTS taking part in Sunday's anti-Vietnam war demonstration should march together and link arms to resist provocations to engage in violence, says a statement issued yesterday by the Young Communist League executive committee.

This, says the committee, is also to prevent the demonstrations being diverted from its main aim "to show solidarity with the Vietnamese people."

Every member of the League was called on to take part in the demonstration, sponsored by the October 27 Vietnam ad hoc Committee consisting of representatives of a number of organisations including the YCL and the Communist Party National Student Committee.

Those taking part should call on the British Government to end "Britain's complicity in the war."

Not implicated

The statement said that the League was in no way implicated in any plans for violence either before or during the demonstration.

Nor did it believe that any of the organisations on the ad hoc committee were in any way involved in such activity.

The march starts from the Embankment (Charing Cross Station) at 2 p.m. and will proceed to Hyde Park for a rally at about 4.30 p.m., after delivering protest letters at Australia House and 10, Downing Street.

After a four-hour student union meeting at the London School of Economics yesterday, the decision to occupy the building over the weekend was rescinded, but a second motion that the union did not condemn any students who wished to occupy the building during the weekend, was passed.

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Despite repeated statements by the demonstration organisers that no violence is intended by them, National Union of Students president Geoffrey Martin issued a statement yesterday telling his members to ignore it.

He accuses Mr. Tariq Ali, a member of the ad hoc committee, of being "a front man" and of "trying to explode a year of revolution, using this weekend as a launching pad."

A letter from Canon Collins, chairman of Christian Action, asks the organisers of Sunday's demonstration to give a public undertaking that "all display of violence would be actively discouraged."

Other signatories are Bishop Huddleston, Lord Soper, Lord Brockway, Lord Macleod of Fuinary and Father Simon Blake. They say the letter "is sent in the spirit of comradeship and mutual commitment to peace."

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