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Mr. Tariq Ali (CENTRE), of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign, giving a Press conference in London yesterday with a committee representing groups taking part in the mass anti-Vietnam war demonstration on Oct. 27. With him (FROM LEFT) are: Mr. Ernest Tate, Mr. Alan Harris, Mr. Barney Davis, Secretary of the Young Communist League, and Mr. Henry Wortis.

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AVOID VIETNAM RALLY, POLICE ARE TOLD

100,000-STRONG 'INVASION'

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POLICE were warned yesterday to stay away from the mass anti-Vietnam war demonstration in London on Oct. 27 "so that there will be no arrests and no provocation."

With up to 100,000 people coming in by bus and train from all over the country, it will be the biggest rally ever staged in Britain. It is being organised by an *ad hoc* committee of Left-wing groups.

The aim is to bring "out into the streets" the increasing anger and frustration felt by more and more people at the Labour Government's support for the Americans in Vietnam, it was stated at a Press conference yesterday.

Reports that there would be a take-over of important buildings and that Molotov cocktails were being prepared, were described by committee members as "a conscious attempt designed to divide the march and discredit the organisers in the eyes of the public."

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"FLUSH THEM OUT"

Tariq Ali plea

"If there are people planning to take over buildings and use Molotov cocktails, flush them out," said Tariq Ali, a member of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign national committee.

"Let us see the evidence and let us see who these people are. If there is such a group somewhere the idea will probably have been planted in their minds by the reports."

Mr. Fergus Nicholson, a member of the Communist party national students' committee, said: "The threat of violence comes from the people raising the question of violence, not from the committee which is organising the demonstration."

Tariq Ali said that a figure of 6,000 police on duty had been reported. "If they do not want any trouble they should leave the marchers alone."

The effect of the reports had been psychological in the minds of the police, creating an anti-demonstration feeling, said Barney Davis, secretary of the Young Communist League. The Government was now the lunatic fringe on the Vietnam war issue.

SPIRIT OF PACIFISM

CND characteristic

Ernest Tate, a member of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign national committee, declared that it was no longer possible to talk in terms of peaceful protest in the spirit of pacifism which had characterised the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

There was a shift in the whole movement to the Left. Demonstrations had entered a new phase of mass mobilisation, a spontaneous expression of the people

themselves at the disgust they felt at Parliamentary institutions.

"We regard ourselves as an antidote to the Wilson virus," Tariq Ali added.

Among the Left-wing factions supporting the campaign are the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign, Young Communist League, Young Liberals, Australians and New Zealanders against the War, National Socialist Group, Radical Students' Alliance, Revolutionary Socialist Student Federation and the "Stop It" Committee.

Hundreds of supporters will arrive from other big towns where ad hoc committees have been set up. Thousands of posters and half a million items of literature are being distributed.

There is no intention of including the American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, in the route of the march, which will be:

Assembly on Embankment opposite Charing Cross at 2 p.m.; east to Blackfriars, north to Fleet Street, west to the Australian High Commissioner's office.

Then to Whitehall to protest at the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation offices, Downing Street, the Ministry of Defence, through Victoria to Hyde Park and a mass rally against the war.