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## 'Playboy' Ali attacked as marchers get militant

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AS PLANS grow for the anti-Vietnam demonstration which is due to be held in London in a fortnight's time, there are indications that new militants are taking-over the anti-war lobby. Even Tariq Ali, who was widely regarded as the leading militant only six months ago, was described by the Anti-Imperialist Solidarity Bulletin last week as "that international adventurer and playboy of the pseudo left."

Mr Ali's declining political status was taken a step further when at a Che Guevara commemorative meeting last Monday he compared Che to "another great revolutionary, Trotsky." The Communists, Stalinists and other left representatives at the meeting howled him into silence.

The political splits in the anti-war movement have already put the organisation of the demonstration behind schedule. The march organisers, the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign, have been under attack since deciding to avoid the American embassy.

The official demonstration will march from the Charing Cross Embankment to Blackfriars, up Fleet Street, to Australia House along The Strand and into Whitehall. During the past week two Maoists groups, the Britain Vietnam Solidarity Front and the Action Council for Anti-Imperialist Solidarity, have accused the V S C of being "revisionists, pacifists, double-faced Trotskyites and capitulationists."

They claim the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square should be the focal point of the demonstration and intend leading off a march from Whitehall. On present assessments it is possible they will take a sizeable number of the many thousands who are expected to turn out.

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