

S.S. No. 1 (Films)

Special Report

SUBJECT Proposed  
V.S.C.  
Demonstration  
on 1.5.69.

Reference to Papers  
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METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

TO: [REDACTED] 16th day of April, 1969  
REF: OF 2049 [REDACTED]

Shortly after the "October Revolution" demonstration on 27.10.68, the VIETNAM SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN announced that their next mass demonstration would take place on 1st May, 1969, to coincide with similar demonstrations in the capitals of Europe. In recent months public interest in Vietnam has declined and organisations which have hitherto formed the backbone of V.S.C., particularly the INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM GROUP, have shifted the emphasis of their activities into the industrial sphere in the hope of attracting more working class members. In addition the V.S.C. has been hit by a factional split in its membership and it can be said to be almost moribund.

In view of the foregoing the current leaders of the V.S.C. have abandoned their plans for a May 1st demonstration. Those persons and organisations which could have been expected to support the V.S.C. will now almost certainly support the May 1st demonstration being planned by the LONDON MAY DAY COMMITTEE assisted by the I.S. Group.

Such the same situation exists with regard to the demonstration planned by the PROVISIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR A MILITANT MAY DAY, which was the subject of Special Branch report of 23rd January, 1969. Privacy the organising sec. etary, had a nervous breakdown shortly after the Committee held its inaugural meeting, since when no further meetings have been held. Those members of the INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY who formed part of that Committee have since announced their intention of supporting the one day strike and demonstration against the Government's economic policies to be held on 1.5.69 by the LONDON MAY DAY COMMITTEE.

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