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Special Report

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SPECIAL BRANCH

11th day of September, 1969.

SUBJECT Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front.

Reference to Papers

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Between 7.30 p.m. and 8.50 p.m. today, in company with Detective Constable [redacted], I was present at Portland Hall, Little Titchfield Street, W.1. where a meeting was held under the auspices of the 'BRITAIN-VIETNAM SOLIDARITY FRONT', to pay tribute to the late Ho Chi Minh. The meeting, which was orderly throughout, was attended by about sixty persons.

2. Over the speakers platform was a large coloured portrait of Ho Chi Minh suitably draped in black and flanked by two large vases of flowers. Around the hall were hung pictures of Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse Tung. In addition, there were posters bearing the following slogans:-

- 'Eternal Glory to Great Leader-Ho Chi Minh'
- 'Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front Victory to the N.L.F.'
- 'Workers of all countries Unite'

3. Before the commencement of the speeches, recordings were played of the North Vietnamese National Anthem and a reading of the last will and testament of Ho Chi Minh.

4. The chairman of the meeting was Abhimanyu MANCHANDA and other speakers were:-

- ✓ [redacted] (representing 'FRIENDS OF CHINA')
- ✓ Diane LANGFORD (representing the 'WOMANS LIBERATION FRONT')
- ✓ [redacted]

In addition, [redacted] sang a revolutionary song in praise of Ho Chi Minh at the conclusion of the meeting.

5. All the speakers contributed their piece to an eulogy of Ho Chi Minh, describing him as the greatest revolutionary of all time, the world's greatest patriot and a devoted supporter of all people who were attempting to throw off the shackles of both American and Soviet imperialism. After the main speakers, two coloured men, the names of whom were not given but were said to represent the 'PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS' and 'Z.A.P.U.', spoke from the floor and stated that the example set by Ho Chi Minh had been of the greatest encouragement to all African people who were fighting for their freedom. An unidentified Irishman (representing the 'IRISH INTEXTILE ASSOCIATION') also claimed that Ho Chi Minh's

fighting spirit had greatly encouraged Irishmen in Belfast and Derry in their fight for freedom from British oppression.

6. During the meeting it was announced by Norman TEMPLE that on 3rd October, 1969, a meeting was to be held at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.1. in support of the Palestinians.

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7. The following persons were identified as being present:-

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8. Several pamphlets (copies attached) giving details of forthcoming meetings and film shows, were distributed at the end of the meeting.

9. Uniformed police officers were present outside the hall throughout.

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[Redacted]

(Dev. Sergeant)

[Redacted]

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Submitted.

[Redacted]

Chief Inspector.

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

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Appendix to Special Branch Report dated 11th September, 1969.  
'Britain-Vietnam Solidarity Front' meeting report.

Amimanyu MANCHANDA ✓

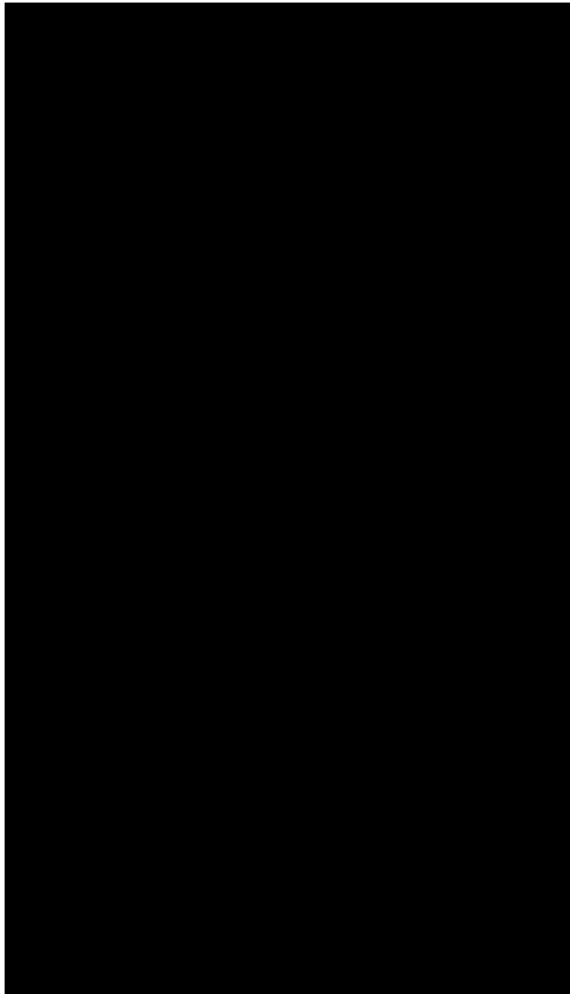
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Diane LANGFORD ✓

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Norman TEMPLE ✓

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- ✓ 'Friends of China'
- ✓ 'Womans Liberation Front'
- ✓ 'Pan Africanist Congress'
- ✓ 'Z.A.P.U.'
- ✓ 'Irish in Exile Association'
- ✓ 'West London B.V.S.F.'

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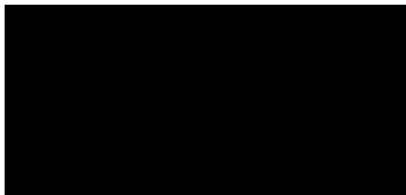
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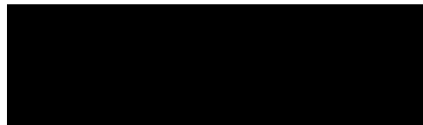
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(Det. / Sergeant)



**'New Tsars' Anti-China Atrocities**  
**Full-Length Documentary**

● CHINESE FILM ON SOVIET AGGRESSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

7.30 p.m.

QINWAY HALL, 117D LION SQ. W1

ADMISSION: 2 / 6d

**DOWN WITH THE NEW TSARS!**

In January and February this year, the Soviet Revisionists carried out armed attacks on China's Qionghuo Island on eight occasions. In attempting to extricate themselves from internal and external difficulties and to curry favour with U.S. Imperialism, the Soviet revisionists are claiming territory that even the old tsars did not claim.

The film records these events and clearly shows that Qionghuo Island is Chinese territory. It also shows the hideous crimes of the Soviet Social Imperialists on the Heilung and Musuli Rivers.

The film also records the heroic resistance of the Chinese border guards and people who, armed with Mao Tse-tung Thought, heroically defend the borders of the Motherland.

FRIENDS OF CHINA

69 RAFFLES STREET, S.E. 17.



# AND REVOLT

PRESENTED BY THE

## BRITAIN - VIETNAM SOLIDARITY FRONT

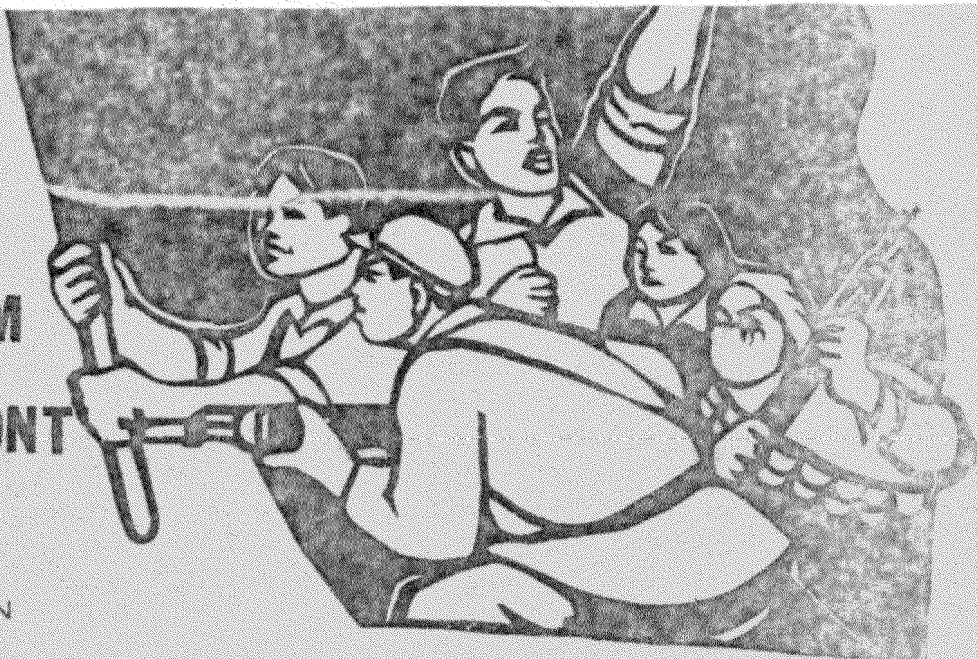
WEST LONDON BRANCH

at the

WORKERS MUSIC ASSOCIATION

236 Westbourne Park Road W.11

(Entrance in All Saints Road)



From September 5th until December 12th the West London Branch of the Britain - Vietnam Solidarity Front will screen revolutionary films from Vietnam and China, together with the best of Eisenstein and Pudovkin's famous classics of working-class struggle. Shows will begin at 7:45 p.m. and admission for each of the screenings will be 3/-. All welcome.

### SEPTEMBER

Friday, 12th	'Red Detachment of Women'	-	China
" 19th	'The East is Red'	-	China
" 26th	'Tibet Today'	-	China

### OCTOBER

Friday, 3rd	'Strike'	-	S. Eisenstein
" 10th	'Mother'	-	V.I. Pudovkin
" 17th	'The General Line'	-	S. Eisenstein
" 24th	'The Whitehaired Girl'	-	China
" 31st	An evening of films from heroic Vietnam.		

### NOVEMBER

Friday, 7th	'Battleship Potemkin'	-	S. Eisenstein
" 14th	'Red Detachment of Women'	-	China
" 21st	'Down With the New Tsars !'		

- a Chinese film of the Soviet aggression currently being conducted along the Sino-Soviet border by the social-imperialists in the Kremlin.

" 28th	'The East is Red'	-	China
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### DECEMBER

Friday, 5th	'October'	-	S. Eisenstein
" 12th	'The End of St. Petersburg'	-	V.I. Pudovkin