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5th February, 1969.  
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MARCH  
SUBJECT  
9th COMMITTEE  
FOR SOLIDARITY  
WITH VIETNAM  
DEMONSTRATION

Reference to Papers

A "MARCH 9th COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH VIETNAM" has recently been formed to plan a public meeting in Trafalgar Square, followed by a march to and a demonstration outside the United States Embassy, Grosvenor Square, W.1, on Sunday, 9th March, 1969. This committee consists mainly of members of the pro-Chinese, Britain Vietnam Solidarity Front, under the leadership of Abhimanyu MANCHAM which organisation was responsible for planning the similar demonstration on 27th October, 1968, as a break-away from the one organised by the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign on the same day.

The original intention of the organisers was to hold this demonstration on 23rd March, 1969, and MANCHANDA booked Trafalgar Square for that date. It has since been decided to bring the date forward in the hope of attracting support from students who, because of the Easter recess at Universities and Colleges, would not be so readily available on the later date. The Ministry of Works has confirmed that re-booked Trafalgar Square for 9.3.69.

To date the demonstration has had very little advance publicity but small "stickers" have been printed and are now appearing on the walls of buildings and in other public places. There are two versions of this small leaflet (a) "Victory to the N.L.F. - March 9th to the U.S. Embassy 2 p.m. Trafalgar Square - March 9th Committee for Solidarity with Vietnam", and (b) "U.S. Imperialists Ge

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Out of Vietnam Now - March 9th to the U.S. Embassy -  
2 p.m. Trafalgar Square - March 9th Committee for  
Solidarity with Vietnam". Orders have been placed with  
printers for posters but these are not yet available.

Very little has been written in either the national  
newspapers or left-wing publications which would tend to  
focus public attention on the forthcoming demonstration and  
it does not appear likely at this stage that support will  
exceed 1,000 persons. To date only two small groups in  
Coventry and Leicester have actually promised support but  
enquiries have been received by the Committee from other  
groups in Cambridge, Oxford, Gravesend, Bramley (Yorks)  
and the Working Peoples Party of Scotland.

Close attention is being paid to the Activities of  
the March 9th Committee for Solidarity with Vietnam and a  
further report will be submitted when useful information  
is available.

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