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THE OCTOBER MOBILISATION

DIVIDED AND PACIFIST or UNITED AND MILITANT?

The October mobilisation in solidarity with the Vietnamese people is a turning point in the history of the Vietnam solidarity movement for two main reasons. Firstly, it takes place at a time when the voice of the British people will be heard speaking out against U.S. imperialism's policy during the period when the U.S. elections are in full swing - a demonstration of solidarity with Vietnam and hatred of the U.S. policy of genocide in that country which will link in with similar actions in the U.S. itself and throughout the world. And secondly, and of equal concern to us here, it is this demonstration and mobilisation which marks a crucial cross-roads in the development of the Vietnam solidarity movement: whether to take this vast movement forward in a revolutionary way with a clear objective and political understanding of the issues at stake and to forge the movement into a perfected weapon adequately equipped to create the maximum solidarity between the British people and the Vietnamese people; or whether to allow this genuine militancy to be drowned beneath a welter of blatantly pacifist, revisionist capitulation and bourgeois liberalism, a prey to manoeuvring and opportunism serving ends other than those of solidarity with Vietnam.

Thus we have seen an attempt to wreck the unity of the movement over the question of the U.S. Embassy; for this is a question not merely of choice of target but of fundamental principle. The capitulators in the leadership of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign have reached the heights of hypocrisy in their justification of the decision not to demonstrate in front of the U.S. Embassy, every one of their arguments being a fallacy. The artificial choice they posed of a division between their plan of concentrating on minor targets and the plan of those principled militants who wish to concentrate on the U.S. Embassy is a complete red herring, for both plans could have been welded into a single united whole - the U.S. Embassy and the other targets. But every compromise on this basis put forward by those who wished to preserve the unity of the demonstration has been rejected outright by these splitters, revealing them clearly to be disrupters who are going out of their way to avoid the U.S. Embassy, even though the very route they are to take passes near it.

Beyond any doubt their downright capitulation and betrayal of the movement at the first sign of pressure from the British capitalist state is now clear for all to see. Such is the real face of the loud-mouthed "revolutionaries" of the V.S.C. and their companions in this sell-out, the clique of "left"-Labour social pacifists representing a political aim which can only serve to betray the cause of the Vietnamese people and the class sympathy which exists for this struggle here in Britain.

Such are the vital issues at stake. They involve, perhaps for the first time in

recent history in Britain, the distinction being made between revolutionary action and passive capitulation, on a scale which involves many thousands of people from many different strata and classes and diverse political opinions on other questions. For the political issues, the justice of the case, are clear. The solidarity movement takes its stand on the right of the Vietnamese nation to take up arms to defeat and annihilate the pirate U.S. aggressor, and likewise on the right of all peoples throughout the world to join in solidarity with this heroic struggle and exert every kind of force they can muster upon those governments and their reactionary allies who are aiding and abetting genocide and mass terror on a scale which is unprecedented in its concentration, merciless brutality and blatant betrayal of every principle of human behaviour, even as laid down in the declaration of rights of the world bourgeoisie itself. It takes as its stand the right to rip off the mask of collaboration between imperialist powers in this barbarism, and last but not least the right to take every measure to bring about a situation whereby the US aggressor and his collaborators are no longer able to raise one more soldier to fight or one more bomb to blast against the Vietnamese people.

In short, this movement stands for the speediest victory of the just and vitally important cause of the war of liberation of the Vietnamese people - a struggle whose victory is a vital cornerstone in the world struggle of millions of valiant fighters, the army of the exploited and oppressed, throughout five continents.

But it is a well understood fact of progressive political struggle that a movement which reaches a point in its development where it stands on the brink of real victories for its cause becomes at that very point the target of powerful pressures exerted against it by the powerful forces of reaction which surround it on all sides. If these pressures find a weak link in the leadership of the movement and succeed in winning over a majority of that leadership to a position of unprincipled compromise, then it is only a question of time - such is the spontaneous strength of capitalist ideas - before the whole movement begins to change its colour and break up into disunity and petty factionalising. In simple terms, where direct pressure in the form of police threats has failed to halt a movement of protest, a fifth column within must work to achieve that which police and official state threats cannot bring about.

It is thus not a cause for astonishment that the same phenomenon has arisen within the Vietnam solidarity movement just as it stands capable of wielding powerful forces and of becoming a decisive mass component of the future united front organisations of struggle of the British working people. It is a situation which makes necessary first of all a clear and uncompromising analysis of the betrayal which is being perpetrated, and then of relentless action to expel from the movement those who are responsible for it.

The background to the current capitulation must be seen to be the events of the March Demonstration in Grosvenor Square. This demonstration grew from out of the hands of its V.S.C. organisers into a spontaneous demonstration of militant solidarity with Vietnam such as shook the security of the U.S. Embassy and threw down the first militant challenge in decades to the British state itself. It represented

a power let loose which the British state could not guarantee to control in the traditional way and revealed a weakness in the political and state structure of British capitalism similar to those revealed to the French monopoly-capitalists by the May events in France, though on a much smaller scale.

A great deal stood to be achieved by giving this spontaneous militancy the necessary and vitally important organisational form for future militant success, but conversely those who represented political tendencies which were in general committed to maintaining the facade of peace between labour and capital in Britain stood to lose a great deal. These tendencies, the 4th International faction in the leadership of V.S.C. representing that wing of the "left" in Britain which wishes to replace the present Labour Party by yet another reformist party of deceit; the adventurist wing of publicity seekers and provocateurs interested purely in shining in a political limelight which would attract attention to their talents and secure eventually a stable lucrative place for them within the minor management sub-committees of capitalism; and the new-style social democrats of the Communist Party who seek a Labour/Communist alliance in parliament, the British counterpart of those who sold out the French working people in their recent brave struggles, could all ill-afford to have their entire political platforms and long-term aims compromised by being seen to stand with a movement of uncompromising militancy and dedication to rip away the mask of "respectability" which covers up the present monstrous aggression in Vietnam and the guilty statesmen who hide behind the platitudes of "peace". On the platform of pacifist capitulation to imperialist aggression and blackmail, these middlemen between capital and labour stand united.

However, to reveal the ugly features of this rightist capitulation is not yet to reach clarity. For even in the camp of those who stand firm by the principle of the demonstration against the main symbol of U.S. imperialism in Britain, the U.S. Embassy, there is a leftist danger present, the failure to eradicate which would result in unnecessary losses and possible defeat for the movement. The substance of leftism is the advocacy of a spontaneous, unorganised, undisciplined confrontation with the state which can only end in mass attacks, isolated arrests in which the arrested have no united defence and are thrown defenceless to the mercy of the monopoly capitalist state, an outcome which will provoke the antagonism of many sections of broad opinion and destroy and disperse the unity and enthusiasm of the majority of the demonstrators, perpetrating a serious setback for the movement.

Added to this is the more conscious sabotage which is a highly dangerous possibility. If a disunited, divided demonstration takes place, it will be in the interests of the pacifists and capitulators to protect their position by denouncing the leading militants of the united demonstration in Grosvenor Square, whether intentionally or unintentionally, to the state authorities. Promises in this respect have already been made by that international adventurer and playboy of the pseudo-left, Tariq Ali, who has sought to reassure the state authorities on the peaceful conduct of the demonstration and who is simultaneously a leading member of the trotskyite "International Marxist Group" which is the dominant faction in the opportunist leadership of V.S.C. A betrayal of this magnitude must be avoided at all costs, and every step taken to make the united demonstration a success, to organise with a thoroughness which

WHY DO WE DEMONSTRATE
IN FRONT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY ?

- * BECAUSE it is the central symbol in London and in all Britain of U.S. IMPERIALISM, the most voracious plunderer of the wealth created by the world's working people, the most pitiless aggressor against their hard-won rights and liberties, and the direct instigator of the genocidal war in Vietnam.
- * BECAUSE it is the long fought for right of the working people to protest and to make effective their democratic will in furtherance of their class interest and in the cause of strengthening their unity with their brothers in other lands.
- * BECAUSE the traditional enemies of the working people, the organs of violence and coercion at the disposal of the state, are attempting to deprive the working people of that hard-won right.
- * BECAUSE these open, traditional enemies have found, and are actually conspiring with, concealed, disguised allies of reaction within the Vietnam Solidarity movement, in order to betray its militant aims, to split its unity, to disperse the thousands-strong forces that have been built up through years of work and struggle, and so to lead the October 27th Demonstration, thus severely weakened, straight into the arms of the highly organised and carefully deployed police forces, leading to the arrests of hundreds of the finest, most steeled and experienced cadres and to the decimation of the movement.

WHAT ARE THE POLITICAL BASES OF
SOLIDARITY WITH FIGHTING VIETNAM?

- * RECOGNITION of the right of the Vietnamese people to choose their own social and political system, free of aggression, coercion or any kind of interference by imperialism or any external power, and to make their national will effective throughout the whole of Vietnam, which is one single indivisible nation.
- * RECOGNITION of the National Liberation Front as the sole leading authority of the people in south Vietnam, and of the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, which enjoys the support of the overwhelming majority of the people in both north and south, throughout the whole of Vietnam.
- * RECOGNITION that the war can only be brought to an end through the acceptance by the aggressor, U.S. imperialism, of the just and practicable proposals for peace put forward by the representatives of the Vietnamese people, the N.L.F. and the Government of D.R.V. In particular, that the inhuman bombing of the D.R.V. territory and citizens must cease immediately, and that all foreign troops be unconditionally withdrawn.
- * RECOGNITION of the inevitable outcome of the refusal by the aggressor, U.S. imperialism, to implement these rightful demands; that the fighting people of Vietnam will continue to pursue and to intensify their just war of national

liberation until the last U.S. butcher and robber has been driven out of the country, the last puppet hireling defeated, a government and state truly representative of the united and democratic will of the people has effective power in south Vietnam, and the unity and territorial sovereignty of a single, indivisible Republic of Vietnam achieved.

- * DETERMINATION to mobilise the widest possible sections of the working people of Britain to form a reliable base of support which will fight, first of all to end the shameful complicity of the sham "Labour" government in the war, and then progressively to organise active and concrete forms of assistance to the fighting people of Vietnam, such as the blacking of arms firms producing weapons for use by the U.S. butchers, of ships transporting these arms to Vietnam, and similar forms of organised militant struggle, in order to forge unbreakable bonds of unity between the working people of Britain and Vietnam which, in combination with the similar movements of militant solidarity which are being built in other lands, will come to form the British working peoples' contingent of the future mighty world anti-imperialist united front.

WHY DO WE INSIST ON A UNITED, DISCIPLINED
AND CAREFULLY ORGANISED DEMONSTRATION?

- * BECAUSE it is only by such tried and tested methods of struggle that the militant will and combative strength of the working people can be made effective. For this, four fundamental elements must be present:

INTERNATIONALIST PRINCIPLE - the movement of solidarity with the fighting people of Vietnam is international in character because imperialism, with U.S. imperialism at its head, is a world-wide reactionary system which can live and prosper only to the extent that it can rely on the vast wealth extracted from the labour of millions upon millions of colonial slaves.

Imperialism is also a dying system, but the more it is weakened and isolated and the closer it approaches its final death, the more ferocious it becomes.

The decay and disintegration of imperialism under the twin blows of its own insoluble internal crisis and the victorious onmarch of national liberation struggle throughout its colonial periphery, together with the increasing insatiability of its appetite for super profits, has now reached a point where the imperialist system begins to turn in upon itself and, under the hammer blows of the national liberation fighters, with those of Vietnam as the world focal centre, turns towards conflict and rivalry within itself, between the developed imperialist powers themselves.

The still continuing supremacy of U.S. imperialism, however - the fact that it is still the most powerful, the most reactionary and the most aggressive imperialism on earth - causes this main enemy of the working people of the world to seek the subjugation of its imperialist rivals in western Europe and elsewhere, including Britain. Thus the butcher and plunderer of the Vietnamese people is also an important and powerful exploiter and oppressor of the British working people.

In both Britain and Vietnam, therefore, the working people face a common

enemy, world imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism, and both have the same fundamental interest in the defeat and destruction of that enemy. This is the first principle of solidarity between the working people of Britain and Vietnam, just as it is the prime reason why we demonstrate in front of the U.S. Embassy.

UNITY - is an essential pre-requisite of any successful demonstration. This is fundamentally a political question. The movement of solidarity with Vietnam is a mass movement of the British working people, and, as with all mass movements which reflect the broad coincidence of interest between wide sections of the working class and their unity with their brothers in other lands, the principles and aims of solidarity with fighting Vietnam, as stated above, are concrete and specific and truly express the fundamental interests of the working people of both Vietnam and Britain. This, ultimately, is the acid test of unity: it must be based on principle, and that principle must embody in generalised form the real, objective interests of the working people.

ORGANISATION - is an essential principle which must apply to all spheres in which the working people are engaged in struggle. This is because, in the last analysis, all struggles and conflicts in a capitalist society are class struggles. This is true not only of countries in which no democratic-constitutional structure exists, as is the case in many colonial and neo-colonial countries, but also of developed capitalist countries like Britain. In both these types of countries the working people, precisely because they are deprived of any control over the public organs of information, political representation and state power, have ultimately only one weapon: their capacity to organise, independently of the class which exploits and oppresses them, for struggle on every front and in every sphere.

The right to organise for struggle is a right to which the capitalist class has always been extremely unwilling to concede even the smallest measure of freedom to the working people. In Britain, it was only after the most persistent, unremitting and many-sided struggles against both the open enemy, the capitalists and their state, and their disguised representatives and spokesmen within the organisations of the working people, that sufficient experience of the ruthlessness, skill and cunning of the ruling class had been accumulated to enable a scientific theory of the strategy and tactics of class struggle in all its many fronts and spheres to be elaborated. This struggle for the independent rights and liberties of the working people, of which the right to organise is the most precious, has seen many victories and defeats, many tactical twists and manoeuvres on the part of both antagonists. But throughout all the vast changes in the balance of power between exploiter and exploited, oppressor and oppressed, the principles of independent organisation for struggle have been progressively moulded and perfected. In Vietnam, in particular, the armed people have made tremendous contributions to the common arsenal of the emerging world anti-imperialist united front.

We working people of Britain must likewise begin the task of developing and strengthening our weapons of independent struggle, so that when the objective conditions for revolutionary struggle begin to mature, we will not be found lagging behind our brothers in other lands, will not be taken by surprise and overwhelmed

by the reactionary offensive of the monopoly capitalist state. Like our brothers-in-arms in Vietnam, we too must develop disciplined, integrated and scientifically planned organs of struggle and begin to learn to deploy them powerfully and effectively in the advantageous conditions of an urban environment, as the courageous students of Paris, Berlin and other European countries have already begun to do. In this respect, valuable experience and vital lessons for the future development of the anti-imperialist solidarity movement are to be learned from the task of elaborating the strategy and tactics of the militant demonstration, and this gives to the demonstration on October 27th a significance which is wider than the achievements and targets of the day, vitally important though these be. This date must go down in history, not only as the day of an unshakable mass demonstration in Grosvenor Square, but also as the day on which the first organisational foundations were laid for the mounting of a vast and powerful movement of anti-imperialist solidarity here in monopoly-capitalist Britain.

There can be no unorganised, undisciplined solidarity with the fighting people of Vietnam. The opening of an anti-imperialist second front in the developed heartlands of imperialism is the most fundamental form of fraternal assistance that the British working people can render to their brothers-in-arms in Vietnam, and this will require the highest degree of organisation and discipline from each and every militant. The notions of petty bourgeois "freedoms", which is really anarchism seeking to win a mass base through exploiting broad spontaneous illusions, together with their individualist, undisciplined forms of protest, must not be permitted to extend their present foothold in the movement, and must be combated on every issue, in every sphere, in every task. Along that road lies the certain and inevitable defeat and decimation of the movement. In their place the real freedom of the working people, the freedom on which all other freedoms depend: the freedom to organise for independent struggle, must be driven home and developed on every issue, in every sphere, in every task. Along that road, and that road alone, lies the ultimate goal of a principled, united, powerful and effective movement of anti-imperialist solidarity with the fighting people of Vietnam.

LEADERSHIP - is a component part of the methods of struggle developed by the oppressed and exploited working people of all lands, and their highest principle of organisation. Without clear, disciplined and scientific leadership, the organs of struggle of the working people, whilst they may be militant and possess elements of independence from the ruling class in certain specific respects, will be like an army without a general staff. They will thus be at the mercy of every spontaneous wind that blows - and in a class-divided society like capitalist Britain, such spontaneity always reflects the influence of the ruling capitalist class within the mass movement of the working people and operates on behalf of the interests of that class.

At the present time, the entire mass movement is in a state of ferment, the old and established political parties being discredited and exposed as bulwarks of the parliamentary framework of deception, whilst other long-standing disruptive groups and parties are receiving a new lease of life under the refreshing draught of petty-bourgeois spontaneity and anarchism. New groups and political alignments are crystalising almost every day, adding to the prevailing confusion concerning the character of the objective situation.

Objectively, these contradictions in themselves reflect the more favourable situation which is emerging. For it is precisely at that moment when the situation is in favour of the working people and leadership is essential that there arise these enemies of the working people who seek to smuggle themselves into the mass movement and steer it on to the rocks of defeat and demoralisation by means of the confusion caused through the complementary betrayal from positions of both the right and the bogus left.

In the last analysis, all those who deny the fundamental principle that the working class must organise independently under a firm leadership must end up in the morass of betrayal, must betray the movement on behalf of their careerist perspectives. This principle is always valid. In vain have militants in the Ad Hoc Committees fought for the adoption of even the most elementary norms of disciplined and democratic organisation and leadership. On every occasion, the capitulationist trotskyite -Y.C.L. leadership refused to take these necessary steps. They have proved themselves to be prepared to bring thousands upon thousands of militants out on to the streets in a spontaneous, unorganised, undisciplined and therefore defenceless mass movement. This is precisely the same kind of "leadership" as the opportunist demagoguery of Harold Wilson or John Gollan, who use the mass movement as a platform from which to begin their careers as social-fascist hacks of reaction.

It was in this way that the trotskyite leadership of V.S.C. were able to establish that framework under their control, and, by relying on the strength and inertia of petty-bourgeois prejudices and illusions concerning precisely such "hard" and "unpleasant" questions as organisation, discipline and leadership, and abusing in an unprincipled way the militant aspirations of thousands of young anti-imperialist progressives to lay the foundations of the movement, then proceeded to form a coalition with the discredited C.P.G.B. and Y.C.L., to abandon the aim of exposing and isolating the main enemy of the working people of both Vietnam and Britain, U.S. imperialism, and of abandoning the U.S. Embassy as the main target of the demonstration. All this they have done in the service of their opportunist perspective of channeling the mass base won in the earlier period, before the false mask of "revolutionary principle" and "solidarity with fighting Vietnam" had been dropped, towards the goal of forming a new, "left" type of Labour Party to fill the vacuum created in the capitalist political structure of deception through the exposure and disintegration of the main instrument of that apparatus of deception, the Labour Party of Harold Wilson and its government.

From this history of traitorous deception and betrayal alone - which began at the founding Conference of V.S.C. in June 1966, when these trotskyites were exposed for the opportunists that they are and compelled, under the pressure of principled militants of every persuasion, to reveal their hatred of the chosen leadership of the Vietnamese people by branding Ho Chi Min as a traitor - it will be seen that the question of leadership is a vital and fundamental one, on which hangs the entire future development of the anti-imperialist and Vietnam solidarity movement in Britain. The present trotskyite-revisionist leading coalition in V.S.C. and the Ad Hoc Committee, having betrayed the movement to social pacifism, liberalism and anarchism, HAS PROVED ITSELF UNFIT TO LEAD. A new, truly militant, united,
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE V.S.C. LEADERSHIP

Dear "Comrades",

As I write this, there is more than a strong rumour that the demonstration on October 27th being organised by the Vietnam Ad Hoc Committee and sponsored by V.S.C. is to become steeped in bureaucracy and active collaboration with the representatives of "our" capitalist system. Apparently, it is on the cards that there will be a deliberate avoidance of the U.S. Embassy in order, so it is said, that "the working class should not be alienated". Any excuse is better than none, of course. But it is quite clear to me that this is yet another of your many manoeuvres to avoid giving any lead of a genuinely militant character.

How you can dare to malign the working class in this dishonest way whilst at the same time using them to hide your own craven weakness is beyond me! How spineless and ignorant you are! Ignorant, above all, of the fact that it has only been due to determined struggle by the working people that any progress has, or can be, achieved in the colossal task of defeating oppression and injustice everywhere.

It is mooted that there will be stewards on October 27th on a scale never before witnessed - or, as Tariq Ali puts it in his best Arabian Nights manner, "we shall call them political commissars". There is another description more frequently used by radicals and militants which refers to such participants as "a very Special Constabulary". Since it is said they will be on the demonstration "to keep dissidents in line", it is obvious that such people will be functioning as police collaborators!

Returning to the matter of the U.S. Embassy: one fervently hopes that the suggestions being made to take pains not to go anywhere near it at all costs will not reach the ears of the people of Vietnam, in whose support this affair is supposed to be taking place. They can hardly be expected to deem it a form of fraternal assistance that a self-styled "revolutionary forum" of which you are supposed to be the "dedicated leadership", took time off to completely ignore the main enemy, ours and theirs!

Should this cause anyone surprise? The most opportunist and bureaucratic of your members in the "leadership" of V.S.C., those who have been around from the start, haven't changed one whit. They were always of the same ilk: built-in, deep down, traditional Labour reformists and constitutionalists! Your place is in the capitalist-controlled Labour Party, not merely on its unofficial payroll!

But, it may be said, what about the demonstrations of March and October last? Surely these belie the above description? Again, it will be remembered that V.S.C. ran demonstrations in support of the revolutionary struggles in Berlin, Paris and the U.S. How right! Like the Communist Party of France, you are very much in favour of revolution just as long as it takes place abroad and

doesn't intrude itself upon your own petty complacency. The mere mention of the most moderate radical activity brings a very unhealthy pallor to your countenances, you who are the dictators of policy to this forum. So the lusty hero fresh back from the wars turns out to be just a simpering dandy after all! I would point out to you that many suggestions have been made during the past year with a view to democratising the leadership and structure of what we know as V.S.C. One would have thought that at least you might have made a gesture towards obtaining the agreement and support of the mass of the members for the steps you intended to take, in a proper democratic manner, instead of deciding them first in your little coterie, the kindergarten "International Marxist Group", and then calling meetings to try to fool the membership into thinking it was their decision all along.

Wouldn't one think that any worthwhile organisation would make special efforts to try to involve as many people as possible in the determination of policy in order to consolidate their support fully and to get them to spread the gospel? But not a bit of it! The radicals and revolutionaries in the Ad Hoc Committees of recent times had to fight almost to the last breath to get anything more than a faint squeak of timid do-goodery out of the whole thing, and even then there was so much intrigue and sheer dishonesty at top level that it was a wonder anything was achieved at all. As one who participated throughout in the arrangements for the March 17th Demonstration, I have to stress that one always felt that one would wake up one morning to find that the lot of you had been transformed overnight into a "long live L.B.J." cheer group! It's as shallow as that, and the writing is on the wall for all to see. I venture to prophesy that around the end of this year - yes, as soon as that - your group of political playboys will have sunk into the oblivion that engulfed similar organisations, notably C.N.D. and B.C.P.V., both "led", as is V.S.C., by Labour Party "Shadow Cabinets" and loyal stalwarts of that party whose role it has ever been to divert the general direction of the movement away from independent militancy into the quagmire of traditional respectable channels.

But ... what when it all sinks? We all have to be ready and more than waiting. We have to be prepared and on our way ahead with a programme which has nothing to do with political gerrymandering and the kind of absolute betrayal of all that is worth fighting for which you have perpetrated.

In betraying the movement which you yourselves took the lead in forming, albeit for your own opportunist reasons, you have performed your first and only service to that movement: you have revealed yourselves in your true colours as splitters and petty informers.

In closing, it is worth noting that, with the "accidental" exception of a very few, no-one at all who holds militant views was elected to the London-based Executive at the recent National Conference of V.S.C. Pre-election caucuses saw to that. Am I saying "rigged"? Yes, I am.

Rank-and-File, V.S.C.

democratic and disciplined leadership and organisation must be forged NOW, which will be capable of taking the movement forward towards the solution of the vital and arduous tasks which lie ahead for the working people of Britain, of Vietnam and of the world.

These are our reasons for demonstrating in front of the U.S. Embassy and for showing our Vietnamese brothers-in-arms a massive front of solidarity with their heroic struggle on October 27th. For all the reasons we have stated, we call upon all militants and supporters of the Vietnam solidarity movement to join us on that day.

DEMONSTRATION TO U.S. EMBASSY

ASSEMBLE EMBANKMENT,

CHARING CROSS,

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH 2 P.M.

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will make attempts at sabotage and direct betrayal completely ineffective, to weld all those who stand firm against U.S. aggression in Vietnam under the one united banner, and therefore through this solid, united demonstration to achieve two aims: to show to the world that the British people will not tolerate the crimes of U.S. imperialism in Vietnam, and will fight ceaselessly in solidarity and unity with their Vietnamese brothers; and to reveal the British imperialist state as a hypocritical accomplice stained with the same blood as the U.S. genocidists, a reactionary machinery of force which in no way represents the British working people.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

* In the period up to October 27th. a persistent and energetic struggle must be pursued, in the local Ad Hoc Committees, V.S.C. branches and all other committees and organisations preparing for the demonstration, in order to win a mass base of support for a united and disciplined demonstration in Grosvenor Square, in front of the U.S. Embassy. The betrayers must be faced with such a barrage of criticism and exposure that they are left with no further room to manoeuvre, no further bureaucratic hole in which to hide. At every meeting, resolutions must be moved calling, first of all, for a principled stand on the main question of the target for the demonstration and secondly, on the need for disciplined organisation throughout its ranks. These will force the opportunists to reveal their contempt for democratic procedure and the will of the majority. Drive home the point at every meeting that the bureaucrats and splitters are taking a diametrically opposite course to that of the workers, militant youth and students in all other parts of the world: the road that leads to constitutional-reformist compromise with the capitalist state and its organs of oppression and away from

the aim of independent militant struggle, the starting point of the revolutionary working class movement.

- * As soon as the demonstration is over, all genuine anti-imperialists and friends of the fighting Vietnamese people must unite to rebuild the movement along principled internationalist lines, with its base organisations firmly rooted in the working class movement and pursuing policies which will unite the British working people with their allies in the colonial and emerging countries, in which there will be no place for pseudo-left charlatans and careerists, and which will bring the British working people into the ranks of the growing world anti-imperialist united front.

SLOGANS OF THE
PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE,
ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT
FOR THE
OCTOBER 27th. DEMONSTRATION

VICTORY TO THE N.L.F. - DEFEAT TO THE U.S. AGGRESSORS !

BUILD WORLD SOLIDARITY WITH FIGHTING VIETNAM !

SHATTER THE UNITY OF THE IMPERIALIST OPPRESSORS ! BRING THE
IMPERIALIST LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S DIRTY COMPLICITY TO AN END !

WORKING PEOPLE UNITE TO DEFEAT THE U.S. AGGRESSOR! NOT ONE NUT
OR BOLT FOR THE U.S. WAR !

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The completion and open revelation of the betrayal of the October 27th demonstration perpetrated by the trotskyite-Y.C.L. leadership of V.S.C. and the Ad Hoc Committee places a heavy responsibility upon all genuine friends of fighting Vietnam and all activists in the Vietnam solidarity movement to restore the unity that has been broken and to rebuild the movement along correct, internationalist lines, with a principled, militant strategy and a truly democratic and disciplined organisation and leadership. A stable base for militant solidarity with fighting Vietnam must be laid now.

A further important task, and one of crucial long-term significance, is that of winning the organised working class movement, and especially its most militant and class-conscious section, the active trade-unionists, shop stewards and other militants, for committed and concretely organised forms of solidarity with those who are their objective allies in the world-wide struggle against imperialist exploitation and oppression: the national liberation fighters in the colonial lands of Asia, Africa and Latin America, at whose head stand the heroic fighting people of Vietnam.

To begin this long and difficult task, and in order to rally and mobilise the

movement in preparation for its growth into a broad and powerful arm of the united front of the world's working peoples against imperialism, a

MEETING OF SUPPORTERS AND
ACTIVISTS IN THE
VIETNAM SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

will be held at

FRIARS HALL,
236 BLACKFRIARS ROAD,
LONDON S.E.1.
(Nearest Tube Station: Blackfriars)

ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD,
6.30 P.M.

The purpose of the Meeting will be to establish an

ACTION COUNCIL

FOR

ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY

All are welcome. An especially warm invitation is extended to trade unionists and shop stewards in the Vietnam solidarity movement.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Opening Address.
2. Speeches by a panel of Speakers, including V.S.C. and Ad Hoc Committee members, trade unionists and rank and file solidarity workers.
3. Discussion.
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