1. Submitted herewith is a leaflet, which has been received from a reliable source. The leaflet was issued by the Friends of Blair Peach Committee and seeks to highlight the circumstances which it maintains led to the death of Blair PEACE at Southall on 23 April 1979, during an anti-National Front demonstration.

2. It contains a list of activities necessary to widen the campaign, especially within the trade union movement, and is mainly the work of L. Privacy, who was with PEACE at the time he received the injuries which is alleged caused his death.

3. It is, perhaps, of interest to note that Privacy, a dedicated member of the Socialist Workers Party and a close personal friend of PEACE, is highly critical of the way the SWP Central Committee are handling the whole issue and especially of the Party's coverage in the 'Socialist Worker' newspaper. She has let it be known that she intends to rectify this situation by publicising the aims and activities of the Friends of Blair Peach Committee at every available opportunity.

4. Privacy and Blair PEACE are the subjects of respectively.

5. There is no trace of the Friends of Blair Peach Committee in Special Branch records.
The Friends of Blair Peach Committee You must be heard now

It was on April 23rd that Blair Peach died from head wounds received during a police charge on demonstrators walking home from an anti National Front demonstration in Southall.

The press appears to have forgotten the whole incident, the police have remained silent. All this despite hundreds of statements collected in Southall, all of which testify to the violence of the police there on the day of the protest, and many of which state clearly that Blair was violently beaten by a police officer in Orchard Avenue. Usually in murder enquiries such evidence, the police would not have ignored the fact and brought charges by this time.

Furthermore, there has been no progress on the setting up of a public inquiry, despite calls from Blair’s own union, the National Union of Teachers and the TUC.

Everyone has the right to know the answers to three crucial questions:

1. Who killed Blair Peach and why?
2. What were the activities of the police, especially the Special Patrol Group, in Southall on April 23rd?
3. What orders were given by them?

The Friends of Blair Peach Committee ask you to help get the answers to these questions and to help keep the whole matter in the public eye.

This bulletin suggests some courses of action that you can take. They may seem trivial but not if thousands of people get cracking on them. This is not an exhaustive list - feel free to improvise.

Which of the following have you done so far?

* Put a petition through your union branch. Here is a suggested form of wording:

This branch expresses its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Blair Peach, former president of the East London Teachers Association of the National Union of Teachers, who was killed in Southall on April 23rd, and resolves to make a donation to the Blair Peach Memorial Fund.

We endorse the decision of the NUT Executive to call for a full public inquiry into the circumstances of Mr Peach’s death and to launch the initiative of the Southall Community and the National Council for Civil Liberties in establishing an independent committee of inquiry.

We call on all our members to:

a. organise collections in their workplaces for the Blair Peach Memorial Fund
b. circulate the petition calling for a full public inquiry
c. secure the maximum attendance at the funeral ceremony

Further we call on the National Executive of our union to:

a. make a substantial donation to the Blair Peach Memorial Fund
b. affiliate to the Anti Nazi League
c. give full support to the calls to disband the Special Patrol Group and to bring to justice those responsible for Blair Peach’s death

* Phone your local police station. Demand answers to the questions above
* Write to your local paper
* Arrange a street meeting
* Get copies of the petition and the collection sheet and distribute them widely - not available by writing to:

The Blair Peach Memorial Fund,
c/o London Park School,
Parsons Green Lane,
London SW6

* Get copies of the fact sheet sponsored by East London Teachers Association and use then to further your arguments from HQ box 151, London OX
* Write to your MP demanding his/her support for a public enquiry
- arrange pickets of suitable places - in London there have already been pickets of Scotland Yard, the Home Office and the Coroner's Court and elsewhere in the country of local police stations
- get a speaker from the Anti Nazi League or Friends of Blair Peach by contacting PO Box 151, London WC2 or phoning 01-7670796
- duplicate this sheet and spread the campaign
- get a stall at any trade union functions or community functions in your area to get the petition signed and collect money etc.

The Friends of Blair Peach Committee needs you to act. We will not be deterred by delaying tactics from the police, the Home Office or anyone else. However long it takes we will be organising to bring Blair's murderers to justice and to expose the role of the police.

Spread the Campaign

Blair Peach was an active anti-racist, a trade unionist and a socialist. That is why he was killed. His friends will not forget this.

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Offers of help, enquiries and other matters to the committee by phoning 01-767 0796

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW