

File No. 346 / 79 / 10C Minute Sheet No.

Letter and attachment for Home Office - 1A-B

D/I [redacted] to see and to liaise with  
Re Agued to prepare assessment in  
due course.

SA  
22.2.80

[redacted]

M. Ed. Dept

Special Branch report and attachments - 2A-C.

A/Cdr. 'Ops' to see, please:

AK-273

This is a very thorough assessment by DI [redacted] of the "Friends of Blair Peach Committee" demonstration scheduled for 27-4-80. It was compiled at the specific request of the Home Office who apparently appreciate the difficulties of trying to collate and analyse information so far in advance of the event. However, as the report has been done it is suggested that a copy also be sent to Commander A.S. - he can be up-dated, of course, nearer the time.

If you agree, therefore -

- 5. [redacted]
- 6. [redacted] 1. Send copy report and attachments with covering letter as in draft by hand to Home Office (Mr. R. SPURLING, Room 645).
- 7. [redacted] 2. Send copy report and attachments to Cdr. A.S. with covering memo as in draft.
- 8. [redacted] Chief Supt. 'A/D' to see, please.
- 9. [redacted] Duty Clerks to note.
- 10. [redacted] Chief Supts. [redacted] and [redacted] Squads to see, please.
- 11. [redacted] Room 1834 to note.

6. Return this file to DI [redacted] who is to continue to monitor the situation and produce a further assessment in due course.

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27-3-80

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*[Signature]*  
Senior Superintendent.

3.  
Copy letter to Home Office - 3A.

Copy memo to Cdr. A. 8 - 3B.

4.  
Minute sheet and attachment - 4A.

5.  
Teleex from Box 500 (minuted) - 5A.

6.  
Letter from Home Office (action thereon) - 6A.  
(Folios 2A and 3A refer.)

7.  
Telephone message and attachment (minuted) - 7A-B.

8.  
Special Branch report - 8A.

A/Commander 'Ops' to see, please: [redacted] 15  
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This is our final assessment of the Friends of Blair Peach Committee demonstration due this coming Sunday, 27-4-80, although A. 8 will naturally be up-dated in the light of later intelligence. As you are aware, yesterday's pickets of various police stations produced no trouble, but the turn-out was quite impressive - about 700 - whilst some of the leading figures were reported with a view to possible prosecution for criminal libel. These events could affect the demonstration, of course, but at the moment some 3,000 persons are expected to give their support; there are no concrete indications that disorder is being planned, but the anti-police feeling is such that it cannot be ruled out.

16 [redacted] 1. Send copy report to Home Office with covering letter as in draft.

17 [redacted] 2. Send copy to Cdr. A. 8 with covering official receipt.

18 [redacted] 3. Chief Supt. 'A/D' to see, please  
19 [redacted] Duty Clerks to note: please liaise with DCI WILLINGALE re  
20 [redacted] cover.) 21 [redacted]

4. Chief Supts. 'B' and 'S' Squads to see, please.

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5. Room 1834 to note

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6. Please return these papers to DCI WILLINGALE.

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Chief Superintendent.

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Copy letter to Home Office

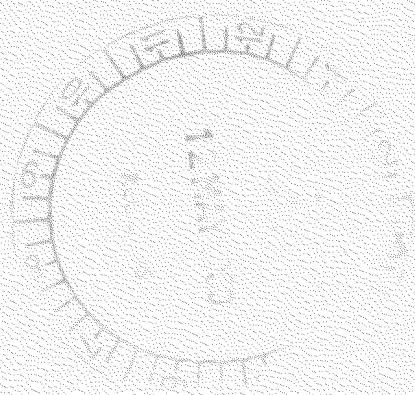
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P. Willingale  
R. Ch. S. Sgt.





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THE FRIENDS OF BLAIR PEACH COMMITTEE

THE BLAIR PEACH MEMORIAL FUND

4th February 1960.

Mrs **Privacy**  
Room C11/21  
Dept of the Environment  
2 Marsham Street  
London SW1.

Dear Mrs **Privacy**,

I spoke to Miss **Privacy** on the telephone this morning and she asked me to write to you.

The Friends of Blair Peach Committee are organising a demonstration on Sunday 27th April and we would like to end the march with a rally in Trafalgar Square.

We expect about 5,000 people and the march will arrive in the square at about 3pm. The rally will last about an hour, so if we could have the use of the square from 2pm - 4.30pm or 5pm this would give time to set up the public address system and to clear the square at the end of the rally.

Could you please address all letters to me at **Privacy**  
London SW17.

or telephone me on **Privacy**.

Yours sincerely

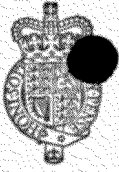
**Privacy**

M. K. Carver  
for Friends of Blair Peach Committee.

*(file 1000000)*



VMP



HOME OFFICE  
Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AT

Direct line 01-213 5231  
Switchboard 01-213 3000

Chief Superintendent D Kneale  
Special Branch  
New Scotland Yard  
Broadway  
LONDON SW1

Your reference

Our reference

QPE/80 50/2/1

Date

22 February 1980

*Dear Derek*

The Department of the Environment have asked us for our comments on an application (copy enclosed) by The Friends of Blair Peach Committee for the use of Trafalgar Square for a rally on the afternoon of Sunday, 27 April.

The death of Blair Peach is, as you know, a very emotive issue, which will not be lessened by the holding of a rally of this size the day before the resumption of the oft postponed inquest into his death. I have no doubt that we shall need to make a submission to the Home Secretary on this application and he may well take the line that in view of the continual criticism of the various authorities by the Blair Peach lobby, he should not, short of quite unusual circumstances coming to light, raise objection to the Department of the Environment acceding to the application.

Nevertheless, I should be grateful if you could let me have some assessment of what you anticipate may happen on the day, in order that we may include it in the submission to the Home Secretary. There is, of course, the problem of timing where, on the one hand, the later you can leave your assessment the more accurate and informative it will be, while on the other, the Department of the Environment must inform The Friends of Blair Peach Committee in reasonable time, particularly in this case I think, whether or not they can have the Square.

I should be grateful therefore if you could let me have something by say 27 March. I am copying this letter and enclosures to Chief Superintendent David Polkinghorne of A8 Branch for his view on whether or not there is any objection on public order grounds to the rally being allowed.

*Yours sincerely  
Ray Sterlini*

R A Sterlini

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S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

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26th day of March 1980

SUBJECT

Reference to Papers

Friends of Blair PEACH Committee - National Demonstration - 27.4.80

346/79/10B

1. The Friends of Blair PEACH Committee are in the process of organising a national demonstration for Sunday 27th April 1980, around the slogans "Remember Blair PEACH", "Disband the SPG", "Amnesty for the Southall Defendants", and "Stop the Tory Racist Laws". The Committee have applied to the Department of the Environment for the use of Trafalgar Square. They hope to assemble at Speakers Corner at 1pm and subsequently march via New Scotland Yard and Downing Street to the Square where the demonstration would terminate with a rally lasting for about an hour or so. The adjourned inquest into PEACH's death is due to resume at Battersea Coroners' Court at 10am the following day - Monday 28th April, 1980.

2. Home Office letter QPE/80 50/2/1 dated 22nd February, 1980, states that Home Office has been asked by the Department of the Environment for their comments on the application. It is further stated that in view of this emotive issue, it is probable that a submission to the Home Secretary will have to be made and a preliminary assessment is therefore requested by 27th March. Home Office is fully aware of the difficulties in attempting to produce an accurate and informative assessment a month in advance of the event. They have sent a copy of their letter to A8 Branch for a view on whether there is likely to be any objection on public order grounds.

3. PEACH's death and related matters continue to act as a vehicle for extreme left agitation against government and police alongside many more recent issues. Nevertheless although it is true to say the matter is an emotional one, time has, to some degree, diluted this issue amongst the wider ranks of rank and file members of the extreme left. Neither has it become an issue on which large numbers of Asian and other members of ethnic groups have been prepared to do much more than indulge in token representation.

4. The last three occasions when attempts were made at large scale 'street action' on this particular subject were in October and December 1979, and January of this year. Despite a wealth of advance publicity the results must have been disappointing for the various organisers. Wednesday 10th October was proposed as a nationwide evening of action in which police stations up and down the country were to be picketed prior to a resumed hearing of the inquest the following morning. In the event (as far as London was concerned) the best that could be turned out was about 700 persons picketing sixteen police stations. Of these 180 were at Southall.



5. On 4th December 1980 after a lot of advance publicity by way of leaflets and the left wing press, a meeting was held at Friends Meeting House for the purpose of extending the "campaign" into the trade union movement. Notwithstanding all the fine phrases and the alleged principled commitment of countless numbers of political activists, a grand total of forty-five persons attended that meeting.

6. The above meeting launched a weekend of action due to take place on Saturday and Sunday 19/20th January 1980. The 19th was designated 'National Southall Day'. The intention was to raise £10,000 by means of rallies, street meetings, socials and other fund raising activities. In the event one motor car fitted with a loudspeaker paraded through the streets of Southall, followed by a lorry upon which eight persons were engaged in an anti-police tableau; a further ten persons were giving out leaflets and selling newspapers. The event aroused little or no interest from the local Asian population. A march and picket of Pentonville Prison was planned for the following day, Sunday 20th January, to show solidarity with some of the persons arrested at Southall on 23.4.79 and who were detained in Pentonville. The march organisers expected at least five hundred persons to take part. Special Branch observation revealed a maximum of about three hundred and fifty.

7. If the foregoing details are added to the poor response from persons attending to picket Barnet Magistrates' Court and the Coroners' Courts (on a few occasions fifty to sixty, but usually ranging from nil to a dozen) then it can be said with some justification that overall support in terms of people on the streets has been lamentable - when viewed from an extreme left point of view. There is no doubt that a large gap exists between the amount of publicity generated on the subject of the Blair PEACH campaign in the extreme left wing press and the idea stemming from the publicity, that large numbers of extremists and others will respond to it.

8. As far as the demonstration on Sunday 27th April is concerned, present indications are that the usual publicity build up is taking place. The organisers have, during the past three weeks, issued two different leaflets (copies attached). One is directed towards organisations and solicits their support; it is signed by Amanda LEON; the other is a more general type of leaflet. In addition notices have already appeared in most extreme left newspapers announcing that the event is taking place. Announcements have already been made at some left wing meetings and it can be expected that this will continue during the forthcoming month at every opportunity.



9. The demonstration will be supported by the Socialist Workers Party mainly in the guise of the Anti-Nazi League, elements of all other Trotskyist groups, together with the Communist Party of Great Britain. In addition representatives from a variety of anti-racist, anti-fascist groups can be expected to take part. Insofar as the SWP is concerned, it is of some note that Mike CARVER who has applied on behalf of the Friends of Blair PEACH Committee to the Department of the Environment for the use of Trafalgar Square, and Amanda LEON of the same organisation who signed one of the leaflets now currently circulating, are both extremely active members of the SWP and in fact are believed to share the same address.

10. Although the organisers have stated they expect five thousand, at the moment it looks like the number of persons likely to attend this event, mainly from the sort of organisations mentioned above, that is 'white leftists', will be in the region of about 1,750 to 2,000. However an area of doubt exists insofar as support from Asian organisations is concerned. It is known that the Southall Youth Movement will most probably support the demonstration, but their numbers, sixty to one hundred, would make little difference overall. The main area of doubt at the moment concerns the Indian Workers Association (Southall).

11. There appear to be two alternatives, (a), formal support for the demonstration and a token IWA presence, perhaps a few dozen, and (b), a call from the leadership to their members for a positive response which could possibly increase the numbers attending by several hundreds. If the latter course was adopted, it could stimulate further support from the Indian Workers Association (GB) based mainly in Birmingham. However, of the two alternatives, it is felt at present that the former is the more likely. It is known that the new political leadership of the IWA wish to avoid direct conflict with police. Furthermore they will not allow themselves to be used as demonstration 'fodder' by white leftist organisations. There is some pressure on the leadership from within the IWA because of the immigration issue - one of the demonstration's slogans is "Stop the Tory Racist Laws"; however, such pressure will in the main be resisted.

12. There are at present no known intentions on the part of any of the organisations likely to take part for a violent confrontation with police. On the contrary, the cause of the Blair PEACH campaign would be ill-served should such a confrontation occur. However, with such an emotional issue the risk is a real one. The membership of the Southall Youth Movement is composed mainly of a young hooligan element and they do not have the same political awareness as perhaps others who will be taking part. Therefore they are likely to cause problems unless closely supervised. Since the whole demonstration is likely to be in a particularly emotional mood and possibly to some degree provocative towards police, the overt presence of any SPG units in the vicinity of the demonstration would only serve to inflame a delicate situation.

13. Although the overall position concerning the death of Blair PEACH remains much as stated in paragraph three above, fuel to this particular fire was added recently by the article in the 'Sunday Times' of 6.3.80 which purported to quote from the report of the officer in charge of the police investigation into the death. The article contained allegations against six named officers of the SPG. Part of the article was subsequently reproduced in some papers of the extreme left.

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Detective Inspector

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Greenup

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT



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# REMEMBER BLAIR PEACH DISBAND THE SPG AMNESTY FOR SOUTHALL STOP TORY RACIST LAWS

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Called by the Friends of Blair Peach Committee  
Supported by: Southall Campaign Committee  
Indian Workers Association (Southall)  
Southall Youth Movement  
Hackney Council for Racial Equality

The Anti Nazi League  
Sri Guru Singh Sabha  
Ealing Trades Council  
Campaign Against Racist Laws  
East London NUT

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On 23 April 1979, Blair Peach was murdered by the police in Southall and 342 people were charged as a result of the police action.

We are calling a national demonstration on the eve of the re-opening of the inquest to mark the first anniversary of the death of Blair Peach and to continue to campaign for the disbanding of the SPG — a policy which is now supported by the General Council of the TUC and is the official policy of many individual trade unions.

We are further demanding a full public inquiry into the events of April 23 1979 and amnesty for the convicted people of Southall.

The Southall demonstration was to protest at the activities of the National Front. We must continue the fight against racism by opposing the introduction of new racist laws by the Tory Government which will cause an increase in harassment of the immigrant communities and consequently an increase in racial tension.

We are therefore asking trade union and community organisations and individuals to support this demonstration. Make sure you are there. 1pm, Speakers Corner, Sunday, April 27th.

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PLEASE SEND ME ... LEAFLETS/... POSTERS/FURTHER INFORMATION  
ABOUT APRIL 27th.

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Please return to: BPMF, c/o PO Box 353, London, NW5.

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ANNIVERSARY  
OF SOUTHALL  
AND MURDER  
OF BLAIR PEACH

Friends of  
Blair Peach  
Committee



DEMONSTRATE

SUNDAY  
APRIL 27th

REMEMBER BLAIR PEACH-DISBAND THE SPG  
AMNESTY FOR SOUTHALL DEFENDANTS  
STOP THE TORY RACIST LAWS

Assemble 1pm Speakers Corner Marble Arch  
March via Scotland Yard to Rally in Trafalgar Square

# Friends of Blair Peach Committee



c/o PO Box 353 London NW5

February 1980

## NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SUNDAY 27 APRIL 1980

### REMEMBER BLAIR PEACH — DISBAND THE SPG AMNESTY FOR THE SOUTHALL DEFENDANTS STOP THE TORY RACIST LAWS

ASSEMBLE 1PM SPEAKERS CORNER, MARBLE ARCH  
MARCH VIA SCOTLAND YARD AND DOWNING STREET TO  
RALLY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE

Called by the Friends of Blair Peach Committee  
Supported by: The Anti Nazi League

Southall Campaign Committee  
Indian Workers Association (Southall)

Sri Guru Singh Sabha  
Ealing Trades Council  
Campaign Against Racist Laws

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We are therefore asking trade union, political and community organisations to sponsor this demonstration and if possible, to contribute to the substantial costs of organising this event.

If you are able to sponsor the demonstration, please

- 1 Fill in the slip below and return to us as soon as possible.
- 2 Notify all your affiliated groups and members of the details.
- 3 Where possible organise and raise money locally for transport to London for the demonstration.

Thank you for your support.  
Yours sincerely

Amanda Leon (Secretary)

#### SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name of Organisation .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Cheque for £ ..... enclosed Payable to: Blair Peach Memorial Fund (Anniversary)

Please return to: BPMF, c/o PO Box 353, London, NW5.





R A Sterlini Esq  
F4 Division  
Home Office  
Queen Anne's Gate  
London SW1H 9AT

27th March 1980

Dear

1. I attach as requested copy Special Branch report concerning the demonstration on Sunday, 27th April 1980, organised by the Friends of Blair Peach Committee.

2. You will see that we expect something in the region of 2,000 persons to attend. However, this is subject to the intentions of the Indian Workers Association (Southall) which have not yet become clear.

3. In an emotive issue of this kind the risk of a violent confrontation with police is a high one notwithstanding the present absence of specific intelligence on the matter.

Yours







27th March

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Commander Special Branch

Commander A8

1. Please find attached a preliminary Special Branch assessment concerning the demonstration being organised by the Friends of Blair Peach Committee on 27.4.80.

2. It should be stressed that this report was compiled at this time at the specific request of the Home Office and that a further one will be produced much nearer the event.

  
Commander



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Special Branch report.

IA

28 [redacted] 1). Send two copies of IA to Box 500 (w/c to Mr. H. WHEATON, F.4 dept.).

(1A) ltr. Dept. "E" agreed to see.  
Place copy on informant's pad.

Do 29 [redacted]  
3). D.I. [redacted] 30 to note in connection with assessment for A.8 re 'Blair Peach Memorial Mark.'

31 [redacted] 4) C.I. GREENUP } to see.  
33 [redacted] D.I. [redacted] 34

5) P.A.

35 [redacted]  
A) Chief Superintendent

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S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

**METROPOLITAN POLICE**

**SPECIAL BRANCH**

Special Report

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.....15th day of.....April.....19 80.....

**SUBJECT** .....

1. The following information has been received from a secret and reliable source:-

" On Sunday 27th April, 1980 from 1500 hours, the National Front intend to picket two police stations in West London in support of police action during the disturbances in Southall in 1979.

It is intended that a single NF member, believed to be [Privacy] shall picket Southall Police Station and that a car containing NF supporters be parked nearby to assist him in the event of an attack by left-wing opposition. At the same time, it is anticipated that between 150 and 200 NF members and supporters will picket Ealing Police Station. Some form of telephone communication is expected to be set up between the two venues so that they can warn each other of any impending counter demonstration."

**Reference to Papers**

2. As far as is known the left-wing are not aware of this impending event.

3. [Privacy] is the subject of Special Branch RF. 401 [Privacy] and the National Front is dealt with on 400/80/20.

National Front

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b.b. DEPUTY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

400/80/20



4. FOR WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE OF SOUTHALL ANL PLANS FOR A PICKET OF SOUTHALL POLICE STATION FROM 6.00 TO 8.00 FOLLOWED BY A PEACH MEMORIAL MEETING IN SOUTHALL TOWN HALL. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

5. WE CAN ADD LITTLE TO PUBLISHED INFORMATION ON THE COMMEMORATIVE MARCH ON SUNDAY 27THE APRIL ASSEMBLING AT SPEAKERS' CORNER AT 13.00. A WIDE RANGE OF LEFT WING ORGANISATIONS IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND - OUR SOURCES NAME THE FOLLOWING:

ANL, CARL, IWA (SOUTHALL) SWP, IMG, CPGB

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] intelligence relating to [REDACTED] THE CPGB THE PARTY HAS MADE A NUMBER OF COACH BOOKINGS FROM THE PROVINCES INCLUDING GLASGOW, BRISTOL, CANTERBURY, DERBY, SHEFFIELD, BRIGHTON, BIRMINGHAM, PORTSMOUTH, AND HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. THEY ANTICIPATE A TOTAL OF FIVE THOUSAND MARCHERS ALTOGETHER: WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THIS ESTIMATE. JERRY FITZPATRICK (KNOWN TO YOU AS A LEADING SWP/ANL ACTIVIST) IS EXPECTED TO BE THE CHIEF STEWARD.

6. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] intelligence relating to [REDACTED] THE CPGB A QUOTE MASS PICKET UNQUOTE OF SOUTH WESTERN MAGISTRATES COURT IN LAVENDER HILL IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE ON 28 APRIL 1980. WANDSWORTH ANL, THE SWP AND THE DPGB ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON NUMBERS.

7. SHOULD WE OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION WE WILL LET YOU KNOWN.

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SENT AT 22/1523Z BY JLAB

RECD AT22/1523Z BY JF



TO MPSB

FROM SECURITY SERVICE LONDON

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NUMBER 061/F7

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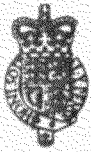
1. REFERENCE TELECON 21 APRIL 1980 WILLINGALE GRIFFITH.
2. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM WELL PLACED AND RELIABLE SOURCES ON PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF BLAIR PEACH.
3. ON WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL FROM 12.00 TO 1400 A DEMONSTRATION IS PLANNED IN VICTORIA STREET OUTSIDE NEW SCOTLAND YARD. IT APPEARS TO BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE FRIENDS OF BLAIR PEACH COMMITTEE WHOSE SPOKESMAN FOR THE OCCASION IS MIKE CARVER BORN 16 MAY 1944 [REDACTED] AN SWP MEMBER. PAUL HOLBOROW (KNOWN TO YOU AS LEADING SWP/ANL ACTIVIST) IS EXPECTED TO BE THERE AND THE CPGB IS KNOWN TO BE TAKING AN INTEREST; OTHER LEFT WING GROUPS MAY BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND BUT WE CAN GIVE NO ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBERS EXPECTED. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT VIOLENCE IS PLANNED. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE DEMONSTRATION MAY BE COVERED BY LBC, RADIO LONDON, THAMES NEWS AND BBC2 QUOTE NEWSNIGHT UNQUOTE.

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*Dr*  
*Proc PA m*

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*[Handwritten signature]*

With Compliments

R. A. STERLINI

*Dear*

*Your letter of  
27 March refers.*

*Ray*

F4 Division  
Home Office  
Queen Anne's Gate  
LONDON SW1H 9AT

Tel: 01-213 5271

- 9 APR 1980



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HOME OFFICE

Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AT

Direct line 01-213 5234  
Switchboard 01-213 3000

Mrs Privacy  
Department of the Environment  
Room 611/21  
2 Marsham Street  
LONDON SW1

Your reference  
AF 6731  
Our reference  
QFE/80 50/2/1  
Date  
9 April 1980

Dear Mrs Privacy

Thank you for your letter of 4 February about the application by the Friends of Blair Peach Committee to hold a meeting in Trafalgar Square on 27 April.

Lori Belstead has personally considered this application and has decided that the Home Office should raise no objection to permission being granted.

Yours sincerely

R A STERLINE

cc: c/supt Knell  
c/supt Polkinghorne

# METROPOLITAN POLICE—SPECIAL BRANCH

## TELEPHONE MESSAGE

<b>From</b> ...Det. Con <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">44</span> Nottingham Special Branch Unit.	<b>Serial No.</b> ..... 0.1615/80 .....
<b>To</b> Commander Special Branch .....	<b>Date</b> ..... 27.3.80 ..... <b>Time</b> ..... 11.57 hrs. ....

In relation to a demonstration taking place in London on 27. 4. 80, we have had information that in connection with the 'Remember Blair Peach' section of that demonstration our local Communist Party and Trades Council intend to send a group of about 200 to 250 persons to participate.

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Constable.

S.B.(R) references: National Demonstration against the Tory Immigration Act..... 400/79/191.  
C.P.(G.B.)..... 400/78/151  
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### ACTION/REPLY

Caller thanked.

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(1) dv  
*no. 100*  
(2) AA.

### Distribution

Original to:—Ch. Supt. 'C' Squad

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*SB.*  
27-3-80

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Initials of Reserve Sergeant/Duty Officer.....

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND PUBLIC EVENTS

(This form to be used for one event only)

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A.8(1) USE ONLY

1. Organisation: 'FRIENDS OF BLAIR PEACH COMMITTEE'

Reason for demonstration/meeting/march, etc. A Memorial Anniversary march re death of Blair Peach at Southall and to coincide with inquest on 28.4.80.

2. Organiser's Name: Mr. Michael CARVER

Address: Privacy, London. S.W.17.

Telephone Nos.: Privacy

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3. Demonstration/Meeting/March/Other event:

Day: Sunday Date: 27th April 1980

Time (Assembly/start) 12.30pm.

(Move off) 1.30pm.

Place: (Assembly and destination of march) Reformers Tree, Hyde Park. to Trafalgar Square

Petitions being delivered to: 1. New Scotland Yard, Broadway, S.W.1. 2. 10, Downing Street, S.W.1.

Meeting being held ~~before~~/after march at: Trafalgar Square 3pm. to 4pm.

Speakers: N/K

Vehicles accompanying march: YES/~~NO~~ (N.B.--Vehicles should only be permitted at the front and rear of marches, never in the body.)  
One vehicle either at front or rear.

Demonstrators' coaches: Arrive Park Lane (north) Pick up: Own Arrangements.

Parking arrangements: Authorised coach parks.

4. Restrictions:

Hyde Park and.

Permission applied for if required YES/~~NO~~, Trafalgar Square, etc.)

Restrictions: Usual imposed by Dept. of Environment.

Notices served: (i.e., Sessional Order) N/A

N/A



5. Route of march: (See G.O. Sec. 49, para. 63)		
Copy 0163 attached/ <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del>		
6. Number of persons likely to support:		
Organiser's Estimate: 5000	Police Estimate: 2000	
7. Known militant organisations likely to support:		
Extreme left wing and racist minority organisations.		
8. Known opposition likely to demonstrate:		
None known at present, however possible right wing opposition.		
9. Likely targets:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Scotland Yard, Broadway, S.W.1.</li> <li>2. Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.</li> <li>3. No. 10. Downing Street.</li> </ol>	
10. Road works on route:	None known at present.	
11. Suggested manpower:	<i>Suggested time required on ground assigned</i>	
No. Serials accompanying march:	See attached Appendix 'A'	
No. Serials Mounted:		
No. Serials Reserve:		
No. Serials Fixed Cordons (location in brief):		
12. Senior Officers available:	See attached Appendix 'A'	
13. Dress:	No. 2 with raincoats.	
14. Communications required:		
<del>NOX</del> Channel 65	R/T Van	YES/ <del>NOX</del>
Place and time required:	Speakers Corner, Hyde Park from 12 noon.	
15. Transport:		
Coaches required	YES/ <del>NOX</del>	Personnel carrier is required
		YES/ <del>NOX</del>

16. Any set plan for deployment: <del>YES</del> NO (Any plans attach)	
17. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ringing: <del>YES</del> /operational/ <del>YES</del>	
18. Charge Centres: To be arranged by A8 Branch  Complaints Officer: " " " " " "	
19. Support Services: Location:  Ambulances: To be arranged by A8 Branch.  St. John Ambulance: " " " " " "  C.3  Any other: May A8 Traffic arrange Traffic Division assistance to control traffic on route, and suspend streets for parking of police transport.	
20. Briefing: To be arranged by A8 Branch.  Time: Place:  Officer taking:	
21. Location of barriers if required: (Any plans attach)  Semi circle on Trafalgar Square.	
22. Date of meeting or future meetings with Organiser: 11.2.80 at 'AD' See Minutes.	
23. Any leaflets:  YES/ <del>YES</del> (attach)	
24. C.I.D. required  YES/ <del>YES</del>	
25. S.B. Assessment (A.8(1) use only)  Date called for:	

26. Additional information:

At this stage the Dept. of Environment have not given permission for the use of Trafalgar Square. However approval is likely to be given in the next few days.

Other events this day on 'A' District are The Burma Star Parade and the 'Coldstream Guards Parade' (reports already submitted to A8 Branch)

See minutes of meeting with organiser for other details.

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Commander,

Submitted for approval, please.

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P.S.9'A'

for / Chief Superintendent.

84/80.

Commander A.8,

*As minute sheet.*

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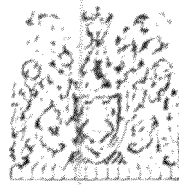
J.H. Cracknell

Commander 'A' District District

Copies to:- A5(Mounted), A7, A11(DPG), B6, B8, A8(Traffic), Special Events Catering, A1(Royalty), Commander 'C' District, Ch. Supt's 'AL' 'AR' and 'AP'. Ch. Insp. 'AH'.



# METROPOLITAN POLICE



4-B

Mr. Michael CARVER,  
'Friends of Blair Peach Committee'

Privacy  
London,  
S.W.17.

Ceremonial Office,  
Cannon Row Police Station,  
Cannon Row, London, S.W.1.

3rd. April 19 80

Your ref.:

Our ref.:  
tele. 434-6135

Re. March by 'FRIENDS OF BLAIR PEACH COMMITTEE'

On Sunday 27th April 1980

1 It is confirmed that the route to be followed by those taking part in the above event will be as follows, subject to the proviso shown in paragraph 3 below:—

2 Route Assemble at Reformers Tree, Hyde Park at 12.30pm. and move off at 1.30pm. via the following route:—

North Carriage Road  
Cumberland Gate (Against traffic flow)  
Park Lane (northbound) (Against traffic flow)  
Grosvenor Gate  
Park Lane (southbound)  
Duke of Wellington Place  
Grosvenor Place  
Lower Grosvenor Place  
Bressenden Place  
Victoria Street (Petition to Scotland Yard by six persons, the march will not stop)  
Broad Sanctuary  
Parliament Square (west and north sides)  
Parliament Street  
Whitehall (Petition to No. 10. Downing Street by six persons, the march will not stop)  
Charing Cross  
Trafalgar Square (south side)  
A meeting will be held at Trafalgar Square between 3pm. and 4pm.

3 The above-mentioned route is subject to such variations by police as may, for any reason, be considered necessary by police either before or during the event.

Vehicles will only be allowed at the front or rear of the march.



P.S.9'A'  
for Chief Superintendent.

Suggested Manpower for 27.4.80

In Command : Commander J.H.Cracknell

On March

Chief Superintendent B. Pountain	(AD51)	FIVE Serials
Superintendent [REDACTED] 54	(AD52)	
Chief Inspector [REDACTED] 55	(AL54)	

A/Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] 56	(AL51)	FIVE Serials
Chief Inspector [REDACTED] 57	(AD55)	
Chief Inspector [REDACTED] 58	(AL58)	

Chief Superintendent		FIVE Serials
Superintendent		
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Superintendent		
Chief Inspector		

New Scotland Yard

Chief Superintendent P.G. Leopold	(AR51)	FIVE Serials
Chief Inspector [REDACTED] 59	(AR54)	1-1-10 Mounted.

Downing Street

Chief Inspector [REDACTED] 60	(AD58)	TWO Serials 1-1-10 Mounted (One Serial 'A' District)
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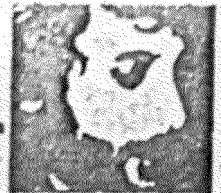
Trafalgar Square

Chief Inspector [REDACTED] 61	(AD54)	ONE Serial ( 'A' District)
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Reserves

Chief Superintendent		EIGHT Transit Serials.
Chief Inspector		
		1-1-10 Mounted Reserve at 'GY'

# Friends of Blair Peach Committee



c/o PO Box 353 London NW5

February 1980

## NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SUNDAY 27 APRIL 1980

REMEMBER BLAIR PEACH — DISBAND THE SPG  
AMNESTY FOR THE SOUTHALL DEFENDANTS  
STOP THE TORY RACIST LAWS

ASSEMBLE 1PM SPEAKERS CORNER, MARBLE ARCH  
MARCH VIA SCOTLAND YARD AND DOWNING STREET TO  
RALLY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE

Called by the Friends of Blair Peach Committee

Supported by: The Anti Nazi League

Southall Campaign Committee

Indian Workers Association (Southall)

Sri Guru Singh Sabha

Ealing Trades Council

Campaign Against Racist Laws

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On 23 April 1979, Blair Peach was murdered by the police in Southall and 342 people were charged as a result of the police action.

We are calling a national demonstration on the eve of the re-opening of the inquest to mark the first anniversary of the death of Blair Peach and to continue to campaign for the disbanding of the SPG — a policy which is now supported by the General Council of the TUC and is the official policy of many individual trade unions.

We are further demanding a full public inquiry into the events of April 23 1979 and amnesty for the convicted people of Southall.

The Southall demonstration was to protest at the activities of the National Front. We must continue the fight against racism by opposing the introduction of new racist laws by the Tory Government which will cause an increase in harassment of the immigrant communities and consequently an increase in racial tension.

We are therefore asking trade union, political and community organisations to sponsor this demonstration and if possible, to contribute to the substantial costs of organising this event.

If you are able to sponsor the demonstration, please

1. Fill in the slip below and return to us as soon as possible.
2. Notify all your affiliated groups and members of the details.
3. Where possible organise and raise money locally for transport to London for the demonstration.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Leon (Secretary)

### SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name of Organisation .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Cheque for £ ..... enclosed Payable to: Blair Peach Memorial Fund (Anniversary)

Please return to: BPMF, c/o PO Box 353, London, NW5.





S.B. No. 1 (Plain)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Date 19/4/80 Initials [redacted] 62  
 [redacted]

SPECIAL BRANCH

23rd day of April 1980

Special Report

SUBJECT

1. With further reference to my report of 26th March 1980 concerning the march and demonstration being organised by the Friends of Blair PEACH Committee, and due to take place on Sunday, 27th April 1980.

Reference to Papers

2. According to present arrangements the demonstrators will assemble at Hyde Park at 12.30 pm, and march off at 1.30 pm. The marchers will use the following route - North Carriage Road and Cumberland Gate, then via Park Lane, Duke of Wellington Place, Lower Grosvenor Place, Bressenden Place, Victoria Street, Broad Sanctuary, Parliament Square, Parliament Street, Charing Cross and Trafalgar Square. A meeting will be held there from 3 to 4 pm. Whilst the march is passing New Scotland Yard and 10 Downing Street, petitions will be handed in although the march itself will not stop.

SUBJECT:

Friends of Blair PEACH Committee - National Demonstration 27.4.80

3. Since my last report, publicity for this event has, as expected, intensified considerably. The National Organizer of the Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) has called for maximum support. Asquith GIBBS one of the very few coloured persons of any prominence in the Party, he is a member of the National Executive, will be one of the speakers on the platform at Trafalgar Square.

REFERENCE:

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4. On the weekend of 22nd/23rd March 1980 the Campaign Against Racist Laws (CARL) held a re-call conference in London. It is thought that something in the nature of fifty different anti-racist and similar organisations were represented. It was pointed out at the conference that the march will be the focus of attention during the month of April.

5. Within the Anti-Nazi League, the Socialist Workers Party and other extremist groups, activities to publicise the event have continued with varying degrees of intensity. Reports have been received of such publicity from Nottingham, Liverpool and Manchester. In addition, it was reported in the 'Morning Star' of 14.4.80 that supporters would be coming from a variety of places outside of London.

6. The Indian Workers Association (Southall) are now believed to be sending a token force only, which is unlikely to number more than about 150 or so. As far as the Southall Youth Movement is concerned, it is understood from reliable sources that they do not intend to take part at all.



7. It is still believed that the bulk of support for this demonstration will come from the ANL/SWP and other Trotskyist groups. Small groups of Maoists will also be present. As previously stated the publicity has increased, however, a certain amount of apathy still persists in extremist ranks. Reliable sources indicate there is undoubtedly surface interest in this event but they do not get the impression that the 'build-up' is a priority objective with many individuals.

8. The publication today of the findings of the 'independent enquiry' set up by the National Council for Civil Liberties into the 'Southall affair', has once again focussed media attention on the whole matter. As a result of this the spread of publicity is much wider than hitherto.

9. As far as is known at present there is no intention on the part of the organizers for the march to turn into a violent confrontation with police. However, it will certainly be extremely provocative towards police by virtue of the slogans shouted, posters/banners carried and publicity handed out. With such an emotional issue it is almost inevitable that individuals will get 'carried away', and may well react violently to directions and instructions from individual police officers. This would be even more likely should the presence of SPG units be detected by sections of the crowd.

10. The estimate of the numbers likely to attend this march in our earlier report was up to 2,000. Our up-to-date assessment based on all available sources at the time of writing increases that figure to between 2,500 and 3,000.

11. There is no known opposition to this march. However, the National Front do have the following pickets in support of the police, planned to take place in London on the same day from 2 pm:-

- (1) Ealing Police Station, where they expect about 150 members and supporters.
- (2) Southall Police Station, where one man will picket on his own. It is thought that a car containing other NF persons will be parked nearby in case of trouble.

12. As far as is known at present the 'left' do not yet know about these NF events. However, it is well within the bounds of possibility that the NF may leak the details to them, in order to draw attention and publicity to themselves.

[REDACTED]

13. A number of ANL/SWP events are due to take place before Sunday's march and contact is being maintained with informants and other sources. Any information likely to affect the overall situation will be reported forthwith.

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Detective Inspector

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CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

[REDACTED]



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Our reference:  
346/79/10B

24 April 1980

Dear

1. With further reference to my letter of 27.3.1980, I attach an up-dated Special Branch assessment on the Friends of Blair Peach Committee demonstration due to take place on Sunday 27.4.1980.

2. This assessment was written before yesterday's pickets at various London police stations and, in particular, prior to the small protest outside this Office during which, as you are aware, the ten participants were reported for possible prosecution for criminal libel. This latter incident, especially, could well adversely affect Sunday's event, although to date we have no concrete intelligence to verify this.

Yours

