

# **“JUSTICE for the PRYCES”**

## **Support Committee**

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### **MODEL RESOLUTION**

#### This Union Branch/Organisation notes:

- 1 The murder in November 1984 of 16 years old Eustace Pryce by white racist thugs.
- 2 With anger and concern the arrest of Eustace's brother Gerald and four other black youth, two Asian and two Afro-Caribbean, for defending themselves and their community from racist attacks.
- 3 The use of affray charges against the five youths. It further notes the political context in which these charges have been used on previous occasions against the black and labour movement eg: the Shrewbury building workers, Bradford 12, Newham 8, Newham 7 etc.
- 4 That Eustace's brother Gerald was initially held in custody on affray charges while the racist murderer was freed on bail.
- 5 That Gerald's bail conditions are such that he cannot come into Newham whilst the murderer is free to walk around the streets of Newham without any such restrictions.

#### This Union Branch/Organisation believes:

- 1 That the police's treatment of Eustace's murderer, in contrast with their treatment of Gerald, represents yet another failure on their part to defend black people against racist attacks.
- 2 That by charging Gerald Pryce and the four other black youths with affray, the struggle of black people against racism is being criminalised.

#### This Union Branch/Organisation resolves:

- 1 To invite a speaker from the "Justice for the Pryces" Support Group
- 2 To support the Pryce family in their time of grief and need, having on the one hand lost one son and on the other hand being prevented from seeing another due to his punitive bail conditions.
- 3 To affiliate to the "Justice for the Pryces" Support Committee/join a local supporters group and publicise the case and campaign as widely as possible. It further resolves to organise a workplace collection/make a donation to the campaign.
- 4 To write to the Home Secretary and Commander E Jones ('K' Division, 19 Main Road, Romford, Essex) and Chief Superintendent Shepherd (East Ham police Station, High Street South, London E6) demanding that the charges against Gerald and the four black youths be dropped.
- 5 To press upon the police by writing to Commander Jones and Commissioner Newman (New Scotland Yard 8/10 The Broadway, SW1) and to the DPP (4/12 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1) the need to prosecute Eustace's murderer with conviction and determination. In the light of past experience we will not tolerate the substitution of any lesser charges against the murderer or any half-hearted prosecution leading to a relatively light sentence.

#### Affiliation

I/We would like to affiliate to the "Justice for the Pryces" Support Committee

Name/Organisation.....

Addresss.....

Telephone number.....

I/We enclose the appropriate affiliation fee (£3 organisation / £1 individual)

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