

New Cross Massacre Action Committee

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Dear Friends,

The New Cross Massacre Action Committee was formed around events arising out of the death of thirteen young black people at 439 New Cross Road London SE14, on Sunday 18th January 1981.

Following the open verdict decision of a Coroners Inquest in May 1981, it was unanimously decided by the parents and relatives of the deceased and the New Cross Massacre Action Committee (NCMAC) that an independent International Commission of Inquiry should be set up to inquire into this matter. Those requesting the Commission of Inquiry were particularly concerned about the following issues:

1. How the fire had started which caused the death of 13 young black people.
2. The manner in which the police had investigated the matter.
3. The treatment of certain young witnesses, at the hands of the police.
4. The nature of the scientific and forensic investigations into the fire.
5. The media coverage of the fire and subsequent related events.
6. The coroners inquest and how it was conducted.

The NCMAC has had the task of organising the International Commission of Inquiry. Commissioners have been invited from Africa, America, the West Indies, Europe and England. The Commission will begin its sittings sometime in 1982 in the Council Chambers at Deptford Town Hall, New Cross Road, London SE14.

We of the NCMAC appeal to your union or organisation to support this historical event. We are a committee funded by no organisation or government body, our activities in the past have been financed by the public, through collections at meetings and contributions from individuals and organisations.

Your financial support would be greatly appreciated however large or small.

The most recent development has been the Attorney General granting his authority requesting the divisional court to hear the appeal for a new inquest.

We are prepared to send speakers to give an address in support of a resolution for funds for this Commission.

Yours faithfully,

A A M Hussein

NCMAC (*Braeford Sechin*)

DONATION FORM

We (the name of the union or organisation)

Donate the sum of to the International Commission of Inquiry

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