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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

13 February, 1985.

Dear Lord Mayor,

Thank you so much for your letter of 8 February.

I am simply delighted that you have found it possible to improve the surroundings of the Yvonne Fletcher Memorial so substantially, and I look forward to seeing the results in due course. I am sure that the Fletcher family, and the Police Memorial Trust, will be equally grateful.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Westminster

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THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE LORD MAYOR OF WESTMINSTER

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11 March 1985

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My dear Prime Minister

May I thank you for the gracious way in which you received me on Friday morning.

I forgot to mention the Yvonne Fletcher memorial during my visit, and am happy to let you know that the paving stones have been extended and the bollards are now in place. I think this is as you suggested and I am sure you will be pleased with the result.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

John B.

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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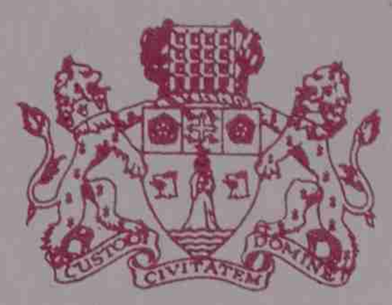

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My dear Prime Minister

I am sure you will recall that after the unveiling of the Yvonne Fletcher memorial, you and Michael Winner brought to my notice that a parking meter is situated immediately in front of the memorial and I promised to see what I could do to have the meter removed.

I am pleased to say that I have been successful and I enclose a copy of the sketch plan detailing the proposed paved area to be laid in front of the memorial. The existing meter parking bays will be removed and the paved area, whose overall size is 8.0m x 4.0m, will be laid with granite curb and artificial stone paving to match the existing footway. Four rectangular fluted bollards, complete with the City of Westminster crest, will be set around the perimeter as protection. The provision of a granite upstand cast iron rail around the memorial is also being considered in order to deter the unwelcome attention of dogs.

My officers have been in touch with the Police Memorial Trust concerning the timing of the work and it has been agreed that because of the public interest created by the recent unveiling ceremony the work should be deferred for at least a week, preferably two. It is proposed therefore to start work on the site on Monday 18 February with completion within the week. In the interim, the parking bay will remain suspended and the barriers left in position.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours

John B.

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
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10 Downing Street
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YVONNE FLETCHER MEMORIAL — PROPOSED PAVING

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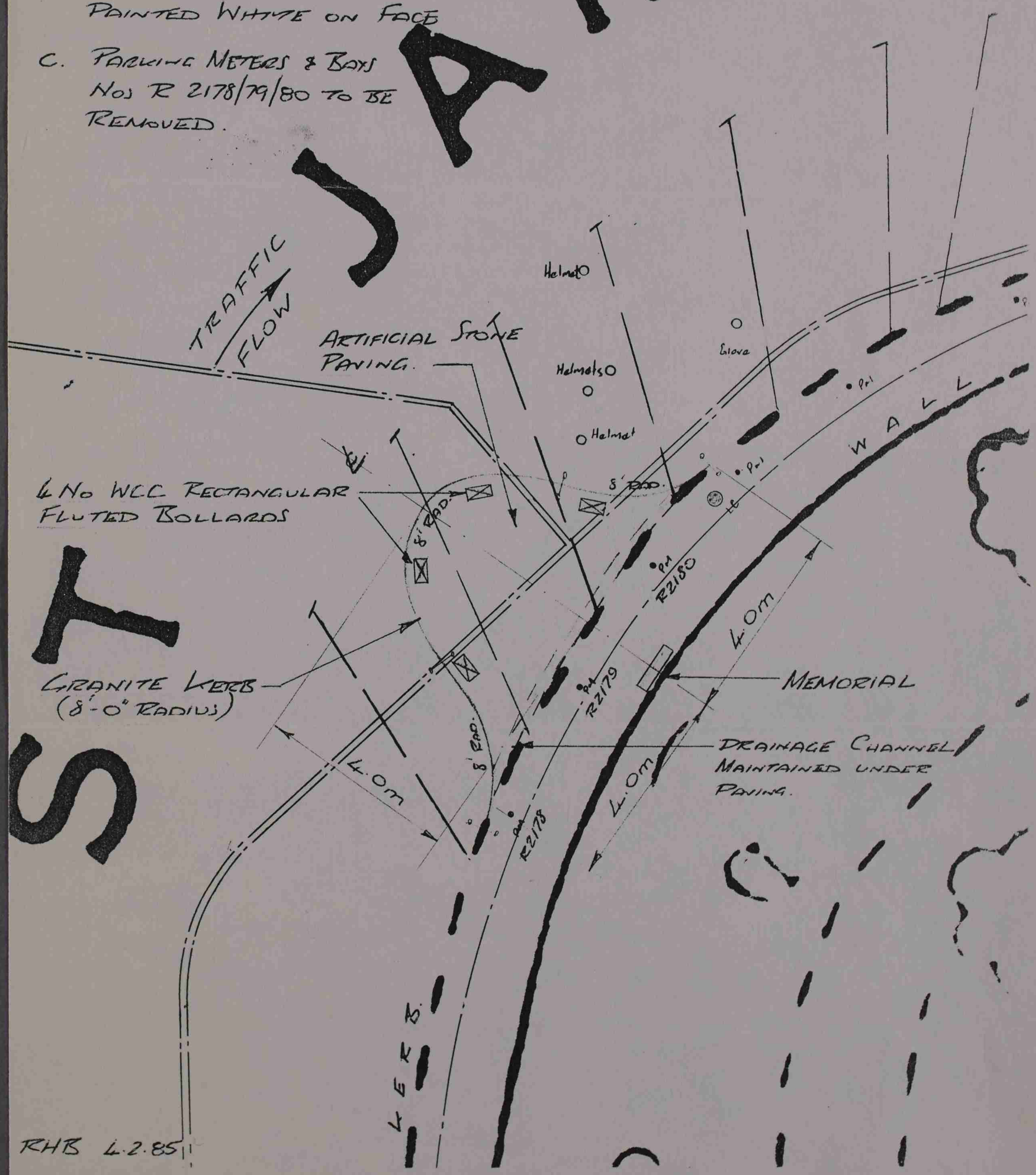

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SPEECH BY SIR KENNETH NEWMAN QPM,

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF THE METROPOLIS

ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL

TO WOMAN POLICE CONSTABLE FLETCHER

ON 1 FEBRUARY 1985

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On behalf of the police of the Metropolis, I thank Mr Michael Winner; all who subscribed to the memorial; and all present here today. I thank them not only for their kindness but for their reassurance that the sacrifice of Yvonne Fletcher and the services of the British police in general are not taken for granted but are valued and thought worthy of commemoration.

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Speech by Mr Michael Winner, Chairman of The Police Memorial Trust for Friday February 1st at the unveiling by the Prime Minister of the Yvonne Fletcher Memorial on St James's Square.

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290 days ago on this exact spot and at this time, a member of the British Police Force was tragically snatched from anonymity to become a national heroine.

There is no one here who would not wish that Yvonne Fletcher had been able to finish that day as normally as it had begun.

And as we watched at home on the television the awful pictures of her death, combined with the extraordinary beauty of the smiling face of Yvonne in uniform taken from her Police identification photograph, there welled up in this Nation such a surge of sympathy and love as has seldom been seen.

And that regard, and I know this from the letters we receive, was both for Yvonne and for the Police in general, for the dangers that they face and the tragic price they so often pay.

And I felt that the death of a Police Officer deserved to be remembered and that it was fitting that the landscape of this great city should change, just a little, to accommodate a permanent marker to the bravery of Yvonne Fletcher and of all the other Police, so many of whom die on the pavements of the cities that they protect.

So the Police Memorial Trust was formed, and my goodness, would that you could all see, particularly the Police who are here, the thousands of letters we received, from the highest in the land, from famous people in all walks of life, but above all from the British Public, expressing the deepest regard and thankfulness for the Police and for their activities and sending us such money as they could afford.

And I think it is a sign of the nations' regard for the Police that we are able to welcome here today representatives of all the main Political Parties who at once agreed to be here to pay tribute to Yvonne Fletcher and to the Police Force.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome here the Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher; the Home Secretary Mr Leon Brittan; for the Labour Party - the Shadow Home Secretary Mr Gerald Kaufman; the President of the Liberal Party, Mr Alan Watson; and for the Social Democratic Party, Lord Harris of Greenwich.

And of course the Commissioner of Police Sir Kenneth Newman, and many of Yvonne's friends and colleagues. And in particular Tim and Queenie Fletcher, Yvonne's parents, with their daughters Heather, Sarah and Debbie - and you know getting to know Mr and Mrs Fletcher and their family over the last few months, I feel that I know personally some of the great qualities that everyone felt and knew Yvonne represented, because that is a really wonderful and fine family, and its particularly nice Tim and Queenie, and all of you, to see you here.

There is a thin blue line that protects the ordinary citizen from the forces of evil.

From time to time that line is broken, it was broken here with the death of Yvonne Fletcher.

It was broken some weeks earlier in Knightsbridge when Inspector Stephen Dodd, Sergeant Noel Lane and Woman Police Constable Jane Arbuthnot went into the area of a car they knew to be full of explosives, and likely to explode, in order to protect the people of this city - and paid with their lives.

It was broken on the neat, bungalowed sea-front of Frinton-On-Sea when Police Constable Brian Bishop was shot.

It was broken in the Garden of Remembrance by the beautiful Parish Church of Leeds when Sergeant John Speed was killed.

All these deaths within the period of a year. But that blue line is never really broken.

Because there are thousands more Police Officers all over Great Britan as dedicated as those who died, who continue in their duty.

They are no less heroic because they live on.

The Police Memorial Trust will commemorate the deaths of such policemen where ever they fall. Visibly. On the side-walk, on the pavement, on the roads, where their colleagues daily and nightly do their duty and some of them meet their end.

The debt we owe to these people is as worthy of recognition as the debt we owe to any of the other services that protect us.

On the day of Yvonne's funeral I wrote in one of our national newspapers the words that produced such a flow of letters and money from the public, although at the time there was no such organisation as The Police Memorial Trust - and these words I would like to paraphrase today.

I was refering of course to the tragic death of Yvonne Fletcher:-

"I can see a time in the future when human memory being what it is, the events that now seem so important have been forgotten. Maybe two people will be walking in St James's Square, and the sun's rays will catch the face of a Memorial, and one person will turn to the other and say 'Yvonne Fletcher, who was she?' To which there is a simple and noble answer 'She was a member of the British Police Force'"

I thank you all for being here today.

PRIME MINISTER

UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL TO WPC FLETCHER

We leave No. 10 at 1000, to arrive at the rear entrance to the RTZ Building in St. James's Square at 1010. You will be met by Mr. Michael Winner, the film director, who is Chairman of the Police Memorial Trust which erected the monument. He will conduct you to the top floor of the RTZ Building, where you will meet the other platform guests (including the Home Secretary, Mr. Kinnock, Dr. Owen and Mr. Steel) and members of WPC Fletcher's family.

The party moves to the platform in the Square at about 1030. After the National Anthem, there will be short speeches from Mr. Winner and Sir Kenneth Newman, before Mr. Winner invites you to unveil the memorial.

Immediately after the unveiling, the Metropolitan Police band will play a fanfare and then those present will be asked to keep one minute's silence. This brings the ceremony to a close, and you return direct to No. 10.

The latest draft of your speech is opposite. We have set aisde half-an-hour tomorrow to go over it. Mr. Winner's speech is at Flag A, and Sir Kenneth Newman's at Flag B.

There will be a press stand, including television, directly in front of the main platform.

31 January 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary 28 January, 1985

Thank you very much for your letter of 24 January, with which you enclosed the text of the speech which you will be making on 1 February at the unveiling ceremony of the Memorial to WPC Fletcher. It is most helpful for the Prime Minister to have sight of this.

DAVID BARCLAY

Sir Kenneth Newman, Q.P.M.

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25th January 1985

Mr. David M. Barclay,
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London S.W.1.

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Dear David,

I am now able to send you a copy, for the record, of the Press Release that we have sent out regarding the Yvonne Fletcher Memorial Ceremony. I assume, and hope, that you will join us at the small coffee party before the reception, when I will get an opportunity to meet you and thank you personally for your great help throughout the arrangements for this event.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Michael

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January 27th, 1985

PRESS RELEASE

THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON. MRS. MARGARET THATCHER TO UNVEIL THE POLICE MEMORIAL TRUST MEMORIAL TO YVONNE FLETCHER ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 1985.

Mr. Michael Winner, The Chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, announces that the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, will unveil the Trust's Memorial to Yvonne Fletcher in St. James's Square at 10.30 a.m. on Friday February 1st. The Trust, in association with the Metropolitan Police, have arranged a major ceremony for the unveiling of this Memorial, and the event is open to the public.

Mr. Neil Kinnock will be attending the ceremony on behalf of the Labour Party.

The Home Secretary, The Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan M.P., and the Labour Party Shadow Home Secretary The Rt. Hon. Gerald Kaufman M.P., will also be present, as will the President of the Liberal Party Mr. Alan Watson and for the Social Democratic Party Lord Harris of Greenwich. Sir Kenneth Newman, the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis will be there, together with Mr. & Mrs. Tim Fletcher, Yvonne's parents, and their daughters Heather, Sarah and Deborah.

A Programme of the Ceremony is enclosed.

The Ceremony will commence at 10 a.m. with the Band of the Metropolitan Police under their Director of Music Captain Christopher Taylor, playing as the guests arrive. Among the guests in the stands that are being erected for the occasion are The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor John Bull J.P., with the Lady Mayoress; the Leader of the Westminster Council, Lady Shirley Porter; the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Adrian FitzGerald; Baroness Phillips, the Lord Lieutenant of London; Sir John Hoskyns, the Director General of the Institute of Directors; Commander Alan Gibson of C District (The West End Central District), together with many of Yvonne Fletcher's friends and colleagues; Commander D.J. Mitchell the Commander of the Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush Districts; Sir Anthony Tuke the Chairman of The Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation;

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Commander John Perrett, Commander of the Kensington and Chelsea District Police: Mr. Leslie Curtis, the Chairman of the National Police Federation; Mr. Eldon Griffiths M.P.; Mr. Geoffrey Dear, Assistant Commissioner at New Scotland Yard, and many friends and relatives of the Fletcher family.

The Yvonne Fletcher Memorial is the first public Memorial to the Police erected in this country, and the Police Memorial Trust has already announced, and is working on, future Memorials that will be unveiled.

These include Memorials to the Harrods bomb victims, Inspector Stephen Dodd, Police Sergeant Noel Lane, and WPC Jane Arbuthnot; P.C. Brian Bishop who was killed at Frinton on Sea in Essex; Sergeant John Speed who was killed in Leeds, and other policemen killed in the course of their hazardous duty.

Donors to the Police Memorial Trust include three Cabinet Ministers, many Members of the House of Lords, as well as a large number of the most famous individuals, institutions, and business companies in the United Kingdom. Show business donors include Marlon Brando, Robert Mitchum, Jack Lemmon, Mel Brooks, Elton John, Roger Moore, etc., A full list of distinguished donors is enclosed.

The Police Memorial Trust was formed by Film Producer Director Michael Winner shortly after the death of Yvonne Fletcher in St. James's Square. In a letter to The Times, Mr. Winner suggested that Police killed in the execution of their hazardous duty, and in particular Yvonne Fletcher, deserved to have permanent Memorials to mark their bravery. This theme was taken up in a full page article Mr. Winner wrote for the Daily Mail on the day of Yvonne Fletcher's funeral.

As a result of these articles, and before the Police Memorial Trust existed, members of the public wrote to Mr. Winner expressing their approval of such a measure, and some of them enclosed money.

"At that point I had to make a decision" says Michael Winner. "I either had to send the money back and say that I was just making suggestions and writing articles, or I had to take the step of forming and running a charity".

The Police Memorial Trust was officially welcomed by the Government in the House of Commons, and in letters from the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, and the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis, Sir Kenneth Newman.

Although the Trust is completely independent of the Police Force, it works in close co-operation with them, and has received donations from the Metropolitan Police.

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The following telephone numbers may be of use to you:

The Police Memorial Trust, Mr. John Fraser M.A., (Oxon)., M. Phil., Trustee - 603 4820 603 4830

Mr. Michael Winner - (Private Lines) - 602 6191 602 3725

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LONDON SW1

GR
Pl associate with other ppts.

25 January 1985

Dear David,

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Thank you for your letter of 24 January. It will be perfectly all right for Mr Thatcher to be on the platform and I enclose a Stand Seat for your goodself which is in the front row of Stand A and in an area where you can most easily rejoin the Prime Minister afterwards.

At the time of dictating this letter we are trying to make special arrangements to get Mr Neil Kinnock back from Athens which look like being successful, as he has been in touch with us again regarding his keenness to attend the ceremony.

All good wishes.

Michael

Michael Winner, M.A.(Cantab.) M.Phil.
Chairman
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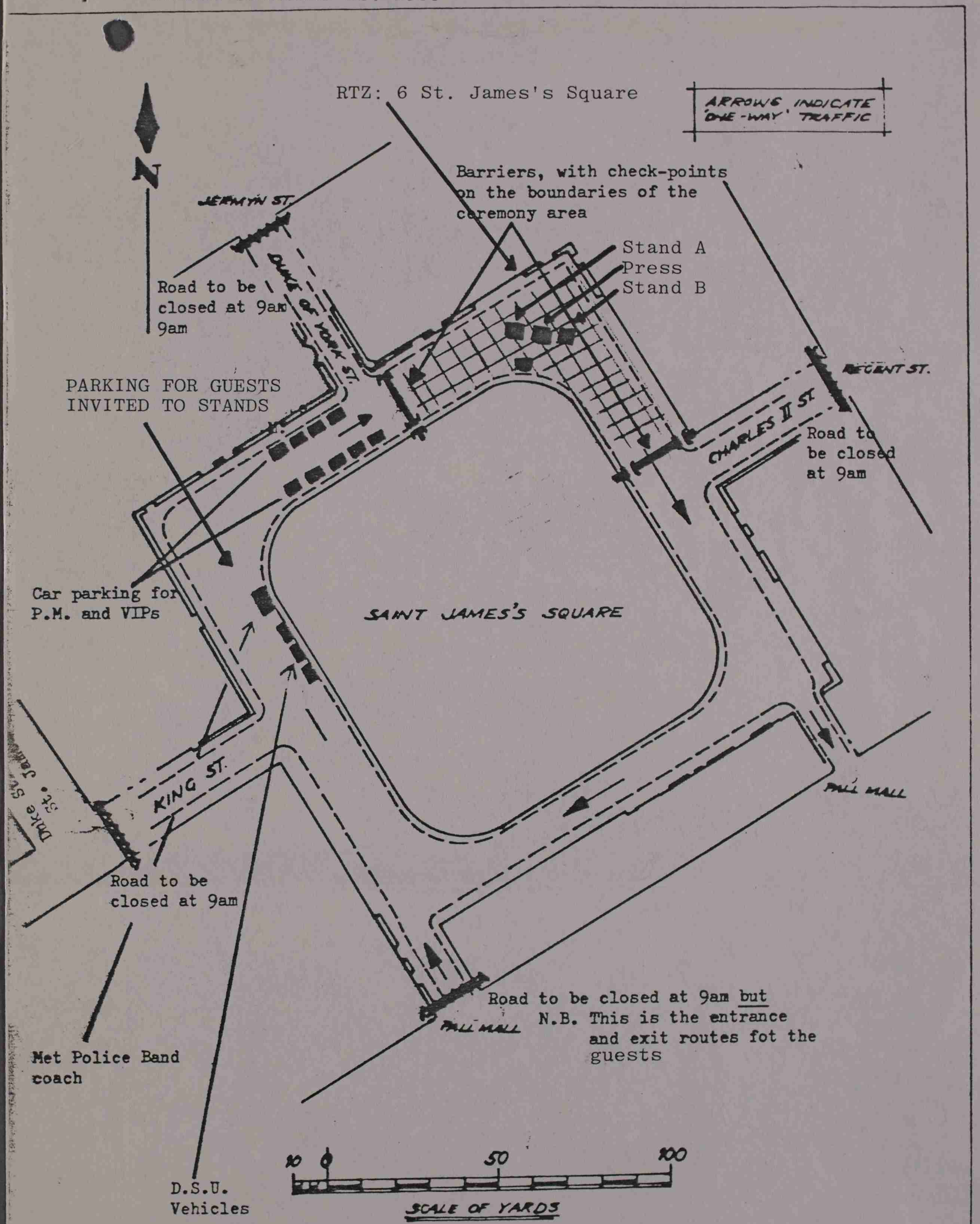
We now definitely have Neil Kinnock, I arranged personally to get him on a Qantas flight from Athens that usually takes no passengers, with proper approvals!

THE POLICE MEMORIAL TRUST: YVONNE FLETCHER MEMORIAL CEREMONY
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1st 1985



PRIME MINISTER

UNVEILING OF THE WPC FLETCHER MEMORIAL

The Unveiling ceremony takes place next Friday morning. You arrive at about 1010, have coffee in the RTZ Headquarters building with other guests, including the Fletcher family, and proceed to the Square at about 1030.

The first speaker will be Mr. Michael Winner, Chairman of the Police Memorial Trust which has erected the memorial. Sir Kenneth Newman will follow him briefly, and then you are invited to speak for a few minutes before unveiling the memorial. As the ceremony takes place in the open air, speeches are to be kept short - not more than about five minutes each.

I attach a first draft for your consideration, together with a background note by the Home Office (Flag A), and an extract from the Readers Digest on WPC Fletcher herself. This was sent in by Eldon Griffiths. (Flag B).

Invitations to the ceremony have been accepted by the official Opposition and by the Alliance. It is possible, but not yet certain, that Mr. Kinnock himself will be there.

DMB

25 January 1985

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
OF THE METROPOLIS

Sir Kenneth Newman QPM

NEW SCOTLAND YARD
BROADWAY LONDON SW1H OBG

24 January 1985

D M Barclay Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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Dear Mr Barclay

YVONNE FLETCHER CEREMONY

I understand from Mr Michael Winner that the Prime Minister would like a preview of the speech I shall be making on the occasion of the unveiling of the Memorial to WPC Yvonne Fletcher on 1 February.

This is attached.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth Newman

Kenneth Newman

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cc Detectives.

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

24 January, 1985

Thank you very much for your two letters of 21 January.

I am glad to say that Mr. Thatcher will be able to accompany the Prime Minister on this occasion. There is no absolute need for him to be on the platform, provided that you could offer him a place in the opposite stand as an alternative. But if the platform is convenient, that would be fine.

I should also be most grateful if one place in the stand could be found for me, since I shall need to rejoin the Prime Minister immediately after the ceremony.

I understand that arrangements have now been made for the Prime Minister to arrive at the rear entrance to the RTZ building, and we will aim to do so at 1010, so that she can have some time with the family and other guests, as you suggest. I am afraid, however, that the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher will need to leave immediately after the ceremony.

DAVID BARCLAY

Michael Winner, Esq.

ecc

Joy

Mr Thatcher

FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY

I see you have Wm. Ellis. Presumably this should be No?

Joy

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CF?

1. I can be YES 'cos my Wm Ellis is lost until 11.00 am. Anne is in St. Thomas's Square so going with PM. 'Coulomb' be easier.

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LONDON SW1

22 January 1985

Dear David,

Yvonne Fletcher Unveiling 1.2.85. Ceremony

I today heard from Neil Kinnock's office that they are making every effort that he should also attend the Ceremony and they are trying to juggle travel plans. The exact words were "He wants to come and we are working on the premise that he will be there."

I am not announcing this yet , of course, but they tell me they will call me by the end of the week to let me know.

Good wishes,

Michael Winner

Michael Winner, M.A.(Cantab.)
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MISS ROBILLIARD

The Prime Minister will be unveiling a memorial to WPC Fletcher, in St. James's Square, on the morning of Friday 1 February. The ceremony will last approximately an hour, starting just after 1000 am.

Could you please let me know whether Mr. Thatcher would like to accompany the Prime Minister?

DMB

22 January 1985

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What are your needs?

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Second Letter
21 January 1985

DMB 22/1

Dear David,

It occurs to me that we would like to know who might be coming with the Prime Minister, for example would Mr Thatcher be coming in which case we shall need to allow for this on the main platform. Will anybody be coming with the Prime Minister who will want to be seated on the stands facing the main platform? If so, who and how many? These tickets we are allocating any moment and as there are only 60 seats on these platforms facing the main platform it really would be nice to know as soon as possible what we should allow for.

All good wishes.

Michael

DMB

Scotland Yard handling security arrangements, so have no specific requests

Michael Winner, M.A.(Cantab.)
Chairman
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21st January 1985

Mr David Barclay
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Dear David,

YVONNE FLETCHER CEREMONY

Following our conversation this morning when you approved the programme and suggested that possibly the Commissioner of Police could speak for a shorter time and that maybe Mrs Thatcher would, I enclose a copy of the letter I have written to the Commissioner of Police.

I am also able to enclose a copy of my own speech. This may change if events in the next few days bring anything that should be mentioned, or if I have some brain-wave (most unlikely!) to improve it.

I am investigating the matter of the Prime Minister entering the Rio Tinto-Zinc building from a rear entrance, so that her arrival does not cause great excitement which would, as it were, chip in to her later appearance. I will get back to you on this. *

It would be nice if the Prime Minister could spend 15 or 20 minutes with the family and the other guests and therefore if she could arrive between 10.10 and 10.15 that would be very much appreciated.

All good wishes.

Michael Winner

Michael Winner M.A. (Cantab)
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* There is a back entrance, so that'll be fine.

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290 days ago on this exact spot and at this time, a member of the British Police Force was tragically snatched from anonymity to become a national heroine.

There is no one here who would not wish that Yvonne Fletcher had been able to finish that day as normally as it had begun.

And as we watched at home on the television the awful pictures of her death, combined with the extraordinary beauty of the smiling face of Yvonne in uniform taken from her Police identification photograph, there welled up in this Nation such a surge of sympathy and love as has seldom been seen.

And that regard, and I know this from the letters we receive, was both for Yvonne and for the Police in general, for the dangers that they face and the tragic price they so often pay.

And I felt that the death of a Police Officer deserved to be remembered and that it was fitting that the landscape of this great city should change, just a little, to accommodate a permanent marker to the bravery of Yvonne Fletcher and of all the other Police, so many of whom die on the pavements of the cities that they protect.

So the Police Memorial Trust was formed, and my goodness, would that you could all see, particularly the Police who are here, the thousands of letters we received, from the highest in the land, from famous people in all walks of life, but above all from the British Public, expressing the deepest regard and thankfulness for the Police and for their activities and sending us such money as they could afford.

And I think it is a sign of the nations' regard for the Police that we are able to welcome here today representatives of all the main Political Parties who at once agreed to be here to pay tribute to Yvonne Fletcher and to the Police Force.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome here the Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher; the Home Secretary Mr Leon Brittan; for the Labour Party - the Shadow Home Secretary Mr Gerald Kaufman; the President of the Liberal Party, Mr Alan Watson; and for the Social Democratic Party, Lord Harris of Greenwich.

And of course the Commissioner of Police Sir Kenneth Newman, and many of Yvonne's friends and colleagues. And in particular Tim and Queenie Fletcher, Yvonne's parents, with their daughters Heather, Sarah and Debbie - and you know getting to know Mr and Mrs Fletcher and their family over the last few months, I feel that I know personally some of the great qualities that everyone felt and knew Yvonne represented, because that is a really wonderful and fine family, and its particularly nice Tim and Queenie, and all of you, to see you here.

There is a thin blue line that protects the ordinary citizen from the forces of evil.

From time to time that line is broken, it was broken here with the death of Yvonne Fletcher.

It was broken some weeks earlier in Knightsbridge when Inspector Stephen Dodd, Sergeant Noel Lane and Woman Police Constable Jane Arbuthnot went into the area of a car they knew to be full of explosives, and likely to explode, in order to protect the people of this city - and paid with their lives.

It was broken on the neat, bungalowed sea-front of Frinton-On-Sea when Police Constable Brian Bishop was shot.

It was broken in the Garden of Remembrance by the beautiful Parish Church of Leeds when Sergeant John Speed was killed.

All these deaths within the period of a year. But that blue line is never really broken.

Because there are thousands more Police Officers all over Great Britan as dedicated as those who died, who continue in their duty.

They are no less heroic because they live on.

The Police Memorial Trust will commemorate the deaths of such policemen where ever they fall. Visibly. On the side-walk, on the pavement, on the roads, where their colleagues daily and nightly do their duty and some of them meet their end.

The debt we owe to these people is as worthy of recognition as the debt we owe to any of the other services that protect us.

On the day of Yvonne's funeral I wrote in one of our national newspapers the words that produced such a flow of letters and money from the public, although at the time there was no such organisation as The Police Memorial Trust - and these words I would like to paraphrase today.

I was refering of course to the tragic death of Yvonne Fletcher:-

"I can see a time in the future when human memory being what it is, the events that now seem so important have been forgotten. Maybe two people will be walking in St James's Square, and the sun's rays will catch the face of a Memorial, and one person will turn to the other and say 'Yvonne Fletcher, who was she?' To which there is a simple and noble answer 'She was a member of the British Police Force'"

I thank you all for being here today.

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21st January 1985

Sir Kenneth Newman, QPM
Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis
New Scotland Yard
Broadway
LONDON SW1H OBG

Dear Sir Kenneth

YVONNE FLETCHER CEREMONY

I enclose herewith a draft programme for the Yvonne Fletcher ceremony on February 1st.

I also enclose a map made out by PC Michael Mackey which we are using as a guide.

I have heard from No. 10 Downing Street from the Prime Minister's private secretary, Mr David Barclay who approves this programme but has made the point that if it is cold the length of some of the speeches may be too much. He asks whether you think you will need five minutes for your speech or whether this could possibly be shorter, and suggest that the Prime Minister may also speak a little less, but as he has not consulted her he cannot say this officially.

He particularly asks that your speech be sent directly to No. 10 Downing Street addressed to Mr David Barclay by the morning of Thursday January 31st 1985, in order that the Prime Minister will know what both you and I are saying so that when she comes on last she is not going to duplicate our remarks.

You will note that the event commences with a meeting in the 4th floor reception area of Rio Tinto-Zinc at 6 St. James's Square.

After the event, and this is not listed on the programme I am enclosing for you, we are inviting the same group plus some of the distinguished guests from the stands facing the main stand, to have sherry in the same venue. This will include some Commanders and Chief Constables of the various districts who have accepted invitations to come along, and the Mayors of Westminster and Kensington etc.

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We hope that you might be able to give a few minutes for this second event also.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Michael

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Chairman
The Police Memorial Trust

c.c. Mr David Barclay
10 Downing Street

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

20 JAN. 1985

Prime Minister

B/from 25/1 pm.

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You might find it useful to glance through this before opening the Yvonne Fletcher memorial. 1.2.85. Thank you for doing this for the Prime

Edwina.

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ARTICLES OF ENDURING VALUE AND INTEREST

Unforgettable WPC Yvonne Fletcher

BY CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT BRYAN WEST

She was only 25 when the Libyans shot her to death in St James's Square. The public knew her as a compassionate upholder of the law. To her colleagues she was ever-smiling 'Fletch'; one of the best

JUST before 10.30am last April 17, the phone rang in my office at London's Bow Street station. It was the start of the worst few hours of my 28 years in the police. There had been gun-fire at a demonstration outside the Libyan People's Bureau in near-by St James's Square, and one of my officers had been hit: WPC 341 Yvonne Fletcher.

Yvonne was one of half a dozen officers from the station who had been assigned to help our neighbouring Vine Street division to police the demonstration. One of some 400 held in London each year, it was considered a routine task likely to be over by noon.

At 9.35 Yvonne filed off the police coach parked near St James's Square to her allotted place outside the Libyan People's Bureau, just to the left of Sergeant Howard Turner. By 10.15 the first of 70 Libyan protesters, many of them masked, were assembling behind metal barriers,

chanting slogans. But the atmosphere was still calm and relaxed. Standing in the blocked-off roadway, officers exchanged the usual light-hearted banter.

"I'll shelter behind you when the firing starts, Yvonne," grinned PC John Murray, on her left. "You must be joking," retorted the diminutive Yvonne, at five foot two and a half inches believed to be the smallest officer in the Metropolitan Police and perhaps even in the British Isles. "I'm much too small for that."

Suddenly from behind them came a noise like a burst of Chinese firecrackers. Yvonne slumped to the ground, crying, "Sarge... help!" There was blood on the road—and on her blouse—as Sergeant Turner and Murray dashed towards her. They carried Yvonne to Charles II Street, and John Murray accompanied her as she was lifted into the ambulance and rushed to Westminster Hospital.

THE news of the shooting was an appalling blow. I had been in command at Bow Street for only four months, yet in those few weeks I had come to recognize Yvonne as one of the most dedicated and impressive officers and, quite simply, one of the best human beings I had ever met.

Tiny, fair-haired and strongly built, 25-year-old Yvonne handled every task given her with a bubbling mixture of enthusiasm, skill, common sense and above all, infectious good humour. She was always smiling. As one of my officers put it, "It was almost as if her personality was two sizes too big for her."

Her posting to Bow Street was to provide ample challenge for that personality. Less than half a square mile, including Covent Garden, parts of Soho, Trafalgar Square, it is one of the country's busiest police divisions, with an annual 10,000 crimes. An area that "never goes to sleep," it is thronged daily by up to 250,000 office workers, shoppers, tourists, demonstrators, theatre-goers, drunks, drug addicts, derelicts, drifters.

Quickly street-wise, Yvonne developed an extraordinary eye for this constantly shifting kaleidoscope of humanity. On parade at the start of one shift, she noted the usual information on possible traffic obstructions, missing cars, missing persons. Within the hour, Yvonne was back at the station with a 15-year-old girl reported missing from Southampton.

With her hair dyed blonde with streaks, the girl looked nothing like the bare description given on parade. How had Yvonne known? With her usual wide grin, she explained, "I hadn't seen her around before... Although she had gone punk, she didn't fit into her surroundings..."

Having contacted the teenager's parents, Yvonne sat down and chatted with the tearful girl for an hour, eager to show that, whatever she was sometimes tempted to believe, the entire adult world was not in league against her. It was typical of Yvonne, whose brimming good nature led her far beyond the bare

minimum of her duties as an officer.

Supremely fit through her swimming, squash and her brown belt at judo, Yvonne had a streak of raw courage that helped to win her nickname of Super Fletch. She did not hesitate to arrest anyone when she felt the circumstances demanded it. On one occasion, I remember her diminutive figure marching into Bow Street with a firm arm grip on a bemused-looking drunk a good foot taller and broader than herself.

Another time, Yvonne had barely informed one drunk he was under arrest when his companion hurled himself at her. Yvonne radioed for help; when reinforcements arrived, they found her grappling on the ground with the two men—and still holding her own.

One of her most dangerous experiences came the night she and WPC Kay Barr spotted two hefty villains violently attacking a man who had refused to give them money. Dashing from their car, the two WPCs broke up the fight, radioed for assistance, summoned an ambulance for the injured victim and somehow contained his attackers until help arrived. It later emerged that one of the thugs had 17 previous convictions and the other 19, both including several for crimes of violence.

Obviously, arrests are the final resort of policing. The staple of our day-to-day work is the ability to cool tempers and defuse potentially violent situations. With a commanding presence and abundant good humour, Yvonne often excelled at this. Soon after closing time one evening a call came from a Covent Garden pub where a fight had broken out among a dozen football supporters. Officers near by, on foot and in patrol cars, sped to the scene.

Being the closest, Yvonne was there first. Marching up to the largest, most menacing trouble-maker, she announced, "All right, you've had a good evening, love. Don't let's spoil it by forcing me to make arrests." A hush was descending on the pub. By the time more officers burst in, the

place was almost deserted, and the last two combatants were apologizing sheepishly for having made a nuisance of themselves.

Yvonne got to know a far seamier side of West End life during the nearly two years she spent on the Street Offences Squad, dealing constantly with the arrest and prosecution of prostitutes. Treating all she arrested with easygoing geniality and a scrupulous regard for their dignity and rights, she made many friends, and would sit talking for hours—even off-duty—with those who sought her help.

Heart of Gold. At times, she could display an almost uncanny rapport with the underdog. Patrolling along Long Acre one drenching autumn morning, she stopped a highly disturbed young man. He had just run off before an appearance in nearby Bow Street magistrates' court, as the probation officer who arrived in search of him moments later quickly explained before returning to court.

The youth had been arrested the previous day after creating a disturbance in the street—clearly in the early stages of some mental illness. He would probably now either be remanded to prison for psychiatric reports or, with some co-operation on his part, discharged for treatment in a mental hospital.

Realizing how traumatic it could be for someone in that mental state to go before the court and perhaps be sent to prison, Yvonne stood in the rain calmly chatting with the man, slowly gaining his trust, before she led him back to the court building. For another 20 minutes, they sat dripping in a cell while Yvonne reassured him and gently impressed on him the need for medical help. Finally, she brought him up to court and sat in the dock with him, still holding his hand. By now he was sufficiently calm for the magistrate to feel able to discharge him for hospital treatment.

By this same uncomplicated goodness Yvonne won hearts among a massive circle of local shopkeepers, stall-holders, buskers, tramps. Out touring the division, I would occasionally see how at certain spots where tramps collected there would be a steady trail of men to have a chat with her, to tell her their problems.

Among her closest friends were a middle-aged blind couple from London's East End, Bill and Pauline Penfold, whom Yvonne met when she helped Bill across the road one day in Trafalgar Square.

The Penfolds would come up to walk around the West End. Whenever Yvonne spotted them and duty allowed, she would act as their "talking eyes," describing shops, crowds, buskers. More important, she saw Bill through his darkest moments when Pauline had to go into hospital, gently talking him out of his despair and rage at being blind and not being able to do more for his wife. "She was always smiling," Bill recalls. "You can tell that when you are blind. You can tell from the way people speak."

It was the prospect of meeting and

helping a wide variety of people that was for Yvonne part of an early and unshakeable ambition to join the police. The eldest of four daughters of timber contractor Tim Fletcher, she grew up in the village of Semley, in a picturesque, wooded Wiltshire valley. She sang in the Semley church choir but in most other ways was the complete tomboy—wearing a dress only under direct orders from her mother Queenie—playing football with the local boys.

At the age of 11 she started judo lessons under the impression that the exercise, any exercise, would help her grow. At Gillingham Comprehensive, she represented the school in hockey, swimming and athletics. When not involved in organized sport, she would often hang from tree branches and door lintels in the hope this would help add the vital extra inches needed for her to join the police—to no avail.

Star Pupil. While still at school, she applied to a dozen different forces but was rejected by them all because of her height. At the Metropolitan Police recruiting centre, the most generous height measurement still left her an inch and a half short of the official five foot four minimum for policewomen. But because Yvonne had done so outstandingly well in her interviews it was decided that the rules be bent in her favour. Naturally, she was ecstatic. And from the day she was accepted for training in March 1977 it was as if she felt compelled to prove daily how right the selectors decision had been.

At Bow Street, she showed herself so competent that in January 1983 she became one of a hand-picked team who initiated recruits into walking the beat and in their first dealings with the public. Despite the presence of more senior instructors, those who completed the ten-week "Street Duties Course" described themselves as "Fletch-trained."

Brilliant Future. Life for Yvonne Fletcher last April could hardly have seemed better. She had bought her own flat and, after two years' courtship, had become unofficially engaged to Michael Liddle, a fellow officer at Bow Street: they hoped to marry soon.

The St James's Square demonstration was one of the very rare occasions when Michael and Yvonne had served on the same duty. As Michael exchanged smiles with Yvonne before walking over to his position less than a hundred yards to her left, nothing was further from his mind than tragedy.

Then came the burst of gun-fire. Amid screams of wounded demonstrators, people scrambled for cover. Michael tried desperately to reach Yvonne, but the milling crowds prevented him doing so before the ambulance bore her off. He reached the hospital just after she had been whisked into the operating theatre.

Within minutes of the shooting, I too was on my way to the hospital. As I entered the casualty department, the last of the 11 injured demonstrators

were still being admitted. Since it seemed clear that Yvonne would be in the operating theatre for some time, and there would soon be a growing mass of work for me with the continuing siege in St James's Square, I decided to take Michael Liddle back with me to Bow Street.

But minutes after we got back there was a call from Westminster Hospital. I must have broken the news of sudden death twenty times in my police career. But no amount of that grim experience could have prepared me for telling Michael Liddle that Yvonne had died.

Ten days later, on April 27, nearly 2,000 mourners crammed Salisbury Cathedral, just 15 miles from Yvonne's home, for the funeral service. Among them were Home Secretary Leon Brittan, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman and officers from police forces all over Britain. From Bow Street came every single one of its 350 police officers, civilian clerks, cleaners, cooks; for that day, the station was manned entirely by outside volunteers.

For weeks afterwards, flowers and letters continued to pour in to Bow Street, and a total of £28,000 was donated for police charities.

There were many callers too. An old lady who slept rough in St Paul's churchyard came and sat for ten minutes holding the hand of another WPC and recalling the kindness that Yvonne had shown her. A coloured teenager arrived in tears to find out if it was really Yvonne who had been killed. Yvonne had struck up a friendship with him as they had travelled on the same tube to central London—one of few people to show him much interest or sympathy.

There were others too who had never known Yvonne Fletcher's name, but certainly knew who she was. Again and again, they spoke of her as "The happy one . . . the one who was always smiling."

The siege of St James's Square lasted ten days. Then the murderer of Yvonne Fletcher and 29 other occupants of the Libyan People's Bureau, all claiming diplomatic immunity, were escorted to Heathrow Airport and left the country.

A flowering cherry tree has been planted in St James's Square in Yvonne's memory. A Portland stone and granite memorial is also to be placed near where she fell. There will be another memorial in the parish church of St Leonard in Semley.

ILLUSTRATION: CECIL VIEWEG

Dogmatic

WHEN I asked my class to write down the name of a famous composer, one little girl wrote *Bark*.

"Why did you choose him?" I asked.

"He was the only one I could spell."

—Sheila Enderle, Seaview, Isle of Wight

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

B for 25 Jan
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HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

18 January 1985

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Dear David,

POLICE MEMORIAL TRUST: YVONNE FLETCHER MEMORIAL

In your letter of 17 December you asked for background and speaking notes for the Prime Minister's use when she unveils the memorial to Yvonne Fletcher .... in St James's Square on 1 February. I attach these as requested.

A copy of this letter and enclosures go to Mr C W Long, NEDAD, Foreign & Commonwealth Office for information.

Yours sincerely,
Christine Heald.

MRS C J HEALD

David Barclay, Esq.

UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TO YVONNE FLETCHER

1 FEBRUARY 1985

SPEAKING NOTE

At ten o'clock on Tuesday, 17 April 1984, Yvonne Fletcher, a young woman Police Constable, was ~~tragically killed~~ murdered whilst on duty in this Square. I need not remind you of the way in which she died or of the scenes which followed. Memories of those events are vivid in all our minds. Today the Square is peaceful again and we have come here to remember Yvonne Fletcher, privately in our own thoughts, and publicly by this ceremony at this memorial erected by the Police Memorial Trust, close by the spot where she was killed. Her death was a loss to her family, and to the Metropolitan Police, and to all of us who live and work in London.

This simple memorial will be a reminder to all of us, Londoners and visitors alike, of the debt that we owe to Yvonne Fletcher and her colleagues for the protection of our freedom. And we must not forget the other brave men and women police officers who over the years have been killed in the course of their duty. We are proud of them all and we feel a deep sorrow for those they have left behind.

~~And~~ Let us remember, too, the calmness and resolutionwith which the police responded to this tragedy over the days that followed. We have become used to seeing our policemen respond magnificently to all kinds of challenges - from bombs, from riots, and organised crime. The police have won an unequalled reputation for professionalism. That reputation is a tribute in itself. ~~But we~~ Too often we take this professionalism for granted, and we expect ~~the~~ our police to uphold the

law without regard to their own feelings and their safety. This simple ceremony today brings us up short against the reality of policing. It reminds us that police officers, willingly and without complaint, face the risk of physical and unexpected danger. By accepting this risk, ~~and~~ as well as by their ~~enthusiasm and~~ dedication to their everyday tasks, the police have ~~manifestly~~ earned ~~and richly deserve~~ our fullest gratitude and support.

¶ Today then, as we remember one woman police officer, Yvonne Fletcher, let us also pay tribute to the others who have given their lives serving the community and to all members of the police service for the qualities they display and which we must never undervalue.

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David Barclay, Esq.
The Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

17 January 1985

Dear David,

There have been a large number of meetings both on the site and elsewhere between ourselves and the Metropolitan Police and our representative Mr Harvey Thomas.

As a result of these meetings I am now able to enclose for you the proposed programme for the Yvonne Fletcher memorial ceremony on 1 February 1985 together with a sketch plan to go with this programme.

If you have any suggested amendments do please let us know as soon as possible as the event is quite close and we shall need to issue this in advance to those working on the ceremony.

All good wishes.

Please p.a.
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Michael

Note: spoke to Mr Winner
(1) I said PM might speak for less than 7 minutes. He thought this wd be no problem.
(2) He wd be inviting the PM to coffee with the Fletcher family at c 10.10. am.
DMB
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Michael Winner, M.A.(Cantab.)
Chairman
The Police Memorial Trust.

17th January 1985

POLICE MEMORIAL TRUST : YVONNE FLETCHER MEMORIAL UNVEILING ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 1985 - PROPOSED PROGRAMME

10.00 to 10.30 am — Metropolitan Police Band of 30 musicians under their Director of Music, Capt. Christopher Taylor, plays.

10.00 to 10.29 — Guests who are to be on the platform by the Memorial are invited to coffee and biscuits by the Police Memorial Trust at the Rio Tinto Zinc HQ at 6 St James's Square on the 4th floor.

An elevator has been reserved exclusively for the use of guests.

Platform guests are:

The Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Home Secretary, The Rt. Hon. Leon Brittan, MP
The Labour Party Shadow Home Secretary, The Rt. Hon. Gerald Kaufman, MP
The President of The Liberal Party, Mr Alan Watson
For the Social Democratic Party, Lord Harris of Greenwich
Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis
Mr and Mrs Tim Fletcher and their daughters, Heather, Sarah and Debbie
Mr Michael Winner, Chairman of the Police Memorial Trust

10.30 — The platform guests with the exception of the Prime Minister and Mr Winner make their way to the platform. Sir Kenneth Newman to remain with the Fletcher family at the front of the platform so that the Prime Minister may come out a few seconds later accompanied by Mr Winner to speak to the family for the Press and TV photographers.

Then everyone takes their seats on the platform.

10.35	The Metropolitan Police Band plays the National Anthem.
10.37	Speech by Mr Michael Winner, Chairman of the Police Memorial Trust.
10.44	Speech by Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis.
10.49	Mr Winner introduces the Prime Minister.
10.50	Speech by the Prime Minister.
10.57	All stand as the Prime Minister is accompanied by Mr Winner to the Memorial and unveils it. A fanfare is played by the Metropolitan Police Band.
10.59	Mr Winner asks those present to end the Ceremony with one minute's silence for Yvonne Fletcher and all Police Officers killed on duty.
11.00	The Band of the Metropolitan Police plays. The platform group assemble at the Memorial for Press photos as Guests leave the stands. ENDS

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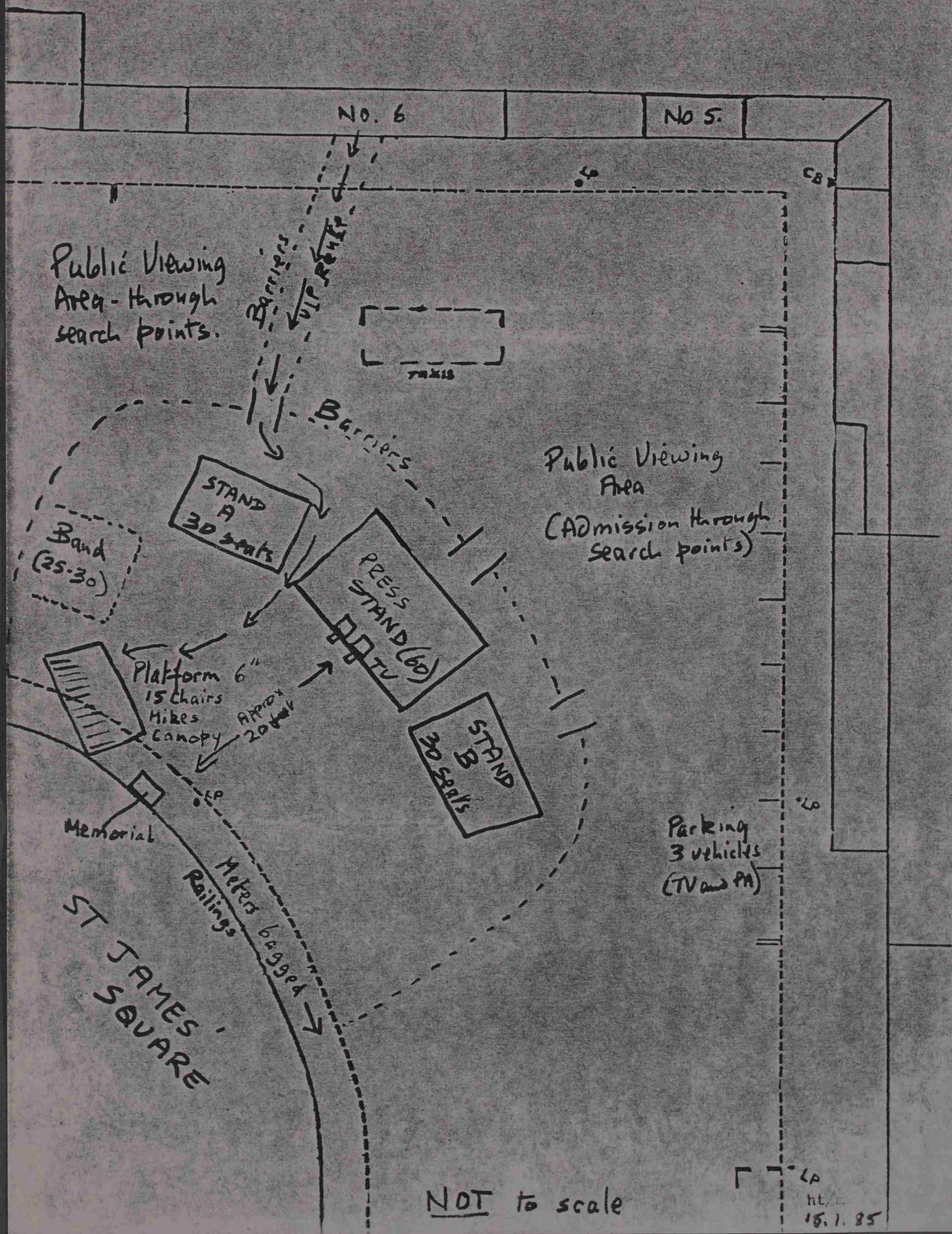
ST JAMES' SQUARE SW1

Yvonne Fletcher Memorial - February 1st 1985



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cc Home Office
Chief Whip's Office

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David
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16 January 1985

Dear David,

Ceremony for Yvonne Fletcher Memorial

I enclose a copy of a letter from The Rt. Hon. Gerald Kaufman, MP, saying that he will attend the ceremony on behalf of the Labour Party, and a copy of a letter from Mr Alan Beith, MP, saying that Mr Alan Watson, the Liberal Party President, will attend on behalf of the Liberal Party.

This means that we now have all three parties attending as was always hoped.

All good wishes.

Michael

Michael Winner, M.A.(Cantab.)
Chairman
The Police Memorial Trust.

From: The Rt. Hon. Gerald Kaufman, MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

14th January 1985

Dear Mr. Winner,

Thank you for your letter dated 11th January in which you ask me to attend the Yvonne Fletcher memorial ceremony on February 1st.

I readily accept and look forward to further details.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald Kaufman

Michael Winner Esq.,
Chairman,
The Police Memorial Fund.

From ALAN BEITH, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

15th January, 1985

Dear Mr. Winner,

Thank you very much for your letter of 11th January.

Mr. Alan Watson, the Liberal Party President will be happy to represent the Party at the ceremonies for the unveiling of the Yvonne Fletcher memorial on February 1st at 10.30 am.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Beith

Mr. Michael Winner, M.A.
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Yvonne Fletcher Memorial Ceremony
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cc: HO
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

10 January, 1985

Thank you for your letter of 9 January and for sending me a copy of your correspondence with Dr. David Owen, MP.

(David Barclay)

Michael Winner, Esq.

10 DOWNING STREET

FOR INFORMATION

With the compliments of

David

I spoke to Dick Clements about this and he assumed due that Mr. Kinnock would be going.

Amanda

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9 January 1985

Dear David,

Yvonne Fletcher Memorial Ceremony

I enclose a photocopy of a letter from David Owen, so we have now got the Liberal and SDP Parties apparently sending somebody and we are writing again to the Labour Party!

All good wishes.

Michael

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Lord Harris of Greenwich
House of Lords
LONDON SW1

9 January 1985

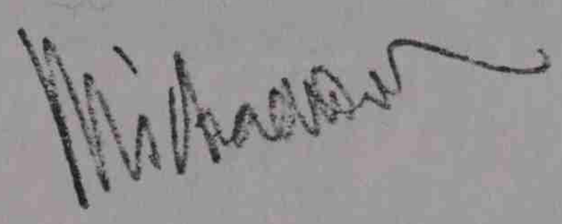
Dear Lord Harris,

Yvonne Fletcher Memorial Ceremony

Dr. David Owen has told us you will be representing the SDP at the above ceremony at 10.30 am on Friday 1 February in St. James's Square. We will be writing to you again with the full details in that we plan a meeting shortly prior to the ceremony in an adjacent building and the ceremony itself will last approximately 25 minutes. The Prime Minister will perform the unveiling and the Home Secretary will also be present.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,



MICHAEL WINNER, M.A. (Cantab.)
Chairman
The Police Memorial Trust.

cc: Mr David Barclay

From: Rt Hon Dr David Owen MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SWIA OAA

7 January 1985

Michael Winner Esq MA
Chairman
The Police Memorial Trust
6-8 Sackville Street
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LONDON W1X 1DD

Dear Mr Winner

Thank you very much for your letter and kind invitation to the unveiling of the memorial to Yvonne Fletcher on 1 February. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend personally due to engagements outside London but Lord Harris of Greenwich, a former Home Office Minister, would be happy to represent the SDP on this occasion. Perhaps you could write to him direct at the House of Lords with any further details.

Yours sincerely

David Owen

cc Lord Harris

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BY HAND

cc Mr Maclean (CWO)

David Barclay, Esq.
The Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

PA Sub
20/12

20 December 1984

Dear Mr Barclay,

Mr Winner has asked me to let you have the enclosed letter that was received today from Mr David Steel regarding the Yvonne Fletcher Memorial.

Yours sincerely,

John Fraser

John Fraser, M.A.(Oxon.), M.phil.
Trustee

THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

19th December 1984.

Dear Mr. Winner,

Mr. Steel has asked me to thank you for your letter and enclosures of 18th December and for your very kind invitation for the unveiling ceremony on Friday 1st February.

He is sorry that he is unable to accept himself - he is already committed for that morning - but I am passing copies of this correspondence to his colleague Alex Carlile M.P., who speaks for the Party on Home Office affairs and the law. I am sure Mr. Carlile will be in touch with you if he is able to attend.

I am also passing copies to Simon Hughes M.P. as our sole London-based M.P., since he is more likely than Mr. Carlile to be in London on a Friday.

Mr. Steel is sorry that he cannot join this ceremony in tribute to Yvonne Fletcher, but I hope very much that Mr. Carlile or Mr. Hughes will be able to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Tessa Horton

Miss T. Horton.
Private Secretary to David Steel.

Michael Winner, Esq.,
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BY MESSENGER

David Barclay, Esq.
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

18 December 1984

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 17 December and we are naturally extremely pleased that Mrs Thatcher will honour the Police by her presence at the unveiling of the Memorial to Yvonne Fletcher.

It was our intention to invite both the Home Secretary and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties and we shall of course be doing this most promptly as soon as we know the date. x

We will also discuss with you the further aspects of this ceremony.

All good wishes.

Michael

x Date now known as 10.30am on Fri Feb 1. One letter to Opp parties read to you, & hand delivered to them today.

MICHAEL WINNER.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 December, 1984.

Police Memorial Trust: Yvonne Fletcher Memorial

Thank you for your letter of 23 November about the invitation from the Police Memorial Trust to the Prime Minister to unveil a memorial to WPC Fletcher.

In the light of the Home Secretary's views, and your Department's advice on security aspects, the Prime Minister has decided to accept Mr. Winner's invitation, on the understanding that invitations will also be issued to the Home Secretary and to the Opposition Parties. I enclose copies of my correspondence with Mr. Winner, and with Murdo Maclean in the Chief Whip's Office.

I will be in touch with you shortly about possible dates. Meanwhile, perhaps you could warn those concerned that we will need draft speaking notes, and a background note about the Memorial Trust, a fortnight before the ceremony.

David Barclay

Mrs. Christine Heald,
Home Office.

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IN CONFIDENCE

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 December, 1984.

I am sorry that you have not received an earlier reply to your letter of 7 November in which you invited the Prime Minister to unveil the Memorial to WPC Yvonne Fletcher which the Police Memorial Trust is erecting in St. James's Square.

I am now writing to say that the Prime Minister would indeed be very glad to accept your invitation for a date in the New Year, on the understanding that you would also wish to invite the Home Secretary, as police authority for the Metropolitan Police District, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, to attend or be represented. If this gives you any difficulty perhaps you would let me know. Alternatively, perhaps you could confirm in due course that suitable arrangements can be made.

When we spoke on the telephone earlier today about possible dates I mentioned Saturday, 2 February. Since then, however, I have discovered that this day is not very convenient for the Home Secretary. Perhaps we could have an early word on the telephone about possible alternatives?

For obvious reasons, I should be grateful if the Prime Minister's plans could be treated in strict confidence.

David Barclay

Michael Winner, Esq.

IN CONFIDENCE

cc HO

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 December, 1984.

Yvonne Fletcher Memorial

The Prime Minister is disposed to accept an invitation which she has received from Mr. Michael Winner of the Police Memorial Trust, to unveil a memorial to WPC Yvonne Fletcher. The Prime Minister hopes, however, that - to emphasise the non-political nature of the occasion - representatives of the Opposition Parties will also be present at the ceremony.

Mr. Winner will be issuing appropriate invitations directly. But I know that the Prime Minister would be most grateful for anything that the Whips could do to encourage acceptances, at least from the Labour and Alliance Parties.

David Barclay

Murdo Maclean, Esq.,
Chief Whip's Office.

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Mr David Barclay
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dub 17/12

14 December 1984

Dear Mr Barclay,

YVONNE FLETCHER MEMORIAL

It is now almost six weeks since our first letter to you asking if Mrs Thatcher would unveil the above memorial for ourselves and the Metropolitan Police.

We are continually being deluged by the press asking why this memorial is not going up, and I am at a loss for words to explain the delay.

If Mrs Thatcher could do this we would be most grateful and would like to know. If she does not wish to, we would also like to know. I wonder if you could be so kind as to help me in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL WINNER, M.A. (Cantab.)
Chairman
The Police Memorial Trust

? Sat 2 Feb a.m.

GR PPS

Mr. Barclay

I think we must concede and arrange a date for the PM to unveil this memorial in the New Year. Pl. negotiate a date with Mr. Winner.

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14.12.

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MR BUTLER

The Yvonne Fletcher Memorial

Your minute of 26 November sought advice on the security aspects of the Prime Minister accepting the invitation to unveil the Yvonne Fletcher memorial.

2. The advice from the Home Office, who have consulted the Security Service and the Metropolitan Police Special Branch, is that there are no strong security objections to the Prime Minister performing this ceremony, and that the event would in fact be easier to police than some of the Prime Minister's other public engagements.

3. The assessable threat would be from either Irish Republican terrorists or Libyans, but it is thought that both would be deterred by the practical difficulties presented by the maximum police security which would be in operation.

4. If the Prime Minister were to attend, it would be desirable for advance publicity to be kept to the absolute minimum. The Metropolitan Police Special Branch have also said that it would impose less strain on the police if the event took place on a Saturday morning, though mid-week would not be impossible. I understand that, if there was any extra cost of the Prime Minister attending rather than the Home Secretary, it would be negligible.

RTA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

13 December 1984

Michael WINNER

The Police Memorial Trust VC2ABP 3/12

10 DOWNING STREET (1) 10/12

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

I enclose a letter from the Home Office, together with one from the Police Memorial Trust inviting the Prime Minister to unveil a memorial to WPC Fletcher. As you will see the Home Secretary was equivocal about the advice to the Prime Minister on accepting this invitation.

The Prime Minister has commented that she feels that she should not refuse to unveil this memorial. Before we convey this reply to the Police Memorial Trust, I should be very grateful if TOP have any observations on the security aspects. Apart from the Libyan connection, this would be a public engagement which would no doubt put some strain on the police for the Prime Minister to undertake, especially if it is in the period just before Christmas (but there are indications that the Police Memorial Trust would be willing to put off the ceremony until after Christmas in order to have the Prime Minister perform the unveiling).

26 November 1984

E. R.

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PRIME MINISTER

POLICE MEMORIAL TRUST

Attached is a letter from Mr. Michael Winner, the Chairman of the Police Memorial Trust. The Trust was formed to honour police victims of violent crime, in the wake of the shooting of WPC Fletcher.

Mr. Winner invites you to unveil a memorial to WPC Fletcher in St. James's Square before Christmas. Quite apart from security considerations, and your diary in the run-up to Peking, the Home Secretary has doubts about the wisdom of your accepting this invitation. Both he and Sir Kenneth Newman believe that the unveiling of individual memorials should be regarded, so far as possible, as a local matter, although you might well wish to be associated with a more general memorial to police officers killed in the course of duty.

(see letter at flag A)

Agree to suggest that the Home Secretary performs the unveiling ceremony on your behalf?

I think that the funeral unveiling is different. And in view of the pressures on the Police, I should not refuse to unveil it. I believe ∴ I will do it.

DMB

23 November 1984

that normally the Home Sec but all-party representatives should be present to emphasise the impartiality of the support of the Police Ms.

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PC 23/11

Mr David Barclay,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON SW1.

November 22 1984.

Dear Mr Barclay,

Thank you for telling Mr Winner you will try and put the unveiling of the Yvonne Fletcher Memorial to the Prime Minister shortly.

It occurs to me you may not know of Mr Winner. As well as being one of this country's most prominent film producers and directors who has caused many millions of pounds to be invested in this country by US Film companies, Mr Winner is also on the Council of the Director's Guild of Great Britain.

He has supported the Conservative party regularly on the Any Questions Radio Programme, and also helped get artistes for and appeared himself at Mrs Thatcher's "Showbusiness Rally" before the last election. He writes from time to time in the national newspapers, usually in the Times or Sunday Times.

He formed the Police Memorial Trust after the death of Yvonne Fletcher and the Trust is currently preparing memorials for the Harrods Bomb Victims, PC Bishop killed in Essex this year, and Sgt Speed killed in Leeds.

I hope this background information may be of some help.

Yours sincerely,

John Fraser

John Fraser, M.A. (Oxon), M.Phil
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Michael WINNER 22/11

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10 Downing Street,
LONDON SW1.

Await Home Office advice
Reminded H.O 22/11 - missing back

14 November 1984

Dear Mr Barclay,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November.

I hope you'll forgive me, but I seem to read into this a preparation for a turning down by the Prime Minister of our request to unveil the first-ever memorial to the police in the history of this country.

Perhaps I should not say so, but I do say, nevertheless, that I would be deeply disappointed if this were the case.

I think the police in general coupled with the name of Miss Yvonne Fletcher are a cause which the Prime Minister has always appeared to be sympathetic to and to refuse our request at this time would disappoint not only us but the thousands of people who have written glowing letters of support for the police which we have on our files.

In particular the whole affair could take no more than two hours from the door of Number Ten to Mrs Thatcher's return to Number Ten, and I know that if Mrs Thatcher cannot find two hours for this event prior to Christmas, we could certainly wait until the New Year.

So, with respect, we are prepared to adapt very substantially so that this important moment should have at its centre someone of the prominence and quality of Mrs Thatcher.

I hope you will bring these added points to the Prime Minister's attention.

Yours truly,
Michael Winner

MICHAEL WINNER.

Michael WINNER 22/11

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary 12 November 1984

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Michael Winner inviting her to unveil a memorial to WPC Fletcher.

On diary grounds alone, the Prime Minister would find it difficult to accept this invitation. But before we reply, it would be most helpful to have the Home Secretary's advice. Could this please reach me by Thursday, 22 November?

David Barclay

Hugh Taylor, Esq.,
Home Office.

BM.

12 November 1984

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of 7 November. This is receiving attention and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

I think I should, however, say at this stage that the Prime Minister's diary for the rest of this year is already very crowded.

(David Barclay)

Michael Winner, Esq.

10 DOWNING STREET

Supt Parker

I will need to get Home Office views, though the diary is already difficult.

I imagine you would not be keen.... ?

DMB
8/..

Detectives' office
10 Downing Street.

David Barclay.

I would have thought 'political/diplomatic' considerations alone went against this one.

Am not keen – we have enough problems at the moment without additional public appearances in

a period of high risk.

Ray P.

9.11.84.

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Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, PC, MP
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

7 November 1984

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

The Police Memorial Trust would be most honoured if you would unveil the first-ever Memorial to the Police in the history of this country, namely the Memorial to Yvonne Fletcher in St. James's Square.

The Trust was formed not only to honour the individual police officers, but to encourage respect and regard for the police in general and to put up in the local communities and on the sites where police officers were killed, memorials to them.

The Trust is also putting up memorials to the Harrods bomb police victims, the recently murdered Essex PC Brian Bishop and Leeds PC John Speed. Other memorials will follow, and it is also planned when some of these have been unveiled, to erect a National Police Memorial.

The Trust was officially welcomed by your Government in the House on 10 May 1984, and it operates with the full support both financial and personal of the Metropolitan Police. Police Forces all over the country are also supporting us. The Metropolitan Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman has allocated a generous donation from police funds, and as you can see from the enclosed list of donors, members of your cabinet as well as many other distinguished people and organisations have also contributed, as well as the public in their thousands.

We consider this first-ever Memorial is vitally important as a public display of appreciation for the Police Forces of Great Britain.

Lady Porter and the Westminster Council have co-operated and donated toward this Memorial, as have the Kensington and Chelsea Council for the Harrods Memorial and the Essex Council for PC Bishop.

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We would like to unveil the Memorial, for which the Police and ourselves are planning a short ceremony, as soon as possible, hopefully well before Christmas.

We have no particular preference for the day of the week, the ceremony can be more or less at your convenience though we would much prefer it during daylight so that the Press and TV can maximise coverage, as we consider the public relations aspect of this to be very important for the Police.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Winner, M.A.(Cantab.)
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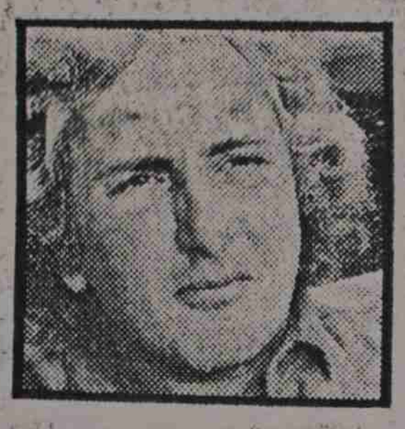
ON THE DAY WPC YVONNE FLETCHER'S FUNERAL TAKES PLACE, ONE OF BRITAIN'S TOP FILM DIRECTORS MAKES AN APPEAL . . .



Lest we forget her

by Michael Winner

POLICEWOMAN Yvonne Fletcher's hat has lain in St James's Square long after her dying body was removed.

We've seen it on television, resting undisturbed, a sort of tribute.

There is something indelibly forlorn and touching about this piece of her uniform, of which she was so proud, marking the spot where Yvonne had been terribly and senselessly murdered.

Soon it will have gone. Soon the so-called diplomats will leave the building. We'll watch them going on our screens at home, and then something else will take over to command our attention, and the whole event, including Policewoman Fletcher, will be forgotten.

Agony

'Forgotten?' I can hear you saying. 'We'll not forget the smiling face of Policewoman Fletcher. We'll not forget her lying there writhing in agony. We'll not forget those images of her being put into the ambulance. We'll remember her.'

Will we?

Do we remember PC Cox? Or Detective Constable James Porter, WPC Arbuthnott or Supt. Gerald Richardson I'm sorry, but I'm sure you don't. These four police officers were all murdered. Jane Arbuthnott in the last few months.

Mrs Thatcher read the Lesson at a Memorial Service for her at Westminster Abbey and for Inspector Stephen Dodd and Sergeant Noel Lane after they were killed by the Harrods bomb. Now they are forgotten.

Just some of the 35 police killed defending our way of life in the past 20 years.

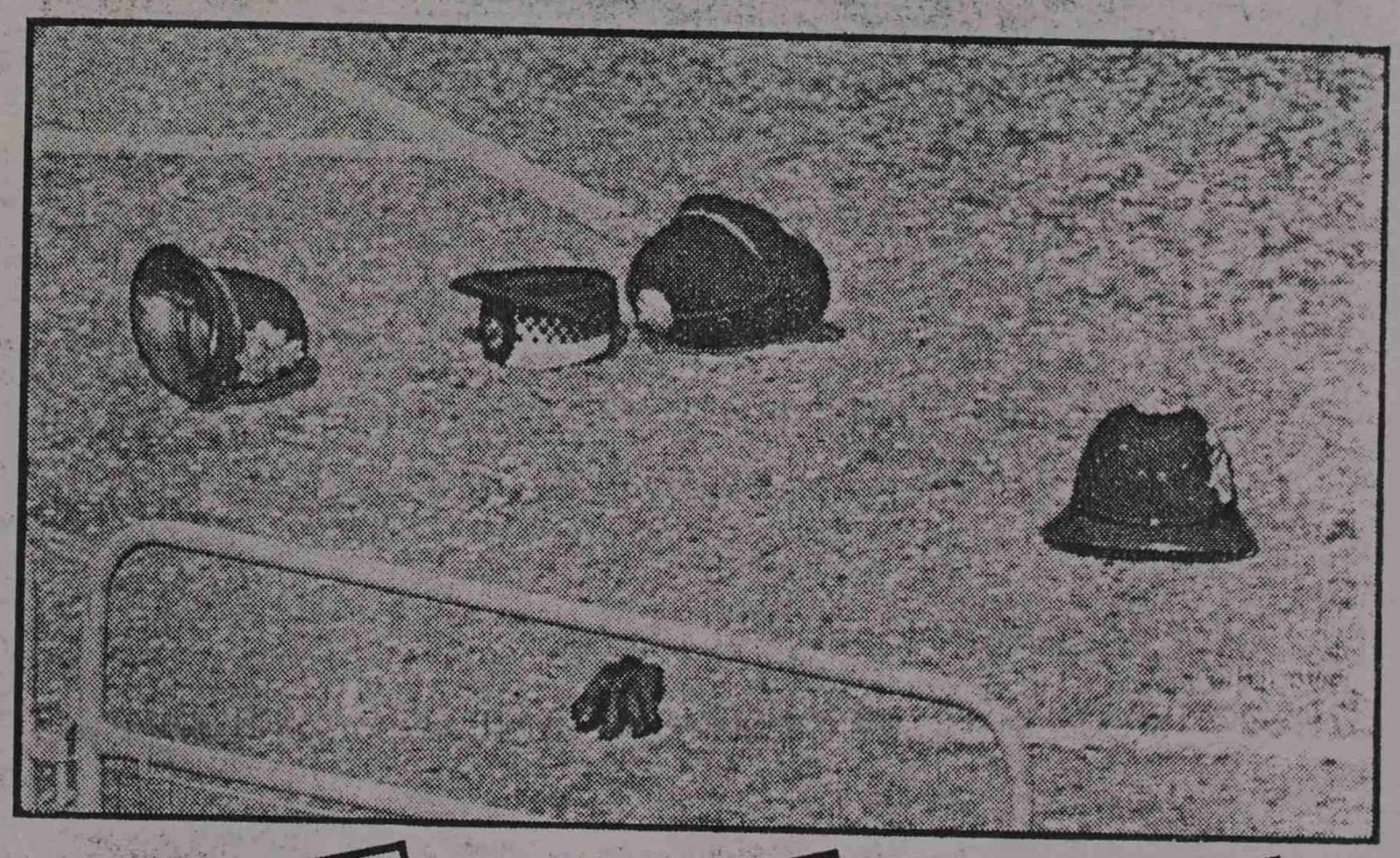
Another image from television has imbedded itself in my mind. It's often repeated as an introduction to items about the miners' strike. It shows a group of pickets walking down a hill goose-stepping and giving the Nazi salute to a group of uniformed policemen walking up the other way.

Protection

These are the same policemen representing the same protection of our way of life as did Yvonne Fletcher. But Arthur Scargill refers to them as part of a police state.

Yet these policemen, unnamed and anonymous, walking up the hill are no doubt as dedicated and human as Yvonne Fletcher. They were not selected from some specially trained phalanx of supermen, honed and regulated into a Fascist troop.

How sad that some should so often seek to separate the police from ourselves. That they should perceive them, except in times when we particularly need them, as 'them' while we are 'us'.



VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE: Yvonne Fletcher's hat still lies where the murdered policewoman (pictured above left) fell — a chilling reminder of her death. But who remembers other officers like Jane Arbuthnott (centre), killed at Harrods, or Supt. Gerald Richardson? He was shot in Blackpool trying to stop a jewel shop raider in 1971.

How sad that a policewoman has to be ruthlessly killed on a sunny morning in London for us to warm to her and her colleagues.

How quick this vociferous minority are to demand investigation of the police, to accuse the police of being Fascist when they do anything they don't like.

How sad that the Labour Party and the trade unions should in a blanket fashion, impugn the police for protecting miners

I was recently on Any Questions from the village of Petersfield in Hampshire. Clive Jenkins, the trade union leader was also on the panel. When a question was asked about the miners' strike he went into a typical tirade against the police. He described them as *'agents provocateur'*.

I pointed out that my sympathies were with the housewives whose gardens were trampled by pickets, the miners whose cars were smashed up and had stones hurled at them, the police who had nails soldered together thrown at them and even specially designed pieces of sharp metal to maim their horses.

Mr Jenkins' answer was to say: 'No pickets have been charged with having any one of these devices. There have been policemen who have gone to jail for planting things on people. I don't know who did this.'

Bravery

Is this really the view of the British people at large? Do they really believe the police are *agents provocateur*, Fascists, falsifiers of evidence? I do not think so. I believe that most of us regard the police conduct and bravery under a whole series of endless and varied provocations as demonstrably fine and worthy of our gratitude.

And what better way to show our gratitude than for a memorial to be put up to Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher at the spot where she was slaughtered. I have no doubt the public would subscribe to its cost in seconds.

In France there are many plaques to the Resistance Fighters at the places where they died, reminding people that those who fight for our freedom should not be forgotten. They carry a simple message which we could follow. The inscription would read: 'Here fell Yvonne Fletcher'.

I can see a day in the future when human memory, being what it is, has discarded the events that now seem so important, and the shadows from the trees above sway slowly to and fro on the pavement of St James's Square, the sunlight catching a small memorial.

Maybe two people passing by will stop and one will say to the other—'Yvonne Fletcher? Who was she?'

To which there is a simple and a noble answer: she was a member of the British Police force.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outrage at Libyan People's Bureau

From Mr Graham Chainey

Sir, In 1980 the Iranian embassy, now the Libyan: neither atrocity was aimed primarily at British subjects, yet must we not expect such violence to occur on British soil while we maintain diplomatic relations with bloodthirsty, repressive and fanatical regimes?

No doubt there are sound economic and political reasons for maintaining relations with states whose ideologies are detestable to us; but is it not time we began to apply higher considerations?

If we act solely according to materialist principles, must we not expect in return to be treated cynically by regimes with ideological pretensions? We are often said to have lost an empire and not found a role: there is a desperate need in a world of escalating extremism, cynicism, and self-interest for one nation at least to begin to act exclusively according to moral principles.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM CHAINEY,
47 St Barnabas Road, Cambridge.
April 18.

From Mr Michael Winner

Sir, May I suggest that a memorial is put up to Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher either in St James's Square or on the pavement near the place where she was slaughtered.

In France there are many plaques to the Resistance fighters at the places where they died, reminding people that those who fight for freedom should not be forgotten.

I am sure the public would contribute, at once, the entire cost of such a memorial. It would commemorate not only the horrific death of this brave young girl, but also be a constant reminder to her killers of the feelings of the British people.

It would also serve to indicate that not everyone in this country takes seeming pleasure in attacking the police for the execution of their difficult duties, but that most of us regard their conduct and bravery, under a whole series of endless and varied provocations, as demonstrably noble and worthy of our thanks.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL WINNER, Director,
Scimitar Films Ltd,
6-8 Sackville Street,
Piccadilly, W1
April 19.

From Mr Paul Gillions

Sir, Diplomatic impunity?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL GILLIONS,
47 Westbury Close,
Hitchin,
Hertfordshire.
April 18.

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Memorial for police killed on duty

By Robin Young

Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot outside the Libyan People's Bureau, and other police officers killed in the course of duty, will be commemorated by a charity whose formation is announced today.

Mr Michael Winner, a prominent film director, has set up the Police Memorial Trust as the result of the pubic response to a letter he wrote to *The Times* and subsequent publicity elsewhere.

He said yesterday that he had received about a hundred letters supporting his idea that memorials should be raised to police officers killed on duty. Two-thirds of the letters included gifts of money which totalled nearly £600 already.

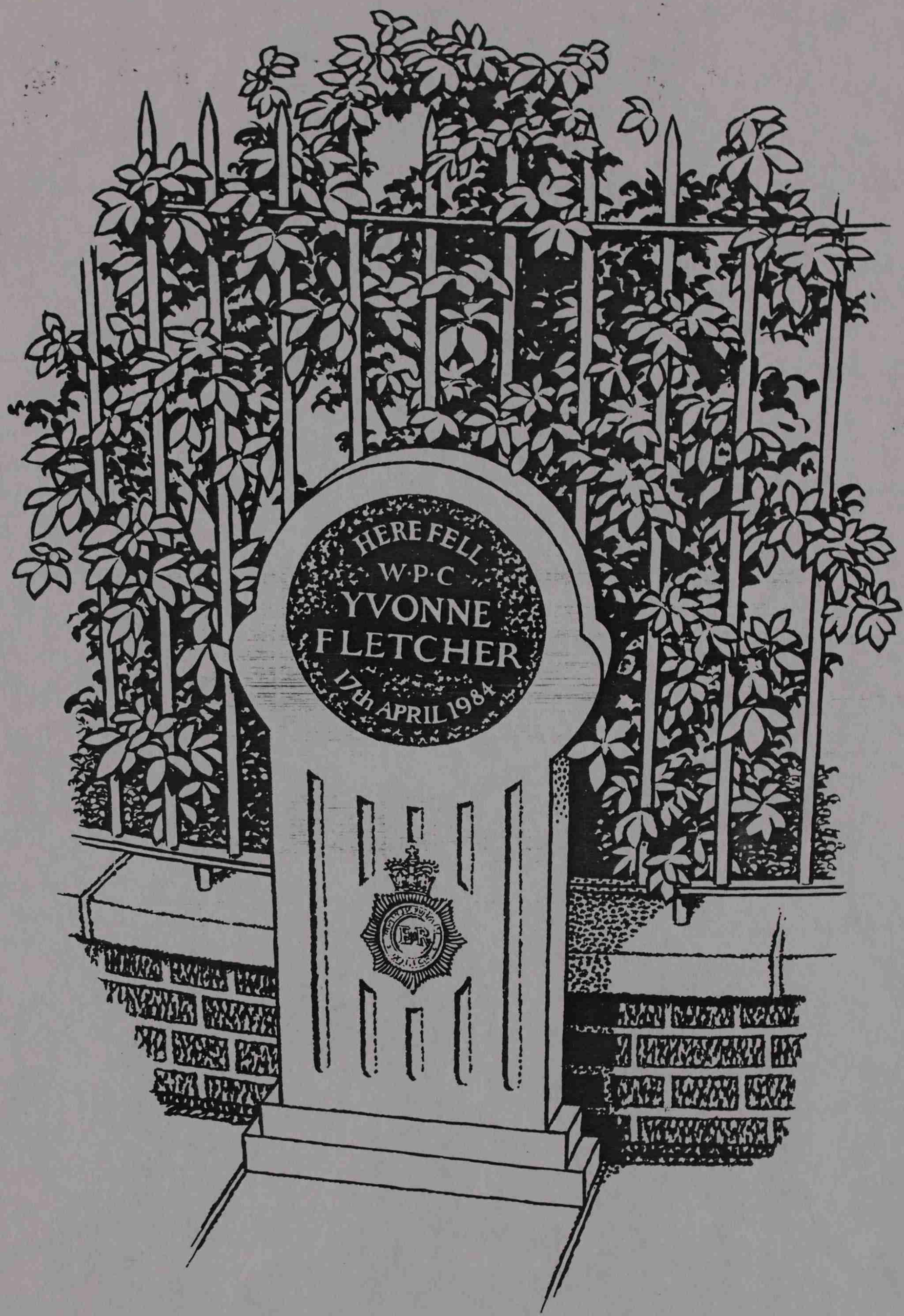
A policeman's wife from West Yorkshire wrote describing Mr Winner's scheme as "a real morale booster for the younger policeman and their wives and families as I think they must often wonder, after the flak they have received during the picket line demonstrations, whether it is all worth it".

Another gift came from an American tourist on holiday in Scotland.

Mr Winner said yesterday that he knew of 35 police officers killed on duty in the past 12 years.

"We would be happy to commemorate victims of the past 15 or 20 years, and if there is money left over our trust deeds enable us to make payments to the dependents of police victims", he said.

The address of the Police Memorial Trust, to which contributions may be sent, is 6-8 Sackville Street, London, W1X 1DD.



A drawing of the Memorial the Police Memorial Trust
will erect for Yvonne Fletcher in
St. James's Square

Simple tribute to heroine WP-c

A MEMORIAL to murdered policewoman Yvonne Fletcher should be completed next month and erected in October, it was announced today.

Work has begun on a four feet high memorial stone which will stand on the pavement close to the spot where WP-c Fletcher, 25, was shot in St James's Square outside the Libyan People's Bureau in April.

An artist's impression of the memorial was released today by the Police Memorial Trust which is erecting the stone.

It is the first time that a police officer has been honoured in this way in Britain. The inscription reads: "Here fell WP-c Yvonne Fletcher, 17th April, 1984."

The Trust's chairman, film director Michael Winner, said today: "Work should finish next month and we hope it will go up at the very latest in October."

Mr Winner, who has received donations to the trust from showbusiness personalities such as Robert Mitchum, Jack Lemmon, Ava Gardner and Mel Brooks, added: "We hope to have someone pretty important at the official unveiling."

Donations

"The public and famous people from all walks of life have responded incredibly."

There were weeks of argument over what form the memorial should take and where it should be. The trustees of St James's Square refused to allow a smaller version of the memorial to stand on a wall in the square.

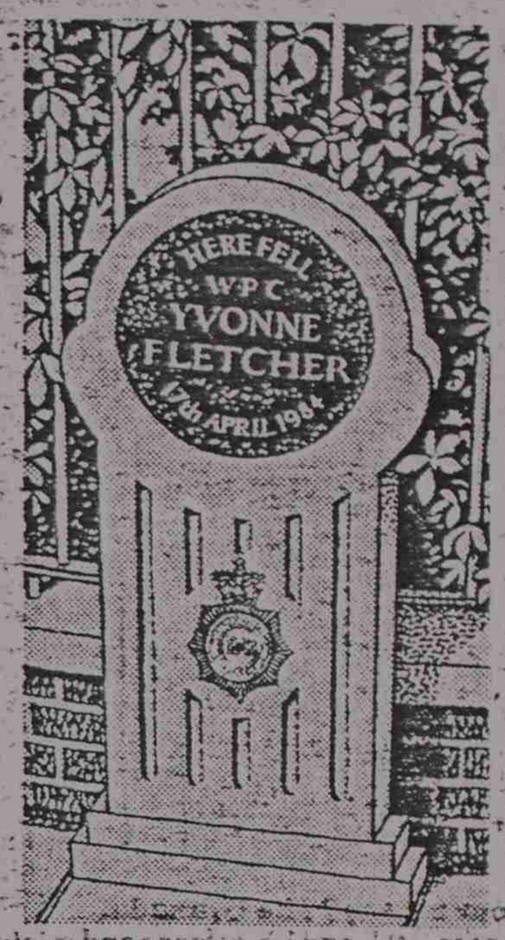
However, in June, Westminster City Council agreed to it being placed on the pavement across the road from the People's Bureau.

The memorial will be the first to a slain police officer in Britain and now the trust is planning similar tributes to other officers killed on duty.

It now wants to erect similar tributes to the police victims of the Harrods bomb blast, Inspector Stephen Dodd, Sergeant Noel Lane and WP-c Jane Arbuthnot, and other officers killed while on duty.

Mr Winner said: "The response to the Trust has been very good. When I'm on to people I just ask them to give something. Some have donated very large sums of money. The Metropolitan Police are totally with us on this."

Other well known names who have contributed include Elton John, film director Bryan Forbes, actress Jenny Agutter and Kenny Everett.



IN MEMORY: How the stone will look.

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Memorial to shot police girl Yvonne

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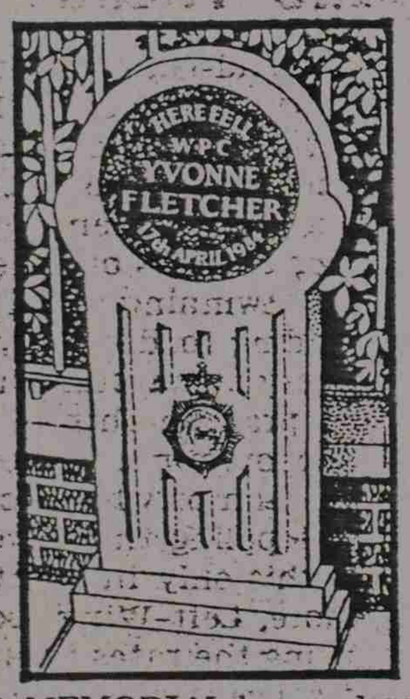

A MEMORIAL to murdered policewoman Yvonne Fletcher should be completed next month and erected in October.

The 4ft. high memorial, in Portland stone, will stand on the pavement near where WPC Fletcher, 25, was shot in London's St James's Square outside the Libyan People's Bureau on April 17 this year.

The stone is being erected by the Police Memorial Trust, who released an artist's impression of it, (above) yesterday.

The trust's chairman, film director Michael Winner, said: 'We hope to have someone pretty important at the official unveiling.'

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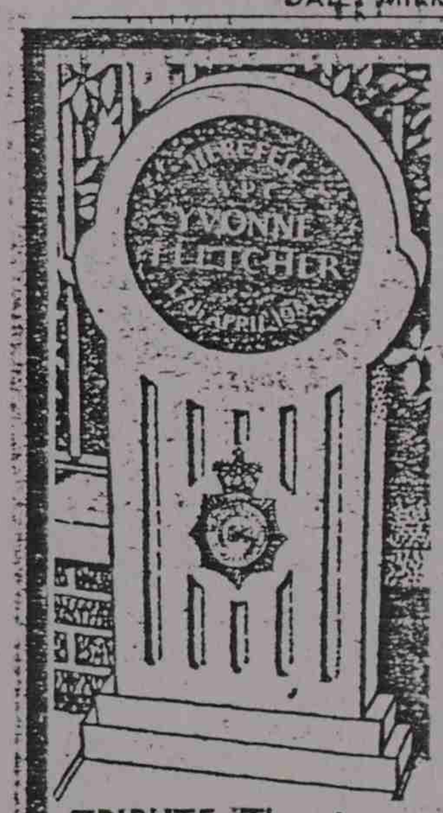

TRIBUTE: The stone

Memorial to shot police girl

A MEMORIAL to murdered policewoman Yvonne Fletcher should be unveiled in October.

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An artist's drawing of the memorial was released yesterday by the Police Memorial Trust, which is putting up the stone.

The Trust's chairman, film director Micheal Winner, said: "We hope to have someone pretty important at the official unveiling."

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Memorial to WPC killed at embassy

By Paul Brown

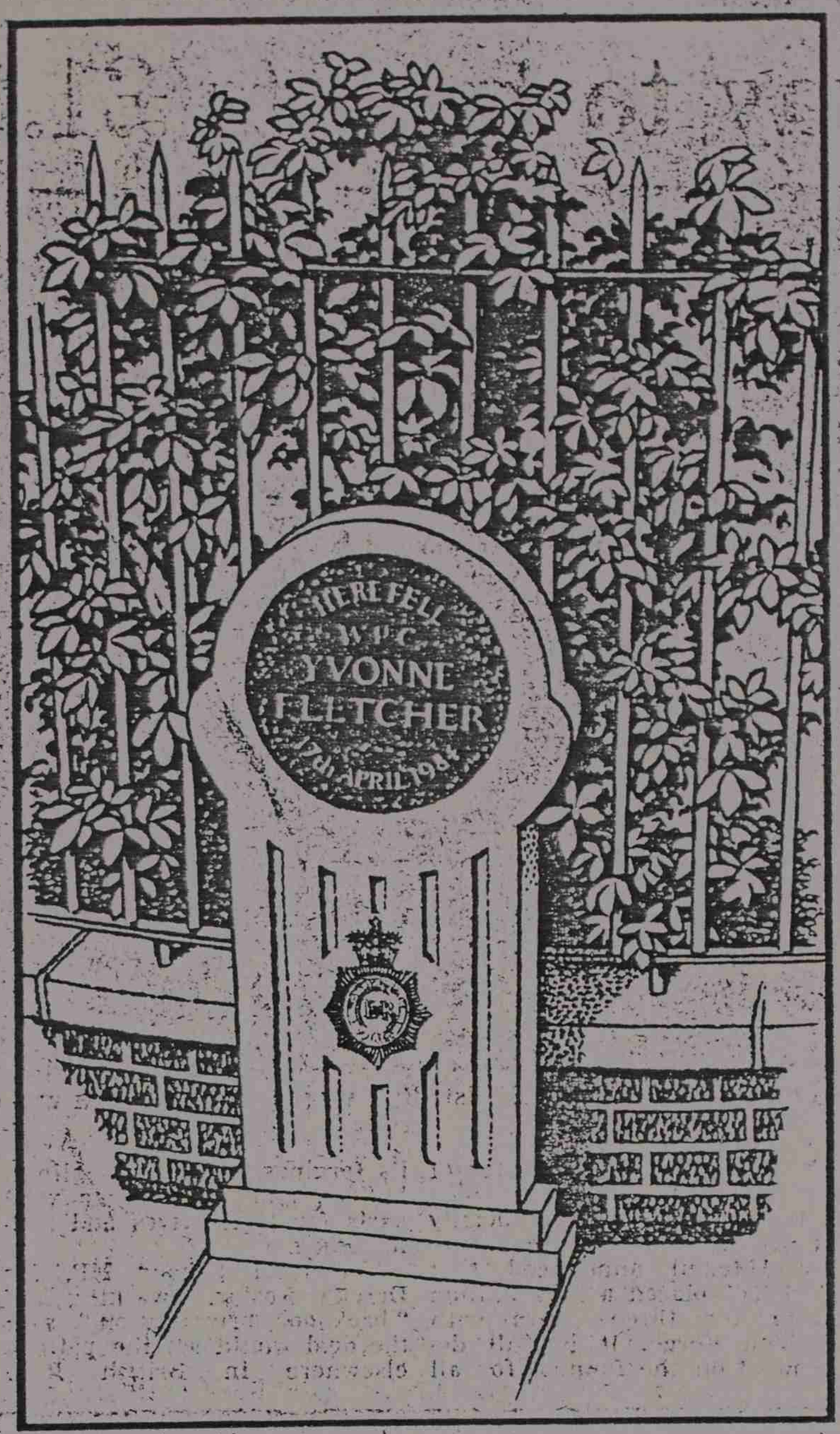
AN artist's impression (right) of the memorial to WPC Yvonne Fletcher which will be erected in St James's Square, London, in October near the spot where she was killed on April 17, while on duty outside the Libyan People's Bureau.

The 4ft high memorial is the first in Britain to a police officer killed on duty. The original plan, for a smaller version of the memorial on the wall of St James's Square Gardens, had to be abandoned after the garden trustees objected saying that they intended to plant a tree instead.

Mr Michael Winner, chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, said Westminster Council had approved an alternative plan to put the memorial on the pavement.

There will be similar memorials to other officers killed on duty, and the trust has asked permission to put up memorials for the three Harrods bomb victims.

The trust has details of 35 officers killed in the past 20 years and is still collecting donations. Among those who have supported the trust are three members of the Cabinet, Mr Leon Brittan, Sir Keith Joseph and Mr Patrick Jenkin.



WPc Fletcher

Showbiz honours WPc gun victim

STARS have dug deep into their pockets to fund a memorial to terror victim WPc Yvonne Fletcher.

A trust set up by film director Michael Winner has raised thousands of pounds for a 4ft. high inscribed stone.

It will stand close to the Libyan People's Bureau in London's St. James's Square, where WPc Fletcher, 25, was gunned down in April.

Mr. Winner said yesterday: "We hope it will go up at the latest in October."

Donations came from big names like Robert Mitchum, Jack Lemmon, Ava Gardner and Mel Brooks.

Singer Elton John was another to respond.

Home Secretary Leon Brittan also contributed. Mr. Winner's Police Memorial Trust, started in the aftermath of WPc Fletcher's shooting, also hopes to commemorate police victims of the Harrods bombing.

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Tribute to shot Yvonne

- WORK has begun on a stone memorial to policewoman Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot dead by a Libyan maniac.
- It will be erected on a pavement close to where she fell in London's St James's Square, outside the Libyan People's Bureau.
- Th 4ft-high memorial will be in Portland stone. It will be the first memorial to a murdered police officer in Britain.

Yvonne's memorial

WORK has begun on a memorial to 25-year-old Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher who was shot dead while on duty in St James's Square, London, outside the Libyan Embassy in April. The 4ft Portland stone memorial will stand a few yards from the spot where she was killed by machine gun fire from inside the Embassy. It will bear the inscription: "Here fell WPC Yvonne Fletcher, 17 April 1984."

DAILY EXPRESS AUG 22 '84

Work starts on memorial to shot policewoman

A memorial to Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot dead outside the Libyan People's Bureau, in St James's Square, London, on April 17, should be completed next month and erected in October, it was announced yesterday.

Work has begun on a 4ft high memorial stone which will stand on the pavement close to the spot where WPC Fletcher, aged 25, was shot.

Mr Michael Winner, chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, which is erecting the stone, said yesterday he had received donations from such actors as Robert Mitchum, Jack Lemmon, Ava Gardner and Mel Brooks.

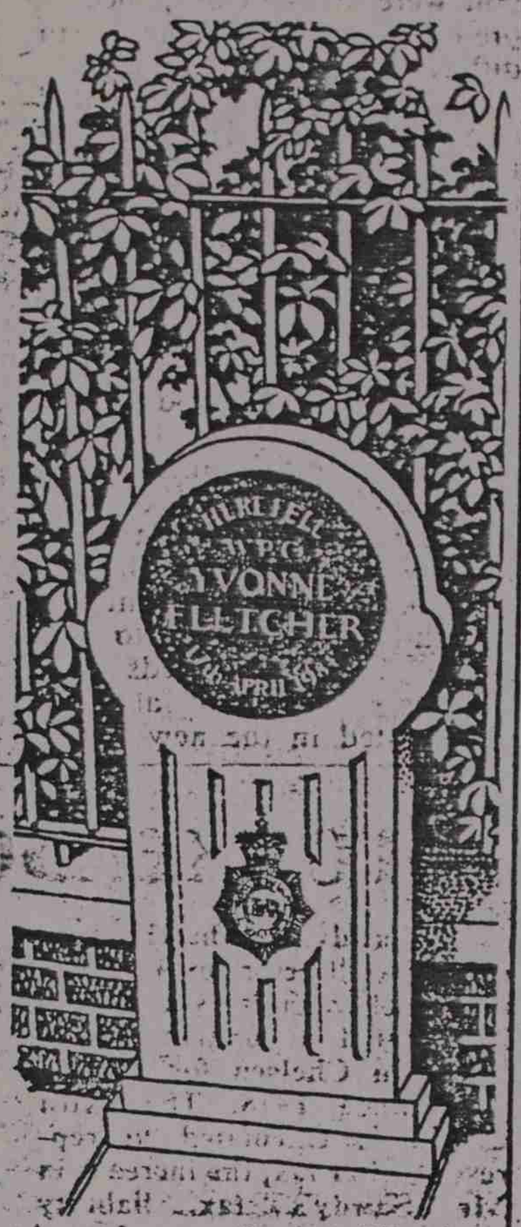
The memorial is 2ft wide by 4in deep and is in Portland Stone, with the circular face a mottled red-brown granite.

The trust said that Miss Fletcher's mother had seen and liked the memorial, which had also been seen by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Newman.

Incensed by the shooting, Mr Winner, the film director, set up the trust, which has raised thousands of pounds from the show business world, the politicians and the public.

There were weeks of argument over what form the memorial should take and where it should be. The trustees of St James's Square refused to allow a smaller version to stand on a wall in the square.

However, in June Westminster City Council agreed to it being placed on the pavement across the road from the bureau.



An impression of the memorial

The trust is now planning similar tributes to other officers killed on duty. The Mayor and leader of Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council have supported the trust's application to place a memorial for police victims of the Harrods bomb.

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Fitting memorial

ORGANISERS of the charity set up to provide a memorial for WPc Yvonne Fletcher, the young policewoman whose shooting triggered off the Libyan Embassy siege in April, hope it will be unveiled by a member of the Royal Family early in the autumn.

The trustees of St James's Square, scene of the shooting, said a memorial on their wall round the garden in the middle of the square would be obtrusive. But now Westminster City Council has given permission for it to be placed on the pavement instead—a quarter of an inch in front of the wall.

The memorial, a pillar of portland stone, topped with a circular red granite plaque bearing WPc Fletcher's name, has been designed by George Cook, a leading monumental mason and head of the memorial department of the West End funeral directors J. H. Kenyon.

So far, the Police Memorial Trust, set up by film producer Michael Winner, has raised £21,000 with contributions from, among others, three Cabinet Ministers. It now also plans to erect a memorial to the police killed in the Harrods bombing.

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The Standard 20 June 1984

Yvonne Fletcher : first police memorial.

In memory of Yvonne

MAY I correct the impression in a statement reported in Monday's Standard from Mr Denis Hill, chairman of the trustees of St James's Square, about the memorial we are putting up to Yvonne Fletcher.

Mr Hill and the trustees of St James's Square refused to grant permission for a memorial more than one foot high to be placed on their 16-inch modern brick wall.

Our memorial now being placed on the pavement where Yvonne was slain is officially backed by the Metropolitan Police through Sir Kenneth Newman, the Commissioner, and by the Home Secretary on behalf of the Government.

It will be the first of a number of memorials to police killed in the execution of their hazardous duties. The next one will be to the Harrods bomb victims.

Our memorial has been made possible through donations from people of Britain including some of the most famous in the land, and also from many of the most important companies and institutions.

Contributions will still be gratefully received if any of your readers feel they would like to help.—Michael Winner, Chairman, The Police Memorial Trust, 6-8 Sackville Street, W1.

Dispute settled as monument for Yvonne approved

THE DISPUTE over a memorial to murdered policewoman Yvonne Fletcher has been settled by the direct intervention of Lady Porter, leader of Westminster Council.

Two factions clashed over the size and form of the tribute—film director Michael Winner and colleagues on the Police Memorial Trust and the trustees of St James's Square, where Miss Fletcher was shot from inside the Libyan Embassy.

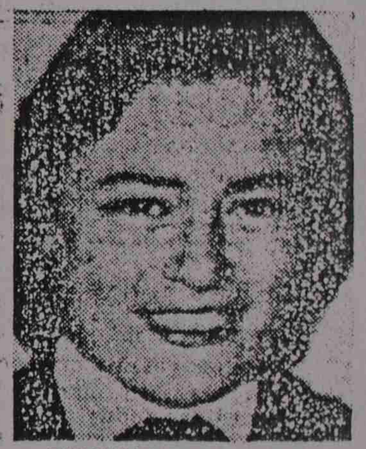
The Winner group planned a monument 2ft 6in high in Portland stone and granite.

Businessman Mr Dennis Hill and his fellow St James's Square trustees rejected the idea, feeling a simple bronze plaque would be less dominant.

After two weeks of discord the Police Memorial Trust went direct to Westminster Council and at the weekend Lady Porter approved their scheme.

Mr Winner said: "We are delighted we can continue. We have asked our memorial-maker to begin on designs. The inscription will read 'Here fell W-Pc Yvonne Fletcher, 17 April, 1984'."

Mr Hill said: "With the full agreement of the police, and their contribution towards the cost, we shall proceed with our counter-proposal. We shall plant a cherry tree and plaque in the garden in the autumn."



YVONNE FLETCHER

Paul Brown on a memorial row

Stone wall

A FINAL decision by the Trustees of St James's Square gardens yesterday not to allow a 30 inch high memorial to WPc Yvonne Fletcher on the wall near the spot where she was fatally wounded has shocked supporters of the Police Memorial Trust. Michael Winner, the film director, who is its chairman, described the decision as "inhumanity beyond belief." He refuses to be deterred and hopes to be able to erect the memorial without the permission of the garden's trustees by putting it on the pavement 100th of an inch outside their jurisdiction.

The St James's Square Trust said yesterday that it would press ahead with its own plans for a memorial to WPc Fletcher— a cherry tree with a suitable plaque to be planted in the autumn. The trustees said they had decided on the tree before Mr Winner wrote to them asking permission for the portland stone tablet recording the police woman's death.

The 20 garden trustees are representatives of firms that have premises round St James's Square and their names are not available to the public. Denis Hill, from the Distillers Company, who is chairman, was unable to come to the telephone yesterday, and his secretary was unable to name any other trustees. Mr Winner, on the other hand, is willing to name some of the backers of the Police Memorial Trust. They include Mrs Thatcher, Leon Brittan, and David Owen.

Almost as a formality Mr Winner wrote to the garden trustees asking permission and saying the costs would be borne by Westminster City Council, both for installation and maintenance. Without calling a meeting of the garden trustees, Denis Hill wrote back saying that the proposed memorial "would completely dominate the wall and fence surrounding what is probably one of the most beautiful gardens in the centre of London." He therefore rejected the memorial and offered instead a "simple bronze plaque" on top of a wall coping stone.

This offer was still open yesterday for discussion, but Mr Winner has rejected it as totally inadequate. The unveiling of the stone was going to be a major public event and an appropriate memorial needed to be prepared, he said.

With such a distinguished lobby behind him, Mr Winner could hardly believe that a full meeting of the trustees would not reverse Mr Hill's original decision. He yesterday dismissed the garden trustees as being no longer worth bothering with.

Trust seeks agreement on memorial to Yvonne

'Too large' dispute over WP-c tribute

WP-c FLETCHER monument planned.

by Neil Darbyshire

FILM director Michael Winner hopes a meeting in London this week will settle a dispute that has broken over the size and form of a memorial to Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher — murdered by gunfire from the Libyan embassy.

Mr Winner is chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, and he and fellow-trustees planned a monument 2ft 6ins high, in granite and Portland stone, to be erected on top of the perimeter fence of St James's Square.

The inscription will read: "Here fell Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, 17th April, 1984."

But the chairman of the St James's Square Trust, Mr Denis Hill, wrote to Mr Winner to protest.

"Our general feeling is that a memorial plaque of this size would completely dominate the wall and fence around what is probably one of the most beautiful gardens in the centre of London," he said.

Mr Hill feels that a simple bronze plaque would be "far less dominant."

But Mr Winner said today: "Mr Hill rejected us without even calling his trustees together. He has now agreed to call them to a meeting on Wednesday.

Rejected

"I have spoken to Mrs Queenie Fletcher, Yvonne's mother, who is keen to have this memorial. She hopes everything will be all right."

Mr Winner, added: "We cannot accept at all that the death of Yvonne Fletcher should be passed off with a plaque on top of a coping stone which would hardly be visible at all to anybody.

Public subscriptions for the memorial are still coming in and a second memorial is planned to remember the victims of the Christmas bombing at Harrods.

He said the idea had been warmly welcomed in personal letters from the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

He had asked Mr Hill to convene a full meeting of the St James's Square trustees "so that their acceptance or rejection of the request would be unequivocal."

IN BRIEF

Gang clash victim dies

A TEENAGER died in hospital today, a week after a battle between rival gangs at Slough.

Scooter rider Chris Orford, 18, of Bracknell, Berks, died in Central Middlesex Hospital from head injuries he received in a clash between mods and rockers on Bank Holiday Monday.

Jim's £3000 Cash-saver

THE highest ever award made by London Transport for a bright idea has gone to a retired craftsman fitter.

Jim Eldridge has received £3474. He suggested a way to reclaim part of the driving mechanism for speedometers on Tube trains. The idea saved LT more than £17,000 in the first year.

Murder on seafront

A MURDER hunt was underway today after a man was found dead with severe head injuries in a seafront shelter at Worthing.

Brian Turner, 26, who lived with his parents at nearby Goring, was found late last

Trustees reject memorial to shot WPC

By Paul Brown

The Police Memorial Trust has been stunned by the refusal of the trustees of the gardens in St James's Square London, to allow them to put up a 30 inch high memorial to WPc yvonne Flecher near the spot where she was kiled outside the Libyan People's Bureau in April.

The Trust, of which the film director Michael Winner is chairman, was set up to place memorials to police officers killed in the execution of their duty.

In a letter to the St James's Square trustees, Mr Winner referred to the personal support of Mrs Thatcher Mr Leon Bittan and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Newman, before asking permission to place the memorial on the wall surrounding the garden.

It was to take the form of a 0-inch high block of Portland stone with a granite top inscribed with the words, "Here fell Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, April 7, 1984."

At a meeting with representatives of the Memorial Trust, Scotland Yard, and Westminster City Council, which had agreed to maintain the memorial, it was agreed that it would be placed on the low brick wall which surrounds the gardens.The railings round the gardens would have to be cut out so that the memorial could be secured to the wall.

Mr Denis Hill, of the Distillers Co, who is chairman of the St James's Square trustees said in reply that he was not able to convene a meeting of the trustees to discuss the matter because of shortage of time, but after speaking to some of them had decided to reject the memorial.

"A memorial plaque of this size would completely dominate the wall and fence surrounding what is probably one of the most beautiful gardens in the centre of London. Whilst we are fully sympathetic with your plans, we feel a simple bronze plaque would be far less dominant and we would be entirely happy to have this fixed on the top of the coping stone in the area in question."

The trustees had decided to plant "a sizeable tree in the autumn with a plaque commemorating WPc Fletcher."

Mr Winner, in a reply sent by hand yesterday, asked for an immediate meeting of the trustees so that acceptance of rejection of the scheme can be "unequivocal." He added: "We cannot accept at all that the death of Yvonne Fletcher should be passed off with a plaque on top of a coping stone which would hardly be visible at all to anyone, and that is not what the authorities or the public wish us to provide."

The Guardian 2 June 84

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Police memorial to bomb victims

A MEMORIAL is to be placed outside Harrods in Knightsbridge, London, at the spot where three police officers died in the IRA Christmas bombing.

The design of the Police Memorial Trust's tribute to Inspector Stephen Dodd, Sergeant Noel Lane and WPC Jane Arbuthnot will resemble the memorial for WPC Yvonne Fletcher, who died at the start of the siege at the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square.

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Harrods bomb tribute agreed

A memorial is to be erected outside Harrods department store in Knightsbridge, London, at the spot where three police officers were killed in the IRA Christmas bombing last year.

Kensington and Chelsea council has approved the 4ft 6in high memorial in Portland stone, which will be inscribed: "Here fell Inspector Stephen Dodd, Police Sergeant Noel Lane, Woman Police Constable Jane Arbuthnot, December 17th, 1983."

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Memorial for police victims of IRA bomb

THE three police officers who died in last year's IRA Christmas bombing outside Harrods are to be commemorated in a memorial near the store.

They were Inspector Stephen Dodd, Sergeant Noel Lane and Wp-c Jane Arbuthnot.

The memorial will be erected by the Police Memorial Trust on the pavement, only a few feet from the place where the terrorist car bomb exploded.

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HARRODS BOMB MEMORIAL

A MEMORIAL is to be put up outside Harrods at the spot where three police officers were killed in the IRA Christmas bombing.

The 4ft 6in high memorial, in Portland stone with a red-brown mottled granite face, will be inscribed: "Here fell Inspector Stephen Dodd, Police Sergeant Noel Lane, Woman Police Constable Jane Arbuthnot, December 17th, 1983."

It will be on the pavement outside Harrods, only a few feet from where the car in which the bomb had been placed was parked.

Council approval

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea gave their formal approval yesterday for the memorial which is being erected by the Police Memorial Trust and will follow the style and design of another memorial for WPc Yvonne Fletcher, who died at the start of the siege at the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square.

The Police Memorial Trust has received donations from people from all walks of life — including three Cabinet Ministers, more than a dozen members of the House of Lords and actors such as Marlon Brando, Jack Lemon, Mel Brooks and Robert Mitchum.

Another memorial is planned overlooking the North Sea at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, as a tribute to Pc Brian Bishop who died after being shot there recently.

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Harrods memorial

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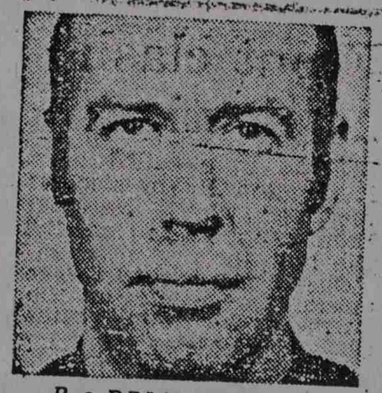

P-c BRIAN BISHOP: gunman's victim.

P-c BRIAN BISHOP, the Essex policeman who died from gunshot wounds after a shoot-out at Frinton-on-Sea earlier this month is to be honoured with a permanent memorial.

It will be the third memorial raised by the Police Memorial Trust, and the first erected outside London.

The first memorial in remembrance of Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher is being raised outside the Libyan Embassy in St. James's Square. It will be unveiled at a "substantial" ceremony in October.

A memorial in tribute to the police officers killed in the Harrod's Christmas bombing has been approved in principle by leoders of Kensington and Chelsea Council.

Announcing Pc Bishop's memorial today a spokesman for the Trust said it would be placed at the spot where he was fatally wounded.

Like other memorials, it will be in portland stone, some 4ft high. The Essex police badge will be carved out and the mottled red granite face will bear a simple inscription.

The Trust has so far raised £21,000 form members of the public. Donations have come from the Home Secretary Mr Leon Brittan, and Cabinet colleagues, Sir Keith Joseph and Mr Patrick Jenkins.

Among other contributors are the Metropolitan Police, politicians, major companies and show business personalities including Marlon Brando, Robert Mitchum, Ava Gardner, Jack Lemmon, Mel Brooks and Elton John.

Police are waiting to interview a man injured during the shoot - out, who is under arrest at Essex County Hospital, Colchester. He was undergone surgery for back and chest wounds.

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Police believe the men they are hunting could be the pair who escaped from a police cell in Harrow, London, a month ago.

Tory MP Geoffrey Dickens is demanding a referendum on the restoration of capital punishment for the murder of policemen.

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Sgt Speed was killed by a single revolver shot in the chest as he went to tackle the gunman who had already badly wounded his colleague, Police Con-

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The children, Richard, none and Catherine, 10, had each drawn little pictures of him.

"They had been teasing him about forgetting his birthday because we have eben on holiday."

Fishing

She said Richard had drawn a fishing rod because he had recently been fishing with his father.

"I think they will cope all right. Children do. But they can't understand why someone can do that to their daddy."

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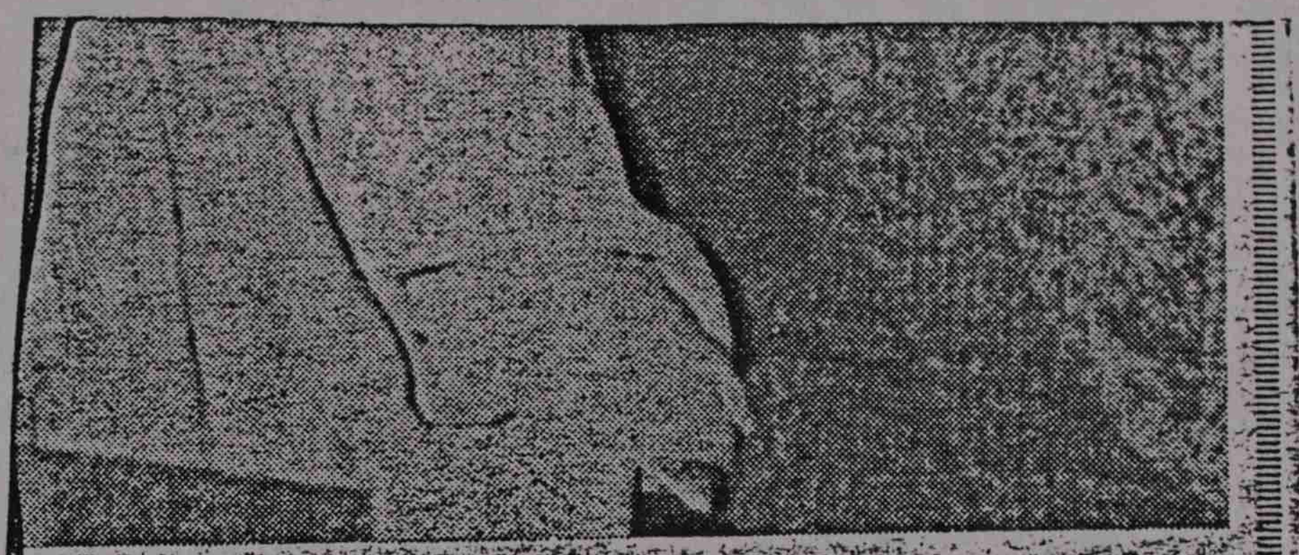

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Siege stone: Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher's memorial in preparation at a stone works in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. The sculptor is Mrs Rosemary Slinn and the designer Mr George Cook.

The memorial, made of Portland stone with a granite face, will be set in the pavement in St James's Square, London, next to where the policewoman was shot at the start of the siege of the Libyan People's Bureau in April.

It is the first memorial in Great Britain to a police officer killed on duty and the Police Memorial Trust which is responsible has plans for others.

It will put up a similar stone outside Harrods in London to commemorate the three killed in an IRA bomb attack there in December. They were Inspector Stephen Dodd, Sargeant Noel Lane and Woman Police Constable Jane Arbuthnot.

It will stand on the pavement within a few feet of the spot where the car carrying the bomb was parked.

M Winner

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Dispute on plaque for shot WPC

By a Staff Reporter

A dispute has arisen between the Police Memorial Trust and the St James's Square Trust over the form of memorial to be put up in the square to Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, killed during a demonstration at the Libyan People's Bureau on April 17.

The police scheme is for a memorial measuring 2ft 6in high by 23in wide, made in Portland stone and with a granite top. According to the final design, five or seven bars of the railings between two parking meters would have to be cut and rejoined above the memorial.

This is close to the spot where WPC Fletcher was shot.

When details reached the St James's Square Trust this week, the chairman, Mr Denis Hill, objected that a memorial plaque of this size would dominate the wall and fence surrounding "what is probably one of the most beautiful gardens in the centre of London".

He had, he said, spoken to several trustees and while they were sympathetic with the plans of the Police Memorial Trust, they felt a simple bronze plaque would be far less dominant, fixed on top of the coping stone.

The trustees had also planned to plant "a sizable tree" in the autumn with a plaque commemorating WPC Fletcher.

Mr Michael Winner, the film producer and chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, yesterday expressed surprise at the trust's reaction in a letter to Mr Hill. He urged him to call a meeting of the St James's Square trustees to make a final decision.

It is understood last night that the St James's Square trustees will discuss this letter.

The Police Memorial Trust said yesterday it had received £7,000 in donations and money was still arriving.

Square of sadness: Mr Michael Winner, left, discussing the plaque with Mr George Cook, who will make and design the memorial

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Yvonne: Cash pours in

Memorial for brave Yvonne

MONEY is flooding in to provide a memorial to Policewoman Yvonne Fletcher, 25, who was shot dead outside the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square, London.

The cash is going into a special Police Memorial Trust set up by film director Michael Winner following a letter he wrote to The Times.

A memorial, he said, would commemorate "not only the horrific death of this brave young girl but also be a constant reminder to her killers of the feelings of the British people."

Mr Winner hopes the fund will also provide memorials for WPC Fletcher's other uniformed colleagues who have been killed in action, including Harrods bomb victims.

It is intended that the memorial will be a triangular concrete pillar about 15in high, placed near railings in the square close to the now-closed Bureau.

The fund has been recognised as a charity by the Charity Commissioners after a personal plea by Mr Winner.

Donations should be sent to: The Police Memorial Trust, 6-8 Sackville Street, London W1X 1DD.

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STRAIGHT TALK

by Plain Jane

WHAT a tragedy to see young policewoman Yvonne Fletcher shot down like a dog on a London street.

It must have been tempting for her mother, Mrs Queenie Fletcher, to lash out in anger and grief at that bastard who killed her daughter outside the Libyan Embassy.

But instead, with a dignity which surely touched the heart of every mother in Britain, she chose to speak only with love and pride of the smashing girl she had lost.

Mrs. Fletcher will never forget her daughter. Neither should we. Film director Michael Winner suggests we erect a memorial to WPC Fletcher near the spot in St. James's Square where she was so senselessly slaughtered.

What a wonderful idea. For the people of Britain it would be a tribute to a dedicated young policewoman who died doing her duty.

For the Libyans it would be a constant reminder of the contempt they have earned for abusing everything decent in this country and killing in cold blood.

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'Yvonne Fletcher must not go down in police history as the first officer to die defending laws which he rown Government would not uphold.'

The editorial also asks if there were failures or mistakes in Government departments, and demands

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Public back Yvonne fund

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Memorial for police killed on duty

By Robin Young

Woman Police Constable Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot outside the Libyan People's Bureau, and other police officers killed in the course of duty, will be commemorated by a charity whose formation is announced today.

Mr Michael Winner, a prominent film director, has set up the Police Memorial Trust as the result of the pubic response to a letter he wrote to *The Times* and subsequent publicity elsewhere.

He said yesterday that he had received about a hundred letters supporting his idea that memorials should be raised to police officers killed on duty. Two-thirds of the letters included gifts of money which totalled nearly £600 already.

A policeman's wife from West Yorkshire wrote describing Mr Winner's scheme as "a real morale booster for the younger policeman and their wives and families as I think they must often wonder, after the flak they have received during the picket line demonstrations, whether it is all worth it".

Another gift came from an American tourist on holiday in Scotland.

Mr Winner said yesterday that he knew of 35 police officers killed on duty in the past 12 years.

"We would be happy to commemorate victims of the past 15 or 20 years, and if there is money left over our trust deeds enable us to make payments to the dependents of police victims", he said.

The address of the Police Memorial Trust, to which contributions may be sent, is 6-8 Sackville Street, London, W1X 1DD.

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Memorial to Yvonne plan by film boss

A MEMORIAL to murdered policewoman Yvonne Fletcher is planned by top film director Michael Winner.

He has set up a charity to finance stone memorials to Yvonne and 34 other police officers who have been killed in the past 20 years.

The memorials, about 15ins. high and bearing inscribed bronze plaques, will be placed as near as possible to the spot where each officer fell.

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Memorial service

PLANS are being made, I hear, to lay a bronze plaque at the spot in St James's Square where policewoman Yvonne Fletcher fell after being hit by gunfire from the Libyan embassy last month.

The simple memorial would be the first financed by the Police Memorial Trust, a newly-formed charity operating from 6-8 Sackville Street and set up by film director Michael Winner to commemorate police officers killed in the line of duty.

At least 35 policemen have been killed defending our way of life in the past 20 years, says Winner, and he is now writing to all Chief Constables to establish a complete record. After honouring WPC Fletcher, the Trust hopes to pay similar tribute to the three police who died when the Harrods bomb went off last Christmas.

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Can you help?

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If any of your readers would like to contribute to The Police Memorial Trust, contributions would be most gratefully received.

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Fund for the brave

FILM director Michael Winner has launched a fund to build memorials to police killed on duty.

The first memorial — a small bronze plaque mounted on a 15-inch stone base — will commemorate WPC Yvonne Fletcher, gunned down outside the Libyan Embassy in London's St James's Square last month. It will be placed near the place where she fell.

PC Yvonne's memorial

SUCH was the response to Michael Winner's article in this newspaper, proposing that individual memorials be put up to PC Yvonne Fletcher and other officers killed in the course of their duty, that he has formed The Police Memorial Trust which has been registered as a charity.

'I received a great number of letters, many of them enclosing cheques and cash, from people in all walks of life, even an American tourist on holiday in Scotland,' says film director Winner, who would like PC Fletcher's memorial to be on the pavement near where she was murdered.

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