

Paul Foot is no longer with us

The previous Line criticised Paul Foot. Now I learn that on 18 July he died of a heart attack, aged 66. With any other person (saving a few exceptions such as Robert Mugabe or Saddam Hussein) I might express formal regret at such news. Here I'm not able to do that. The reason is partly expressed in my Oldie letter. For the rest I will just remark that the late Paul Foot's virulent desire, from an early age, to inflict maximum harm on values which I and many others hold dear caused more hurt than would anything I might say about him now.