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## Euston house collapses

THREE people were evacuated from this building in Euston today—shortly before its front collapsed in a heap of rubble in the street.

Later police and firemen searched among the debris in case anyone else had been trapped. Bystanders joined in, pulling the rubble aside with their hands, and a police dog was brought in to help the search.

A gas pipe was fractured when the four-storey building at the corner of Hampstead Road and Drummond Street, Euston, collapsed.

Mr K. Welsby, of Valentine's Road, Ilford, who was about

150 yards away when the building collapsed, said: "Two people—one of them a man in his pyjamas, I think—were helped to safety from the top floor."

Australian Mr Pierre Versluys, who is living in Beatty House, opposite the collapsed building, was standing outside when it happened. He said: "I heard a a crackling, rumbling noise and I looked at the building and the whole thing just collapsed before my eyes."

After an extensive search of the wreckage police said they were satisfied no one was trapped.