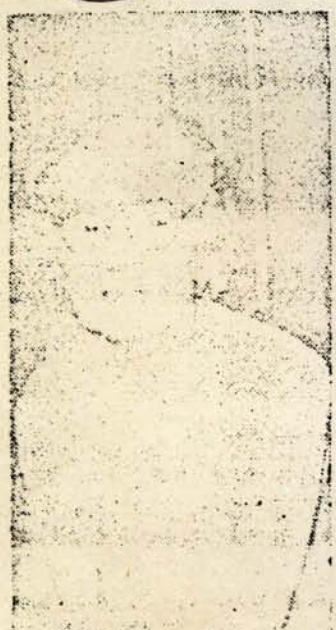


Tolmers Square St Pancras Chron. Deal Council Stays Its Hand

M.P ATTENDING Mrs. GAVIN'S FUNERAL

This week the body of Mrs. Rosina Gavin the 63-year-old woman found dead in her flat at Mosedale, Cumberland Market on the Regent's Park Estate last month was released from St. Pancras Mortuary and her funeral service is to be conducted today (Friday) at St. Pancras Cemetery, East Finchley.

A strong team of detectives based at Albany Street Police Station led by Det. Chief Supt. John McFadzean and Det. Chief



Mrs. Rosina Gavin

Inspector Ronald Dickinson are still hunting for Mrs. Gavin's killer.

Her body was found in a bath at her home partially filled with water. There was multiple bruising and evidence of sexual assault.

Mrs. Gavin was a tireless campaigner for better conditions for local old aged pensioners, was Secretary of the local branch of the Camden Trade Unionists' and Old Peoples Committee and a very active member of the Regent's Park Tenants Association.

Among those attending Mrs. Gavin's funeral will be the Labour M.P. for St. Pancras North, Mr. Jack Stallard.

JUST a few hours before Camden Council had planned to sign an agreement with Mr. Joe Levy's Stock Conversion to re-develop 10 1/2-acre Tolmers Square site just off the Hampstead-road a "non-profit" proposal reached the Town Hall which made the Council stay their hand. The proposal was described last night by Cllr. Frank Dobson, Leader of the Council as "very interesting" but he added that several days would elapse before he and his colleagues on the council would be able to reach any decision.

Cllr. Dobson added: "We have asked senior officers of the council to obtain a great deal more information on the proposal and we shall make a decision when we have had more time to study its details."

The Council has formally notified Mr. Levy that they are considering the new proposal.

It is the brain child of two journalists, Mr. Christopher Booker and Mr. Bennie Gray who are on the staff of the "Sunday Times".

£100 COMPANY

They propose to set up a £100 company to be called Claudius Properties which would offer 8.5 acres of land free to Camden Council and about £5m profits. They are backed by a firm of merchant bankers and a City based firm of chartered surveyors.

Under Mr. Levy's plan Stock Conversion would subsidise Camden Council housing on part of the site paying the council a proportion of the profits in return for the right to build a tower office block on another part of the site.

The 10 1/2 acre Tolmers Square site is already owned by Mr. Levy's company.

A GIFT

The scheme submitted by Messrs Booker and Gray which is now being closely studied by Camden Council's senior officers would entail making a gift of the land to Camden Council, borrowing about £20m from a firm of merchant bankers, engaging architects and buying up all the property in the area owned by Mr. Levy.

The authors of the plan believe that the whole of the scheme could be paid for with profits from letting the office block and that proceeds of more than £5m would go to Camden Council who would then own the land.

INTERESTING

Cllr. Dobson said that many of his colleagues who were on the minority side of the Council felt that Booker-Gray plan on the face of it looked an extremely interesting one but would have to be read into in

detail.

Yesterday, the Member of Parliament for Holborn and St. Pancras South, in whose constituency Tolmers Square is located, Mrs. Lena Jeger, told this journal, "I welcome any challenge such as this to the present set-up."

"I hope that Camden Council will give the proposal very serious consideration as indeed I am sure they will."

Mrs Jeger added that she thought that in the long term it was inevitable that there would have to be public ownership of land in this country. The situation that had arisen in Tolmers Square was being repeated in other parts of Central London and elsewhere.

And last night a warning came from another Camden MP, Mr. Jock Stallard who is the Labour Member of St. Pancras North.

Mr. Stallard said that he had heard "disturbing news" in the past few days of efforts being made by property developers for a big "take-over" in parts of the Camden High Street area.

He was investigating a number of complaints from people living in the Buck-street area.

"I think there is a very real threat now that the massive land take-over that we have seen in South St. Pancras will be repeated in my own constituency and I hope that if anyone resident in any threatened area who is approached by agents on behalf of known or unknown property developers with inducements to move out of their homes will contact me immediately."