

One man, who is determined to do more than discuss the problem with his neighbours, is Mr. Albert Langley, a 38-year-old lorry driver, of Upper Street, N.J. He is writing to Mr. Albert Evans, M.P. for South-West Islington, asking him to begin an investigation and to take steps which will result in the closure of disorderly houses in the district.

Mr. Langley, married and with a daughter, aged 12, is also considering the launching of a campaign to focus public opinion on the menace of this "frightful traffic in human flesh."

Said Mr. Langley: "Islington has received more than its share of these foul beasts. It is up to the people to follow Stepney's example and to agitate until some strong action

is taken to stamp out this evil.

"They should write to their M.P.s and do everything possible to put the leaders of these vice rings out of business for keeps."

Mr. Langley, an unpaid officer of his branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union, added: "There is the further danger of corruption of young girls, little more than children who swarm into a certain cafe in a main street of this borough, where they are exposed to the gravest moral danger by their contact with undesirable elements who frequent the premises."

A "North London Press" reporter was told of a house in the vicinity of Richmond Avenue, Barnsbury, from where, in the evenings, a taxi with women passengers, travels to a forest on the outskirts of Greater London. The taxi is parked in a secluded spot and used for immoral practices.

This procedure is said to have been in operation for several months.

Another house in the Gibson Square region, is used as a brothel by coloured men and white street women. "It is the talk of the neighbourhood," declared one angry parent.

'TRYING TO ENTICE GIRLS'

Residents in the Lesly Street and Westbourne Road area of Holloway, claim that certain houses in the district have become the haunts of vice racketeers "of the worst possible kind."

It is alleged that prostitutes acting on the orders of their bosses, pick up their "clients" in the West End and return with them by taxi to Holloway. It is said that some months ago an American airman who complained he had been robbed of his wallet, was afterwards savagely beaten up and left lying in the roadway.

Said one resident: "The other day I saw a coloured man trying to entice two young girls into his house. The people round about here are fed up with the things that go on in some of the houses and they are of the opinion that the police should keep a closer watch."

Mr. Langley told the "North London Press": "No doubt many of your readers could add names of streets from where these vice rings operate.

"Unless some concerted action is taken to clean up these places the time may come when Islington will be faced with the same problem that confronted the people of Stepney."

On several occasions in the past the police have been successful in their efforts to close down disorderly houses in the borough. Their continued progress in this direction must depend to a great extent upon the vigilance and co-operation of the general public.

The rescued man was Mr. Ronald Osborn, a 20-year-old street trader, of Seven Sisters Road, Holloway.

Roy was strolling along the towpath when he saw Mr. Osborn in the river. Without a moment's hesitation, the boy dived into the water and swam out to Mr. Osborn who was in imminent danger of drowning. Placing one arm round the man, Roy succeeded in bringing him safely to the bank, where they were assisted on to the towpath by a passer-by.

Police who arrived in three squad cars, applied artificial respiration, but it was several minutes before Mr. Osborn regained consciousness. He and his rescuer were taken by ambulance to Hackney Hospital. Later, Mr. Osborn stated he had had a blackout and the next thing he knew he was in the water.

Said Roy's grandfather, Mr. master house saw the man in

"Without even remove his shoes into the water. phoning for the table arrived on of the officers grandson on the him, 'You are boy.'"

Roy's parents, Frederick Purse, the rescue incident received a telephone the hospital on ing. Said Mr. were asked to t of clothes to the we started out at the kind of thing do. We are v him," he added.

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7 A.M. PICKETS TO STOP EVICTION

CAR-LOADS of policemen patrolled Tolmers Square, off Hampstead Road, St. Pancras, on Monday when pickets paraded outside a house there to protest against the proposed eviction of two families.

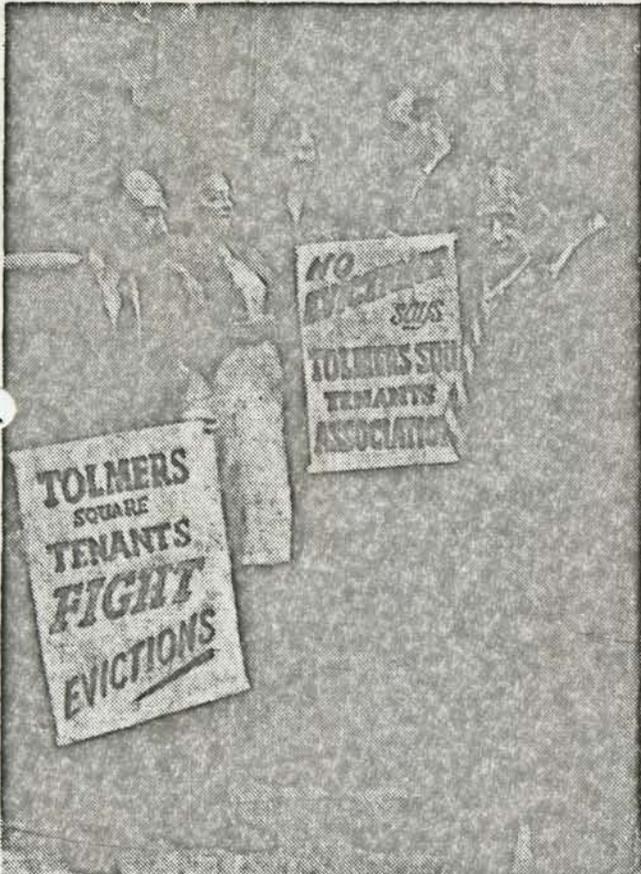
Councillor John Lawrence, leader of the Labour-controlled council, and three other Socialist councillors, were among those who took dawn-to-dusk turns at picket duty.

But there were no disturbances, no approach was made to the tenants, and there was

no move to get them out. According to the landlady, Italian, middle-aged Mrs. Ermina Poglia, who lives nearly opposite at No. 16, Tolmers Square, there was no need for the fuss.

"I have no intention of making either of the families homeless, and I never have,"

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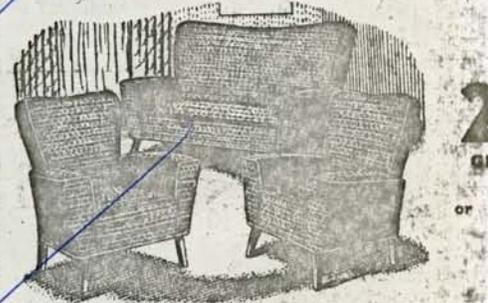


Two families are threatened with eviction from this house. On the door-step, photographed at 7 a.m. on Monday morning when the eviction was expected, are Councillor David Goldhill, a picket; Mrs. Christalla Aristides, a tenant, who has had

notice; Mrs. Mary Theofanous, who lives in the house; Councillor John Lawrence, leader of the Council; Mr. Alexander Theofanous; and Mr. Anthony Gavin, whose wife is the secretary of the Square's tenants' association.

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EVICTED BY A TRICK, SAYS CLLR.

A man and his family have been evicted from their furnished flat in Carisbrooke House, St. Pancras, "by a shabby trick," alleges Cllr. John Lawrence, leader of St. Pancras' Labour-controlled council.

The "trick," says Mr. Lawrence, was in the landlord's giving the family a week's notice to quit, instead of a month, as is laid down in the new Rent Act.

The family, not knowing of this clause, moved out last week, according to Mr. Lawrence.

They are now on the council's urgent housing waiting list.

The family are Mr. John Ryan, his wife, and their two children, aged 18 months and four months.

'Taken a room'

Mr. Ryan has taken a room in Mornington Crescent, and his wife and children have been moved to an L.C.C. welfare home at the Elephant and Castle. Mr. Ryan is in the building trade.

Mr. Lawrence told the "N.L.P.": "This was a shabby trick. I can only wish the man had come to me before being thrown out, instead of afterwards. Then we might have been able to do something for him. As it is now he'll have to take his turn with our other tragic cases."

Pickets' 7 a.m. parade in Tolmers Square

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she assured the "North London Press."

"This whole thing is a laugh. All I wanted to do was to clear up the matter of the tenancies there."

Mr. Lawrence, his three fellow councillors, and the 70-strong Tolmers Square and District Tenants' Association, protested against the proposed evictions because they said it was "grossly unfair."

One family, they said, had been tenants for 18 years, and the other for 15 years, and no reasons had been given for the notice to quit.

The tenants are 51-year-old Mrs. Christalla Aristides, a Greek-Cypriot dressmaker, whose husband is a waiter at Brighton, and their ten-year-old son, Panicos, who goes to Netley Street junior school.

They pay £1 8s. 5d. for four rooms in the three-storey century-old house. They use two of them, on the ground floor.

Their sub-tenants, who are also affected by the notice to quit, are a Greek-Cypriot woman, 49-year-old Mrs. Doris Steenhoff, her English husband, Frederick Lancelot Steenhoff, a 47-year-old tailor, and their 15-year-old daughter, Andruia, who goes to Parliament Hill secondary school.

They occupy two rooms on the first-floor. A Greek-Cypriot girl and an Italian family are also tenants.

The notice to quit was sent to Mr. Aristides by a firm of solicitors, Messrs. Tackley, Fall and Read, of Duke Street, Manchester Square, W.1.

It said: "Re hall, floor and first floor. As solicitors for

your landlords, Gildo Poglia and Ermina Poglia, we hereby give you notice to quit and deliver up on Monday, the 19th day of August, 1957, the quiet and peaceable possession of the above property which you now hold as tenant."

"I was shocked when we got it," exclaimed portly Mrs. Aristides. "We've been good tenants. We've paid the rent for 18 years without ever missing a week."

She immediately enlisted the aid of frail, grey-haired Mrs. Rosina Gavin, secretary of the Square's Tenants' Association, which was formed in June to fight the Rent Act.

Mrs. Gavin, mother of seven, is the only tenant in the Square whose home belongs to the council.

Mrs. Gavin asked for the help of Mr. Lawrence and some of his colleagues.

"We backed it," said Mr. Lawrence, "because we thought it was grossly unfair."

"As I see it, if no attempt is made to get the families out the next step is for the owners to apply for a court order. Then they can evict them forcibly if they want to. But it takes time, of course."

With Mr. Lawrence as the first picket from 7 a.m. on Monday was Councillor David Goldhill, a British Railways architect.

They paraded with banners he had painted, up and down in front of the house with its row of plants in sheep's liver tins and a bucket, and the names of Elvis Presley, Jimmy Dean and others scratched on the wall, together with a torn election poster of Mrs. Lena Jeger, the Socialist M.P. for Holborn and St. Pancras South.

Sixty-five-year-old Mr. Poglia denied that he knew anything about the notice to quit.

So did his agents, Messrs. Scott, Ford and Co., of Camden Road.

"We've not been given any instructions to that effect, nor have we given any to any solicitors," an official there said.

A spokesman for the solicitors refused to deny or confirm whether they had sent any such letter. "We do not disclose clients' private business," they retorted.

But Mrs. Poglia had this to say:

"All this has come as a great shock.

"I thought the crowd outside Mrs. Aristides' home was something to do with a petition against the Rent Act so I never took any notice. But then a police constable came and asked me if I had given Mrs. Aristides notice to quit. I told him 'no' but I thought I had better find out what it was all about so I rang my agents immediately. They knew nothing about it, so the next day I phoned my solicitor

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Garden branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

He is also hon. secretary of the Holborn and St. Pancras South United Workers' and Tenants' Defence Association, an organisation which numbers among its members many prominent St. Pancras Labour and Communist "stalwarts."

Mr. Holland, one of the first men to be sacked, spent many hours on Tuesday and Wednesday talking with the Covent Garden Tenants' Association.

'Not too bright'

He said later: "Unfortunately, the prospects are not too bright.

"We are hoping to localise this dispute because we certainly don't want another strike.

"But the position is very uncertain at the moment. I know for certain that my own employer did not want to sack us.

"He was very sympathetic and realised that we were just upholding a trade union principle as we have always done in the past, by refusing to handle goods delivered by non-union drivers.

'Not worried yet'

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