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Tolmers Square Tenants Protest

STRONG protest against a proposal to build a 24-storey office block and other buildings in the area of Tolmers-square, N.W.1, is being made by the Tolmers-square Tenants' Association.

"Already the planning policy of the London County Council has squeezed thousands of families out of St. Pancras," declares the association's memorandum, addressed to St. Pancras Borough Council and the L.C.C.

The memorandum points out that it is intended to pull down immediately or eventually, the homes of some hundred families who will have little chance of finding alternative accommodation in the borough or the neighbourhood.

'Refuse Permission'

Stressing that in St. Pancras, and especially in the Tolmers-square area, there are now housed many people who work locally and for various reasons have to live near their work, the memorandum calls upon the L.C.C. and the Borough Council to refuse planning permission for the proposals.

"These proposals, if permitted, will continue the process of destroying local communities and increasing the desperate local housing needs," it states.

It is suggested that as the L.C.C. is already acquiring part of the site for road-widening, it should acquire the rest and, apart from shops in Euston-road, re-house all the families on the site and at least a hundred more.

The memorandum states that far from being any real shortage of office space in the area, a vast number of new offices have been or are being built (1,451,000 square feet in South St. Pancras between 1948 and 1955); some of these completed schemes stand empty at present.

More Congestion

"The scheme will bring a further 2,000 to 3,000 office workers and many cars into an area where travelling facilities are already overstrained, and where the London County Council proposes to spend thousands of pounds to remedy the existing road traffic congestion."

Referring to re-housing the memorandum says: "It is realized that there may be plans

to build some flats on part of this area following further discussions with the L.C.C. However, it is plain that these flats will be let at high rents for the greatest profit of the developer and that the families to be displaced would not be able to afford them."

Couple Accused Of Receiving

When a man and his wife appeared on remand at Clerkenwell accused of receiving a large quantity of gold and platinum rings a wireless set, clothing and other property, Det. Pittendreich said the police were still making inquiries and asked for a further remand.

He told the magistrate (Mr. T. F. Davis) he understood the rings to be part of a shop-breaking in which £7,000 worth of property was stolen.

The rings alone were worth £1,500, but he had not yet ascertained the value of the rest of the property in the charge against the couple.

Joseph Henry William Cain (28), driver, of Leybourne-road, N.W.1, and his wife, Evelyn Cain (32), assembler, were remanded.

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