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Queen of the castle



Surrounded by a happy crowd of children and parents, five-year-old John Jago, of No. 30, Caversham Road, Kentish Town, presents a bouquet to the Mayor of St. Pancras (Cllr. Mrs. Louise Arabin) at the Kentish Town Tenants' Association children's party in their new social hall on Saturday. Cllr. Mrs. Arabin—who was attended by her daughter, Miss Corrine Arabin—had just cut the enormous cake, which was made in the shape of a castle, complete with jelly moat and defenders.

Canal to be drained

Police have asked the British Transport Commission for permission to drain the Paclington Street-Arlington Avenue section of the Regent's Canal where seven-year-old Alan Moreau, of Quinns Buildings, Popham Street, Islington, was drowned while fishing on January 28. The boy's description has also been sent to water stations controlled by Kent and Essex police.

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L.C.C. may redevelop Tolmers Square

NO decision on the future of Tolmers Square, N.W.1, has been made, but it is believed the L.C.C. are considering rezoning and redeveloping the area.

On Tuesday, the chairman of the L.C.C. planning committee, Mr. W. G. Fiske, told Mrs. Leila Campbell, a member for Holborn and St. Pancras South, that permission was refused for three schemes for redevelopment. In two cases a reason was that no provision was made for the replacement of residential accommodation.

Zoned for commerce

Mr. Fiske said the council's officers were considering whether the Tolmers Square area, which is zoned for commerce, should be rezoned for other purposes, including housing. He hoped a report would be submitted soon, but pointed out that rezoning would need Government consent.

Commenting afterwards, Mrs. Campbell said: "I have known for some time that something was in the wind and I thought it was about time people knew what was going on. The area likely to be included in a comprehensive development scheme is much larger than just Tolmers Square."

The triangle

"It would probably take in the whole triangle of land bounded by Euston Road, Hampstead Road and Gower Street."

Mrs. Campbell hoped that any comprehensive development of the area would be done either by the L.C.C. or the borough council. Redevelopment in private hands would almost certainly result in too great an emphasis on offices and on high-priced housing accommodation.

TEN THOUSAND cigarettes worth about £200 were stolen from a shop in White Conduit Street, King's Cross, early on Saturday.

2,500 sign for Greeks to stay

PETITION signed by 2,500 people urging that the Greek Orthodox Church be allowed to continue to use All Saints' Church, Camden Street—be converted into an assembly hall and gymnasium for St. Michael's Church Secondary School was presented to the L.C.C. on Tuesday by Mrs. Grace Lee, a member for St. Pancras North.

Mrs. Lee said afterwards that she had been asked to present the petition by the executive committee of the Greek Church.

"They are very anxious to remain in this building. It is most suitable for them and is right in the middle of an area in which a large number of Greeks live."

Purchase order

She said that when plans were made for the building of St. Michael's Church Secondary School next to the church, arrangements were made for the L.C.C. to buy the church under a compulsory purchase order.

"The Greeks had an opportunity then to object to the order being made. They did

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