

AT COUNCIL

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ctions by Labour and independent councillors and a primary demonstration from the public gallery, which showering of hundreds of rent rebate forms into the Borough Council confirmed the new rate of 17s. The rate is down by fourpence and the opposition objected by which the reduction had been achieved, which of council rents. It was during a speech by the

angers tenants

'PLEA IGNORED'

art, Pembroke Street, have Islington Council's apparent request that a deputation be sent to the council on matters connected with this rebuff, the management committee have sent a strongly-worded resolution of protest to the council's estates committee.

The resolution, passed unanimously at a specially-convened meeting on Monday, places on record the management committee's "disgust at the apparent incompetence and ignorant attitude of non-co-operation by the estates committee."

tion had hoped to discuss the estates committee included the provision of window-guards and new locks for the community hall, twice broken into in recent weeks. Workmen were sent to install the window-guards soon after the committee had asked the council to receive a deputation.

Mr. Ernest Hills, chairman of the management committee and a former member of Islington's Labour-controlled council, told the "North London Press": "We have made repeated requests for the window-guards, and they could

"tenants' target"—leader of the council, Cllr. P. A. Prior—that the uproar in the gallery broke out. The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes while police cleared the gallery.

The debate on the rate estimates was opened by Ald. Mrs. Kathleen Sheridan, who moved the reference back of proposals that rate contributions of 3d. and 2d. should be made to the renewal and repairs fund and capital fund.

'Disgraceful'

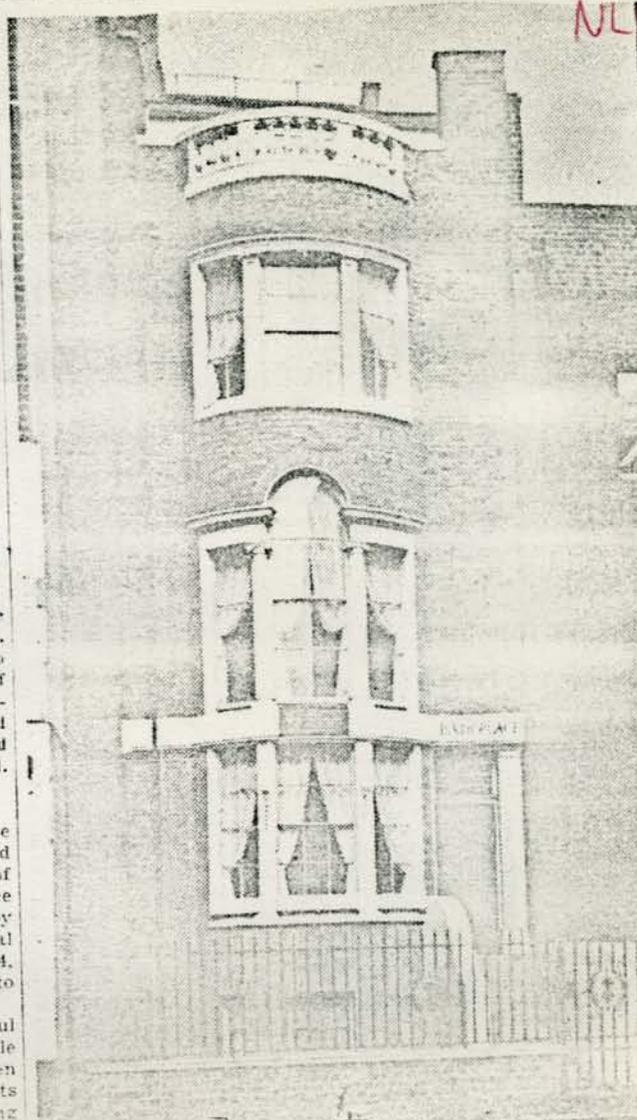
She pointed out that the renewal and repairs fund had at present a balance of £50,123, and that this balance would increase to £88,098 by the end of 1960-61. The capital fund had a balance of £48,954, which would increase to £67,647.

She felt it was disgraceful that such an intolerable burden should have been placed on the council tenants while money was simply being set aside to swell the balance. The chairman of the finance committee, said it was essential the balances in these funds were maintained.

Abstentions

Only Ald. Mrs. Sheridan and Ald. Charles Taylor voted for the reference back. The whole Conservative group, plus Labour Cllr. Mrs. Grace Lee and Ald. Mrs. E. Telling, voted against. The remainder of the Labour group abstained from voting.

A number of amendments moved by the Leader of the



BATH PLACE, the charming little Georgian house at No. 318, Euston Road, which is threatened with demolition as part of the Euston Road improvement scheme. The house—formerly No. 4, Bath Place—is used for offices.

Concern over rehousing Tolmers Square tenants

DISQUIET about the future of the tenants of Tolmers Square under the development plans which have been put forward was expressed at St. Pancras Borough Council on Wednesday. Cllr. Miss Clare Mansel, chairman of the planning committee, hoped to come to some arrangement for the satisfactory rehousing of the tenants.

Cllr. Charlie Ratchford said the council had plenty of warning about the plans to redevelop the square.

"I hope the L.C.C. will take proper cognisance of our attempts and will do their best to keep people in their homes."

He asked Cllr. Miss Mansel if she could say what steps were being taken to ensure that the present tenants would be offered accommodation at rents they could afford.

Cllr. Miss Mansel pointed out that it was not within the council's power that new tenancies were offered to present tenants.

"I, personally, am deeply concerned in this matter, and I am in touch with the chairman of the L.C.C. Town Planning Committee."

NLP say th council

ST. PANCRAS Council unanimously agreed on Wednesday to request the Minister of Transport and the L.C.C. to take steps as were practicable to obviate the need for demolishing the Georgian house at 318, Euston Road, where road improvement takes place. A motion to this effect was put by County Cllr. Mrs. Lee, who said: "This is a thing dear to the hearts of everyone in St. Pancras. The house was renovated at the expense of the owner and is in the list of historical buildings. It is unfortunate that it comes within the road improvement scheme."

'Unrealistic'

Originally it was decided to be affected, but it was decided to construct a flyover, the site of the house in the clearance area. Supporting the motion, Miss Clare Mansel, committee chairman, said: "Of course we would like to see this change go. I am afraid it is unrealistic to think the L.C.C. will hold up because of the house though."

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LABOUR PARTY ADVICE TO TENANTS: PAY UP

HOLBORN and St. Pancras South Labour Party have come out officially against further militant action at this stage against the new differential rents scheme operated by St. Pancras Borough Council.

They want tenants to conserve their efforts for a campaign against the next round of increases due in July.

At a meeting of the party's general management committee last week a resolution was passed expressing opposition to

the eviction of tenants by the borough council.

"We believe that this policy will lead to serious disturbances in the borough, and hardship to men, women and children. We call upon the council to withdraw the summonses, and negotiate an agreement with the tenants concerned."

On the question of direct action by the tenants, the party says: "We urge those tenants still holding out to withdraw their veto in order to enable negotiations to commence in preparation for the campaign against the further increases the Tories propose to impose in July."

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