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# EUSTON WIVES SIT DOWN

## It's Revolution day against parking in old Tolmers Sq.

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This was the day the long-suffering wives of quiet Tolmers Square, Euston, decided "This cannot go on." It was their Day of Revolution—revolution against cars parked in their tiny "come down in the world" square.

Once carriages and pairs used this square where the stuccoed mansions are now peeling and decayed.

Now cars have been parked on the pavements for months—one Jaguar has been here since July—a danger to children and old people. So the women took a hand.

### From the parlour

They put chairs out in the square at six o'clock this morning to stop the cars parking.

The first chair was placed in the gutter just before 6 a.m. by grey-haired Mrs. Rose Gavin, secretary of the Tolmers Square Tenants' Association.

Soon other housewives joined her . . . some with chairs from the parlour, some with chairs that had come down in the world (like the square).

**NO CARS COULD PARK TODAY . . . This was the answer to the reprisal to a petition of St. Pancras Council against all-day parking.**

### Did they give up?

Mrs. Gavin said: "Now perhaps the police will do something. Cars parking on the pavement, and blocking the way completely are a danger to children."

"Police used to tow cars away, but they seem to have given up the struggle. Parking is legal round the Tolmers Cinema in the centre of the square; a Ministry of Transport sign says so. "Lights not required, it says."

But so far as the residential outer edge of the square is concerned it is the case of cars not required either.

"And the best of it is," added Mrs. Gavin, "none of the 56 or 60 tenants here who signed the petition owns a car."

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