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PROTEST ON 'QUIT MONEY' SCANDAL

From FLORENCE KEYWORTH

HARASSED by agents offering them money to quit their rent-controlled homes, London tenants yesterday went on a protest deputation to County Hall.

Some 40 tenants in two old tenement blocks, Arundel House and Carisbrooke House, St. Pancras, face an uncertain future because the buildings are to be pulled down by private developers.

The developers plan to erect skyscraper office blocks near Euston Station.

The tenants demand good alternative accommodation with full security of tenure. So far, they say, the developers' only offer is an old tenement due for demolition.

Offers of £500

On yesterday's deputation to the London County Council headquarters was a white-haired tenant, Mrs. Margaret Murray, who has occupied her home in Carisbrooke House for 47 years.

"One of the men who keeps coming round offered me £500 to get out," she said. "I refused, saying I needed a secure home. We are all going to stand by one another and refuse these offers."

Ten old age pensioners live in the property, with a total length of residence of 206 years. Others include 23 men and women working locally, many on shift work.

To keep jobs

"We need new homes in the area if we are to keep our jobs," they told Mr. Reginald Stamp, chairman of the L.C.C. planning committee, who met them yesterday.

Afterwards, Mrs. R. Gavin, secretary of the Tolmers Square Tenants' Association, which is organising these tenants, said they were pleased with the reception they had had, and that Mr. Stamp had promised to inquire into all the matters raised.

★ *The National Association of Tenants and Residents, in co-operation with the All-London Private Tenants Committee, is to hold a Greater London conference on housing at Nuffo Hall, Holborn, on November 3.*

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The committee's report states: "There appears to be no likelihood of its return unless the American purchaser thinks fit, in view of the fact that he was only able to obtain it by these means, to offer it to the National Portrait Gallery, or to the Royal College, of which William Harvey was the most distinguished of presidents."

Lost Rubens

The committee also refers to other works of art which have been sold to overseas buyers although they were considered of "national importance" here, such as the Althorp Rubens of "David sacrificing before the Ark."

This went to an American because the National Gallery of Scotland was unable to pay £70,000 for it.

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