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EUSTON: A VICE CENTRE

PROSTITUTES, forced under cover by the Street Offences Act, have now reappeared in large numbers in the King's Cross and Euston area.

Many of the girls, mostly in their early twenties, use the local main line stations as their headquarters and resting place.

They often take their clients into empty and derelict properties. Tenants in one block of flats behind King's Cross Station complain that girls take men on to the flat roof, and sometimes use empty flats in the block.

Among the worst areas are Hampstead Road and Euston Road. The girls also operate around Camden Road, Camden Town.

The girls have attracted a lot of men, who move round the area at night looking for partners.

Often they pester women with unsolicited approaches. One woman of 80 was approached by a man in Euston Road. Nurses and teachers are among others who have complained of advances from men.

The waiting rooms and ladies' lavatories at Euston and King's Cross Stations are used by the prostitutes to clean themselves up. They also hang around on the station and pick up men who have just come off trains.

An attendant at one of the lavatories said this week: "If I think a girl is hanging round too long in the waiting room, or causing a disturbance, I call the police. But there is little I can do about it."

More evidence came from L. Salvation Army social worker who lives and works in the area.

She told of one woman who ran a string of girls from the waiting room at Euston, and would sit there all night counting her money. "She

"Sometimes they stay at one of our hostels for two or three nights, but they usually go back again afterwards."

But the police say there is little they can do to clean-up the area.

"We cannot really do anything about it as it takes time," said a spokesman. "If we get a complaint from a resident who is bothered by girls walking up and down outside their homes we send a uniformed policeman or a patrol car to keep a watch on her."

"If they think the girl is soliciting they keep a watch on her. Before an arrest can be made the girl has to be warned at least twice. But they usually move to another area after the first warning."

"It takes too much time, and we have to be so careful that it just is not worth our while."



Foreman Mr. Ronald Elderton was presented with a Royal Humane Society testimonial on Tuesday for his rescue attempt when a small boy drowned in the Regent's Canal in June this year. The boy, nine-year-old Clifford Lyon, fell 18 feet into the canal at Kentish Town Road after climbing on to the parapet of the canal wall. Mr. Elderton dived repeatedly into the water until he brought Clifford to the surface. But artificial respiration failed to revive the boy. The picture shows Mr. Elderton being presented with the testimonial by Superintendent William Lilly at Kentish Town police station.

Dame Florence (Labour) to be mayor

TORY CONTROLLED Camden Council will have a Labour mayor next year—but a council member.

Dame Florence Caplan, a veteran Labour Party worker and a freeman of the borough, has agreed to have her name put forward for nomination after being asked by the council leader, Cllr. Geoffrey Berg.

Dame Florence, aged 65, said at her home in Heron Road, Kilburn, this week that she realised it is going to be a big job, but I am sure I can do it. I have worked in the area for 40 years, and I know Hampstead and St. Pancras so well.

Although she is not a member of Camden Council, Dame Florence served for 10 years on former Hampstead Council, and was deputy mayor of Camden in 1967.

While on Hampstead Council she became the centre of a campaign over the mayoralty. Tories tentatively offered her the post of mayor, but she changed their minds.

Standard Time means danger on the roads

BRITISH Standard Time will mean danger on the roads says Camden's mayor, Cllr. Norman Oatway, in a special road safety appeal.

During the dark mornings road users will be "more vulnerable" to road dangers than at any other times, says Cllr. Oatway.

He adds: "The next few weeks will be a particularly testing time for all age groups and class of road user. They will have to cope with the additional hazards of darkness

stop at the kerb and make sure the road is clear before crossing. Don't step out carelessly from between parked cars, warns Cllr. Oatway.

Motorists should take extra care during the dark winter mornings, particularly making sure that all the windows are clear.

Lights should be checked and dipped headlights used where the street lighting is poor.

"Remember that children are unpredictable and on dark

Jewish call to aid fund

A CAMDEN appeal for the Central British Fund for Jewish relief and rehabilitation and British OSE (Jewish Health Organisation) has been launched.

The mayor and mayoress, Cllr. Norman and Mrs. Oatway, presided at the inaugural meeting, in the Town Hall, Euston Road; and the principle speakers were Lord Nathan, hon. treasurer of the fund; and Mr. Victor Waddington, appeals chairman.

Lord Nathan briefly outlined the history, aims and objectives of the Central British Fund, and pointed out that even if there were no more refugees this year



A former chairman of London County Council, first woman chairman of Metropolitan Water Board, Dame Florence was born in Ashdown Street, Kent Town.

Since 1942 she has served as a JP at Hampstead Metropolitan Court.