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COLOURED MEN BLAMED FOR VICE INCREASE

We have been terrorised

RACIAL hatred and vice is spreading to dangerous proportions in St. Marylebone and Paddington with the growth of the boroughs' coloured populations.

Often it is the white man who steps off the pavement. It is the Negro, the West African, the Nigerian who arrives in the country penniless and miraculously buys property within a matter of months.

It is the coloured vice kings, now too well organised to be "small men," who run around in the exclusive localities with pretty girls by their sides.

A " Mercury" reporter investigating the situation discovered incredible conditions in the streets and mews surrounding the Edgeware Road and Harrow Road.

Along a stretch of Harrow Road on Thursday night, one in three of the people he saw were WHITE.

A family by the name of Wilson living just off the Edgeware Road on the St. Marylebone side have been terrorised by Nigerians in their home ever since a Nigerian bought the property nearly two years ago.

Though their landlord has been goaded for assaulting Mr. Wilson, both he and his wife are still spot upon and subjected to incredible annoyances. In efforts to get them out, Mr. Wilson said that known prostitutes have visited the Nigerians in the house from time to time.

BUY PROPERTY

Mr. Donald Plunkett, a Chiswick Portland Street solicitor, said:

"These people come over here in huge numbers and before you know where you are, they are buying property from estate agents.

"It is usually old and usually tenanted. Then they use every possible uncivilised means to get the white man out."

The Wilson case, which Mr. Wilson handled, was just one. There are others. But nothing can be done until the Government pulls a stop to it all.

"How do they get their money? I should like to know," he asked.

"Mr. Wilson also did a Marylebone Lane policeman.

"We see lots of it, but Paddington is even worse. You see them floating along in super cars with pretty British girls quite often.

"Does it seem natural to you — unless money is involved?"

CRIME INCREASE

The chief clerk of St. Marylebone Court was not available as an official, while not able to comment on coloured crime increases, said:

"You just have to read your newspaper week by week for the answer. Or, better still, why not take a walk down the Harrow Road?"

Mr. Wilson and his attractive young wife believe they have the answer from their own experience.

"As soon as this Nigerian came to view the house he started to be funny and told us he would get us out and all the place with his countrymen."

"When he tried to throw me downstairs he was goaded, but still went on when he came back. Just before the case he offered me £50 to stop the case.

"When we got an injunction to restrain him, he left the house last February. Since then his brother has been here and the trouble goes on. Other coloured people are upstairs too and they help to annoy and intimidate."

BARRED WINDOWS

"We have barred up our kitchen windows and have bolts on the doors. We are constantly having to get in the police with threats of assault. But unless there is an assault they can do nothing."

"Though I have been on the housing list for many years nothing can be done for me, so there is nowhere we can go," he said.

Mr. Wilson added:

"I have never been in trouble in my life and I served through the war in the Navy."

"But if I'd known I was coming home to this I would have thrown the rifle back at them."

CHILDREN SUFFER

Inspector G. W. Drewett, St. Marylebone inspector of the N.S.P.C.C said he was concerned about vice involving coloured people in the borough.

"Unfortunately, I cannot quote cases, but I can tell you that there are cases of young children suffering as a result of this vice, which is definitely on the increase," he said.

Inspector Drewett said he was fully aware of cases in which coloured people had bought property and subjected the tenants to every conceivable annoyance in attempts to get them out.