if put into an old people's home.

But the Recorder, Mr. Peter Price, QC, said that one of the council's medical officers had suggested she would be fit for a home and could be admitted to a mental hospital from time to time.

Before passing a suspended sentence of six months' imprisonment, he said: "I don't feel qualified to solve these differences between the medical authorities and the social care department of the local authority.

Order

"I intend to make an order throwing the ball squarely in their court."

Previously, Mrs. Scorah had been given a conditional discharge for setting fire to her home and later remanded to the Risley Remand Centre for medical and social welfare reports for further fire-raising.

Sheffield's Chief Welfare Officer, Mr. P. G. Knowles, said last night: "I have been off for a month and do not know the details of the case but if she is considered unsuitable for a home she will not be sent to one no matter what the doctors say."

When the recorder referred to the medical officer's opinion that she could be sent to a home and attend a mental hospital, Mr. Michael Bishop, a social welfare officer, said: "The risk of having Mrs. Scorah in one of our homes is great. If she set fire to one of them it would be a tragedy."

Playhouse to repeat Stirrings

The Stirrings in Sheffield on Saturday Night, the musical documentary play which was a box-office hit at Sheffield Playhouse two years ago, is to be mounted in a new production this summer to celebrate the centenary of the Trades Union Congress.

The play traces the story of trade union violence in the city in the 1860s, the death of a "little Mester" shot on the orders of the local sawgrinders' union secretary, and the exposure of the offenders in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph and later at a public inquiry.

Sheffield Trades and Labour Council asked the Playhouse to repeat The Stirrings as part of centenary celebrations they are organising throughout the city. No date has been fixed for the production.

Appropriate

"We thought it was appropriate, because of its trade union theme. Some people might not think it was very complimentary to the unions," said Coun. Bill Owen, president of Sheffield Trades and Labour Council.

"I'd like them to take the play out into the city if possible — maybe in works canteens. But we are meeting the Playhouse directors in a week or wto and we'll talk about that then."

The play was written by

Rotherham Rural Council's Housing Committee following the Government's latest economic recommendations.

Designed to remove annomolies throughout the district and meet an estimated £250,000 deficiency in the authority's housing revenues account during the next three years, the proposals involve general increases of just over 2s. in the pound.

The proposed increases were recommended to cover the 1968-71 period but housing committee chairman, Coun. C. C. Newsholme said he could not now give a guarantee that further increases would not have to be introduced during the three years.

"These figures were worked out prior to devaluation and it was hoped they would last for three years. However, we now discover that the increased bank rate is costing an extra £500 a week on loan charges."

To remove anomolies in the existing rent structure, the housing committee recommended that increases ranging from 1s. to 6s. 5d. per week for certain types of property should be imposed before the general increase.

A 2s. 6d. increase in the weekly charge for lodgers and an increase of 1s. 6d. for brick garages were also proposed. The rent rebate scheme is based on a maximum rebate of 12s. 6d. per week for post-war properties and 7s. 6d. for pre-war.

REBELS ASKED TO GIVE EVIDENCE

The rent rebels of Sheffield Federation of Tenants' Association have been invited to give evidence to the Prices and Incomes Board about local rent increases.

Sheffield is one of 21 housing authorities whose increases have been referred to the PIB but a PIB spokesman said yesterday that a report on Sheffield's three-month-old rent rebate scheme could not be expected before the end of March.

"We shall be sending a representative down in person," Mr. Alex MacLean, secretary of the federation, said.

"The City Council has refused to recognise the tenants' associations. This invitation means the Prices and Incomes Board does recognise us as representing the opposition to the rebate scheme."

NO DELEGATE FOR MUSEUM CONFERENCE

There will be no Sheffield representative at an international museums conference to be held in Germany and Switzerland this year.

The conference, the International Council of Museums, takes place every three years and this year is to be held in Cologne for four days and Basle for four days.

Last night the City Council Labour Group decided against sending a Sheffield delegate.

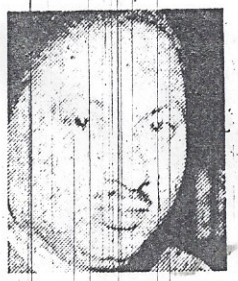
Appeal over mosque sale ignored

Morning Telegraph Reporter

Despite a plea by Mr. Alay Rasul, Sheffield's community relations officer, to delay the sale of a mosque in Industry Road, Sheffield, a contract of sale was signed yesterday by four of the mosque's trustees.

Last Sunday, Mr. Rasul pleaded with the trustees, who want the mosque to be sold, to wait until a senior Moslem priest had arbitrated in the religious issues.

Last night, Mr. Rasul said: "All I tried to do was to get



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the two parties to agree on the method by which this dispute could be settled.

"Both parties agreed we should call in a high Moslem minister from outside Sheffield, but one party said they would agree only if there was an assurance that the mosque would not be sold until the priest had been consulted.

"I didn't get any such assurance."

A spokesman for Neal Scorah and Siddons, solicitors in possession of the mosque's deeds, said they had received a letter from Mr. Rasul asking them to hold up the sale, but they had decided to go ahead after consultations with the purchaser's solicitors.

"The contract for sale is not binding. The completion won't take place until January 29 and five trustees have to sign the documents then," said the spokesman.

"There are all sorts of things that could happen to rescind the completion.

"We are acting to strengthen our clients' position."

Mr. Rasul said that he had not given up hope of a settlement between the two parties.

"I will try to have another meeting with the two sides later this week. If it is not settled then, I will call a public meeting.

"I feel the people have not been consulted and this is a public question.

"I have a document signed by two of the trustees which says the mosque belongs to the people."

Tower record

A touch of magic entered the lives of aged 11 (left), and David Kirk, aged se one of the members of Sheffield Magi

NFU probe needless killin claim

Morning Telegraph Report

A Derbyshire farmer's claim t pedigree cattle was slaughtered need and-mouth scare is being invest disclosed last night.

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HOME-MADE GUNS WARNING

Morning Telegraph Reporter

A police chief is to visit a secondary school today to interview boys who have been making guns at home.

This follows an accident during the Christmas holidays to Graham Coyle, aged 16, of Basegreen Close, Birley, a pupil at Frecheville Secondary School, Sheffield, when a gun he had made backfired, injuring his right hand.

Insp. Trevor Povey, head of Hackenthorpe section of Sheffield and Rotherham Constabulary, said yesterday: "This is an extremely dangerous practice and this boy could easily have killed himself.

"We understand that three other boys have been making guns and we shall be going to the school tomorrow when it re-opens after the holidays to warn these boys and confiscate any guns they have made."

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