

# 'Think again' plea over Sex Pistols

The tenants of Bingley Hall, Birmingham, were urged last night to think again about allowing the Sex Pistols "punk rock" group to use the premises.

Coun. Neville Bosworth, leader of Birmingham City Council, which owns the building and leases it to Birmingham Agricultural Exhibition Society, said: "We might have to look at the terms of the agreement."

He said the decision lay with the society "but I hope they see fit to consider public opinion and act accordingly."

Birmingham licensing magistrates yesterday granted Mr. John Tully, a bands agent, permission to hold a concert at the hall on December 20. After the

Birmingham Post Reporter hearing it was revealed that the Sex Pistols would be top of the bill.

Last week Coun. Edward Hanson, chairman of Birmingham Leisure Services Committee, cancelled the group's booking at the Town Hall, also for December 20. It followed a television interview in which group members used four-letter words bringing a flood of complaints from viewers.

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Mr. Tim Bickford, chairman of the agricultural society, said last night that he knew nothing about the booking until he had read Press reports. "It is quite a shock. I will certainly inquire into this but I would not like to comment further at this stage."

Neither of the magis-

trates, Mrs. Nenila Gibbins and Mrs. Mary Lloyd, who granted the licence after a 30-second hearing, was prepared to comment last night.

But a police spokesman said that in such routine applications the promoter was not asked who was performing.

Mr. Tully is sharing the concert promotion with Mr. David Cork of Endale Association, Birmingham, the organisers of the group's European tour.

Mr. Cork said yesterday that about 15 of the 20 performances planned would take place.

Mr. Tully said Bingley Hall, had a capacity of between 3,000 and 3,500 compared with the Town Hall, which seats 2,000. He expected the show, with tickets selling at between £1.60 and £1.70 to be a sell-out.