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MAYOR ASKS CLUB: CANCEL THAT GROUP

THE Mayor of Torbay, Mr Walter Beesley, has written to the owner of Penelope's nightclub,

Paignton, asking him to cancel the controversial Sex Pistols concert, planned for December 22.

Mr Beesley spoke to Mr C. V. Tanna yesterday, and has now written an official letter to reinforce his request. The letter reads: "I am taking this opportunity to reiterate my telephone conversation urging you not to engage the Sex Pistols at your establishment later this month.

"I feel that this would be a very retrograde step and certainly not in the interests of the community of Paignton and Torbay. Indeed I feel sure that a vast majority of the townsfolk would be delighted to hear that you have acceded to this application.

"It is hoped that you will see your way clear to concurring with my wishes."

Meeting?

The Mayor also explained to the Herald Express that he would be discussing with the town clerk the possibilities of a council meeting on the matter.

"I have not had much time to look into the matter, and I am not sure if the council will meet to discuss it, but I shall certainly discuss the possibility with the town clerk," he said. "The council and a lot of

private individuals are trying to build up this area and make it a little better. Had this been planned for the Town Hall, or any public building, I am sure that the council would not have allowed it to take place.

"My views are very strong, especially after reading an article saying that they had smashed up the lobby of a Leeds hotel."

Mr Tanna said that when he would give it the fullest consideration, but at the moment he had no doubts that the concert would go on.

Respect

"His worship spoke to me on the phone before I had fully decided about the concert. I told him that I would look into the matter fully, and I have."

"But when his letter arrives I will certainly pay it full consideration, because I respect the Mayor very highly indeed. I

only wonder how many concerts he has been to," said Mr Tanna.

"If, after reading the letter I decide that putting the concert on would be bad for Penelope's, because we have a good reputation, or that violence may occur at the performance, then I will not go through with it.

"But I repeat that I see all that has happened as a major publicity stunt, and at this moment, the concert will definitely go ahead."

'Rubbish'

Meanwhile, scores of students left the concert given by the Sex Pistol in disgust halfway through the show at Leeds Polytechnic last night.

One said: "They are rubbish. It is the worst group I have ever heard. They did not shock me. Their music was just so bad."

Eight concerts organised for the group have been cancelled.

WEATHER

Torbay Meteorologist reports: Observations during past 24 hours: Air temp., 42 deg. F., 5.5 deg. C.; max. temp 50 F., 10.0 C.; min. temp, 41 F., 5.1 C.; sunshine, 1hr. 30min; rainfall (0.47in.), 11.9mm; sea temp., 48 F., 9.0 C.

Barometer (978.3mbs), 28.859in; wind South, moderate.

High tide, 1859 (15.1ft.); 0713 (15.7ft.).

Humidity, 91 per cent; sunset, 1607.

Forecast: Cloudy with showers of rain or hail; thundersy at times. Wind, S-westerly, fresh to strong, gusting to gale, becoming N-westerly later.

High Tides: 1859 & 0713 Light-up: 1639 to 0741

Move to cut cost of Carlton Theatre to ratepayers



Rescued ship's master tells of gale and fire ordeal

THE PANAMANIAN cargo ship Lyрма which was the centre of yesterday's dramatic sea rescue was anchored off Teignmouth today....

The 800-ton vessel was towed there yesterday evening by the Welsh tug Afon Goch. It is hoped the Lyрма will be towed to Brixham later today so that the crew can go back aboard.

The crew of ten — nine men and a woman — were rescued

"But I did get worried when the rescuers arrived in case any of them should die trying to save us. I would have felt