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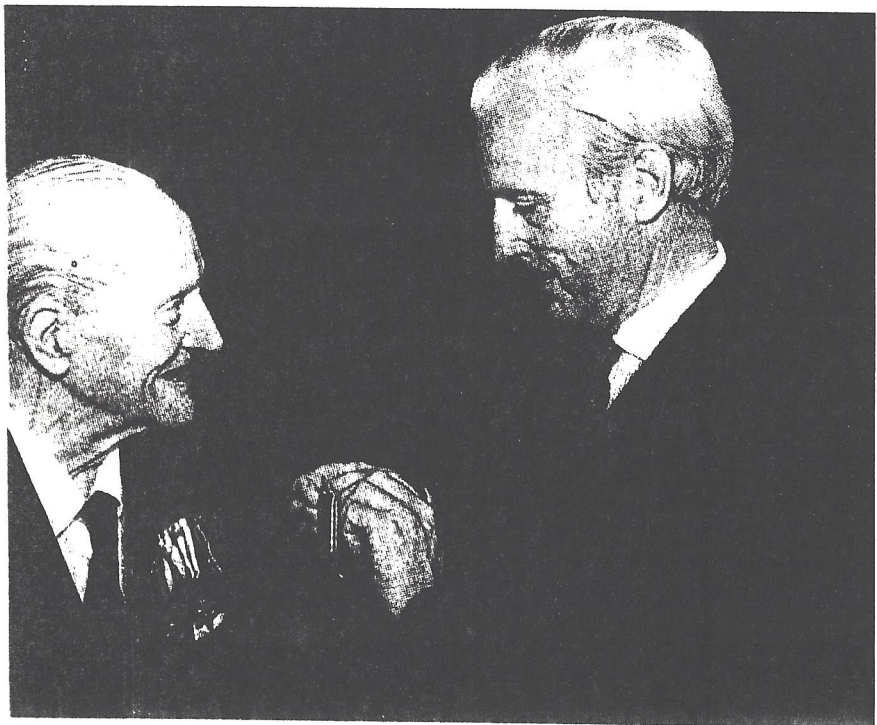
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Derrick Jones receives his campaign medals from Major-General Carleton-Smith.

Medals at last for Derrick

Derrick Jones has at war medals with century after he lamein. 8, who lives in Gospel Oak, and own battle against lly presented with week. They were chest by Major- Carleton-Smith, Rat himself and

was told that army records showed he was "dead and buried". A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence told the Ham & High that the medals had been posted to him in 1979. They never arrived. Mr Jones finally received them last Thursday at a ceremony following a performance in his honour of Memories of Childhood at the Lilian Baylis Theatre, Rosebery Avenue.

unusual to have them so late," he added, pinning on the '39-'45 Star, the Africa Star, the Italy Star, the Defence Medal, and finally the Victory Medal. Mr Jones said the medals were worth waiting for. "It's a matter of knowing that the War Office were wrong, because they said I was dead," he said. He plans to pass the medals on to

McGregor steps up pressure on eruv

LORD McGregor, the former chairman of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, is considering asking the Government to take over the United Synagogue's controversial eruv planning application.

The United Synagogue wants to designate the Suburb, Golders Green and Hendon as an eruv, a symbolically enclosed area within which Jewish Sabbath rules can be relaxed to allow the use of wheelchairs and prams and other activities otherwise forbidden on Saturdays.

Most of the boundaries for the proposed eruv already exist, such as roads, but an application has been made to Barnet to erect poles so the gaps can be spanned with thin wire.

Orthodox lobbyists forced Lord McGregor to resign as chairman of the Suburb Trust at the organisation's annual meeting last week amid a row over a letter sent by the Trust to Barnet raising concerns about the eruv.

Lord McGregor, who is chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, confirmed this week that he was considering asking for a public enquiry. "I am at the moment looking at the possibilities of action that may now be taken," he said.

He did not know if the department of the environment had the powers to take the application out of Barnet's hands, but he was making inquiries about that possibility. "I feel strongly about it because I think that the imposition of an eruv is wrong in principle and could have potentially very damaging consequences in providing a focal point of divisiveness in the Hampstead Garden Suburb."

Frank Davis, councillor for the Suburb, said: "If it is a fact that the DoE have the power to call the matter in, that is to say remove the matter from Barnet's jurisdiction, it would certainly relieve the intense pressure being put upon many councillors."

A DoE spokesman said the Environment Secretary had the power to call in any planning application if there was a reason for it. This usually happened if an application had more than local significance or if it touched on an area where national planning policy needed to be determined.

Following the uproar over its comments, the Trust has sent a second letter to Barnet stating that the Trust does not oppose the eruv plans, but fears the proposed poles between Wildwood Rise and Wyldes Close might be unsightly and not be in keeping in an outstanding conservation area. It was also concerned there might be practical problems over the maintenance of the poles and their connecting wires.

"We recognise a potential divisiveness which has already begun to surround the proposal to place an eruv boundary on the south side of Wildwood Road," the new letter adds.

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Police fears for missing children

DETECTIVES have launched an international hunt to track down a father who has taken his two

Sergeant Kevin O'Shea, of the Albany Street Child Protection Unit, said the children have

when officers from Camden Council tried to serve a care order the next day.

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