

# SCHOOL STRIKE THREATENED

## Latest Move At Cainscross

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**BY** 65 votes to one, members of the Cainscross Parent-Teacher Association have decided that if work has not commenced on the installation of extra wash-basins at Cainscross Church of England School within one month from February 15, they will consider the possibility of, among other things, staging a one day strike—keeping the children away from school—in order to publicise what they feel to be inexcusable delays in this and other matters.

There are at present four wash-basins for 305 children and the decision to consider strike action was arrived at at an extraordinary meeting of parents following the general monthly meeting of the P.T.A. on Tuesday.

**A strike was first suggested at a committee meeting on February 10 attended only by parents, since it was thought advisable to exclude all staff on this occasion.**

Besides this, in view of the controversial nature of the subject and of the implication made recently in letters to the Press that the committee was not fully supported by its fellow members, it was decided to hold a paper ballot on the suggestion.

It was felt that this would afford anyone present who disagreed with the proposed action an opportunity of expressing an opinion without

embarrassment to themselves or to others.

Accordingly each parent—the teaching staff still being excluded—were handed a copy of the resolution containing suggestions of a strike on arrival at Tuesday's meeting and, following a few relevant remarks by the chairman (Mr. W. S. Mosey) were asked to vote.

After the result (65—1) had been declared the committee decided to give full publicity to the resolution, and to forward copies to all the authorities concerned.

Previously, the assistant secretary of education for Gloucestershire (Mr. L. Mallinson) had given an address entitled "New educational lamps for old," during which he briefly outlined the work and future plans of the local authority and the Ministry. He made special reference to the status of aided schools.

A free and frank discussion followed, during which many matters directly bearing on local conditions were mentioned, with particular reference to the Ministry's requirements regarding sanitary arrangements and canteen facilities.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. Mosey. A total of 66 parents were present in addition to staff and the speaker.