

Razers Raise Hob; Want City to Pay

City officials vowed Monday to speed up inspections in order to speed up demolitions in Buffalo.

The promise was made jointly by Mayor Stanley M. Makowski and City Comptroller George D. O'Connell, who were confronted by some 20 independent demolition contractors complaining of delayed payments for work completed.

The contractors hinted that if the city did not speed up its inspections and subsequent payments, they would look elsewhere for work.

At the same time Monday, Mayor Makowski received a

letter from the Black People's Library which offered volunteers to help the city inspect and identify blighted buildings. The organization is operated by the Black Student Union and Third World Veterans Alliance from the University of Buffalo.

Makowski said he was unsure Monday how the volunteers could be best utilized in his war on blight, but promised a prompt response.

The payments problem outlined by the contractors was that city inspections and Licenses inspectors and the Comptroller's inspectors were not viewing completed demolitions in any systematic way.

As a result, the contractors said they sometimes complete a job, have it approved by the I&L inspectors but are told weeks later that the Comptroller's Audit inspectors have

found problems and would not approve payment.

The contractors say the problems, such as illegal dumping and abandoned cars, occur on the graded lots after the I&L inspectors have approved the job.

The mayor and the comptroller said they would cooperate to improve the inspections and payments system.

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