

500 nays

THE vote was 500 to nothing.

The subject was rent.

But despite the massive vote margin, the residents of Paktin Estate will face rent increases from next Thursday.

In a late bid to get the Government to change its mind, about 500 residents packed a meeting last night, during which they asked for a freeze in rents until the authorities were "sincere enough" to negotiate with them.

Residents from Taiyuen and Namshan estates also turned up at the meeting yesterday to voice support for the Paktin people.

A representative, Fung Kim-kay, told The Star that they may send a petition to Government House though they would first take their care to Umelco.