

Clinton Hill Bldgs. Hit

Pickets March Again; Owner Calls Action 'Harassment'

About 30 Negroes and whites demonstrated quietly for two hours today at Clinton and Badger Avenues in protest against what they described as "slum conditions."

The action was in support of a rent strike on the part of several tenants of a building in Clinton Ave. and one in Badger Ave.

A similar demonstration was held there last week. A spokesman for the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council, organizers of the demonstration, declared. "We shall continue to demonstrate here every Saturday until conditions have been corrected."

The demonstration took place alternately, in front of each building. Only about half a dozen demonstrators were residents of the buildings. The rest were representatives of the neighborhood group and members of Students for Democratic Society, here on a summer project in connection and civil rights.

The demonstrators were armed with signs complaining of rats in the buildings and other unsanitary conditions. Last Monday

the two buildings were included in a tour of slum sections by Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio.

Raphael Shustak, an owner of the building in Clinton Ave., charged after the demonstration that he is being "harassed" by the Clinton Hill group. He claimed that they are interested only in publicity, and have refused to accept his offer to discuss the dispute.

Shustak also said all violations at the building have been or are being corrected. He displayed a pile of bills for nearly \$700 worth of plumbing, exterminating, welding, carpentry and other work done in the eight months since he and a partner, Saul Steinberg, bought the building. He said he agreed in court to let the city hold the rent of the one tenant on strike in his building until all violations are removed.