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"Little people" being literally bulldozed by Big Government was the issue Wednesday when 50 people from the Germantown area staged a balloon - launching outside City Hall.

Mrs. Wesley P. Tomlinson, vice president of the planning division of the Germantown Community Council, said the flying balloons symbolized the "city sending citizens' rights to the winds."

The Council is up in arms because a proposed highway in their area would displace residents of some 90 homes without provisions for their relocation. Most of the people involved are Negro.

KING'S NAME INVOKED

During a debate over the highway, known as the Belfield-Rittenhouse By-Pass, which followed in City Council, one of the proponents of the highway said that "Dr. King would have wanted to see this kind of urban renewal

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in Germantown."

The speaker was criticized by many present for invoking the name of Dr. King on behalf of a highway that would leave Negroes homeless.

— An Orphans' Court Judge —

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