

WIDOWS SAY "CAN'T PAY"

Rough weather at Selsey has brought to a head a big grievance of sea-front inhabitants. Every year the sea encroaches more than 20 feet, and to the cost of the new sea wall they will have to contribute a big sum each. They'll have 30 years to pay, but by the time some of the houses look like being under water. Local authorities agree that the sea-wall costs should be borne by the State, but that's not the law. It's hard on people who've put their life-savings into these houses. Two widowed sisters, Janet Parsons and Ella Peynter, are among the folk who think the demand is monstrous. Mrs. Parsons.

If the wall isn't finished soon, it won't be much use arguing about who's going to pay. The sea will have had the last word.