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SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
SEATTLE

GENTLEMEN:

IN READING THAT THE TWO COMMITTEES OF THE SEATTLE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO PRESSURE YOU INTO ENACTING ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS IN REGARDS TO HOUSING----WHY SHOULD 27,000 NEGROES IN THIS CITY TELL 600,000 PEOPLE HOW THEY MAY LIVE, RENT AND SELL!

I DIDN'T HEAR ANY CRIES OF ANGUISH OUT OF THE STATE BOARD AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WHEN THE NEGROES REGENTLY PICKETED A SAFE-WAY STORE - ASKING THAT THEY FIRE THE WHITE PERSONNEL AND HIRE COLORED PEOPLE.

I FEEL AGAIN, WHEN THE STATE SUPREME COURT FOR ONCE RULED IN FAVOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL SELECTING HIS OWN RENTER, BUYER, ETC., THAT THIS MOVE ON THE PART OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEES IS TOTALLY UNWARRANTED. FURTHER - JUST WANDER AROUND BEACON HILL, THRU MADRONA, MONTLAKE, AND IN THE SO-CALLED CHERRY HILL DISTRICT, AND SEE THE NICE HOMES OCCUPIED BY THE NEGROES. STRANGELY ENOUGH, NO ONE CALLS ATTENTION TO THE HOMES OCCUPIED BY "POOR WHITES" - WHOSE DISTRICTS, ARE IN SOME INSTANCES, FAR WORSE THAN THE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED COLORED DISTRICTS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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