

RELOCATION SUMMARY

PARCEL NO: 21-5

OCCUPANTS: Johnny and Mattie Louis and daughter

NEW ADDRESS: 904 N.E. Prescott Street

Mr. and Mrs. Louis moved into their home on N. Commercial Avenue in June, 1953. During the 13 years they lived there, the Louis' installed a new furnace and water heater and made other improvements.

The PDC purchased Louis' property on January 24, 1966. Herman Plummer, Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project Manager, visited with them the following day and found that they were already looking for another home. By February 21, Louis had made arrangements to purchase the house at 904 N.E. Prescott, and two days later E. R. Wiley, PDC Chief of Relocation and Property Management, inspected it with the seller, Mr. Reid, and found it to meet Portland's Health and Sanitation Codes.

Mr. Reid promised the Louis' possession of the Prescott St. property by March 15, 1966. But as the previous occupants were preparing to move, their employer notified them of a promotion and transfer to Spokane as of April 1, delaying Louis' possession until that date. Due to these circumstances, Mr. Reid paid Louis' rent on N. Commercial Ave. from March 27th (the termination of Louis' rent-free occupancy) until April 15th. Louis' were able to straighten out some financial problems and moved to their new home at 904 N.E. Prescott on May 1, 1966. The PDC then paid their moving expenses of \$127.00. During the course of their move, the furnace burner purchased as part of the real property by the PDC was stolen or removed. Therefore, the PDC deducted their unpaid rent and the salvage value of the furnace burner (\$25) from the purchase price of the property through the escrow account. In July the PDC found Louis' eligible for a Relocation Adjustment Payment of \$60, paid to them on July 11, 1966.

June 29, 1966, Mr. Lawrence Monk of the PDC relocation staff visited with Mr. Louis to evaluate their move from the Albina Park Site. Louis

feels that his two-bedroom home is smaller (the previous one was four-bedroom), and not as good as the N. Commercial Ave. property. He feels that his home is in a very noisy section, and major streets intersecting by his corner property make it very difficult to sleep. His neighbors talk loudly. But he feels that the people in the area are nice, and he has encountered no discrimination. In fact, he and one

neighbor are going to cooperate in putting a driveway on the east side of his home. Mr. Louis intends to build shelving around a window on the east side of the dining room, and he feels that the house will be pretty nice when that is done. He has also talked about changing the gas heat to oil or electricity.

With regard to his move from N. Commercial, Mr. Louis thought the Albina area really needed a park, and that the park needed more ground than just the two blocks now allotted to it. "The kids need a place to play baseball and stuff like that," he said; "there are lots of children in that area."

The Ray Waggoners and Mrs. Opal Tarrant (21-4), former next-door neighbors, now live four blocks to the west; Mrs. Mary Cannon (22-12/13), who lived across N. Commercial Ave., is now two blocks to the south; and the Thomas Martin's (21-12), who were across the alley, now live five blocks to the southeast.