TENANTS OF GUILDS LAKE DEMAND RENT ADJUSTMENTS

Hundreds of you, employed and unemployed, ex-war workers and veterans, white and Negro, are paying from \$ 37.50 to \$ 43.50 monthly rents for two and three housing units. In addition you are compelled to furnish your own fuel, at all time high prices.

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The meeting also learned the rental department had, that very morning notified those few tenants paying less than the basis rent, (relief cases and some veterans) of a \$\pi\$ 2 rent increase.

Moving with speed, the League wrote the regional office of the Federal Housing Authority in Seattle and were advised, "our basic policy is to instruct all local housing authorities to set up adjusted rents". Why has this policy been ignored by the Portland housing authorities?.

Because of the terrific pressure put upon the local housing authorities by the people of Vanport, the League has been invited to send "a representative" to "discuss" the issue. Vanport League will not send "a representative" but instead will send a delegation for this purpose. Victory in this struggle will only be won when the people of the other housing projects in Portland participate in the "discussion" by forming strong Tenant Leagues.

West Side Club of the Communist Party calls upon you to follow the example of the Vanport people, and form your Tenants League so that you too can participate in the "discussion" and help win a signal victory through collective action.

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