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N. A. A. C. P. Housing Committee

On Saturday, January 8, Arthur Featherstone and Ruth Houston represented the N. A. A. C. P. Housing Committee at a meeting at 3450 W. Chicago Boulevard concerning inequities existing in the management of said building. Some 48 persons either attended the meeting or offered their signatures in support of a resolution to demand that corrective measures be undertaken or a rent strike effected.

The Nature of the Complaints are as Follows:

1. Overflow of water form laundry room into kitchen sink
2. Smoky ventilators
3. Lack of heat during the mornings
4. Intimidation by the management
5. Lack of Inspection of Mail Boxes
6. Lack of Sanitation
7. Poor condition of the elevator
8. Door knobs missing
9. Lack of outside lighting
10. Hallways should be patrolled by the manager
11. Noises form tenants moving in and out of building at all hours of the late evening and early morning ~~xxxx~~ (2, 3, and 4:00 a.m. for example)
12. Raising of rent without informing tenants of reason for increase.
13. Inequities in rent rate increase (Some families are being increased at a rate of \$5.00; others at different rates.)

A Tenant Council was formed with the following persons as officers:

Hobart Payne, President
Mrs. Watkins, Vice-president
Miss R. Robinson, Secretary
Mrs. Hobart Payne, Official "Look-Out"

The above group will attempt to reach an agreement with the management of the apartment building concerning the alledged inequities and report their determinations to the N. A. A. C. P.

Arthur Featherstone, Chairman
Ruth Houston, Secretary

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly 'John', is written in dark ink. Below the signature, there is a scribble that appears to be the word 'Room' written in a cursive, slanted style.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING:

1. C. Murchinson, Apt 304 (897-3487)
2. Lawaerol Alexander, Apt. 314
3. William Riley, Apt. 306
4. Rollie Brooks, Apt. 302
5. Mrs. Boswell, Apt. 303
6. Doris Carey, Apt. 319
7. Ruby Walker, Apt. 211
8. L. Talley, Apt. 212
9. A. Izenhall, Apt. 215
10. Helen Gaines, Apt. 216
11. Robert McCree, Apt. 417
12. Juanita McCree, Apt. 417
13. Andrew Robinson, Apt. 412
14. V. Robinson, Apt. 412
15. Andrew Wilkes, Apt 220
16. Thomas Griffin, Apt. 405
17. Willaim Reed, Apt. 414
18. Rosetta Reed, Apt. 414
19. Howard Lemon, Apt. 316
20. Lacey Terry, Apt. 320
21. Mr. Hobart Payne, Apt. 309
22. Mrs. Hobart Payne, "
23. Olga M. Greene, Apt. 308
24. Mr. Theodore Johnson, Apt. 315
25. Mrs. Theodore Johnson, "
26. Earl Boyd, Apt. 402
27. Eddie Nash, Apt. 210
28. Mr. Wilbert Boswell, Apt. 303
29. Veronica Smith, Apt. 404
30. James Jackson, Apt. 409
31. Elisher Whitlow, Apt. 410
32. Joseph Collins, Jr., Apt. 403
33. Mrs Kathryn Curry, Apt. 207
34. Mrs. Gerald Prince, Apt. 418
35. Miss Rosa Lee Robinson, Apt. 407
36. Joseph Kinnard, Apt. 308
37. Jacqueline Gay, Apt. B-2
38. Mrs. Josephine Hanna, Apt. 106
39. Mrs Sadie Odom, Apt. 202
40. Mrs. Boyd, 402
41. Thelma Young, Apt. 203
42. Mrs. Freddie Mae Payne, Apt. 406

PERSONS ATTENDING MEETING:

43. Mrs Maggie Crosson, Apt. 214
44. Baleigh Robinson, Apt 415
45. Sarah C. Brown, Apt. 105
46. Donna Kathryñ Dean, Apt. 420
47. Euralia A. Moore, Apt. 404
48. Warnita Riley, Apt. 317
49. Arthur Featherstone, N. A. A. C. P. Housing Committee Chairman
50. Ruth Houston, " " " Secretary