

Apartment to Evict Whites But Allow Japanese to Stay



MRS. OVID CURTIS and MISS ARTISE SANDBERG

They read their eviction notice with bewilderment

The tenants of eight of the 16 dwelling units in the Amelia Apartments, 104 17th Avenue, today had received those fateful little white slips of paper—eviction notices—and as a result were looking upon the world with worried, unhappy eyes.

"Where will I move?" asked tiny, gray-haired Mrs. Sarah Blockoff, 70 years old, one of those asked to vacate her apartment. "I have no relatives in Seattle." Mrs. Blockoff lives alone.

The prospective evictees, all Caucasians, said the manager of the apartment is H. Mukai, who is of Japanese ancestry, and that Mukai has not served eviction notices on the tenants of the eight other apartments, all Japanese or Japanese-Americans.

Some of the Japanese tenants confirmed that they have not been asked to move.

"We were asked to get out by Saturday," said Ralph Warren. "I'm luckier than most, because I was able to buy a house, but I don't know what the others will do."

"How can they throw a person out in the street when he hasn't a place to move to?" asked Mrs. Ovid Curtis, one of those asked to vacate.

"The eviction notice said the manager's lease expires August 1," said Artise Sandberg, another tenant being evicted, "but why, then, aren't the Japanese being put out?"

One tenant, I. D. Rosen, said he will refuse to move until he finds new quarters.