

Chicago Housing Authority
203 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

News Release
From Ida B. Wells Homes
Drexel 4320

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Although the last brick was put in place last week on the Ida B. Wells Homes, the rumors which are circulating through the community about the project seem to be growing in proportions.

"Many persons, who are applying for apartments at our temporary offices at 515 E. Pershing Road, report that they have been told fantastic stories," advises Mr. Oscar Brown, Housing Manager. "Others ask questions which show that they have given credence to the unfounded rumors. If people come directly to our office we will be glad to give them official answers to their questions."

Some of the prospective tenants want to know whether or not the lights will be turned off at the house at 9:30 p.m. Others have asked whether it is true that, if an apartment dweller leaves his home, it is necessary to leave his key with the janitor.

Mr. Brown, who also spoke of racketeers that are taking advantage of people who are eager to become tenants in the Ida B. Wells Homes, declared that the rumors are made up "out of thin air". The responsibility of tenants to the Chicago Housing Authority and the responsibility of the Authority to the tenants approximates the same tenant-landlord relationships existing through-out the city.

With respect to the racketeers, the Manager warns that people should not give persons representing themselves as representatives of the Authority, any "deposit money".

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"We haven't chosen a single tenant to live in our houses as yet. All we are doing at the present moment is to consider applications in order that we might see that the most eligible people get in. Under no circumstances will we ask for a deposit for an apartment. Eligible persons will receive notification of their eligibility in writing from the Authority, at the time they are selected for tenancy".

Inasmuch as these dwellings are made for persons who live in sub-standard houses and for those who have low incomes, the following are maximum incomes which have been set up by the Chicago Housing Authority.

MAXIMUM YEARLY INCOME

<u>PERSONS</u>	<u>YE RLY</u>
2	864.00
3	960.00
4	1,008.00
5	1,059.00
6 and over	1,104.00

Families whose incomes are greater than the above amounts for their particular family classification will not be considered eligible for tenancy.

Rents for the apartments which are now being completed will be as follows:

<u>ROOMS</u>	<u>PER MONTH</u>
2	\$18.00
3	20.00
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	21.00
5 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.00
6 $\frac{1}{2}$	23.00

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