

A. G. SPOHR MAKES STATEMENT ON RACE PROBLEM

Any Other White Man Would Take Similar Position, Druggist Declares

Editor The Glendale Evening News: Answering an article appearing in another paper recently regarding my purchase of a residence on East Colorado boulevard for a colored employe. I wish to state conditions just as they exist here, and give my reasons for doing what I did.

Understand that I am not trying to open any race question that is as old as time, but to make a long story short, I was trying to make a home for a man who has been in my employe for the last fifteen years, and who I know has a right to and deserves the same. His family consists of himself and wife.

I have driven all over the outskirts of Glendale and have gone to several real estate dealers and told them what I wanted and the conditions—to rent a place for him. These efforts were without success.

Finds No Restrictions

I found on East Colorado street a small house next to a church. (A resident near there told me afterwards that was the reason the property was for sale). I told the owner what I wanted and he agreed with me in detail, and has since bought a lot less than half a block away to build another house.

On this street you will find garages, fruit stands and several different nationalities, and a little farther east there are colored people on the premises of one of our oldest and most respected residents, while only a few blocks away a colored man owned his own home and within the last month or so sold it because he was moving out of the state.

There are no restrictions on this street and I took it that I was acting within my rights and with no intention of infringing on the public or neighbors.

No Committee Calls

The statement that a committee had called on me and that I had acted in a discourteous manner to their own interests is absolutely false as no committee has ever called.

These conditions exist in every community, in every town, and all cities, including our nearest neighbors. Why not offer some solution to such problems as they exist here, rather than condemn any citizen's actions who might within the law do the same thing? I believe any other white man would follow a similar course under the circumstances, and I do object to being misquoted or having the public base their conclusions on an article set forth as the one to which I have referred.

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