

ROTH STARTS WORK TO HELP TENANTS

Sheriff's Solicitor Gathering Eviction Data to Back Plea for New Laws

JUDGES SUPPORT PLAN

Claude L. Roth, solicitor in the office of Sheriff Lamberton, started today to get legal statistics and facts in the more distressing cases of evictions and shortage of homes.

This data will be submitted to Governor Sproul in support of Sheriff Lamberton's plea for the immediate calling of a special session of the Legislature desired to meet the situation in this city as the sheriff and courts have no alternative but to issue the writs if the proceedings are found to be in proper legal form.

Members of the bench and bar endorse the movement begun by Sheriff Lamberton for the enactment of new laws to protect tenants from being harassed and evicted from their homes if they don't meet their demands.

Writs for evictions of families unable to meet the demands for increased rentals and with no prospect of purchasing the houses are increasing in the sheriff's office in alarming numbers and pressing hundreds of evictions this winter unless some way and means are quickly adopted to allow the tenants' side of the controversy to be heard.

The judges in town, including Judges Barratt, Rogers, Ferguson and Monahan, do not recall the case in which Mr. Lamberton complained he received a rebuke from the bench for delaying the execution of a judgment in ejectment in a case of a poor family virtually thrown into the street.

One of the judges pointed out that the tenants are not entirely without remedy even under the present law, as they may take a rule to show cause why the judgment in ejectment should

not be opened, and, if sufficient reason is shown, the execution of the writ is stayed. But this is not done in many cases.

Several members of the bar association are of the belief that the practices of a certain clique of lawyers in taking these snap judgments of ejectment should be probed by the board of censors, and if there has been a "shake-down" of the tenants under threat of eviction, drastic action against the offenders should be taken.

Representatives of the tenants' associations, who were seeking information at the sheriff's office today, declared that attorneys have been known to work with unscrupulous real estate agents, exerting every technicality of the law to get the tenants in a position where they would have to meet any increase of rent demanded or be thrown into the street. As the law now stands, the tenants were virtually without any redress at all.

The decision of the sheriff to ask the Governor for a special session of the Legislature has given fresh impetus to the work of the tenant associations, whose officers say all political parties or factions thereof should join in the movement to procure equity and justice for the homekeepers and prevent them from being victims of rent-gouging property owners.

They also advocate giving full publicity to the details and the names of the owners and real estate agents engaged in the more flagrant cases of "shake-down." They also say there should be a united effort to back up the sheriff.

It was pointed out today that if an

immediate session of the Legislature is held to enact new laws or amend the present landlord and tenant act, which, it is argued, seems only to conserve property rights of the owner, the action of the state body could be made retroactive to hold over the cases pending.

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The Retailer has paid what he had to, and charged what he wanted to, in order to pay the Government and make more money than he ever did before.

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