



NORTH SHORE SUMMER PROJECT

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The North Shore Summer Project wants to hear from persons who can describe specific instances of residential discrimination on the North Shore, it was announced today.

"Hundreds of people are being discriminated against every day on our North Shore," said Mrs. Clinton Dornfeld, 2027 Grove, Glenview, today. "And the public has a right to know just how deeply this undemocratic system is entrenched in our communities."

Through a "Buyers' Committee" headed by Mrs. Dornfeld and a "Sellers' Committee" headed by Mrs. Sanford Blum, 3016 Central, Wilmette, the North Shore Summer Project is documenting as many instances of residential discrimination as possible. The NSSP, an organization of North Shore residents, aims for equal service for all homeseekers by all North Shore Realtors.

"This discrimination doesn't apply to any one group," emphasized Mrs. Dornfeld. "It occurs against Jewish and Catholic families, Negroes and Orientals...and even against white Protestant Americans."

"We know of many cases," said Mrs. Blum, "where the Realtor decided who was ethnically acceptable to be permitted to look at a certain house...and the seller had not even been aware of this exclusion."

"When Realtors initiate a description of a community based on its ethnic make-up," added Mrs. Blum, "they are assuming the responsibility of social engineering for which they are neither qualified...nor morally justified."

"When we first started looking into the various aspects of residential segregation on the North Shore," Mrs. Blum said, "we were appalled to realize that the practice was much more widespread than we had realized, that it's really ingrained into our villages."

"By compiling these cases, we plan to show our neighbors many practices that they may not be aware of...and to continue seeking means to overcome the unwholesome effects of such practices."

"Anyone who has undergone the humiliation of a discriminatory experience with a Realtor can help to eliminate this kind of treatment by telling us about it. We will, of course, respect the wishes of those people who do not want their names made public," said Mrs. Dornfeld.