

Feb. 6, 1962

Seattle City Council,
County City Bldg.,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

During all this 'hullabaloo' over operating a few Apts. as Hotel & Motel Units during the six months of the Worlds Fair, we feel both the City Council and the relatively small number of evicted tenants are overlooking major points and their overall effect on Greater Seattle, this year and for the years to come.

Undoubtedly this unnecessary backering is receiving a great deal of publicity throughout the news media of the Country and especially on the East Coast and pointedly in the general area that rapid transportation is available to New York City.

Kilgallen should have a field day assuring her readers (throughout the country) that the "long trip to Seattle just to see a Science Pavilion" will not only be costly but when they arrive here, they will have to sleep in private homes, providing they can find a place to sleep at all. In other words, stay home the next couple of years, save your money, and spend it at the New York Fair where you can be assured of at least a place to sleep and not in some strange home with strange people.

Let's look at this realistically:

1. The Hotels and Motels within a 50 mile radius simply cannot possibly accommodate even 50% of the anticipated visitors with their present spending dollars and their future spending dollars (in this area).
2. The number of so-called loyal tenants to any particular Apt. House Owner can be counted on one hand. In the great majority of cases, these tenants will move at the drop of a hat, and many times without prior notice to the Owner and for any reason you can name. Surely some will be hurt and especially among the older, stable type of tenant. These need very definite considerations which I will mention later.
3. We believe 90% or more of the Apts. that cater to the older, more stable tenant have no idea in the world of 'evicting their tenants and going transient' for six months. They would be utterly foolish and they realize it.
4. The less than 10% who are considering going transient are in most cases practically 'transient' all the time. Even to go transient means a tremendous additional investment in buying furnishings, providing maid service, 24 hour desk service etc. besides the task of refilling their units when the Fair is over.

Here's my suggestion as to an amicable decision.

A non-profit agency should be formed to help relocate the temporarily evicted tenants. If necessary place them in private homes for six months. Those evicted tenants willing to sign a years lease beginning Nov. 1st, 1962 with the eviction Apt. House Owner, will have all moving out and moving back charges paid for by the evicting Owner.

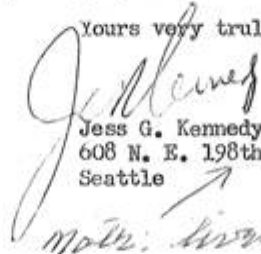
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To Seattle City Council:

Seattle has the golden opportunity of a life time to grow up and show the World we have the finest place in the World to live. Let's inconvenience a relatively few people for a short period of time to reap the tremendous benefits of these multitude of visitors and to open our doors (Hotels, Motels & Apts.) to them and not place them in strange homes with strange people.

If the word gets out we will have to accomodate over 50% of these visitors in private homes, we know the decline in attendance will be very noticable and a good percentage of the millions of dollars and hours spent on this great project will be wasted and in a far greater measurable manner than the six month~~s~~ discomfort of a relatively few people.

Yours very truly,



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cc: The Seattle Times,
cc: The Seattle P.I.

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P.S. I do not own an Apt. nor do I have any interest what-so-ever in any Apt.
My attitude is strictly that of a very interested lay-man.