

Plan Action Against Whites Who Sell Homes To Negroes

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LOS ANGELES — In an effort to prevent the further purchase by Negroes of homes in the exclusive Liemert Park district, here, white residents of the area are turning to the courts.

This was confirmed in an interview with H. S. Lund who leads the "Neighborly Endeavor, Inc.," a group which plans to sue a white owner who sold his Liemert Park home to a Negro family.

Target of the proposed suit is Oscar Reichow, former official of the Hollywood Stars Baseball Club and, until recently a broadcaster

of their games, who sold his home to Mr. and Mrs. Preston Wilson. Wilson is a successful interior decorator.

A white owner was sued for
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\$25,000 three years ago when he sold a home in the Bronson-Santa Barbara area to a Negro family. After the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed restrictive covenants, the suit was dropped.

HELD RECEPTION

Two weeks ago, some residents of the Liemert Park area gave a reception for the Wilsons to show that all members of the area are not prejudiced. (Last week, Rev. H. B. Hawes and Rabbi Abraham W. Winokur disclosed plans to circulate anti-discrimination literature, chiefly in the form of a letter, among residents of the area asking that actions of the "Neighborhoodly Endeavor, Inc." be condemned.)

The organization called a "locked-door" meeting at Audubon Junior High School Wednesday following the reception to further plans aimed at prosecuting residents who sell to Negroes. Ironically the school is named for John James Audubon, famed Haitian naturalist.

Lund said his group plans to base its action on the Missouri Case in which damages were awarded under similar circumstances. Lund, disclaimed any racial feeling, but said the main purpose is to prevent Liemert Park from becoming an all-Negro area.

Lund charged that since the Wilsons moved in there has been a concerted move to "take over" the area for Negroes.

Lund, admitted that he had not met the Wilsons, nor had he ever met a Negro on his level.

NOT WORRIED

Reichow said, "I am not worried. I understand that one can sell property to anyone as long as that person is an American citizen. The house got too large for us, so we put it up for sale. The Wilsons were the first to come along, so we sold it to them."

Meanwhile, the Wilsons are happy in their new home. It is not the first time they have lived in a so-called restricted area, but it is the first time there has been trouble.