

# WHITE RESIDENTS ANGRY

## Declare They Will Drive Negroes From Lanvale Street House.

### BLACKS MOVED IN YESTERDAY

#### Just Around The Corner Occupants Of Myrtle Avenue Homes Have New Dark-Skinned Neighbors.

Incensed at negro families moving into their neighborhood residents in the vicinity of Myrtle avenue and Lanvale street threatened yesterday to use physical force to eject the unwelcome tenants. Threats were openly made and several persons said they would take the law in their own hands if they could find no other way to prevent the invasion.

Late yesterday afternoon a moving van stopped in front of 709 West Lanvale street. A boy saw negroes going into the house with furniture and spread the news. A crowd quickly gathered and it was suggested that the negroes be prevented from taking possession of the premises. Cool heads advised against the threatened outbreak.

Around the corner from the Lanvale street house another negro family is in possession of 1334 Myrtle avenue. They moved in three weeks ago. The advent of the negroes in the 1300 block Myrtle avenue aroused the indignation of the other residents. But when it was learned a second family of blacks had arrived feelings reached fever heat.

#### Owner Ousted Negroes.

For several years there has been more or less trouble in the three blocks of Myrtle avenue, between Dolphin and Moser streets. Some time ago a negro family took possession of a house in the 1200 block. The owner was requested to sell the property to a white man and he consented to do so provided he was paid \$200 more than he paid for the house. Persons in the neighborhood made up a fund of \$200 and the house was again occupied by white people.

Then negroes began to invade the 1400 block. This was resented and a number of boys and young men in the vicinity tried to clear the block of blocks by throwing stones through windows. At present there are but two houses in the whole block that are not occupied by the negroes.

The house at 1334 Myrtle avenue in which negroes moved recently is, according to Simon Needle, 715 Harlem avenue, owned by him and another man. Needle stated last night he was not aware that the negroes were in the house until he returned from Atlantic City a short time ago.

#### Says He Didn't Know Of Sale.

He said a white woman desired to purchase the property and that he accepted a deposit of \$50 on the deal. He said his partner had sold the house to a negro before he was aware of it, but that he had refused to sign his name to the contract.

Last week he gave the negroes notice to move, but they refused, and now Needle is in a quandary. He said he would consult a lawyer today to ascertain if his partner had a right to dispose of the property without consulting him. He further stated that if the negroes could be persuaded to sell the house to white people, even at an advance of \$150, he would contribute one-third of that amount if the neighbors would make up the balance. Needle's step-brother, Maurice Needle, owns and occupies the adjoining house, No. 1332.

The 700 block of West Lanvale street, which was invaded yesterday, has always been a white block and is composed of a number of fine houses, mostly owned by the occupants. As soon as the negroes took possession of 709 one person who rents a nearby house stated he would move away immediately. The negroes who moved in came from the 1400 block of Myrtle avenue.