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Some 30 families in an all black Germantown apartment complex last week, ended their second month of a rent strike and at the same time were met with eviction notices from the owners.

The residents are withholding their rents in protest over what they call deplorable conditions in the Blakemore Apartments, at Vernon Rd. and Gorgas Lane.

In a list of demands given to the owners the residents called on them to repair all broken windows, place locks on all outside doors, establish a uniform rental rate which would not vary from month to month and a better play area for the children.

The residents have not cease paying their rent, but have been placing their monthly payments into a special fund, to be given the owners when conditions are improved.

Early in May several of the buildings were declared unfit by city investigators, but many residents remained stating the apartments did have some good points and a few major repairs could make the apartment livable again.

Several of the residents who received the eviction notices ha' harsh words for the owners.

LEGAL ACTION

Mrs. Nomaliza Nunde, who has

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been living in the apartments for three years said, "I think it is pretty low, because it shows the man would rather evict than fix."

John Mintsy, also a three-year resident, stated, "It shows the man had no intention of fixing up his property."

Tyrone Canty, a Philadelphia chemist, declared, "We're not moving."

An attorney, Harold Commons, hired by the residents, told the Tribune he had been requested to bring legal action against the owner, Salvatore Guzzardi.

PREVENTED EVICTION

Commons also said he would look over all information given to him by the residents before deciding what other legal action could be taken and it would also depend on what action is taken by the owners in court.

Earlier in the week, several residents and community groups banned together to prevent a sheriff from evicting a woman resident from her apartment.

Falah Mathews, a fired superintendent, said the residents were tired of being promised improvements and receiving nothing.

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