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OPEN OCCUPANCY LEGISLATION

There is no single answer to racial segregation, no quick way to even up the books of opportunity, so long rigged against the Negro. The riots of this past summer were just one price we all paid for years of neglect and indifference. Fortunately, we are progressing. Job opportunities, voting rights, freedom of accommodations in public places and other rights, illegally withheld for generations --are now common in the North and South.

Not all barriers have yet been swept away. Many of our communities are surrounded by real --or invisible -- walls which tell the Negro to stay out. More importantly, it says in effect, that he must stay in areas already overcrowded.

This is one more frustration, one more cause for needless friction in our society. We have already learned that most of the fears surrounding racial progress were unfounded. So it will be with open occupancy.

The Village Board of Skokie voted for open occupancy on Monday. This coming Monday night, the Evanston City Council will vote on a Real Estate Brokers' License law.

WIND Radio commends the Skokie officials and we urge the Evanston aldermen to approve its proposed housing law. Open occupancy legislation is too long overdue in Illinois.

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