

Women Should Stay Home and Care for Kids, Mental Health Lecturer Declares

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Chicago — (U.P.) — Dr. Herbert Ratner said women should stay home and take care of their kids and quit trying to make "assistant wives" out of their husbands. Ratner, health commissioner of suburban Oak Park, made these points the other night at a mental health lecture attended by married couples. Husbands shouldn't have to wash the dishes unless they volunteer, he said.

Blast Frightens Portland Citizens

Portland — (U.P.) — Sound of an explosion in southeast Portland sent bomb-jittery citizens running for their telephones Saturday night. Portland and Multnomah county police failed to turn up anything but a few minutes later, Oswego police reported a fraction of a stick of dynamite had gone off when inadvertently thrown into a bonfire. Oswego police said that they thought that was the explosion heard in Portland. One more anonymous telephone call marred the week end and sent sheriff's deputies to St. Johns Catholic school at Milwaukie to search for a bomb. None was found.

"Then why should I have to wash them?" a young housewife asked. "Because it's your job," said Ratner, who minces no words. There was a hush, followed by masculine guffaws.

Second-Rate Woman

"Why should a woman try to make a second-rate woman out of her husband?" Ratner demanded. "What are we trying to do, set up a matriarchy?"

Ratner, an associate professor of preventive medicine at Loyola University, said most parents, husbands included, don't show their youngsters enough affection.

Many young mothers, he said, are too busy with clubs and "community work."

"We're raising a generation of latch key kids," he said.

"They come home to find that mama has gone out to improve the school system or the police force."

Civic and community organizations should be left to older women who already have raised their families, he said.

Willingly Ensnared

But many young mothers become "willingly and happily ensnared" in such groups, he said, and kid themselves that they are doing a "greater good" for their children.

So the child, unsure of his parents' affection, shows off or "acts up" when company comes, or

scribbles on the walls to express his resentment, Ratner said. One out of every 12 children born in this country is headed for a mental institution, he said, so is behooves parents to expend their energy on "a bangup job of child rearing."

Discrimination in Home Loans Charged

Portland — (U.P.) — A Portland urban league meeting yesterday was told the Federal Housing Authority is still discriminating against minority groups in granting insured loans.

Loren Miller, Los Angeles attorney, told the group the FHA "lent its support to residential segregation" right after its establishment in 1934.

While the FHA has not required race restrictions on insured land since 1947, Miller said, "it continues to insure loans for home construction with the full knowledge that resultant housing will neither be rented nor sold to Negroes or members of other minority groups."

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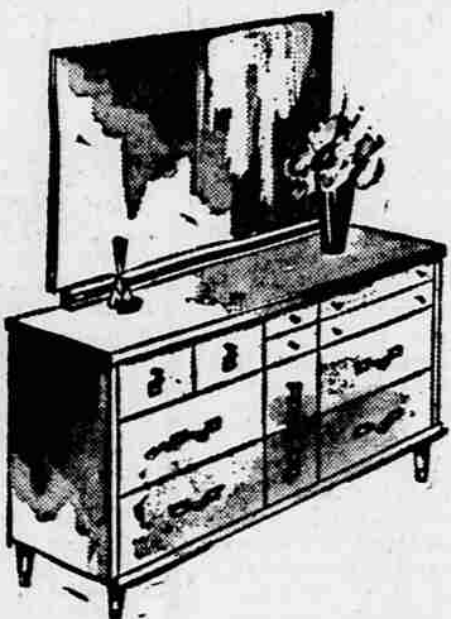
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