

Jewish Judge Hits 'Intolerance' In School Tax Care

Santa Monica, Calif. — (NC) — Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk, president of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, told a Masonic club here that taxation of nonprofit, private schools was not justified either by the morality or economics of the situation.

Judge Mosk later issued a statement in Los Angeles to leaders and members of the Jewish community noting that the Jewish Community Council has decided to take no formal stand on the taxation issue.

"However," he said, "as individual citizens, we should study the issue. It is my conviction that once having studied the measure objectively, we undoubtedly will want to do all in our power to resist the taxation of an important segment of our state's educational facilities."

IN HIS statement released later, Judge Mosk said the Jewish Community Council had decided to "take no formal stand on a controversial state constitutional initiative amendment" because it "has maintained harmonious and valued working relations with a wide number of leaders within the Christian faith."

He added that personal conviction had led him to accept an invitation to join the organizing committee of Citizens United Against Taxing Schools.

"Particularly do I deplore the fact that some of the support for the constitutional amendment which would tax church-related schools stems from religious intolerance," he declared.

"Literature put out by one committee of sponsors of the tax initiative reeks of anti-Catholic propaganda. American constitutionalism and religious bigotry are utterly incompatible," he said.

His statement pointed out that the taxation would affect not only the state's 643 Catholic schools, but its 390 Protestant, 39 non-sectarian and four Jewish schools.

"I hope you gentlemen will give some serious and deliberate thought to the proposed ballot measure, and realize the contro-

versy stirred up by proponents is not justified by either the morality or the economics of the situation," Judge Mosk told his audience.

THE JURIST, who is a candidate for state attorney general, departed from his prepared talk on "The Courts and Little Rock" here to discuss the school issue in California before the Masons.

An initiative proposal is on the November, 1958, ballot in California. It is designed to reimpose property taxation on the state's private, nonprofit elementary and secondary schools by amending the California constitution to prohibit specifically the granting of tax exemption to these schools.

CALIFORNIA WAS the last of the 48 states to exempt private schools. The legislature passed an exemption statute in 1951, but it did not go into effect until 1956 because of lengthy court battles.

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U. S. Scouts In Germany

Heidelberg, Germany — (NC) — Catholic scouting's Ad Altare Dei Award is conferred on two altar boys, Patrick Farley of Aurora, Ill., and William Waterfield, of Chester, N.J., in ceremony at the U.S. Army chapel here in Heidelberg. Presenting the medals is Monsignor Charles J. Murphy, Deputy Chaplain of the U.S. Army, Europe.

Korean Villages Conduct 'Do It Yourself' Conversion

Changson, Korea — (NC) — Six months ago, because no catechists were available, four non-Christian villages 150 miles south of Seoul began a "do it yourself" conversion campaign. AS A RESULT, 2,000 of the villagers are now preparing for Baptism, while many more are asking for instruction.

Educated leaders from each of the villages, after a brief study of Catholic doctrine and prayers, were able to start a program of instructing 1,000 of their fellow villagers. By Christmas, the four leaders had themselves been baptized and their flock of catechumens increased to 2,000.

Missioner Drives 'Like 6 O'Clock'

Shinyanga, Tanganyika — (NC) — An African's first ride in a missionary's jeep showed the old man's shrewd apprehension for the vehicle's "moving clock."

After visiting his son, a seminarian studying for the priesthood at the Maryknoll Seminary here, the old man was treated to a ride home in a jeep by Bishop Edward A. McGurkin of Masiva, Maryknoll missionary from Hartford, Conn.

"Apparently it was his first ride in the front seat and the dashboard intrigued him, particularly the speedometer," reported Bishop McGurkin.

"He thought it was a clock and couldn't understand why it kept moving from one number to another. At last he demanded an explanation and his son, James, explained the fluctuations of the dial.

"After moving along rapidly in silence with the countryside rushing past us, the old man, holding on tight and catching his breath, remarked astutely, 'I think when you go like six o'clock, you maybe have plenty of troubles.'"

Latin Americans Leave For Lourdes

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How Long Should A Girl Wait For A Marriage Proposal?

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How long should a girl wait for a proposal to marry? I realize this sounds as if I were desperate. Well, I'm not. I just wonder whether Fred and I are getting any place. We've been dating for about the past 6 years. Everytime the subject of marriage comes up, he has some excuse. Should I drop him?

I wonder if you realize, Ellen, that your Freddie boy is not an uncommon type. You're quite right in asking whether six years isn't long enough for him to make up his mind.

They tell me that in times past, fathers used to have an effective way of handling such situations. After a young man had started calling steadily at the house for a time, father made it a point to meet him and ask whether his intentions were serious. This generally separated the men from the boys because if marriage didn't follow after a reasonable time, father had to be reckoned with.

This seems a little unromantic, but it apparently worked out all right.

Great grandmother got married, didn't she?

TIMES HAVE changed, and now we have to deal with Freddie. There are several reasons why some men continue to date a girl for years without proposing marriage.

Let's see if we can discover what may be tying Freddie's tongue.

First, some men are so attached to their mothers or both their parents that they never think seriously of separating from them. They date for the sake of entertainment or as a matter of course, yet they have no serious intentions.

Some parents, particularly if they are financially dependent on their sons, are quite proficient in keeping marriage out of the picture by playing up this attachment. Even when there



is no question of financial support, some "moms" refuse to cut their sons loose, and they have been known to suffer sudden heart attacks if sorry threatens to leave them for another woman.

Second, some men are afraid of responsibility.

They like their freedom and are never quite ready to assume the obligations of marriage. Obviously, they lack normal masculine drives, but we must take them as they are. Like those in the first class, they are dating for selfish purposes. They are exploiters.

Third, some men find it difficult to make up their minds. When faced with a major decision, they see so many pros and cons that they escape by finding excuses for avoiding the issue. They are drifters, hoping others will make their decisions for them, yet usually accepting the consequences once they are made.

Does our boy Freddie fall into one of these classes? If he's "mom's" boy, give him back to "mom" at once. You'll never really get him from her anyway.

If he's a dodger, let him keep his freedom. He won't stay tied for long even if you managed to catch him. If he's the hesitant type and you want him, make up his mind for him. Maybe that's all he's waiting for.

AT ANY RATE, don't waste any more time on Freddie. Either he sets the date or drop him. Even though you have no other prospects in mind, you will gain nothing by continuing to date him.

In fact, as long as you associate with him, there is likely to be no other prospect. Come to think of it, wouldn't it have been better if six years ago somebody had made Freddie declare his intentions?

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