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CLERGYMAN HELD FOR VIOLATION OF THE MANN ACT

**The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake
Detained for Transport-
ing Girl From Wiscon-
sin to Illinois**

Chicago— (P)—United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker today ordered the Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, 35-year-old pastor of the Christian Assembly church of Zion, Ill., removed to Milwaukee for trial in the federal court there on charges of violating the Mann act.

The blond, six-foot pastor made no attempt to deny the charge in court, but afterwards told questioners that there was no truth in the government's allegation that he took Emma Barelli, 16, from her home town of Kenosha, Wis., to East St. Louis, Ill., for immoral purposes.

The husky minister was arrested yesterday at his home in Zion by department of justice agents.

Commissioner Walker ordered the Rev. Mr. Dake held in \$2,000 bond and remanded him to the custody of the United States marshal.

Louis J. Portner of St. Louis and Stewart B. Krohn of Chicago, attorneys for the minister, said they would post bail this afternoon.

(By William A. Mueller, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Chicago— (U.P)—Red-eyed from weeping, a husky 33-year-old clergyman waived hearing today when arraigned on a charge of transporting a 16-year-old girl from Kenosha, Wis., to East St. Louis, Ill., in violation of the Mann act.

Attorneys for the Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, pastor of the Christian Assembly church in Zion, Ill., said he would post \$2,000 bond pending removal to Milwaukee where the indictment was returned. Dake is chief rival of Wilbur Glenn Voliva for control of the religious community at Zion.

Dake ran his fingers through his heavy shock of blond hair and appeared confused when arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker. He was arrested last night at his home just before he was to take his wife and 8-year-old daughter to his church to conduct services.

SPENDS NIGHT

He spent the night in jail and

his wife carried on for him at the church.

"There is no truth to this charge about my husband," Mrs. Dorothy Dake said. "The girl was leaving home as a hitch-hiker and hailed a ride from my husband. His enemies learned of this and pressed the charges.

The indictment charges that Dake picked up Emma Barelli and Dorothy Adrian in Kenosha on April 23, 1935. Dorothy left the car at a Wisconsin town and Emma continued on to East St. Louis with the pastor, the complaint charges.

Federal agents said the pair registered at hotels at Waukegan, Bloomington, and East St. Louis, as Christian Anderson and wife of Tulsa, Okla.

"Don't worry," Emma wrote her father from East St. Louis, "because I have got religion."

The girl was returned to Milwaukee and sentenced to the industrial school. She escaped and now is a fugitive.

CONSCIENCE BOTHERED

Agents quoted Dake as saying his conscience bothered him while driving to a Bible lecture at Belleville, Ill., after leaving the girl in East St. Louis. He said he took her to St. Louis, Mo., where his sister, Mrs. Daisy Smith, secured employment for her as a domestic.

Dake is a former follower of Voliva, famous for his contention that the world is flat. He broke away from Voliva's Christian Catholic Apostolic church and founded his rival Christian Assembly church.

Mrs. Dake also is a minister and assisted her husband in a Bible reading Marathon two years ago.

Agents said the Barelli girl "was under the spell of the minister" and believed he would bring her into the church. She admitted, they said, that she accompanied him voluntarily on the trip.

FLOWERS DESTROYED

Flowers growing in front of the home of Charles Kamrath, 47 Waugoo street, apparently present a strong temptation for vandals.

Plants are placed in a flower pot atop a high stump in front of the home. They bloom throughout the spring and summer.

Complaint that the flowers were destroyed a few nights ago has been made to authorities.

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