

Accuse Pastor of Zion Church in Moral Code

Federal Court Indictment Involves Miss Kenosha Girl

A 16-year old Kenosha girl, who a year ago was sentenced to the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls at Milwaukee as a delinquent today is the center of sensational disclosures involving a Zion, Ill., church minister.

The girl's name is withheld from publication under a state law, with which this newspaper is entirely in accord. Until she met the defendant in the case she attended the McKinley junior high school. She has no other police record here.

The minister is Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, pastor of the Christian Assembly church, an organization which opposes the religious teachings of Wilbur Glenn Voliva in Zion. Rev. Dake was a former member of the Voliva church but broke away from the Christian Catholic Apostolic faith to establish his own religious following.

Arrested Tuesday Night

Today Rev. Dake is under \$2,000 bonds on an indictment charging him with transporting the Kenosha girl to East St. Louis, Ill., in violation of the federal Mann act. The indictment was originally issued in Milwaukee, but the defendant was arrested in Zion by Chicago federal agents Tuesday evening. The arrest occurred a few minutes before Rev. Dake was to leave his home to conduct services in his church. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Dake, who is also a minister in his church, conducted the services in his place.

"There is no truth to the charges about my husband," she commented Tuesday night. "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."

Traced by Letter

Sergeant Beulah McNeil, Kenosha policewoman, has been on the case for more than a year. A year ago the girl's father reported that she had disappeared from her home, and asked police aid in finding her. A month later the family received a letter postmarked St. Louis, Mo., in which the daughter told her father "not to worry." She refused to say where she was staying or what she was doing, however, but the letter told of her attending evangelistic meetings in a tent, and concluded with this statement: "Don't worry, because I've got religion now."

Kenosha police notified St. Louis police and an investigation was made. Search for such a religious meeting place resulted in discovery of the girl. She was staying with Rev. Dake's sister and was employed as a domestic.

Committed to Institution

The girl was returned to Kenosha and taken into the juvenile court here. Judge R. V. Baker ordered her committed to the state industrial school for girls. About six months later she sought to escape from the school but she was caught by authorities at the institution and returned.

Two months ago she escaped again, but this time successfully. She has not been heard from since, and the indictment of the minister proceeded without any definite word on the whereabouts of the Kenosha girl.

Tuesday night in Chicago Rev. Dake pleaded before U. S. Commissioner Edwin K. Walker to be permitted to return to his church, but the request was denied and the defendant was jailed in the Cook county jail.

This morning, red-eyed from weeping, the husky 33-year old clergyman waived hearing on the federal indictment and his attorneys said they would secure bonds for him during the day. He was to be returned to Milwaukee to be arraigned in federal court there, and the trial may be scheduled for the second week of September, it was indicated this noon.

U. S. Joins Search

In the meantime the search is continuing for the Kenosha girl, with department of justice agents now joining police authorities.

Dake denied all of the allegations made against him. Department of justice agents, who made the arrest Tuesday night, quoted Dake as saying that his conscience bothered him while driving to a bible lecture at Belleville, Ill., after leaving the girl

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