

Minister Begins Jail Term; Flock Remains Loyal

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—

The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, tall, blond, and handsome pastor of the Christian Assembly church of Zion, Ill., arrived here today to begin a six months' term in the house of correction for violation of the Mann act.

Dake, 35, was convicted in federal court of traveling to Bloomington and East St. Louis, Ill., with a 16-year-old Kenosha high school girl. He pleaded guilty to the government's charges that he sometimes slipped away from his church parish to indulge in "petting parties" with a group of Kenosha young people.

But the Rev. Dake's Zion congregation was faithful to the end.

At his farewell service last night Mrs. Dake preached the sermon and he played the slide trombone.

"God save Brother Dake," chanted the congregation.

The Rev. Dake wept. Mrs. Dake wept. The congregation wept.

At the close of the service 20 persons came forward to the pulpit to announce their conversion.

"Does anyone think God has deserted me?" Dake asked.

"No. God save Brother Dake," responded the congregation.

"The preacher's parting address was a stirring attack upon the devil and those "who fail to keep faith in a minister accused."

While members of the Christian assembly church demonstrated their faith in their beloved Rev. Dake, a few blocks down the street Wilbur Glenn Voliva, head of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church which is a rival to the Dake organization told his followers:

"Justice is a peculiar creature. There are some people in the houses of correction who ought to be in the federal penitentiary."