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Jew-Baiter Winrod Stirs L.A. Tempest

Churchmen, Liberals Protest Appearance In Aimee's Temple

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13. — As Gerald B. Winrod, Kansas Hitler, goose-stepped into the city today, he was met by a hurricane of protest.

Winrod is scheduled to speak at Aimee Semple McPherson's Four Square Temple tonight and next week, and though indignation calls and protests poured in from every quarter of the city, the management of Angelus Temple has refused to cancel the engagement.

Donald Ogden Stewart, chairman of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, sent a telegram to Aimee Semple McPherson, president of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy, which has been shocked by the news that you have turned your pulpit over to the so-called Reverend Gerald B. Winrod.

WINROD'S RECORD

"We are sure that you would not have delivered your followers into such hands had you known the truth about this man.

"Therefore we submit for your information that Winrod has just been repudiated by the people of Kansas after a notorious gubernatorial campaign in which he was exposed by the Reverend J. C. Cleveland of the First Congregational Church, Dean John W. Day of the Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Lester Ellis of the Y. M. C. A. and many other prominent churchmen of all denominations, as well as by Homer Chaillaux of the National Americanism Council of the American Legion.

"Winrod is one of the most vicious propagandists for religious bigotry and racial hatred and a fanatical advocate of fascist dictatorship.

"We cannot believe that you would knowingly foist such a character upon the people of Los Angeles. We urge you to correct this matter and cleanse your name of association with this man, who is a menace to the ideals of the church and of Americanism."

Mrs. McPherson was reported ill with severe bronchitis and no one was able to reach her for a statement.

Giles Knight, vice-president and business manager of the temple, has curtly refused to make any statement on the matter and has refused to reconsider the question of permitting Winrod to take the pulpit.

SPLIT RUMORED

It was rumored that there has again been a split in the inner circles of the temple and that Winrod has been brought to the pulpit without the sanction of Mrs. McPherson.

The entire city was particularly wrought up by the announcement of Winrod's coming, because of the anti-Jewish pogroms now being carried on in Germany.

The Reverend Keith Brooks of the Glendale Presbyterian Church said he thought the Los Angeles Ministerial Union would have something to say about Winrod's advent.

"We haven't had any of this kind of anti-Semitism preached from a pulpit on the coast before," he said, "and I think there will be a great many objections."

Rheba Crawford, who was formerly co-pastor of Angelus Temple, said:

"I don't know Dr. Winrod, but if he is pro-Nazi he's anti-Jesus Christ. Of all men the Galilean was the most tolerant."

Opinion among churchmen, liberals, and labor people was that Los Angeles will not tolerate the hysterical Jew-baiting for which Winrod is infamous.