

Christensen wished to know what they should do. Pres. Clark and Bro. Petersen agreed that it would be best for them not to conduct the services, stating that there were others who could do it, mentioning a Mr. Dixon; that they did not want to persecute a dead man, but questioned what they could say about him in a funeral. Bro. Petersen has arranged to have the funeral service taken down in shorthand. He is being very careful about what is said in the news story about the death.

*[May 31, 1949]*

Bro. Petersen called about possible handling of Owen Donald LeBaron, who has three wives in Mexico; his membership is in Juarez Stake; he is active in Provo, is holding meetings there; has been in touch with Pres. Bowman about it. Pres. Clark said the jurisdiction was in Juarez, that he might keep in touch with Bowman and they could handle him there when he returns; that it would be well to get all the information they could at the meeting he will be holding.

*[June 9, 1949]*

Asked Dr. Kimball about blood transfusions and the effect on white's of negro blood, if they would be considered to have "a drop of negro blood." Dr. Kimball said that the blood disintegrates within three weeks, and he would not have any left in that time; that even our own cells change rather rapidly, within 120 days.

*[June 27, 1949]*

Pres. A. Carlos Murdock and associates in Beaver Stake called in about horse racing in Beaver. While they were there Pres. Clark called Mark E. Petersen and reached him in Bro. Bowen's office. Pres. Clark asked Bro. Petersen to see them and to get the story, stating that he thought publicity of the right sort was needed, but that it would be best to wait until Henry D. Moyle returned from Oakland, because he had already given them some advice, and they should all work together on it. Later the school teacher, Richard W. Nelson, who had sort of spearheaded the opposition to the racing and the betting, came in. He had been threatened by a mob and forced to leave town. While the conversation with Bro. Petersen was going on, President Smith came into the room and Pres. Clark explained the situation to him.

Pres. Clark said to Pres. Smith that he had suggested to the brethren that behind this matter is the Masons and the Catholic Church, that he intimated they should investigate the facts and hold off until Bro. Moyle gets here; the Catholic Church has 18 members in Milford, they have built a recreation hall that is drawing in our young people, and the proceeds of this pari-mutual operation is turned over to the youth movement and the youth movement is headed by the Catholic priest; that while he felt they should do something, all they can, he felt they should move rather cautiously and all move in the same direction; that one of the things they ought to do is reach the Governor, and see that he stands up.

Pres. Smith said that the position of the Church has always been against horse racing on Sunday, and Pres. Clark said on any other day, too, where there is betting; ... that the trouble is that the local officers won't move. Pres. Smith said that so far as he was concerned, he thought it was necessary to write letters to all the stake presidents all through the State so they will know what the Church is up against and get busy and show these people we are not asleep. Pres. Clark said he would sent the brethren to see Mark Petersen, cautioning him to be very careful so that they will get the thing right. Bro. Petersen said they would probably not spring anything today, but wait until Bro. Moyle gets home. He also said he would get a notarized statement from Mr. Nelson (this at Pres. Clark's suggestion) and a stenographic record from the others. Pres. Clark suggested it might be a

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