

# CURB ON CHILD AID BACKED IN JERSEY

## Welfare Board in Monmouth Favors Plan to Prosecute Parents of Illegitimates

### DEMONSTRATOR IS FINED

## Court Imposes \$100 Penalty for a Public Display of Birth-Control Devices

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— A plan to give the names of unwed parents seeking welfare benefits for their illegitimate children to the Monmouth County Prosecutor for criminal action was unanimously approved by the county's Welfare Board today.

Marcus Daly, the county welfare director and the author of the plan, said the board held a meeting here this morning and adopted a motion of his that directed its staff to implement methods under which the county could prosecute unwed welfare recipients.

A few hours later, in the Municipal Court chamber above the borough firehouse, Magistrate Alexander Levchuck fined William Baird of Valley Stream, L. I., \$100 for displaying birth-control devices here last Saturday. Mr. Baird is an outspoken advocate of birth control.

### Arrested After Protest

Mr. Baird was arrested after leading a demonstration outside the County Hall of Records against Mr. Daly's proposal to prosecute unwed mothers on relief.

As for Mr. Daly, when he was asked today after the board meeting to explain why he ran ahead of United States Senator Clifford P. Case in the County Republican primary yesterday, he replied with a smile:

"I must be doing something right."

Under Mr. Daly's controversial proposal, which has been attacked by social agencies, civil rights groups and church organizations since it was made public earlier this month, the Welfare Board will turn the names of unwed welfare recipients over to Vincent P. Keuper, the County Prosecutor.

For his part, Mr. Keuper said today that he would have no choice but to investigate each charge and submit the evidence to the grand jury.

### Fines and Jail Possible

Violators would be charged either with fornication or adultery. Adultery is punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and up to three years' imprisonment. Fornication carries a \$50 fine and up to a six-month sentence. (Fornication is not unlawful in New York State.)

Asked how the board could furnish proof of fornication or adultery to the prosecutor, Mr. Daly, a 57-year-old insurance investment broker in Manhattan, said:

"I'm a Catholic, but I don't think there are any more virgin births. The evidence is there for anyone to see."

Mr. Daly said opponents had called his proposal "bestial, medieval and a police-state act," but he shrugged off the charges. He pointed out that he had led the Republican ticket despite the fact that the proposal was a campaign issue.

### Defendant Reprimanded

Mr. Daly said that aid to dependent children was costing the county about \$1.5-million annually. Federal officials have warned the county that Mr. Daly's proposal could deprive it of Federal funds that match state funds for the children. The Federal-state grants make up about 72 per cent of the child-aid funds in the county.

At this afternoon's trial Magistrate Lavchuck strongly chided Mr. Baird for attempting "to use this court as a dancing partner in a drama you have concocted." He said the defendant's action "bordered on contempt of court in seeking publicity rather than adjudication."

Magistrate Levchuck stayed the imposition of the fine, pending an appeal, so as not to be forced into remanding Mr. Baird to jail.

It is unlawful in New Jersey to disseminate birth-control information and devices in public. Asked to explain why Monmouth's druggists were not prosecuted for this, Mr. Keuper said: "There are a lot of violations in this county that escape the police."

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