

ATTORNEY GENERAL DECLARES: ALL CHURCH ASSETS AND RECORDS ARE PUBLIC PROPERTY

THIS STARTLING proclamation of the State of California was recently made in court by Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper.

The declaration was made in order to induce a judge to appoint a receiver to enforce the State's claim of ownership to all of the Worldwide Church of God's churches, administration buildings, and contributions.

This intention of the State to

court." That the church's funds are "public money." And that the church is a trust, and the people of the State of California "are the beneficiaries."

These statements punctuated the attempt in court by the California Attorney General's office to seize control of the Worldwide Church of God. Historically, this incident marks the most blatant attack on individual and collective religious constitutional rights since the institution of the Bill of Rights.

In effect, the State claims that the tithes and offerings sent to the Church from all over the world by some 100,000

The action was blatantly illegal; for at the meeting when the judge agreed to sign the receivership order, the case against the church and its officials had not even been filed.

Even after the filing of the so-called "charges," due process of law was denied the Church, as the plaintiffs sought and were granted moves to place the Church in receivership without a representative of the Church present at the proceedings; the takeover of Church property was enacted without even the four-hour notice to be given in cases of severe emergency.

It was not until the federal Court heard their plea for civi that the American Black had the tunity to become free and equal white brothers.

As the Supreme Court was in establishing the civil rights American Black provided in the tution, so, no doubt, will the courts of this land be required serve the freedom of religion freedom of speech provided in Amendment.

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