

# U.C.L.A. Ouster Suit Ignored by Russell

Bertrand Russell, liberal British philosopher, refused comment today on a suit seeking his dismissal from the University of California at Los Angeles faculty on charges he professes immorality.

Russell, who recently was denied a seat on the City College of New York faculty by a State Supreme Court ruling, conducted his lectures as usual today, outwardly oblivious of the removal action brought by I. R. Wall, former Fresno minister.

He said he did not care to comment on Wall's petition, filed in the District Court of Appeal, because he had not been given an opportunity to read the complaint and was not made a party to the action.

The writ is directed against the board of regents of the University of California, Governor Culbert L. Olson, Ellis E. Patterson, lieutenant governor; Paul Peek, secretary of state, and Robert Gordon Sproul, head of the University of California.

The petition charges that Dr. Russell "publishes in books written by him opinions and beliefs against the custom, usage and laws of California and of the United States." It charges that such doctrines are subversive and that the board of regents should immediately abrogate his contract and withhold further payments of his salary.

Wall's petition, in effect, asks that the court decree that the contract of employment entered into with Dr. Russell "was and is immoral, in its performance, unlawful, and that the opinion, beliefs and doctrines of Bertrand Russell are salacious, immoral, in violation of the law, un-American and unconstitutional."

The petitioner, Wall, set forth that he is the father of two children, a boy, one year old, and a girl, six, and that his interests and rights are jeopardized and that the issues involved affect the rights of himself and his family.

It is cited in the petition that Dr. Russell teaches pre-marriage sex experience among the youth, which the petitioner claims is subversive. The complaint further cites that Dr. Russell condemns clergymen as moral teachers because they condemn sexual relations between unmarried people who are fond of each other but are not sure they want to live together.

It further contends that Russell teaches and widely publishes the doctrine that criminal laws which punish sex relations which do not lead to children are purely superstitious and that society suffers from the theological conception of sin and punishment therefor.

Reverend Wall alleged that Russell also advocates that university life would be better intellectually and morally if most university students had temporary childless marriages, and he believes companionate marriage to be a step in the right direction but does not go far enough.

**OLSON DECLINES TO COMMENT ON SUIT TO OUST DR. RUSSELL**

ernor Culbert Olson said he believed Dr. Bertrand Russell is a "wonderfully able man," but said he had no comment on a suit filed in Los Angeles seeking to force the British philosopher's ouster as a lecturer at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Olson was named in the suit as a member of the board of regents of the university.

The governor said he had not followed very closely the discussion of Russell's views on marital relations, growing out of court action in New York which blocked his employment at City College there.

# *Exam. 5/1/40* **Russell Ouster at U.C.L.A. Asked**

Expulsion of Bertrand Russell, recently attacked in New York courts for his views on morality, expressed in his books, from the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles was sought here yesterday.

A petition demanding the university's board of regents pro-

upon recommendation of your supreme commanders. The highest reward for all of you, however, is the knowledge of your contribution in the hardest struggle of our people, which is fighting for its very existence."

hibit his further teaching on the campus and also stop salary payments to him has been filed with the District Court of Appeal. I. R. Wall, who described himself as a minister from Fresno.

## **ASSAILS OPINIONS**

The petition names as respondents not only the university regents but also Governor Olson, Lieutenant Governor Patterson and Secretary of State Paul Peek.

Wall, reciting in detail the beliefs expressed by Russell in his books, regarding sex and morality, declared Russell's opinions are "subversive, dangerous and

a menace to the system of government maintained in the United States, and tend to excite acts of violence against the Constitution."

## **BASES CONTENTION**

The petitioner based his contention on what he said were quotations from Russell's writings, and included the declaration "both Marxian Socialism and syndicalism, in spite of many drawbacks, seem to me calculated to give rise to a happier and better world than that in which we live."

Wall said he filed his petition with the Appellate Court rather than to attempt action in the superior courts he believed it possible some Superior Court judges might be prejudiced in deciding on his plea. He also said his petition is not meant to serve as a reflection against state officials or members of the board of regents of the university, but only against Russell.