

Ex-Nazi Broadcaster Quits College Position

BROOKVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — A Long Island college professor who once renounced his citizenship to become a Nazi broadcaster resigned his faculty post today.

Dr. Edward V. Sittler, the professor, said he took the action to relieve C. W. Post College of Long Island University of embarrassment incident to recent publicity concerning his background.

The resignation was accepted. The college had announced its intention to retain Sittler after faculty members Tuesday for their reaction to the college's having hired him last September.

The faculty by a 26 to 3 vote, with 18 abstentions, adopted a resolution endorsing the college administration's "right of decision in the choice of members of the faculty"—but first deleted from it a specific reference to Sittler by name.

The faculty then adopted a second resolution expressing confidence in the action taken by the administration.

An administration spokesman said the first resolution applied to hiring generally and that the second applied to the hiring of Sittler specifically.

Sittler, 43, who teaches English and German, renounced his citizenship in 1939. He became a Nazi party member and broadcast on the German radio during World War II.

The faculty voted after questioning Sittler in a meeting. Although the session was closed to outsiders, a reporter for the Long Island Press, Bob Patterson, slipped in unnoticed posing as a faculty member.

Sittler, who has been fighting for 13 years to stay in this country, to regain his citizenship and to hold a university job, spoke in his own defense.

Under close questioning by his fellow teachers he denied that he ever swore allegiance to Hitler, that he was aware of Germany's concentration camps or that he had acted traitorously.

Asked about a recent story in the New York Post attributing anti-Semitic statements to him, he claimed he was misquoted.

The teachers said they would not endorse Sittler because hiring was not their responsibility and the administration had not consulted them beforehand.

Adm. Richard L. Connolly (Ret.), president of the college, repeated his confidence in Sittler but said that he would order an

investigation to learn if Sittler has "completely given up his Nazi beliefs."

At the faculty meeting and at other sessions with students and newsmen, Connolly said he believed Sittler had rededicated himself completely to American democratic principles.

Sittler also pleaded his case before students and newsmen. A meeting of about 1,000 students applauded him but took no stand in the controversy. Some students from his classes signed a petition backing him.

Sittler's position on the faculty has brought protests from at least six Long Island veteran's groups who have demanded a federal investigation.

A state assemblyman has demanded the state halt support of the school pending Sittler's suspension and investigation of his background.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-NY) has asked the government for a full report on Sittler's re-admission to the United States from Cuba in 1954.

Sittler, a native of Delaware, Ohio, was brought back to the United States in 1947 to testify in the treason trial of two Americans who had worked with him in Nazi broadcasting. Unlike Sittler, they had not renounced their citizenship.

Since he was not an American citizen, no charges were brought against Sittler but he was deported to Cuba in 1954 after a long and bitter fight. He soon returned under a British quota through his wife, who has dual British and German citizenship.

Sittler has since petitioned to regain his citizenship.

He was dismissed from the faculties of Northwestern University and the Michigan Institute of Mining and Technology after his background became known. Before coming here he worked at four other small colleges.

Sittler lives with his German-born wife in Manhattan. Seven of their eight children are in Germany with friends.

Asked about this he replied: "I brought my family here because I wanted them to be Americans. I learned the American way of life. But I have never earned over \$3,000 a year in this country. I can't afford to keep my family here."

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Reduction In Income Tax Deemed Unlikely In 1960

WASHINGTON (AP) — Income tax reduction is unlikely in 1960. The steady increase in federal spending, government need for every tax dollar, the monumental complexity of the tax laws, and deeply rooted congressional differences add up to a tax status quo for another year.

SENTENCE RAPIST

NEW YORK (UPI) — Thomas Devine, 30, a Negro convicted of raping a white Belgian war bride, was sentenced Wednesday to 60 to 100 years in prison. Queens County Judge Edward Thompson described Devine as "a wild animal." Thompson sentenced James Jones, 20, also convicted of the December, 1958, rape, to 25 to 50 years.

This became clear today as the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee neared the end of five weeks of hearings on future comprehensive revision of the tax laws.

When the sessions end Friday, the committee will have about 5,000 closely printed pages of often conflicting tax views by economists, businessmen and committee members.

Election year pressures for popular tax cuts undoubtedly will be as great as ever, but key committee members have ruled out any substantial revision of the tax laws next year.

They feel the groundwork has been laid for future overhauling of the law to permit a general reduction of tax rates without sacrificing revenues.

Chairman Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark) says such an over-all rate reduction could be achieved by broadening the taxable income base — amounts and types of income subject to tax — and elimination of many tax preferences, deductions and loopholes.

For the immediate future, prospects of major tax cutting are influenced by a number of factors.

1. A probable record peacetime budget of 30 billion dollars, which would not permit reduction of revenues without increasing the national debt.

2. A belief that piecemeal tax-cutting would only complicate the patchwork tax law, creating new

loopholes or widening inequities between different classes of taxpayers.

3. A need felt by congressional tax experts for a more favorable tax climate — lower rates and more uniform application of taxes — if the national economy is to expand.

RIGHT ON TIME

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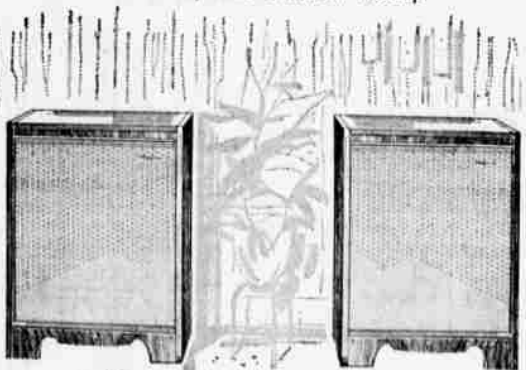
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