

CHURCH DEAL IS BADLY TANGLED

Differences in West End Jewish Congregation Over Details of Purchase of Property.

L. Karon, S. Karon, J. Karon, L. Fieldman, M. Cohen and the Bnai Israel congregation are the principals in a comedy of errors that is being enacted in the West End and which threatens to be carried to the courts. Their differences have already been aired before the council and last Monday evening City Attorney Wilson gave a decision on the case.

Three years ago several West End Jews met for the purpose of forming a congregation. They had no charter and so could do nothing towards purchasing a lot except through private individuals. L. Karon at that time loaned them \$300, which, together with \$125 already on hand and \$75 which he donated went as first payment on a lot between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues west on Superior and Michigan streets. Two mortgages for \$1,000 each were given on the property, which was in L. Karon's name. When the mortgages came due there was no money to pay them and one half of the lot was sold for \$2,000.

When the Wisconsin Central was selling houses from its right-of-way, S. Karon bought two, one small and one large house. He agreed to give the smaller one to the congregation and was granted permission from the council to move it onto the church property, provided he would veneer it and fix it to comply with the fire ordinance. He entered into an agreement with J. Karon, M. Cohen and L. Fieldman, trustees of the church, that he would give them the house if they would repair it to comply with the ordinance.

This they have not done and the council passed a resolution calling upon L. Karon to carry out his agreement with the city, and he says that unless the trustees of the church do the veneering he will bring suit against them. S. Karon still owns the house and can move it off the property. He wishes the church to have it but does not care to go to the expense of fixing it.

L. Fieldman in telling his story to the city attorney made it appear that L. Karon was the man who bought the house at the instigation of the congregation. This S. Karon denies, and says that he was the purchaser and only donated the house after the congregation had asked for it. L. Karon is the man who purchased the lot. The deal is so badly mixed it will require several attorneys to untangle it. It is said, however, that the parties concerned have agreed to fix up their difficulties.