
C. and Another v. Commissioner of Child Welfare, Wynberg.

77 H

“I consent to the adoption of my child by the said persons. I am prepared to sign the necessary consent and/or forms in this connection before the respondent.”

79 G

"I was baptized and confirmed in the Dutch Reformed Church. My home language is Afrikaans. If I could choose I would prefer him to grow up in a house of my own religion and language background."

79 H-80 A

- q. Do you know what the religion of these persons is—did someone perhaps tell you?
- a. Well the—yes they are all Jews—all of those who assisted me are Jews.
- q. Do you have any wish, and if you could choose, with persons of what religion would you prefer to place your child?
- a. If I must now choose, under these circumstances, I would choose Jews.
- q. And under different circumstances, if Roman Catholic persons assisted you like these Jews did?
- a. Then I would naturally, under the circumstances have chosen Roman Catholics.
- q. Do you have any idea of what the account will be for the confinement?
- a. I will have to estimate—it will be nearly, no, more than R100.
- q. If you had to pay the account, would you see your way clear to pay it?
- a. If I had to—I would be forced to pay it monthly.
- q. If this confinement was, e.g., arranged by some organisation, and you did not have to pay a cent for that, what would your choice have been in so far as the religion and language of the adoptive parents are concerned?
- a. Well then preferably Afrikaans—D.R. Church people—my own background."

81 A

"In view of the provisions of sec. 71 (b) of the Children's Act, 1960, I cannot recommend this application."

81 C

"I am in difficulty with this adoption because we actually never approve adoptions by applicants *who are of a different religion* than that of the child concerned."