

I am less familiar, frankly, with the national council and how it operates in the representative capacity. And as you indicated, 110 were speaking and this was less than the total membership of the 255 which does not mean the others would not have felt the same way, but we are talking about 110 people speaking about this although they have some representative authority.

Reverend IGARASHI. Several major denominations listed in Dr. Neigh's testimony discussed this issue in their resolutions committee or other appropriate bodies within their denominations. The fact they have produced supporting statements I believe reflects rather substantial concern.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I say again I am not quarreling with the statement. I am just fully aware in the Presbyterian Church of the wrestling going on in the last 2 years as we deal with the question of the new confession for our church and there is an attempt really to get down in the individual congregation and I know firsthand even there this is not really happening as deeply as some of us would like to see it done.

I am not familiar with the representative nature in which the other two witnesses speak.

Monsignor, can you tell me, I recognize you are in the office of the National Bishops Committee, and can you just in simplest sense tell me how deeply, how broadly based the capacity is in which you appear before us?

Msgr. QUINN. I represent a group of nine bishops and we are on the Bishops Committee for the Spanish-speaking people.

My statement rather is an interpretation of the common teaching of the church rather than a sort of consensus on the part of all Roman Catholics in the United States. I don't go as far back as Moses but this is the common teaching as interpreted for this specific area here in the United States.

Mr. DELLENBACK. There are theologians who say you do go back as far as Moses.

Msgr. QUINN. What I mean is—well, I lose on that one every time.

This is rather a restatement of the common teaching of the church as evidenced from the quotations I have in there where there is a great deal of strife in the United States now, the church being called upon to reiterate things which perhaps have dropped into the background and these statements represent that kind of thing particularly in Texas and California.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Please understand I am not quarreling with what is said but I am just seeking here. You are not speaking for the constituent members of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States in any wise but speaking in behalf of these nine individuals who are seeking to say what the teaching of the church is in this regard?

Msgr. QUINN. That is right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Rabbi Hirsch.

Rabbi HIRSCH. We have a rather complicated structure. I represent the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, which represents the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is the overall national body of Reform Jewish Congregations in the country.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Can you tell me how many persons that embraces approximately?