UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON - DISCRIMINATION

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Dormitory Action Dismsisal Asked

WIS-U-DISCRIMINATION

Madison, Wis. – (AP) – Dismisal of the $25,000 damage suit filed in United States district court here by Mildren Gordon, Chicago, University of Wisconsin junior, in which she alleged she was discriminated against in obtaining a room because she was Jewish, was asked in the answer Tuesday.

Attorneys for the Mendota Building Co., owner of Langdon Hall, through its representative, R. D. Malone, maintain the alleged damages do not exceed $3,000, and therefore do not come under jurisdiction of the court. JAN 28 1930

Miss Gordon, through her guardian, M. L. Gordon, charged in her complaint that the company failed to provide living quarters in Langdon Hall after her application had been filed. Longdon Hall is a privately operated dormitory for girls.

Ban Racial Tests, Mrs. Berger Asks

WISC-UNIV-DISCRIMINATION

Madison, Wis.—(AP)—The question of racial discrimination at the University of Wisconsin was brought before the board of regents Wednesday in a resolution by Mrs. Meta Berger, Milwaukee, which asked the board to disapprove of any rooming house for students that discriminates against race, creed or nationality.

On the suggestion of Harry L. Butler, Madison, that the board should investigate any legal entanglements which might arise should a rooming house be sued, the regents referred the resolution to an executive committee. A report is to be made in March. JAN 15 1930

The resolution came as an aftermath to the recent controversy over alleged discrimination by owners of Langdon Hall, inhabited by university women students. Mrs. Berger suggested that the regents should take a stand after recent publicity regarding the exclusion of Jewish students from the dormitory.

Miss Mildred Gorden, Chicago, brought suit against the owners of Langdon Hall for $10,000. In her complaint she said she had told the owners she was Jewish and that after engaging the room was told the hall could not accommodate her.



WIS-U-DISCRIMINATION

Co-ed Asks $10,000

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Jews Barred, Suit Charges

Jews - University

Chicago Girl Demands $10,000 From U. W. Dormitory

Wis - Univ - Jews

A suit to collect $10,000 from officers of Langdon Hall, a women's dormitory at the University of Wisconsin, for alleged discrimination against Jewish girls was begun Thursday in federal court at Madison by Mildred L. Gordon, 20, of Chicago, a junior at the university.

Summons were served on R. D. Malone, Madison, secretary-treasurer of the Mendota Building Co., which operates Langdon Hall, by Atty. M. M. Wittenberg, counsel for Miss Gordon. She is the daughter of M. L. Gordon, 7424 N. Paulina St., Chicago, a district manager of an insurance and guaranty company.

Miss Gordon, who says her room reservation at Langdon Hall was accepted last Aug. 21 with her application fee of $25, was refused admittance to the dormitory when she arrived with her trunks and baggage to enter the university Sept. 19, she alleges. Wis-U-discrimination

No Notice, She Says

Owners of Langdon Hall, recently completed at Lake and Langdon sts., told her Sept. 19, she alleges, that they could not accommodate her because the dormitory was filled, even though her application had been accepted and she had received no notice excluding her.

The application blank which Miss Gordon filed asked her church affiliations. She wrote that she was Jewish Several other Jewish students who applied for admittance to Langdon Hall were rejected, according to Atty. Wittenberg. He cited the case of an Antigo girl, a member of a prominent family there.

Charges Jews Barred

Miss Gordon charges that the owners of the building have adopted an iron bound policy to deny Jewish women at the university the right to live at Langdon Hall. Literature sent out by the owners, she said, indicate no rules discriminating against any race or religion. Refusal of the owners to allow Miss Gordon to live at Langdon Hall, she says, has humiliated and embarrassed her and caused her mental anguish.

Miss Gordon now is living at 625 N. Frances st., Madison.

Other officers of Langdon Hall are F. G. Oetking, president, and W. L. Bluteau, vice president. They have 20 days in which to file an answer to the complaint.

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