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UTAH POLYGAMY TRIALS

Federal, state authorities arrest 50 men and women

On March 7 in Salt Lake City, in another attempt to stamp out the remnants of polygamy in Utah, federal and state authorities arrested 50 men and women. Some of them were charged by the federal government with violation of the Mann Act. Others were charged by the state with conspiring to "advocate, promote, teach, encourage and advise polygamous marriages."

Among those so charged under Utah law were the man in the family group at right and four of the women with him. Dr. Rulon C. Allred is a naturopathic physician, whose father once served as speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives. He is accused of illegal cohabitation and with having as polygamous wives the following adults: Mabel Finlayson (*top left*), Leona Jeffs (*top second left*), Myrtle Allred (*right of Dr. Allred*) and Mary Mills (*center on couch*). According to Dr. Allred the other women in the picture are his gray-haired mother and sisters or sisters-in-law. All the youngsters in the picture are the grandchildren of Dr. Allred's mother, and most of them call Dr. Allred "Daddy." Before he died, Dr. Allred's father had three wives and 21 children. His mother's father had five wives, 32 children.





With Myrtle Allred, also charged with polygamy, Dr. Allred goes over accounts in his office. Most of these people belong to a religious sect, the "Fundamentalists," who advocate polygamy. The state's charge against Dr. Allred lists a total of six women as his polygamous wives.



Dr. Rulon C. Allred stands outside his three-storied house on a 20-acre farm near Salt Lake City. Here live all the people in the picture at the right except Dr. Allred's sister Beth who stands to left of Dr. Allred's mother. Beth and her two children live there only part of the time.