

Caux statement

Minister of N.G.K. gives explanation

PRETORIA, Thursday. — The Pretoria East Ring of the Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk has accepted an explanation by Dr. F. E. O. B. Geldenhuys, parson of the Pretoria East congregation, of his statement at the World Moral Rearmament conference in Caux, Switzerland, it was announced in a statement by the Ring today.

The Ring says it has listened with appreciation of Dr. Geldenhuys's explanation and wishes to record its finding as follows:

(1) The Ring accepts Dr. Geldenhuys's personal good faith and good intention in his action in Caux.

(2) The Ring appreciates his inner profession and sincere faith and love for the Church and Jesus Christ.

(3) The Ring regrets, on the other hand, the fact that Dr. Geldenhuys as a responsible leader of the Church has by his address at the conference "brought our church and our people into dispute and that he has caused unrest in the minds of many of our members."

In the statement which the Ring has accepted, Dr. Geldenhuys says he was concerned on his return from overseas to learn of the unrest and confusion which had been caused by the reports of what he was supposed to have said in Switzerland.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS

Dr. Geldenhuys says he is prepared to assume full responsibility for what he had said and meant. The misunderstandings had arisen from the fact that the report which was drafted and released for publication by the Moral Rearmament movement did not contain the full text of his address.

It did not contain the purely religious doctrine of redemption through faith in Jesus Christ, with mention of certain texts.

Dr. Geldenhuys says he has now asked the movement to release the full text of his address.

In the meantime he apologised that his church has come into dispute. Dr. Geldenhuys says before he went to Switzerland he stated very clearly that he was going purely in his personal capacity.—Sapa.