

Limits Red Tattling by Teachers

Asst. Corp. Counsel Sam Moskoff in charge of the Board of Education's investigation of subversion. **AP Wire Photo**

The board Thursday adopted a resolution "authorizing" Superintendent of Schools James to "direct" teachers to inform on others with Red links.

Moskoff said: "The intent of this resolution is not to require any and all teachers to provide information as to the identity of Communist Party teachers in our system."

"It is limited by its content to those teachers whose membership is proven or who have admitted membership and content that they severed their relationship with the Communist Party."

"It is not true, as has been stated in the public press," that

teachers who have claimed severance will be required to state their beliefs and suspicions with respect to membership in the Communist Party of other teachers.

"The Board of Education is not interested in the beliefs or suspicions of any teacher, but is interested in facts which clearly establish payment of dues and attendance at closed Communist Party meetings."

Eighteen teachers who have admitted they once belonged to the Communist Party will be recalled for questioning this week. They refused earlier to name other teachers who had been members with them.

The board's resolution does not compel James to crack down on suspected Communists or ex-Communists in the school system. It gives him "authority" to "direct" the 18 teachers to an-

swer questions about other teachers who once belonged to the party.

The New York Civil Liberties

Union has condemned the board's resolution as following the totalitarian philosophy of "equating loyalty with informing."

