

DIES -- CHRISTIAN FRONT

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"Members of the House liberal bloc have been trying for a long time to get the Dies Committee to investigate the activities of Father Coughlin. But on one pretext or another, the committee has always been able to sidestep the demand.

"Not so fortunate, however, was Congressman Joe Starnes of Alabama, member of the committee, when he encountered Representative Mike Bradley, Philadelphia's scrappy New Dealer. Pinning Starnes with a determined finger in the mid-section, Bradley blasted the radio priest's propaganda operations and declared it was a 'crying shame' the committee didn't have the courage to investigate him.

"'But Mike,' protested Starnes, 'we haven't any evidence against him.'

"'Evidence,' snorted Bradley, 'evidence! Since when does the Dies committee need evidence to investigate?'"