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CHRISTIAN FRONT CARRIES FIGHT INTO MORE STATES (Story on page 3)

Edward Lodge Curran Replies to Roosevelt on Sunday Broadcast

Dr. Edward Lodge Curran of Brooklyn, New York, president of the International Catholic Truth Society, took Father Coughlin's radio hour on Sunday, July 23, to reply to the abusive attack on the Radio Pastor by Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President of the United States.

Dr. Curran's tribute to Father Coughlin, was somewhat of a shock to those who have been endeavoring to turn priest against priest.

In his own eloquent and inimitable manner, the distinguished president of the International Catholic Truth Society upheld the soundness of free speech--not license of speech.

Had it not been for Father Coughlin and free speech America long since would have been a member of the World Court.

Had it not been for the Royal Oak pastor America would have invited sanctions against Italy, thereby becoming embroiled in war months ago.

Had it not been for the microphone in the "wilderness of Michigan" the embargo would have been lifted against Red Spain, with the result that Christianity's Cross would have bowed before the hammer and sickle of Karl Marx.

And had it not been for the energetic onslaught made by Father Coughlin against the New Deal "Neutrality Act" the world would now have been at war AND America would have lost its last vestige of liberty.

These things were indicated by Father Curran.

And what has Elliott Roosevelt contributed to America?

He has participated in aiding and abetting the Communists of Moscow for pecuniary gain.

He has not been a fine example in domestic life for the youth of America.

Were it not for the prestige of his parents he would be one of the unknowns of history.

Free speech, employed by his father and his father's friends in 1932, gave Elliott Roosevelt his chance to rise from the rut of the ordinary to the peaks of the powerful.

And, now that it has served his purpose, he says that this free speech should be ash-canned and destroyed lest Father Coughlin--who seeks no personal or political gain--should continue to unveil the real motives which lie hidden behind the clownish gowns of the masqueraders.

And Father Coughlin, is "Anti-Semitic," so this stripling of the nation's first family asserts.

Has Elliott Roosevelt ever read the 28th Chapter of the BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY? If not, may some kind-hearted Gidwon send him a copy. After having read it, let him call Moses an anti-Semite; for the great Jewish leader merely pleaded with the tribes of Israel and Judah to follow him out of the land of bondage into the promised land of God.

Father Coughlin, a lesser luminary in the world of prophets, has only called upon the Jewish people to stand up bravely against the golden calf and its proponents and battle for righteousness, for Americanism and for the principles of Christianity.

For that, is the pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower to be labeled an anti-Semite when, as a matter of fact, the entire world knows that he is an anti-Communist and a pro-Christian!

Elliott Roosevelt weaked upon dangerous ground. If he persists in telling the American people that every anti-Communist is an anti-Semite, he will prove himself to be the worst enemy the Jews ever had in these United States!

Dr. Curran's inspirational talk will be responsible for leading many righteous Jews into the camp of the Coughlinites. For they know, all too well, how dangerous it is, as the result of the Roosevelt logic, to remain in the camp of the anti-Coughlinites.

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UNITS OF MILITANT CHRISTIAN FRONT ARE BEING FORMED IN MIDDLEWEST

Hosts Battle Communism in New York

National Movement Growing From Patriotic Action of 36 Christian Men in Brooklyn

NEW YORK -- Out of hectic events in New York and along the Eastern Seaboard during the last six months there is emerging a highly organized and rapidly growing militant Christian Front.

This inevitable counteraction to Communism, so forcefully manifested in European countries, is taking concrete form in the Eastern states and is marching forward to a predicted membership of 5 millions in 1940.

Organized along militant lines, as a defense mechanism against Red activities and as a protector of Christianity and Americanism, the Christian Front is spreading from Greater New York into Philadelphia, Boston and other Eastern centers.

Invasion of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Chicago and other key cities of the Middle West will begin in August.

Movement Sprang From Stalwart 36

From a modest start of only 36 men banded together in Brooklyn last year, for the purpose of actively combating Communism on the streets of New York, the organization has penetrated all boroughs of the metropolis. Under the leadership of Mr. John F. Cassidy, of Brooklyn, there are now five central units operating in the metropolitan district.

These are the Bushwick unit, headed by Peter Correale; the Luigi Rizza unit of South Brooklyn led by Alfonso Mercorella; the Bronx central unit headed by Albert Gunnison and the central Queens unit under the leadership of Al Kurtz. Mr. Cassidy himself heads the Brooklyn central unit.

Sports and athletic prowess are two of the main objectives of the Christian Front. Each unit embodies an athletic division, headed by a competent director whose task it is to bring about the proper ratio of "strong minds in strong bodies."

Women to Form Auxiliary Units

Women are not admitted to membership in the Christian Front, but New York feminist leaders are reported to be launching a "sister" organization recruited from the ranks of Christian nurses, teachers, professional and business women and housewives.

The first unit of the Christian Front in Philadelphia was established last week, with an initial membership of several hundred. Branch units are to be founded in West Philadelphia, Mount Airy, Germantown, the Chesters and Camden, New Jersey.

The first great public demonstration of the Christian Front is scheduled for an undetermined date in September when a huge mass meeting will be held in

New York. Similar meetings are now being projected for Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago. Following these mass meetings plans will be perfected for driving the national membership of the organization to 5-million before the summer and fall of 1940.