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Radio Talks By Fascist Priest Hit

Rabbi Wise 12/8/36
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Peril to America

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NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The fascist radio priest, Father Coughlin, was called America's leading anti-Semite following his third Sunday talk against the Jews.

Two leading American rabbis and the head of the Buffalo Bible Institute charged Coughlin with deceiving his radio audience.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise told an audience in Carnegie Hall Sunday that Coughlinism is "a national menace and the deadliest form of anti-Semitism in America today."

Coughlin's hands were not clean, said the rabbi, when the radio priest held the Jews responsible for all the ills of men and nations." The rabbi added:

UNKNOWN GROUP

"Father Coughlin does not represent the Catholic Church, nor his bishop, nor his diocese, but some unknown group, some organization outside his church.

"What is this Coughlinism that sets itself up as a universal censor and, with characteristic recklessness and vulgarity, attacks not only the Jews, but even the President of the Un-

ited States?

"Who invested this Coughlinism with a supreme power to pass upon all non-religious questions of social, political and economic import?"

Dr. Harold P. Morgan, president of the Buffalo, N. Y., Bible Institute, referred yesterday to the quotation by Coughlin from a British "White Paper," as a misuse of the document.

The document was withdrawn from circulation, said Dr. Morgan, after the British government found that it contained statements that could not be supported by facts.

FALSE PAPER

The sections of the "White Paper," quoted by Coughlin, were written in 1918 by the minister to Petrograd from Holland, and were not accepted as true by the British government. Nevertheless the radio priest used the document as though there were no questions of its accuracy.

In Atlantic City, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland told a meeting at the Jewish Community Center that Coughlin "ought to take his cue from his great Pope, who is opposed to Nazism and racism."

Instead, said the rabbi, Coughlin was taking his cues "from Hitler and Nazi propaganda."

Coughlin's purpose is to put the Jews in a bad light even if it is necessary for him to use half-truths and misrepresentations, declared the Cleveland rabbi.

The efforts of the Catholic Church to help the Jews by prayers of intercession for the victims of Nazi brutality, were injured by Coughlin's anti-Semitism, Rabbi Brickner said.