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Coughlin's Link to 'Christian Front'

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Social Justice

CHRISTIAN FRONT CARRIES FIGHT INTO MORE STATES

Units of Militant Christian Front Are Being Formed in Middlewest

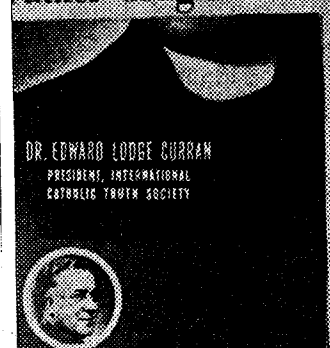


DR. EDWARD LODGE CURRAN, president of the International Catholic Trade Union Society, is seen here in a recent broadcast. He is the author of the book "The Christian Front in America."

Hosts Battle Communism in New York

National Movement Growing From Patriotic Action of the Christian Front in New York

100 in Two Packed Halls Hear Father Coughlin in Philadelphia



Cheer Voice Suppressed by Radio Censor

Message to Labor Gets
Rousing Reception

REPRODUCTIONS OF HEADLINES AND STORIES IN COUGHLIN'S OWN PAPER SHOW HIS CLOSE TIE WITH "CHRISTIAN FRONT"—Contrary to Coughlin's statement, "Social Justice" shows Radio Priest lauded John F. Cassidy, chief of terrorist band arrested here Sunday. Notice how picture of Father Curran, editor of red-baiting "Brooklyn Tablet," is prominently displayed. Following are quotations from paper ringed above:

"Father Coughlin praised the heroism and zeal of the Christian Front in those areas where its work has already borne fruit, and urged Philadelphians to emulate their Christianity and Americanism.

"Sketching the formation and growth of the Christian Front, Mr. John Cassidy, of New York, head of the organization, pointed out that units of the organization are now in formation in several cities of the eastern seaboard. (July 24, 1939).

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"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.

"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." (July 31, 1939).

Coughlin Praised 'Front' Terrorists in His Magazine, Radio

Leaders Were Frequently Publicly Lauded By
Radio Priest; Terrorist Gang Got His
Official Approval in Editorial

Charles Coughlin's hasty efforts to clear himself of complicity in the affairs of the anti-Semitic and rabidly anti-Communist "Christian Front" are completely and thoroughly belied by the innumerable speeches and writings of the radio priest in which he had nothing but the most extravagant praise for the leaders of that terrorist organization and their principles.

John F. Cassidy, now under arrest with 17 other "Christian Fronters" who drilled with guns and who plotted a series of bombings, was frequently lauded in public by Coughlin and always spoke of himself as a follower of Coughlin. Cassidy spoke from the same platform with the notorious red-baiter, Father Edward Lodge Curran, editor of the Brooklyn "Tablet," in Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, on Jan. 25, 1939, where both men praised General Franco of Spain. Curran has always collaborated closely with Coughlin.

The "Christian Front" has always been one of the most active bodies in the circulation of Coughlin's paper "Social Justice."

GAVE THE RULES

Then, there is Coughlin's advice, contained in "Social Justice" as long ago as May 23, 1938, to form "Christian Front" platoons. "The Hour" quotes him:

"Let your organization be composed of no more than 25 members. After a few contacts with these 25 persons you will observe that two of them may be capable of organizing 25 more. Invite these capable people to do the very same thing."

Some time later he was so pleased with the growth and development of the "Christian Front" that he wrote as follows in "Social Justice"

of July 31, 1939:

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Ideologist



CHARLES E. COUGHLIN

Ringleader



JOHN F. CASSIDY

Coughlin Praised 'Front' Terrorists

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CHICAGO, Jan. 14. — Intensive

BROWDER TO CHICAGO

Adams Darcy will be the main speaker at Pittsburgh's Lenin Memorial Meeting a mass anti-war rally, to be held in Carnegie Lecture Hall, Federal and East Ohio Street, Northside, Friday evening, January 19th.

DARCY IN PITTSBURGH

which will be a feature of the memorial meeting.
Olis Hood, Massachusetts chairman of the Communist Party, and other local speakers will also address the rally.

Again on July 30, 1939, in his regular radio broadcast states, "The Hour," Coughlin said: "The 'Christian Front' is no longer a dream. It is a reality—a reality that grows stronger, more courageous and more determined . . . The Christian way is the peaceful way until, all argument having failed, all civil authority having failed, there is left no other way of defending ourselves against the invaders of our

Murphy, President Roosevelt's nomination of the Supreme Court, and Justice of the Supreme Court, and Frank Murphy to be an associate nomination of Attorney General unanimously approved today. The Senate Judiciary Committee

Murphy's Nomination OK'd by Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP). — The Rules Committee is expected to meet on Wednesday or Thursday to take up the Dies question, and action on the floor is expected probably on Friday.