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Justice Heads Get Many Complaints About Coughlin

All Being Investigated,
Declares Statement
From Department

By the Associated Press.
The Justice Department said today it had received "over a period of months many complaints" concerning the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, and that all were being investigated.
Each complaint, said a department statement, was acknowledged by a "form reply customarily made to complainants bringing to the attention of the department alleged violations of Federal law of this particular kind."
"It appears," the statement added, "that one of the organizations receiving such form of response has for reasons best known to itself made the reply public and given the erroneous impression that this department has taken action in special response to the complaint of this particular organization."
(The Jewish People's Committee announced in New York last week that it had complained of Father Coughlin's activities to the Justice Department.)
The department called attention to its announcement on January 21 that a grand jury inquiry had been ordered with reference to "any individual or group, wherever located, who may have aided, abetted, directed, financed or incited" the 17 men seized January 15 on charges of plotting the overthrow of the Government. The men were members of a small group formed within the Christian Front.
"The department is engaged in the gathering of evidence and the analysis of evidence," today's statement said. "Who may become involved in the investigation depends entirely upon the evidence developed."