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Justice Denies Report of Coughlin Inquiry

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The Justice Department today revealed that "over a period of months many complaints" have been received concerning the activities of Father Charles E. Coughlin.

The department indicated a special investigation of Father Coughlin is not being made; that reports of such an investigation were based on a "form reply" which was sent to one of the Coughlin complainants.

The department did not deny, however, that activities of the radio priest would be included in the Department's investigation of sedition charges against 17 members of the Christian Front who were arrested in Brooklyn Jan. 15.

"The department is engaged in the gathering of evidence and the analysis of evidence (in the Christian Front case.) Who may become involved in the investigation depends entirely upon the evidence developed," the statement concluded.

In a statement issued Jan. 21, the Justice Department declared the Asst. Atty. Gen. O. John Rogge had been assigned to assist Brooklyn authorities in the Christian Front case. The following day, Jan. 22, in his regular weekly radio sermon, Father Coughlin "took his stand" with the Christian Front after criticizing newspaper reports of the arrest of the 17 members of that organization.