

Nazi Propagandist Coughlin Faithless to Church and Country

Hatred and Bigotry Spread Throughout the Nation by Priest.

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Next only to George Sylvester Viereck, Hitler's Benedict Arnold No. 1, who for Hitler's hire distorts news to spread Nazi propaganda in the U. S. A., Father Coughlin, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, has done more than any individual to spread Hitlerism in the United States.

No one but Hitler's Benedict Arnold No. 2, Coughlin himself, knows how profitable it has been.

Probably not even Coughlin knows how effective it has been.

Here is a summary of Benedict Arnold Coughlin's handiwork:

1. By spreading hatred and bigotry throughout America for more money than Judas got, he has been faithless to his Lord Jesus Christ, who preached love, charity and forgiveness.

2. By preaching the doctrines of Hitler, the enemy of Christianity, the degrader of mankind, he has been faithless to his Church, which teaches the dignity of man.

3. By spreading teachings of Hitlerism, anti-Semitism, anti-democracy, he has been faithless to the dignitaries of his Church.

4. By his same Hitlerite teachings he has been faithless to the edicts of the present and late Popes. He has welcomed the help of men who mocked his Pope and his Church.

5. By attempting to undermine democracy

Hitler's Benedict Arnold No. 2

The picture on the front page is of Father Coughlin. A Catholic priest, he has been faithless to the teachings of Christ, to the religion and dogma of his Church, and to the edicts of his Popes. A foreign-born American, he has spread Hitler's anti-democratic, anti-Semitic gospel. His faithlessness has been more profitable than Judas's.

Pius XI for the defense of American democracy:

"His Holiness calls us to the defense of our democratic government in a Constitution that safeguards the inalienable rights of man.

"This charge solemnly approved the hierarchy's traditional position of unswerving allegiance to our American institutions."

Quoting Spellman

Archbishop Spellman of New York said on the occasion of his investiture with the Sacred Pallium at St. Patrick's Cathedral, March 12, 1940.

"Not alone do I profess my Catholic faith before you. I profess and glory in my American citizenship and I pledge myself to maintain and defend my fundamental liberties, shining as they do like flaming jewels in our frame of government, priceless and precious. I am for all of our freedoms and our freedom.

"Therefore I am opposed to tyranny, even if it calls itself freedom. I am opposed to traitors to the United States even though they wave American flags and call themselves patriots.

"I am opposed to lawlessness and violence in speech and in action."

The Catholic Church originated and spread through the world the concepts of social reform and social justice, the rights of

Christian people will oppose these dangerous aberrations with all the might of Christian charity.

"For that very reason our people will be on their guard against all forms of racial bigotry, of which Pope Pius XI, speaking of a pertinent instance, said:

"It is not possible for Christians to take part in anti-Semitism."

Coughlin has been the most effective spreader of the Hitler gospel of anti-Semitism in the U. S. A.

By definition of Pope Pius XI Coughlin is not a Christian.

Coughlin in *Social Justice*, his organ of Hitlerite propaganda, welcomed the support of Edward James Smythe, leader of the Protestant War Veterans and the Protestant Chaplains Association. *Social Justice* printed a letter from Smythe attacking the Jews.

In another letter Smythe said:

"Relative to Father Coughlin we look upon him as a great American. The Roman Catholic Church is a tricky proposition, always has been, always will be."

Smythe on the Church

Smythe also wrote:

"We are strongly anti-Jewish and pro-nationalistic. We like Hitler, believe the Roman Church should be driven out of our

Defies Hierarchy's Opposition to Hitlerism and Anti-Semitism

Thus Coughlin has been faithless to his Church by consorting with vicious attackers of Catholicism.

Coughlin reprinted the notorious and imaginary "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," first widely circulated in the United States by Henry Ford before he got his medal from Hitler for distinguished service to the Reich.

Social Justice reprinted many other Hitlerite anti-Semitic articles, saying the *Talmud* was the cause for Jewish persecution, that Jewish bankers were the cause of war, printed the headline "Writer Suggests 'Jew York' as New National Homeland."

Coughlin has more than once specifically followed the line of Hitler's propaganda policy in the U. S. A.

In radio broadcasts and in *Social Justice*, Coughlin betrays American democracy, urges a corporate state.

Some samples:

"Democracy! A mockery that muzzles the word and obstructs every effort on the part of an honest people to establish a government for the welfare of the people.

"Democracy! A cloak under which hide the culprits who have built up an inorganic tumor of government which is sapping away the wealth of its citizens through confiscatory taxation."

Coughlin recommends a book by Father

radation, he has been faithless to the United States, the country of his adoption.

Complicated Thinking

It is necessary again to explain carefully, remembering that Hitler is banking on his belief that citizens of democracies, including ours, are incapable of doing the complicated thinking necessary to combat Hitler's war against them.

Hitler needs, for his world-domination strategy to spread quickly in the U. S. A., hate, suspicion, confusion, violence, to prevent a united cohesive resistance to his policies.

Coughlin has spread not only the doctrines of anti-democracy and anti-Semitism, but is spreading the gospel of anti-Catholicism by his actions.

First he adopts the support of bigoted, virulent anti-Catholics; second, by his own preachments and by the wild behavior of his followers, he has induced anti-Catholicism among non-Catholics.

The difference between U. S. Catholics as a group, and Coughlin and his followers, the faithless ones of Catholicism, must be clearly understood.

Hitler and the Church

The fact is that the Catholic hierarchy recognizes Hitler as the enemy of Christianity who uses fear and beheading to kill the Church, who is trying to substitute a religion of hate and bestiality in Germany for all other religions, including Christianity.

The fact is, also, that U. S. Catholics, the hierarchy, the priesthood, the laity, are overwhelmingly opposed to Hitlerism, anti-Semitism, and are wholehearted supporters of the U. S. democracy.

Here is what the Catholic bishops of the United States replied to the plea of Pope

the home, the concept of medical care and hospitalization for the masses, housing for the orphaned young and the aged and the insane, the lame, the halt, the blind, and universal education for those who could not afford to pay for education.

On Anti-Semitism

On anti-Semitism, which is Hitler's first step in the corruption of countries to his will—Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, England, France and the United States—Pope Pius said:

"Among these said things is certainly the fact that it has not been considered both out of place and untimely to hoist in Rome—the emblem of a cross that is not the cross of Rome and on the day of the sacred cross—the

"Catholic life means activity compounded of charity, of virtue and of God's law, which, permeating such life, make it the life of God."

"We do not wish to separate anything in the human family. We regard racism and exaggerated nationalism as barriers raised between man and man, between people and people, between nation and nation."

On Democracy

The Bishops of the Administrative Board of the (U. S.) National Catholic Welfare Council said:

"We regret and deplore the widespread propaganda in the interest of systems and theories antagonistic to the principles of democracy and the teachings of Christianity. A

political life and out of state affairs.

"We also believe that the Roman Church, being a foreign business and political unit, that all their property should be taxed and a certain governmental supervision over their affairs to make them stop bleeding their people of billions of dollars which wind up in Rome."

Coughlin, starting political action in a march on Washington, was supported by Smythe, who set up a recruiting station for Coughlin marchers in New York.

Coughlin demonstrators in New York included Smythe's men carrying signs of their Catholic-baiting, Pope-baiting society.

Coughlin's Hitlerite propaganda organ, *Social Justice*, gave free advertising to the *National American*, a Hitlerite paper, because it urged the impeachment of Roosevelt. The *National American* formerly carried a Nazi cross in its masthead.

A Gentle Pope

The *National American*, thus promoted by Coughlin, carried an article saying:

"The College of Cardinals must make sure that the next Pope is a gentle. A minister of religion who is not also a minister of race, has served his usefulness."

Col. E. N. Sanctuary, head of the American Christian Defenders, a Hitlerite, anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic group, wrote:

"I have letters from Father Coughlin thanking me for information sent him from time to time. This is in condescence to you, but he too is fighting the machine, as Cardinal Mundelein is opposed to Coughlin, and in this capacity he is the tool of FDR—a story I cannot put in print. . . .

"I am busy—am working on a new book an acceptance of the recent challenge of the Roman Catholic Church, where their leaders charge Protestantism with being responsible for the world's ills, even in Mexico, where 14 out of 16 are Roman Catholics."

raney, who writes:

"Any true national reaction is Fascism."

For the Axis

Coughlin wrote in *Social Justice*: "The Rome-Berlin axis is the great political rampart against the spread of Communism. As such the Rome-Berlin axis is serving Christendom in a peculiarly important manner."

Hitler built himself up by attacking Communism just before signing up with Stalin's Communist state.

Just before Hitler invaded and conquered Czechoslovakia, Coughlin's *Social Justice* said:

"If the rest of the world is inclined to draw the conclusion that Germany, under military pressure, has menaced others, it is a gross distortion of facts; declared Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler. . . . It seems to *Social Justice* that Chancellor Hitler's own words are a better indication of Germany's attitude towards the rest of the world than many columns of prejudiced editorial comment."

Coughlin ridiculed J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for his able efforts to combat the fifth column in the U. S. A.

There was a good reason. Coughlin hopes to lead such a column. The story of his indorsement of alleged treason and violence, and the friendly relationship between Coughlin Christian Front groups and other Nazi

subversive organizations in the U. S. A. will be told later.

This is the sixth of a series of articles

