

# A School for Seditious Plots --- Coughlin Classes in Latin America

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DETROIT, June. 13 — Since the ban on Social Justice by the Post Office Department Charles Coughlin is endeavoring to use other means and methods to work against the security of the United States and its war efforts. His fifth columnist activities are now, according to his announced plans, to be extended to include the Western Hemisphere.

Reports published in the Detroit Free Press indicate that Coughlin is undertaking to start a school for the training of young people for "careers in Latin America." This same source of information further states that this school will go on according to Coughlin's own views, "REGARDLESS OF WHO WINS THE WAR."

It is not surprising to learn that Coughlin is engaged in organizing a school for the training of potential fifth columnists, masters in the art of spying, sabotage, treason, of race and religious persecution, to operate in Latin America in collusion with the Axis agents and their American fascist partners. It is well in keeping with the Axis objectives and represents the coordination of their subversive activities and division of labor in accordance with the day to day developments.

The "curriculum" of the school

includes the study of the "culture, geography and economics" of Latin America. They will be taught the "aryan race superiority" over Latin Americans and against the Negro and Indian peoples that comprise a large part of South America. It will teach the "Franco" culture and Hitlerite "supremacy of the world." Knowing Coughlin as we do, the geography of these countries will unquestionably be taught according to the Axis designs on Latin America, which has the open and undercover support of the Hoovers, Woods and Lindberghs. Only recently President Roosevelt exposed a secret Nazi map with the re-division of the Latin American countries and their transformation into five slave states of Hitlerism.

Since the Rio Conference, which resulted in a significant defeat for the Axis, and even more recently there have been a series of important steps and developments directed toward the establishment of a Hemispheric front against the Axis. This Hemispheric front, which is an organic part of the world anti-Hitler front, includes almost all of the Latin American countries and has the backing of all the peoples of Latin America. Ten countries of Latin America are at war with the Axis and with the exception of Argentina and Chile all have severed commercial and

diplomatic relations.

Throughout the Western Hemisphere, Axis credits and shipping have been frozen and in some instances completely confiscated. Axis airlines have been taken over by the respective governments and naval bases opened to the United States.

Last May the Bank of Brazil prohibited trade in American currency. This measure, which requires banks and individuals who possess American currency to deposit it with the Bank of Brazil was a sweeping move which is expected to affect \$4,000,000 in U. S. currency believed to be held for Axis propaganda. Energetic steps have been taken in many countries to break the Axis spy rings that operated in these countries through the Axis embassies. Many Axis schools in Latin America have been closed, especially in Brazil, which was honeycombed with German, Japanese and Italian "education centers."

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The people of Latin America and particularly the labor movement have been in the forefront demanding action against the fifth columnists and their native quislings. In Argentina this fight has assumed a high level and political proportions of first magnitude. The people have been insisting on an all-out struggle against fascism.

They are furthermore insisting that this Hemispheric front shall not be passive, but on the contrary that it should carry with it a total mobilization of all of Latin America in all fields and aspects to win the war. Together with the United States, Soviet Union, Great Britain and all the United Nations and peoples of occupied nations, they want to share in the common duty and task of destroying fascism.

An example of this aspiration was given by the brilliant Brazilian aviator Oswaldo Pamplona, who was the first Latin American aviator that sunk an enemy U-boat. The recent statements of policies expressed by Vice President Wallace and Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, will further aid in the crystallization of complete Hemispheric mobilization which will be a powerful force for victory.

In the present situation it becomes more difficult daily for Axis agents to openly carry on their activities. Coughlin's scheme in this field is unquestionably directed to help fill some of these gaps. Coughlin's "proteges" by presenting themselves as "Americans" and enjoying as such facilities and privileges accorded in Latin America to citizens of a friendly country, will be able to move more freely than German, Italian and Japanese spies.

These American Coughlin agents

will be very useful in arousing distrust, suspicion and hate of Latin Americans toward the United States. Their fascist propaganda will work to stimulate the suspicion that is still prevalent in Latin America toward the sincerity of the war aims of the United States and our British ally. What conclusions can the Latin Americans draw from the fact that the United States allows Coughlin to develop fascist activities here in America designed to disrupt and enslave their countries? Posing as American citizens, Coughlin's pupils hope to be more successful in sapping the mutual confidence that must exist between Latin America and the United States. Coughlin's work will be hailed and indeed well appreciated by the quislings of Latin America in the promotion of uprisings and plots.

There are some individuals that believe as expressed in the "Detroit Free Press" that Coughlin's project will probably "merit Uncle Sam's blessings." On what do they base this opinion? Is it in the kindness and gentle handling of Coughlin by Attorney General Biddle as contrasted to his brazen attack against the outstanding anti-fascist trade union leader Harry Bridges? The Latin American peoples and seamen who have come to love and

respect Harry Bridges for his anti-fascist and trade union leadership and who well know what Coughlin represents, can justly question the real reasons behind Biddle's order for Bridges deportation. Coughlin's plans for the organization of fascist agents disguised as "businessmen" is an old song well discredited in Latin America. It will justly create indignation and protest and will be regarded by them as a stab in the back. Our own safety and war efforts requires and demands an end to the existing complacency toward Coughlin. The people of the United States and American labor should raise its voice of protest and condemnation of this latest Coughlin adventure as undoubtedly will be done by the Latin American labor movement. American labor owes it to their brothers in Latin America to lead in the protest. By this action they will cement the bonds of solidarity and cooperation that must prevail for real Hemispheric unity and the complete mobilization of all human and natural resources of the hemisphere, for victory.

By taking action against Coughlin the Administration will prove its deeds to Latin America its seriousness in the death war against the fifth column and the common enemy—Hitlerism.