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Is Pro-Franco Coughlin the Man to Train Young Boys For Post-War Service in South American Relations?

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Charles E. Coughlin has served notice that he has no intention of staying under wraps for the duration.

Less than six weeks after his *Social Justice* was banned for being "clearly seditious," less than six weeks after he was rebuked publicly by his superior bishop, Coughlin announces he is going to found a school for young boys to spread his teachings.

The official organ of the Detroit Archdiocese, the *Michigan Catholic*, says the purpose of the school will be "to train boys for post-war service, particularly in regard to this country's close relationship to South America."

Coughlin's pro-Franco, pro-Fascist attitude regarding South America and his scorn of the Administration's Good Neighbor Policy was voiced through *Social Justice*.

Coughlin supposedly still is under investigation by the Federal Grand Jury which has heard evidence on *Social Justice*. The Justice Dept. has announced, however, that the investigation has been postponed. From several authoritative sources, PM has learned that it may be shelved permanently.

Coughlin will open his high school for boys in September at Royal Oak.

Neither Jews nor Jews converted to Catholicism will be allowed to enroll, according to Rev. Thomas Kenney, assistant pastor of Coughlin's church.

Sister Barbara, who will be principal of the new school, admitted that Coughlin had specifically banned as "radical" the secondary textbooks of Prof. Carlton J. H. Hayes, liberal Catholic historian and now our Ambassador to Spain.

Reproduced below are samples of Coughlin-*Social Justice* thinking on South America and Spain.

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A Libel on Spain

A "Broad propaganda plot aimed at overthrowing the American Government and creating disunion within this country" is charged by Archibald MacLeish, President Roosevelt's director of "Facts and Figures," according to the Washington bureau of the *Chicago Sun*.

Intelligence officials in Washington have evidence that the "Japanese embassy in Madrid, Spain," is headquarters for America's disunity campaign, Mr. MacLeish told reporters.

We called the Spanish Reds "democrats" and "Loyalists"—remember?

Did not the victory of General Franco "fumigate," as it were, the whole Iberian peninsula?

Did not the Red refugees grab all the gold and loot from Catholic churches that they could carry with them and beat it—as the saying is—for America?

And are they not here today, well-circumstanced by their gold stolen from "the people" of Spain?

And do not some of them have suspiciously intimate relations with the New Deal *clique*?

You know the answers; we won't insult the readers' intelligence by appending any reply to our rhetorical questions.

Only last March *Social Justice* defended Fascist Spain against official Government charges of spreading propaganda here.

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Hemisphere Score: Argentina 1; U.S.A. 0

A Compromise by which the South American nations do little more than "recommend" the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy and Japan, was the final fruit of the Rio conference.

The conferring diplomats obtained the fiction of hemisphere solidarity against Hitler by revising the resolutions to a point where Argentina and Chile could agree in principle on an anti-Axis declaration.

Only last February, it crowed that hemisphere solidarity was only a "fiction."

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Advocates of Christian social justice in America, Christian Americans who once dreamed of a national union to effect a 16-point reform, and who have watched the progress of the Christian States headed by Salazar, De Valera, Gen. Franco and Mussolini, will want to hear further from Mexico's Sinarchists with their "16 principles" of social justice.

In September, 1941, it praised the pro-Fascist Mexican Sinarchist movement.

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Mr. Roosevelt's Fifth Column in Panama

THE REPUBLICS of Latin America, framing their constitutions upon our own great document of liberty, and patterning their idealistic governments after the high professions of American statesmanship, have every reason to be concerned over the internationalist intrigues and promise-breaking of the New Deal *clique* now in charge of the Government of the United States.

Absent in Cuba for a routine eye check, President Arias found himself ousted by a bloodless revolutionary coup which seated as president a couple of fellows named "La Guardia."

Almost as soon as Americans learned of the *putsch*, President Roosevelt had recognized the new regime. Recog-

When pro-Axis Arnulto Arias was ousted as President of Panama in a bloodless coup d'etat, *Social Justice* (Oct. 20, 1941) defended Arias and attacked the Administration.

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Social Justice was one of the first (Nov. 7, 1938) to raise the isolationist cry that Hitler couldn't harm the New World.

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Efforts to win South America having failed, the Bolsheviks in Washington, D. C., have retaliated by black-listing the 1,800 firms who do business either with Germany or Italy hoping, as a corollary, to starve out Spain, Portugal and France.

We can look forward to revolutions in South America resulting from this economic strangulation motivated by the inter-American bank and the United States Government.

We also look forward to the eventual participation of the United States in the World War which will culminate in a fight for the South American wealth.

May we remind you that in the first month of this present war, Social Justice predicted that Britain would move its capital to North America and that both Britain and the United States, acting in collaboration, would fight pan-Euro-Asia at the La-Platte estuary.

In its Aug. 4, 1941 issue, *Social Justice* echoed the Axis lie about U. S. motives toward our sister republics.

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During the Spanish Civil War, Coughlin, his *Social Justice* and his storm troopers of the Christian Front were in the forefront of the propaganda crusade for Franco (Mar. 21, 1938). It was during this era that Coughlin told his followers that they might have to "fight the Franco way."