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Coughlin Takes Movement Underground, Letter Shows

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PM Pro-Hitler, pro-Fascist, Jew-baiting Charles E. Coughlin is taking his Coughlin column underground with a direct-mail contact setup.

Coughlin plans to keep in touch with his followers and promote his ideas in personal letters, although his *Social Justice*, by which he spread his line, was banned from the mails May 4 as "clearly seditious."

In a letter to subscribers, Cora Quinlan, secretary-treasurer of Social Justice Publishing Co., announces that the *Social Justice* mailing list will be given to Coughlin. (See illustration on right.)

This fulfills the promise made to *Social Justice* readers by Miss Quinlan last April when she wrote to them that "should the Federal Government decide to deny *Social Justice* its second-class mailing privilege, we will be glad to make further arrangements with you."

PM predicted on Apr. 15 that *Social Justice* was planning to go underground.

The letter to subscribers brought up an interesting mystery about *Social Justice* finances. Miss Quinlan pleads poverty for the disbanded publication stating that "our assets are probably insufficient to pay income taxes and refund all unearned subscriptions."

She hints that maybe subscribers would rather not have their money back, suggesting:

"... We wish to refund your unearned subscription, unless you indicate otherwise in an answer to this letter."

The mystery: the letter indicates that *Social Justice* was operating at a loss. Who was making up the deficit? Whose money will Coughlin use to "see to it that all subscribers receive the unearned subscription moneys due them," as Miss Quinlan assures subscribers?

For the first time it was also revealed that the real reason *Social Justice* stopped publication was because no printer would take the job after Attorney General Biddle had given an official opinion calling the publication "clearly seditious."

Miss Quinlan reported in the letter that, even after the Apr. 27 issue was declared unavailable (so was the Apr. 20 issue), the staff went right ahead preparing the May issue.

But by this time their typesetters, the Arnold-Powers Co. of Detroit, refused to set the type and no printer could be found to print the issue.

Last week PM revealed that Coughlin was organizing a high school to spread his teachings among young boys who are supposed to be trained for post-war service, particularly regard to our country's close relationship with South America.

Social Justice Publishing Co., Inc.
ROYAL OAK, MICH.

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Our mailing list will be turned over to Father Coughlin, since we feel that the vast majority of our subscribers were and are Father Coughlin's friends and some, perhaps, may care to keep up

correspondence with him. You may be certain that we shall never breach your confidence in us by bartering your name which appears on our mailing list.

Trusting that fairer days will dawn upon our country and that it will be possible to renew contacts with the thousands of loyal readers of *SOCIAL JUSTICE*, may I conclude in the name of

Cordially yours,

SOCIAL JUSTICE PUBLISHING CO., INC.

By Cora Quinlan
Cora Quinlan

Social Justice subscribers received a letter of which this is a part. It disclosed that the books of *Social Justice* will be closed by June 30, but its ideas will be carried on by Charles E. Coughlin via direct mail.