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Father Coughlin League Income Set at 1 1/2 Million Bookkeeper Cites Total at State Hearing on Charity Status

DETROIT, March 11 (AP).—A bookkeeper testified today that the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin's Radio League of the Little Flower had paid over to his parish more than \$1,458,658 since the league's organization.

The witness was Miss Alberta Ward, an employee of the league. She testified during an Unemployment Compensation Commission hearing before Referee Henry Glicman on the league's appeal from a commission ruling that it is not a charitable organization and therefore owes the state accumulated pay-roll taxes.

Employees of the league have failed to obtain state jobless benefits because the taxes were not paid, Mr. Glicman disclosed.

Miss Ward testified that the league's income was \$404,469 in 1937, \$574,416 in 1938, \$102,254 in 1939 and \$82,283 in 1940. She said Father Coughlin, as its president, received \$2,500 in 1936 and 1937, \$2,000 in 1938 and \$2,100 in 1939, in addition to loans of \$2,545 and \$2,988 in 1936.