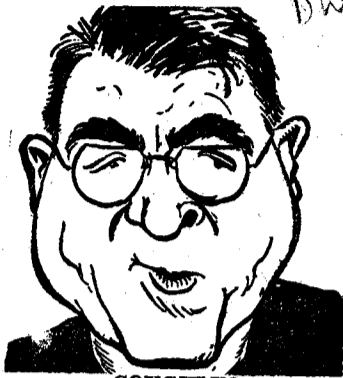


# Coughlin Reorganizing for Fight on Nation's War Effort



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Under a heavier guise of "religious" appeal than before, Charles E. Coughlin of Royal Oak, Michigan, has renewed his assaults upon democracy and is trying new organized opposition to the war.

**Exclusive** In a letter just sent out to all the former readers of the suppressed *Social Justice*, Coughlin represents Christianity as being akin with fascism in its opposition to democracy. His precise words read:

"We are being taught to regard democracy, with its majoritarianism, as more excellent than Christianity and its authoritarianism."

Christianity, he contends, stands with "authoritarian-

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ism" and against democracy and he seeks to rally the former readers of *Social Justice* to this clerical fascist position under the guise of establishing a religious organization, the "League of the Little Flower."

Going beyond this attack upon the form of government of the United States, Coughlin continues his pro-Hitlerite campaign of poison by asserting that our country and all the United Nations are equally guilty with the barbarous Axis in the war. The main theme of his letter is an attempt to rally his former followers, slyly and in conspiratorial language cloaked in religious symbols, to opposition to our government because "of its unjust

aggression against God."

By this device, Coughlin hopes to fold the religious cloak about him to hide the undermining of the nation's morale in which he is engaged. His assertion in effect that "Christianity" is the enemy of democracy brings the gravest danger upon the masses of Catholic people in America since it opens the way for the Gerald L. K. Smiths and other KKK-minded allies of Coughlin to contend that the Catholic people in America are enemies of our form of government.

Coughlin's attempt to establish a national organization on the basis of undermining the war effort, is another reminder of the bad fruits of the Department of Justice's failure to prosecute this echo of Goebbels.