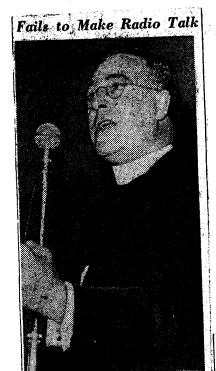
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Herald Tribune The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin

Coughlin Skips Broadcast but Won't Say Why

Cryptical Announcer Says Events This Week Will Probably Enlighten You'

By The Associated Press

DETROIT, Feb. 4.—For an unexplained reason the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin failed to make his customary talk on the radio today, and all efforts tonight to ascertain cause of his absence were unavailing.

A cryptic comment from the radio announcer—"Probably events trans piring this week will enlighten you" was the only suggestion to listeners that Father Coughlin might have had an extraordinary reason for remaining off the air.

For months, since organization of a new network of stations to broadcast his speeches, Father Coughlin has appeared regularly on Sundays, and officials of the chain outlet, WJR-Detroit, expressed surprise at his absence today.

The announcer, advising hearers to "pay no heed to idle rumors which will be circulated this week," said: "Be assured Father Coughlin knows what he is doing. He knows why neither he nor any other person is speaking over this microphone. son is speaking over this microphone today.

The rectory of the Shrine of the The rectory of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Father Coughlin's church in Royal Oak, Mich., where he delivers the radio talks, could shed no light on the question. Father Coughlin was not at hand, and the rectory reported he had left and the rectory reported he had left this morning without making his intentions known. "There isn't any more news than has been said over the radio," it was

said at the rectory.

Recently Father Coughlin has engaged in controversy over the subject of the Christian Front, seven-teen of whose members are charged in New York with conspiring to re-volt and overthrow the government. Father Coughlin has declared himself a "friend of the accused," say-ing, however, that if found guilty they should be penalized as the law provides.

night Last Sunday Rogge, Assistant United States At-torney General, announced that charges made against Father Coughcharges made against rather Cough-lin by the Jewish Peoples Commit-tee would be investigated "in due course." Mr. Rogge did not dis-close the nature of the charges. Three announcements were made

concerning Father Coughlin's absence from the program. Music (Continued on page 12, column 3)

s heard during the time that the street of Father Coughlin usually speaks.
The first announcement read:
T am instructed to say: Father Coughlin will not address you today.

Rally Aids Youths Held Coughlin will not address you today. No person will address you today over this microphone. I am not authorized to give any explanation." Fifteen minutes later came the second announcement: "I am instructed to say: Pay no heed to dile rumors which will be circulated fills week. Be assured, Father Coughlin knows what he is doing the knows why neither he nor any title person is speaking over this anisotrophone today. Probably events transpiring this week will enlighten with."

The final announcement The final announcement read; attention, please! Ladies and genteners: Do not be alarmed. We confidently expect that Father coughtin will return to the microhane hext Sunday. By all means do your share to have his largest indicate ready to hear his mes-

of WHBI, the only radio station in the New York metropolitan area to carry the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin's regular Sunday broadcasts, said to-day that "we were as much surprised as any one else" by Father Coughlin's failure to speak today. The station, which has carried the Coughlin broadcasts as a regular feature for the last four years, rebroadcast the program of music which Station WJR, in Detroit, substituted for the scheduled remarks of Father Coughlin.

In Christian Front Plot

3,000 Hear Defendants Have 'Love in Their Hearts'

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A mass meeting was held by the Parents Defense Fund at Prospect Hall, Fifth and Prospect Avenues, Brooklyn, last night to raise funds for the defense of seventeen members of the Christian Front charged with conspiring to overthrow the government. About 3,000 persons attended, and heard the seventeen alleged plotters described by Leo Healey, counsel for twelve of them, as "fine, upstanding boys with love in their hearts."

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