

Coughlin Continues To Ooze Axis Poison

By Lawrence Emery

Last week in Boston law-enforcement authorities ordered the dissolution of the Christian Front which, since America entered the war, has continued its dissemination of Nazi propaganda, its anti-Semitic activities, its denunciations of President Roosevelt. In addition, the Boston branch had advocated desertions from the United States Army and had even suggested armed rebellion against Selective Service.

Francis P. Moran, Boston leader of the Christian Front, had but one thought when apprised of the order dissolving his treasonable group—and that was for what "Detroit" might think of the action:

Detroit, of course, is the home of the fascist priest Charles E. Coughlin, recognized as the national leader of the Christian Front since its formation.

But while the Boston pro-Nazi, un-American band was dissolved, Coughlin himself continues unhindered in the publication every week of his personal paper, Social Justice, which preaches defeatism, panic and treason.

Coughlin and his followers are for all-out obstruction to America's war against the Axis.

Since America entered the war the pages of Social Justice have been filled with praises for the "invincibility" of the Axis powers and violent denunciations of Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

The war has been repeatedly described as a "Jewish war" in which Christians must work for the defeat of the "war-mongers."

A Coughlin group, the National Legion of Mothers, declared in Philadelphia the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor that the war meant that "Christians will spill their blood for Jews."

All America today is responding to the recent declaration of President Roosevelt that "we must be particularly vigilant against racial discrimination in any of its ugly forms."

NAZI MOUTHINGS

But in the Dec. 29 issue of Social Justice, Coughlin resorts to the ugliest form of "racism" as developed by the Nazis; he devotes nearly a page to listing "advisors" to President Roosevelt, making sure that each of them bears a Jewish-sounding name.

The foul savagery of Nazi barbarism defiles every decent thing mankind has ever constructed. The vile deceitfulness of the Japanese sneak attack on Hawaii will make the slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor" live throughout all recorded history. But in Berlin a Herr Goebbels sits in an office and makes of these evils praiseworthy deeds with the arguments that the Axis is warring in a just cause against "international bankers" and "plutocracy," is conducting a worthy crusade against "radicalism."

In the Jan. 12 issue of Social Justice Coughlin serves up the drippings from Goebbels' pen: American soldiers, he asserts, not even troubling to paraphrase the Nazi arguments, "are saving this country for themselves—not for the bankers, the Morgans, the Kuhn Loeb, the Lehmans; not for any red radicals."

Violent attacks against Great Britain (one editorial declares

"the down-trodden English are clamoring for social justice") are defended on the grounds that they are "good, 1776 American; and that's where we stand."

As for the Soviet Union, whose Red Army has won the ungrudging admiration of every freedom-loving person in the world, Social Justice wrote in a recent issue: "We loathe the fact that our government and our people are compelled to fight side by side with so-called 'Russia' against Nazi Germany. . . ."

Social Justice has sought each week since the war began to undermine the morale of the armed forces with the hypocritical and demagogic demand for the conscription of "every last dime" of profits—"how can government," it asks, "expect the morale of the army to hold up" if this is not done?"

On almost every page Social Justice raises sly arguments in favor of a negotiated peace, denounces violently what it describes as a war that will end only "in a surrender; in which, probably, millions of our young men either will be maimed or riddled with death-dealing bullets . . ."

Page after page is devoted to arguments to show that the Axis has superiority over the anti-Axis allies in man-power, in fighting ability, in equipment, in sources of raw materials.

SERVING DISUNITY

An effort to create doubt, pessimism and defeatism is made by posing such questions as this: "Will the Axis powers break up internally before the Allied powers?"

Each week the paper carries at least one article designed to disrupt the growing and necessary hemispheric unity between the United States and the republics of South America. The latest issue's contribution to this end is entitled "Uncle Sam Is Unpopular in Chile" and is devoted to arguments suggesting that that country can expect as much or more from the Axis as it has received from the United States.

The 26-Nation Anti-Axis Pact is scoffed at as being largely meaningless and is "analyzed" by Social Justice in the same manner that the Berlin propaganda office "explained" it.

Finally, its main editorial on its back page exhorts all the followers of Father Coughlin—the assorted anti-Semites of the so-called Christian Front, the strong-arm squads of Joe McWilliams, the numerous pro-Nazi groups and bands throughout the country—to "get out and get busy" under the slogan "Keep America Christian!"

Social Justice is treasonable to this country's all-out war against Axis enslavement. How long will treasonable utterances be tolerated in war-time?