

Coughlinite Editor Gets Navy Chaplain's Commission

Forest Hills Pastor Was Connected With 'Brooklyn Tablet'

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The Rev. Jerome P. Holland, former associate editor of the Coughlinite *Brooklyn Tablet*, an exponent of the Axis-Falange-controlled Sinarquistas of Mexico and an associate at public meetings of well-known hatelers, has been given a Navy commission.

Holland, assistant pastor of the stately Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Forest Hills, Queens, has already left his parish and is in training at William and Mary College, as a lieutenant (jg) in the Naval Reserve's Chaplain's Corps.

By his writings, Holland is anti-Russian, pro-Sinarquista and a supporter of Charles E. Coughlin.

Allen Chase, author of *Falange: The Axis Secret Army in the Americas*, disclosed in PM last week that the Sinarquistas in Mexico were a partly armed fascist organization of over 500,000 members, whose military leaders are officers of the Franco army "like Maj. San Julian and Carril Ontano."

Holland is on record as a "friend" of Coughlin. He has spoken from the same platforms at hateler meetings with Edward Lodge Curran, Eastern spokesman for Coughlin; Joseph (McNazi) McWilliams, who was indicted Tuesday by the Justice Dept. on charges of conspiracy for "wilfully and knowingly" serving the Nazi cause; John Jay Henihan, Christian Front leader, and Robert M. Harriss, Coughlin's financial adviser.

Meeting in Church

In 1941, the *Tablet* announced an organizational meeting of the Forest Hills chapter of the American First Committee to be held in the auditorium of Holland's church, at which Laura Ingalls was to be the featured speaker. (Miss Ingalls later served a jail sentence for failing to register as a propagandist paid by the Germans.)

Holland was a speaker at a meeting in Lost Battalion Hall in Queens in January, 1941, at which the name of the President was booed and the 1500 persons present clamorously refused to sing "that Jew song," *God Bless America*.

This meeting, marked by the presence of McWilliams, who

passed out his Christian Mobilizer anti-Semitic literature amidst cheers from the crowd, was so raucous that Louis Coufal, one-time candidate for the Governor on the Social Justice ticket, approached reporters and assured them that "this meeting was no tie-up with the Nazis and I wish you boys would say so in your stories."

Paper's Report

The *Long Island Star*, in a story on Jan. 13, 1941, about the meeting, said:

"There were boos and groans when President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie, his Republican opponent last Fall, were mentioned.

"Cheers went up when a speaker used the name of Congressman William B. Barry of St. Albans and when Joseph E. McWilliams, leader of Yorkville's American Destiny Party and an anti-Semitic orator and others identified with the Christian Mobilizers and the Christian Front, passed out literature."

Holland also attended gatherings promoted by Bernard T. D'Arcy, who was a representative of Coughlin's magazine, *Social Justice*, which abandoned its second-class mailing rights and suspended publication under fire in 1941. D'Arcy was discharged from the Army after he was commissioned a lieutenant. He blamed his friendship for Charles E. Coughlin for his discharge.

In the Navy Now

Reached by telephone at the Navy Chaplain's School at William and Mary College, in Virginia, Holland refused to discuss his political activities in civilian life.

"I don't wish to talk to you at all," he said, "I'm in the Navy now."

Holland's clerical record shows he was born in New York City. He was educated at Cathedral College; St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore and the Sulpician Seminary, Washington. He was ordained on May 25, 1929 and appointed assistant pastor of Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs Church, Forest Hill, June 2, 1929.

For the last six years, Holland was an associate editor of the *Tablet* and organized the radio program *Rosary for Peace*, which is broadcast over WWRL.

Mrs. S. Denlinger Dies

Mrs. Frances Denlinger, wife of Sutherland Denlinger, former member of the PM staff and now with the OWI in Africa, died in Memphis Friday, according to word received here.

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The Rev. Jerome P. Holland, associate editor of the *Brooklyn Tablet*, was a prominent figure in Coughlinite goings-on. Here he was billed as honorary treasurer of a birthday ball for Charles E. Coughlin.