

Moran, Former Fronter, Mum On Present Job

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FRANCIS P. MORAN, who says the Christian Front has been disbanded, refuses to disclose what he's doing for a living. Moran was head of the New England Christian Front when it was out in the open.

Reached in Boston by phone, he told PM that he had been to Gov. Leverett Saltonstall's offices in Boston on Tuesday to inform him that the Christian Front had been disbanded "for the duration." His visit, made at his own invitation, was prompted by accusations that anti-Semitic disorders in Boston had been inspired by Christian Front elements.

Asked what he's doing now, Moran replied:

"None of your business."

He then asked the name of the PM reporter making the call. I told him.

"Oh, you're the fellow Saltonstall kicked out of his office last week, aren't you?"

"Yes," I replied.

"I would have enjoyed watching you get kicked out," he said.

I told him he didn't have to be so impolite just because PM and Moran had "some differences."

"I'll say we have differences and then some," he snapped.

Moran, who in May, 1942, appeared before a Federal Grand

Saltonstall Gives PM Full Credit

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 23.—Giving PM full credit for the police investigation now going on in Boston into alleged Jewish persecutions Gov. Leverett Saltonstall told me yesterday at the Hotel Kimball, in the presence of Acting Mayor J. Albin Anderson of Springfield and Lt. Hannah Jolly, officer in charge of the Springfield WAC recruiting office:

"Those articles in PM brought to light a situation that warranted an investigation and that investigation is now going on."

When asked if he had been quoted correctly in ordering Arnold Beichman, PM reporter, to "get to hell out" the Governor referred me to his first secretary, James Reynolds, who said, "I was not present but I have never heard the Governor deny he said those words."

Later Frank H. Kelly, executive editor of the Springfield *Daily News* told me that C. Saltonstall told him over the telephone that he could not remember whether he said that or not as he was very much upset at the time but he did know that what he said was very "forceful."

Jury investigating subversive activities, denied any connection with "Social Justice Study Groups" said to have been organized in New England as a momentarily quiescent network for Coughlin followers.

"Besides, there are no such groups in existence," he declared.

Saltonstall has indicated that the current probe of anti-Semitism in Massachusetts by State police which he ordered following disclosures last Monday was directed at uncovering any Christian Front activity.

Meanwhile, the weekly *Gaelic American* announced that a testimonial dinner in honor of Chas. E. Coughlin, founder of the Christian Front, will be given at New England Hall in Boston next Tuesday night. No group name is connected with the enterprise.