

ILG Spokesman At Pa. AFL Parley Gives the Order

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WILKES-BARRE, April 21. — A resolution condemning anti-Semitic Father Coughlin was killed at the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor convention by lieutenants of David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Offace Sardegna, secretary of the resolution's committee and Dubinsky's leader in Bethlehem, Pa., publicly withdrew the anti-Coughlin resolution.

The resolution, interesting enough, had been introduced by Harrisburg ILGWU delegates.

In discussion in committee, Samuel Otto, Dubinsky's Pennsylvania chief and chairman of the Philadelphia ILGWU Joint Board began to hem and haw about "wording" when the resolution seemed headed toward concurrence. Otto is a State Federation vice president.

GET THE POINT

When he began to question the resolution, his followers on the committee quickly saw the point. It was remarked that if Father Coughlin were denounced, that might leave the way open to naming Pegler and Dies.

But Dies has been endorsed for reelection by the AFL Executive Council.

Miss Cardegna offered a "resolution." She volunteered to have the Harrisburg ILGWU local, withdraw it and, announced the withdrawal at Wednesday's session of the convention.

The withdrawal is consistent with Dubinsky policy of conciliation with anti-Semitic and anti-war elements. Only recently, a similar favor was done for John L. Lewis, whose District 50 distributed material slandering the Jewish people and whose organ, the United Mine Worker, has been anti-Semitic consistently. Max Danish, editor of the ILGWU organ, furnished Lewis with a cover-up by writing a 5,000 word article on anti-Semitism for the United Mine Worker.

SATISFIED COUGHLIN

Withdrawal of the Harrisburg resolution satisfies Coughlin. And it allows the ILGWU membership to be told that "the forces against the resolution were too powerful."

The Dubinsky people's contribution to Coughlin is written into the convention proceedings. In the synopsis of the convention appears the following item:

"Resolution No. 50: Relative to Father Charles E. Coughlin. Withdrawn."