

# Coughlin Still Undermining Faith in England, U. S. A.

## Radio Priest Advises Hoarding; Tells Followers to Bore From Within Civilian Groups

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Father Coughlin's weekly, *Social Justice*, hasn't changed its line a bit since Pearl Harbor. In some respects it has been more subtle than it once was, but its total effect on its readers is much the same.

¶ *Social Justice* is still attacking England and its motive in the war. It is marked by its customary defeatism. It questions England's ability to win. It repeatedly characterizes Prime Minister Churchill as a phony spellbinder. It plays up discord in the British Empire, and accuses England of letting down her Dominions and her Allies.

¶ *Social Justice* is conducting a steady campaign to undermine the confidence of its readers in our American Government and its leaders. It snipes at FDR and characterizes the Truman investigation of defense production and the Roberts Report on Pearl Harbor as "whitewashes" of Presidential laxity and inefficiency. It criticizes our unpreparedness, but overlooks that Coughlin is one of the anti-Administration leaders responsible for our unpreparedness.

¶ *Social Justice*, of course, is particularly bitter against the Russian partner in the anti-Axis lineup. It repeatedly charges that the Soviets have let down America by not immediately bombing Tokyo; but it doesn't explain that maybe the Russians are pretty busy in the West.

¶ *Social Justice* is still peddling that old peanut: Hitler is protecting the World from Communism.

¶ *Social Justice* has interpreted the war as a struggle between the "haves" and "have nots."

¶ *Social Justice* has counseled hoarding. *Social Justice* has advised its followers to "capture every office" in civilian-defense organizations.

¶ *Social Justice* is still stirring up anti-Semitism by repeated sniping at the international bankers (read Jews). It implies that Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the Jewish banking firm, owns half the world, including much of the Malay tin and rubber resources. (The fact is that Kuhn, Loeb is a relatively small company.)

Getting down to cases—the most flagrant Coughlinism since the U. S. A. entered the war was its interpretation of the landing of the AEF in Ireland, appearing Feb. 9, 1942.

### Invades Ireland

*Social Justice* expressed the "fear" that the new AEF "may be sent to take the place of the Black and Tans, the British Army which occupied Ireland in the 20s.



Father Coughlin: Dec. 7 was just another day on the calendar so far as he was concerned. Photo by Wide World

This is even further than Prime Minister De Valera of Eire himself went in protesting against the landing of American troops in Northern Ireland. De Valera's complaint was that he knew nothing about it until the troops actually arrived, and that these troops may interfere with the union of the northern counties with the rest of Ireland.

On Jan. 19, *Social Justice*, in an article entitled *God vs. Hitler*, questioned FDR's right to say:

"The world is too small to provide adequate living space for both Hitler and..."

...from Coughlin's... there!

Until Dec. 22 the magazine made no comment whatever on the treachery of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and even that was not a word of reproach for the Japanese. Instead Coughlin compared

the attack with the British attack on the French Fleet at Oran July 3, 1940. (On that occasion, the British demanded that the French fleet join the British, scuttle its ships, or fight. The French fought, and lost. The British purpose obviously was to prevent the pro-Nazi Vichy regime from turning over the Fleet to Hitler.)

Just like Pearl Harbor, says Coughlin. Not until Jan. 12 did *Social Justice* get around to saying the attack on Hawaii wasn't cricket. Then it said:

"The attack made by the Jap forces against Pearl Harbor was aptly described as dastardly. At the moment it was occurring, Nipponese envoys were seeking an audience with officials at Washington."

Notice that the writer himself doesn't say the attack was dastardly.

Unlike other isolationists, Coughlin didn't immediately, after Dec. 7, issue an indignant blast and call for the defeat of the enemy. It wasn't until Dec. 22 that

### SOCIAL JUSTICE ON OUR GOVERNMENT



## UNITED STATES INVADES IRELAND

### Muddling Is Worse Than Pearl Harbor

THE INEFFICIENCY, rank carelessness and possible criminal negligence associated with Pearl Harbor stand eclipsed by what is transpiring at Washington.

Our nation's Capital is the scene of a national tragedy which is appalling. It is best characterized by the single word—"muddling."

Full responsibility for this muddling is laid directly on the doorsteps of the White House and in the chambers of Mr. Roosevelt's official family and political first cousins.

cized, it is possible the resentment of the people would be unmeasured.

Everyone knows that no one knows why General MacArthur was thrown to the dogs; why the sand dunes of Libya were regarded as more important than the fields, mines and fisheries of the Philippines.

Censorship can be a benediction and it

Industrial and labor dominion over America. As for the common people, we are wondering where our most dangerous national enemies reside. Are they in Berlin, Rome or Tokyo? Or are they in Washington, New

All these things are pertinent to the Tru-

### I. Involved Time-Keeping

Americans are accustomed to Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific standard time. Abbreviated they are E.S.T., C.S.T., M.S.T. and P.S.T. These little fairies are now asked to push over to make room for F.D.R. time. All America will be practicing "push-em-up-Tony" on their watches and alarm clocks. That is, all America save the cows who will prove to be as ornery as a jackass when Cy Slocum tries to milk them before nature's alarm clock goes off.

Well, the New Deal has monkeyed with everything from gold to God. Thus, there is no reason why the Government shouldn't try to make the sun stand still.

By pushing up the clock the New Deal wants to save power—electric power. No concern is manifested for saving manpower. It is more necessary to conserve human energy than dynamo. We recollect the leaders of the French Commune in the days of the Revolution rubbed out Sundays and established every tenth day as a day of rest. Their plan was so fantastic and impractical that they were glad to get back to God's way of doing things—resting on the seventh day, and abiding by sun-time.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE ON CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS

There is another shortage with which we are concerned. It is a shortage of Christian Americans inside patriotic organizations. The *United States News* says nothing about that.

What will happen to our country while its best blood will be used abroad to crimson the fields of liberty?

What will happen to protective laws which safeguard the rights of women and children?

What will happen to the Constitution and to our republican form of government?

What will happen to the Christian future of America? In this war of extermination, so specified by Stalin, Hitler, Churchill and Roosevelt, who will live to mold the future of our country?

Therefore, Americans, *Social Justice* advises you to get into every patriotic organization in America. Join up. Be neither a slacker for war nor a slacker for peace.

Join up with the Office of Civilian Defense. The radical influence is already there. It must be overcome and vanquished by your numbers and cohesive influence.

If breast-beating radicals about their patriotism, it's your duty to out-shout them.

If Moscow-minded misfits seek responsible offices in organizations at home while your sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts are dying abroad, overwhelm them by your numbers and capture every office.

Get out and get busy! You are the majority. Do not let the minority bog-tie and dominate you.

**Americans! Join All Patriotic Organizations; Keep America Christian!**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE ON WHAT WAR MEANS

immature beginnings. What will the next three or four years hold for you? Here is our prediction:

- (1) Every able-bodied man in the United States—save a few chosen princes of privilege—will be regimented.
- (2) An expeditionary army of approxi-

Yesterday and its individual liberties have gone. Today and its national regimentation have come.

Yesterday and its isolationists have disappeared. Today and its interventionists are at hand.

Yesterday and its ideas of the state existing for the people and their liberties are of yesterday. Today and its ideas of the people existing for the State are of today.

Yesterday, and its freedom of press, pul-

# ... Social Justice Attacks Allies, but Not the Axis

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ON GREAT BRITAIN

We learned, following World War No. 1, that Britain is a common, ordinary, skinflintish repudiator. Like every other repudiator, Britain always plans to pay tomorrow. But tomorrow never arrives. Consequently, we have been waiting in vain for a settlement of World War No. 1 debts.

Definitely, however, we have had plenty of British propagandists in our midst. The ironical fact is that we have been paying their salaries, their hotel bills and bar checks with lend-lease money.

By the way, the British are burning rubber trees, dynamiting the mines and pouring salt water into oil wells on the basis of a scorched-earth policy. Silly, isn't it? Nature scorched the earth of the Libyan desert centuries ago, and Britain expends men, money and munitions to capture them. What are the British trying to do?

While Britain is the recipient of lend-lease money from us in a struggle to save the British Empire, the princes of privilege in London are carrying business on as usual at the expense of Americans!

### Britain Delivers the Goods

**To THE EDITOR:**  
Being in the cafe business where I must carry a complete line of liquor, I note that Scotch whiskies have been subjected to two very wide marginal price increases this past year — increases far above those in American whiskies.

I thought it would be of interest to you to know that "Britain Delivers the Goods" — at a price.

Detroit, Michigan

-S.J.K.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ON HOARDING

responsibilities for the maintenance of the household even though this necessitates the children's absenting themselves from theaters for the duration. Organize a campaign in each home to avoid waste of fuel, electricity, soap, food and other items.

(d) Stock up your supply rooms and cupboards with towels, bed linen, underwear, hosiery and other such necessities. Teach the children to use their theater money for the purchase of soap and other such staples.

(e) Likely 5-million men will serve in the Army, Navy and air force. Many more millions will be required to work in factories for war needs. This means that farmers will be produced abundantly, particularly since we have launched upon a policy of feeding the British who can't feed themselves. Therefore, prepare to plow up your backyard, your vacant lot, your idle acre for next Spring. You should arrange to raise

*Social Justice* concluded it is important for us to win the war. This statement came at the end of a long, rambling editorial on Page 18 decrying high taxes and the failure of England to pay the debts it incurred in World War I.

On Jan. 15, *Social Justice* announced it had bought \$25,000 in defense bonds. It explained, however, that it would contribute the interest to charity, on the premise that interest is profit on the blood of slain soldiers. The next week, the magazine carried four letters from readers complaining that it should not have bought the bonds. The effect of this is to discourage readers from buying bonds.

On the same date, *Social Justice* described Hitlerism as a protest against the old capitalistic order dominated by the U. S. A. and Great Britain.

In the next issue, Coughlin quoted a Hungarian priest who is handing out the standard Goebbels line: Nazism is the great bulwark against Communism. The priest was quoted:

"When Hitler attacked Russia, the people of Hungary, who are 85 per cent Catholic, gave thanks to God that someone was going to break the neck of Communism.

The Coughlin propaganda is slick. Sometimes *Social Justice* turns attacks by its critics to its own purposes.

For instance, on Jan. 26, it reprinted an editorial from the *Jewish Examiner*, a Brooklyn weekly, which attacked Coughlin in the most violent language. This editorial certainly had the effect of infuriating the average *Social Justice* reader.

### *Social Justice* comments:

"We're sorry if we offended anyone. We are only trying to throw some light on the Jewish question. But if we offended anyone, we humbly apologize."

A Coughlinite reading this apology would conclude their leader is long-suffering while his Jewish critics are wild and intemperate.

On Jan. 12, *Social Justice* gave the daily production figures of the U. S. A. Two days later the Office of Censorship issued an order banning publishing of news of the "progress of production," or of the "disposition, movements, and strength of Army, Navy, or air units."

Another article, called *Battle for Singapore Important to Bankers*, gave this interpretation of the Battle of Malaya and Singapore:

"Very few Americans realize that the

battle to preserve the Malayan Peninsula and Singapore is of vital interest to certain international bankers in the United States. If Singapore is lost, they lose. If Singapore is won, they can continue exploiting the Malaysans. . . .

"This Malayan fight is not just another battle in a World War to the Kuhn, Loeb crowd. It is a battle for their investments in the Malayan and Far East section.

"Billions of American dollars will be spent to preserve these privately-owned investments. Hundreds of thousands of American and English boys, possibly, will sacrifice their lives to save Malaya—and incidentally to preserve the investments from which profits are wrenched from the natives of Malaya to swell the purses of the international bankers."

Not a word about the strategic value of these Far Eastern bastions in the defense of Java, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States itself.

Conversely, *Social Justice* has never made the point emphatically and without equivocation that it is to the interest of the democracies . . .

It has never . . . the termination of Nazism to destroy the Catholic church.

This determination was restated last month by Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, philosopher of Hitlerism, leader of the Nazi Party, and Fuehrer of the German-occupied areas of the USSR.

Rosenberg proposed a National Reich Church which would not tolerate any other church, particularly one directed from abroad or international in character. This obviously applies to the church of Father Coughlin.

The Nazi state church would take possession of all religious property. It would bar priests and pastors, substituting for them "orators" who would be state functionaries.

Printing of the Bible would be banned and *Mein Kampf* substituted for it. The Bible, the cross and other religious objects would be removed from all altars.

The proposed church rejects the rites of baptism, confirmation, communion, and religious marriage. It forbids teaching of the catechism. There is no forgiveness of sin. The church does not recognize the usual day for penitence and prayer, and it frankly says it will destroy any Christian belief which conflicts with Nazi ideology.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ON TOTALITARIAN GOVERNMENT

disproportion of money expended in America and Japan for war purposes.

In all this, there is a lesson for us. We can talk all we care to about national unity and there will be no national unity until factory workers, office workers, field workers and political workers knuckle down to the same comparative salary received by the army and navy workers. Japan learned that lesson. So did Germany. So did all the Axis powers. And so did Russia. A capitalist country dedicated to profits rather than to victory is no match in war for a totalitarian country dedicated to victory rather than to profits.

Again we come back to our 16th prin-

— is justified by the "Atlantic Charter" while the "new order" of Hitlerism is read out of existence.

So it occurred at this point why World War No. 2 originated. Any honest person will concede that Hitler and Hitlerism were protests against the old order dominated by Britain and the United States; were spearheads of a "new order" to overthrow imperialism. Because the Axis new order is diametrically opposed to imperial Britain's . . . political, . . . and financial ideals, the British and Americans (through their governments) oppose it.

John Foster Dulles remarks: "It might seem logical that such opposition should

the status quo with which so many Americans are displeased.

Hitler's new order may be a bad order to the minds of many Germans; is a bad order to the minds of Americans. Nevertheless, it is a new order which assailed some of the most heinous aspects of the old order related to industry and finance.

As yet, neither Mr. Churchill nor Mr. Roosevelt has deigned to utter one word of

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ON WHY WE ARE AT WAR

If Singapore is lost, they lose. If Singapore is won, they can continue exploiting the Malaysans.

To a great extent, therefore, the battle of Singapore is a battle for Kuhn, Loeb and Company and J. P. Morgan Company, because those firms are more interested in the rubber plantations of Malaya than are 99 per cent of Americans.

Those companies have heavy investments in rubber and tin in Malaya and the Far East.

It is no Kaiser who is crying "Gott mit uns"

These words bring us back to the point of God versus Hitler.

We have the President's word for it that the Allies are the champions of tolerance, decency, freedom and faith.

Therefore, they are the chosen people of the new dispensation, according to his as-

Before we proceed further, let it be bluntly stated that besides fighting for liberty, our American boys will be expected to fight to regain the Malayan Peninsula not for the people of Malaya or Great Britain but for Sir John Hay and his legalized gangsters who own or control the Malayan Peninsula and the rubber racket throughout the world.

If rubber is a chemical compound, why didn't we manufacture it in appreciable quantities in the United States prior to the present war? That simple question forces one to give a complex answer. But we can initiate the answer by stating that the big British cartel would not permit us to do it because it would destroy their profits. We can continue expanding on the answer by stating that our Government co-operated with the gangsters—the British cartel—knowing they were making hundreds of millions of dollars profit from their racket, knowing the American people were the victims of the racket.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ON THE JEWS

The fact that Jews see fit to recruit an Army among their own people and appeal for lease-lend funds from the United States to finance the project indicates clearly that the Jews regard themselves as a separate people, rather than as citizens of the country in which they reside.

If the Jews want an army of their own, a state department of their own, a treasury of their own, a navy of their own, a supreme court of their own? In fine, why do not the Jews want a government of their own inside a government if they want an army of their own?