

Social Justice Still Pleads Nazis' Cause

(Editor's note.—Scores of verminous little sheets, each with a few thousand readers, are gnawing away at the faith and unity of our people, whispering defeat and clamoring about "freedom of the press." Their common policy—"made in Germany"—is to turn Americans against one another, and to split America from the United Nations. This is the fifth article of a series about these papers.)

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Out of the black fog of depression crawled a crew of bitter fanatics and greedy opportunists, to inflame and divide the people. Some of them have hung on, to plague the Government and endanger the Nation amid the trials of war.

One of these tenacious agitators is Charles E. Coughlin of Royal Oak, Mich. A learned, brilliant man—with a venomous tongue, a sanctimonious manner and bottomless capacity for hatred.

Coughlin founded a magazine, Social Justice, which cunningly pleads the Axis case and undermines the war effort.

When our troops went to Ulster, Social Justice proclaimed: "United States Invades Ireland."

Links Britain and Japan

The magazine described Great Britain last December 22, as a country with the same objectives as Japan.

A few weeks later, on February 2, the publication swung to the tack, "Yellow-White Race War May Be Next." This was to give point to an attack on President Roosevelt's conduct of the war, helping China fight Japan.

Like other papers of the same stripe, Social Justice depicts England as a Jewish-dominated ally not to be trusted. The article headed, "Dissension Threatens British Fighting Forces," breathed delight between every other line.

The worst Social Justice has to say of Japan at Pearl Harbor is that the American Government gave Japan only a "lame excuse" for the attack.

Blames Jews for War

Of blame for the war, Social Justice says, "guilt for the present war belongs to the Jews."

This magazine does its Jew-baiting with more style and polish than its contemporaries of the vermin press. But there is no more of charity in Social Justice than in X-Ray or Publicity.

Hitler was forced to persecute the Jews because they had become the "aristocrats of Germany," says Social Justice.

"Will the American people want to listen to reason and terminate a war which no one can win completely, and which Americans can lose completely?" asks Social Justice saying, "we will leave that answer to the Jews. . . ."

Not Speaking for Church

Yet, says the magazine, it is doing the Jews a favor, because if it stopped publishing, there would be pogroms in America!

Coughlin currently claims he is "no longer" associated with the weekly, which has carried his characteristic literary style in an unbroken stream. Ownership of the bulk of the stock in Social Justice Publishing Co., has been transferred—to Coughlin's aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Coughlin.

This man Coughlin is a priest of the Catholic Church. But prelates of the church again and again—most lately three days ago—have spelled out the declaration that they neither share nor condone his hatreds. Agitator Coughlin does not speak for the Church.

"Social Justice is . . . not a Catho-

lic paper . . . the Archdiocese of Detroit has no responsibility, direct or indirect, for Social Justice magazine," said a formal statement last Thursday from the chancellor of the archdiocese, Msgr. Edward J. Hickey.

Msgr. Hickey's statement was nationally distributed by the National Catholic Welfare Council news service. Among the papers presenting the statement in full was the Catholic Review, diocesan publication of Washington and Baltimore.

The Coughlin magazine is carried by the United States mails.