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PM Readers Roar Reaction to SEP Article

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Indians Shun British Plan

Britain's plan for giving India self-government after the war appears to be wrecked. Indian leaders have demanded immediate control over India's defense. Sir Stafford Cripps insists this is Britain's responsibility.

Allies Bag 18

Japanese Planes

U. S. and Australian planes claimed 18 Japanese planes destroyed or damaged during Allied air raids over Lae on the northern shores of New Guinea and over Koepang on Timor Island, and during enemy attacks on Port Moresby and Port Darwin.

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Truman Committee Prepared To Show Up Standard Oil Head

W. S. Farish, Standard Oil of New Jersey president, flatly denied before the Truman Committee yesterday charges by Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold that his company's deals with the Nazi chemical trust delivered U. S. military secrets to Hitler. Farish will return to the stand today for cross-examination.

M'Arthur Smearers Held for Sedition

The FBI cracked down last night on two West Coast anti-war leaders, charging them with seditious utterances. The arrests came a few hours after California accused the pair and two others of circulating a criminal libel against Gen. MacArthur.

Dies's Latest Attack Is Proving a Boomerang

Vice President Wallace's scathing criticism of Rep. Dies (D., Tex.) for his smear against 35 officials of the Economic Warfare Board has brought out anti-Dies feeling in the House. When the matter of an appropriation for the Texan's Committee comes up, an investigation of his investigators may develop.

NEW YORK

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WPB Blamed for Keeping Machine Pool Idle

Two years' effort by the Queens Chamber of Commerce to find war orders for a machine pool set up by it have met with failure so far. The pool can produce delicate instruments and guns. The Chamber blames the procurement agencies of the government and the WPB.

TODAY'S SHOPPING PAGES WILL SAVE YOU THE PRICE OF THIS PAPER

PM Dealers Threatened by Coughlinite Hoodlums

But Brooklyn Merchants Don't Scare Easily

Coughlinite hoodlums have begun a campaign of intimidation against newsdealers who sell PM.

One day after PM published the facts proving that *Social Justice* is endangering our war effort, newsdealers in the Underhill Ave. section of Brooklyn were threatened with boycott unless they quit selling PM.

Two men entered the stationery store of Morris Lang, 176 Underhill Ave., at 9:30 last night. The clerk on duty was Jack Reisman, the owner's son-in-law.

The taller of the two men handed him a mimeographed slip of paper which read:

"ANTI-COMMUNIST COMMITTEE
"The undersigned committee is interested in keeping all Communistic and anti-Christian publications off the newsstands.

"PM is a Communistic and an anti-Christian publication. It has constantly vilified Roman Catholic priests who are in good standing in their dioceses. It has always supported Communistic Russia, even when Soviet Russia was an ally of Nazi Germany. It is stirring up religious and racial prejudice in our country.

"For the sake of American peace and unity, we request every dealer to have nothing to do with either the display or sale of PM.

"We urge every real American to cease patronizing any store displaying or selling PM.

Reisman pointed out that the store sold all newspapers, including the *Tablet*.

"Why do you want me to stop selling PM?" he asked. "On account of the Coughlin story?"

"When you speak of him call him *Father Coughlin*," the big man retorted.

Reisman suggested that the men return in the morning and talk to Lang, the owner.

"We want a yes or no answer tonight," said the men, and left.

Jacob Horowitz, at 194 Underhill, was threatened in the same way and was also told that unless he stopped selling PM a boycott of his stand and all others handling the paper in that neighborhood would be announced from the pulpits of St. Joseph's and St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Churches.

The Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, Coughlin's eastern spokesman and rabid isolationist, is pastor of St. Joseph's. He is out of town and could not be reached for comment.

But Mgr. John B. Gorman, pastor of St. Theresa's, 563 Sterling St., was quick to disavow any connection with the boycott threat. He told PM:

"No pastor is taking any instructions from persons of that kind. I have no knowledge of the activity and don't intend to do any such thing."

A PM reporter covered Underhill Ave. from Eastern Pkwy. to Bergen St. and found that newsdealers in that district, even those who do not handle PM, had been approached and threatened by the hoodlums.

PM has notified police officials of the Storm Trooper tactics of the Coughlinites for the protection of these and any other newsdealers who may be threatened. All of those approached last night said they would continue selling PM.

PM also requests that any further instances of intimidation be reported by calling this office, STerling 3-2501, at once. Ask for the City Desk.

Additional reports of public response to PM's anti-Coughlin expose will be published tomorrow.

Take one minute of time to help fight your enemies: *PM 4/1/42*

Tear This Out and Mail It to the Attorney General

PM proved Monday that *Social Justice* is carrying its seditious line into our war factories and Army camps. We proved, through a survey of five cities, that the readers of *Social Justice* absorb and echo its seditious line of anti-Semitism, defeatism and dissension.

Then we asked our readers to check or write their opinion on this blank as to what should be

done and mail it to Attorney General Biddle, Washington, D. C.

Because of the great interest created by the story, we are reprinting the blank today.

No one can be neutral about *Social Justice*. It is menacing our national safety. That has been proved.

Tear out this page, check or write on it, and mail it to Attorney General Biddle.

Do Something About It

I agree with PM that Charles Coughlin's *Social Justice* is a menace to our liberties. You should do something about it, Mr. Attorney General.

I do not think Charles Coughlin's seditious talk is funny. I remember how people laughed when Hitler talked that way in the beer halls. I do not think we can afford to overlook him. Our lives are at stake. Our sons and our brothers are dying in the field, fighting the forces he defends.

I realize what a serious step it will be—the suppression of a paper in America. I thought I would never live to see the day when I would advocate it, but I agree with Abraham Lincoln that the whole structure of society is more important than any one part, and that America could die of Coughlin-cancer if it were not cut out. Other countries have died because they were not willing to cut out Coughlin-cancers. So, facing the seriousness of the decision with my eyes open, I say, Mr. Attorney General, that you have no choice but to take the knife and cut out the cancer—that America may live.

Don't Do Anything About It

I do not agree with PM. Why shouldn't Charles Coughlin say what he pleases to the men who are going into our armies and working in our factories? Why shouldn't he tell them lies, preach sedition to them, encourage them to armed revolt against the Government? Mr. Attorney General, keep your hands off Charles Coughlin.

I think it is silly to kick up a fuss about Charles Coughlin. Who pays any attention to him—just a lot of crooks and thugs. No matter how many good Americans he turns against our Government, sometime, somewhere, sooner or later, the FBI will catch up with them. There's lots of time. We don't mind a 10-year war. And if in the mean time there is a revolution we will win it. Forget all about Charles Coughlin.

I have so little faith in the American people that I do not think the national morale could stand the suppression of its civil liberties entailed in cutting off *Social Justice*. Where would you draw the line? It is all too confusing and things are happening too fast. I am kind of scared. I would rather wait. We'll muddle through somehow. Don't do anything about Charles Coughlin and *Social Justice*—or anything else.

Write What You Will Here

Signature _____

Address _____

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:

Can this Government stand if it indulges constitutional constructions by which men in open rebellion against it are to be accounted, man for man, equals of those who maintain their loyalty to it?

