

Is Coughlin Next?

Last week the Office of Facts and Figures in Washington issued a list of 15 separate lies and falsehoods which Adolf Hitler "wants us to believe."

Charles E. Coughlin, the fascist propagandist of Royal Oak, Mich., has, since the war and before the war, been filling the pages of his anti-Semitic sheet, *Social Justice*, with Berlin-concocted arguments on all 15 points and a few more besides.

Coughlin, week in and week out, is using every Nazi propaganda technique to insure a Nazi victory. He is the loudest, the most brazen and the most dangerous fifth columnist in the United States.

Will he be silenced next?

Archdiocese Repudiates 'Social Justice'

Is Not a Catholic Paper, Says Highest Church Body in Detroit

(Special to the Sunday Worker)

DETROIT, April 4.—The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit yesterday served notice that it assumed no responsibility for and disclaimed any connection with Charles Coughlin's magazine *Social Justice*.

The statement was made by the Right Rev. Edward J. Hickey, chancellor of the Archdiocese. Msgr. Hickey declared that "*Social Justice* is not a Catholic paper . . ."

The full statement was published in the Michigan Catholic, paper of the Detroit Archdiocese, under the heading, "An Authoritative Confirmation." It declared:

"Current controversy on the editorial policy of the local weekly, *Social Justice*, in relation to American morale, has brought from some Catholic papers in the country the emphatic statement that *Social Justice* is not a Catholic paper. We had thought that this was clear to all our readers.

"The receipt of some inquiries, however, has led us to ask the Archdiocesan Chancery for authoritative confirmation on this point. From the reply of Mgr. Edward J. Hickey, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit, we quote the following:

"A Catholic paper is, by definition, one that is published under the supervision of proper church authority. *Social Justice* is not under such supervision and is, therefore, not a Catholic paper. Moreover, for nearly two years back—since Father Coughlin's latest withdrawal from responsibility for *Social Justice* with the issue of May 27, 1940—no priest of this diocese has asked or received permission to contribute to *Social Justice* and no priest of this diocese has been authorized to associate himself in any capacity with its publication or circulation or, to the knowledge of this office, has actually done so. In a word, the Archdiocese of Detroit has no responsibility, direct or indirect, for *Social Justice Magazine*."