

Now Let U.S. Prosecute Coughlin

'Social Justice' Still Spreading Seditious

Opening Gun In Crushing 5th Column

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Charles Coughlin is still doing business at the same old street corners peddling his seditious Social Justice despite a government order banning it from the mails.

In his latest issue Coughlin is still winning the war for the Axis with every lie Goebbels is able to think up.

He is still calling for the blood of Jews and hugs to his bosom this week the Saturday Evening Post as a new ally, hailing the recent anti-Semitic article of Milton Mayer as a great and lasting contribution to the cause of pogroms.

He still plugs away for his great and good friend Martin Dies and heaps abuse upon the head of Vice-President Wallace for denouncing the Texas witch-hunter.

He still denounces America's war aims, preaches defeatism, sows distrust of our Allies, predicts a "six-year war" during which Americans will lose every vestige of freedom and democracy, and hurls abuse at the President of the United States.

The revocation of Coughlin's second class mail privilege has not silenced his pro-Axis rag. The latest issue of it, still procurable throughout the country, proves the need for further steps. Many Catholic organizations and leaders have spoken out against Coughlin's attack on the war effort.

The Department of Justice, under war-time regulations, has the power to stop the spread of this poison by stopping it at its source. This power should be used.

And to dry up the source completely, Charles Coughlin should be prosecuted vigorously and thoroughly and to the fullest extent under the laws protecting this country from treasonable activities.



Have the Jews forgotten that the more they organize materially against their opponents, the more assaults will increase and the closer they are to persecution?
If the Jew wants to be saved, he must save himself, as Mr. Mayer remarks.

Milton Mayer's foul attack against the Jews, published by the Saturday Evening Post, was not "misunderstood" by Coughlin. He hails it for what it was—a choice and juicy piece of anti-Semitism with pogroms inherent in its arguments. The above quotation is from the latest issue of Social Justice.

Let Friends Speak For Fr. Coughlin
TO THE EDITOR:
In attacking the Rev. Father Coughlin his critics are playing with dynamite.

For three weeks before Attorney General Biddle cracked down on Social Justice, the paper defied the government to take action against it and threatened violence and pogroms if such action were taken. The above quotation from a letter from a reader, published in the latest issue of Social Justice, shows that the call for violence has fallen on receptive ears.

If rationing of all food, clothing, housing and other necessities will be legislated for the conduct of our social life in 1942, such legislation—totalitarian as it is—will remain on the statute books in 1952.

Defeatism is still the line of Social Justice a week after it is officially banned from the mails. Above is a typical quotation from an article in the latest issue containing a series of such dire predictions of the total destruction of democracy in the United States by the "muddling internationalists" in Washington. The quotation is an attack on the economic program necessary to win the war.

When, either in speech or writing, have I advocated Naziism? It is true that I have regarded it and still regard it as a defence mechanism against Communism. It is true—and this following statement is supported by incontestable facts—that many Jews were among those responsible for furthering Communism in Germany and bringing that country to such a despondent state that Naziism became a reality.

Coughlin is for Nazism and parrots Hitler's own "explanation" of its aims as a "defense against Communism." He justifies the hideous Nazi terror against the Jews. The above quotation is taken from the latest issue of Social Justice which, despite a Postoffice ban, is still being hawked in the streets of the United States. The quotation is from a radio speech made by Coughlin on June 4, 1939. Coughlin told the editors of his paper that it "still stands" and they reprinted it this week in full.

By Adam Lapin
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WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Department of Justice has begun to crack down on the defeatist Fifth Column, on the propaganda agents of the Axis in this country. Charles E. Coughlin's Social Justice has been barred from the mails, and a grand jury here will be asked next week to indict those responsible for the policies of this pro-Axis sheet on charges of seditious.

The same grand jury is probing into the whole network of anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi sheets which can be found throughout the country and which echo the same defeatist line designed to disrupt the war effort.

A VITAL STEP
These are hopeful steps. It has been far too long that the administration and particularly Attorney General Francis Biddle have been hesitating in acting against the fifth column.

A sharp attack on the appeasers is critically important in terms of the primary elections for Congress which have already begun and will now continue throughout the country; in terms of clearly making the issue in these elections between those who support the war and those who follow defeatist policies.

And a crack down on the Fifth Column also has a decisive bearing on the main issue of the day—opening a second front in Europe against the Axis. For it is the copperheads and the appeasers who have been leading the opposition to a second front.

The fact must be faced, however, that the administration has