

# Coughlinites Smash Press Camera With Police Help

When a newspaper photographer in Boston tried to take a picture of a boy selling the latest issue of *Social Justice* in front of a church Sunday, here is what happened:

Joseph McDonald, a Boston distributor of *Social Justice*, kicked the camera from his hands, on Harrison Ave.

When the photographer, Arthur Hansen of the Boston *Herald-Traveler*, started to recover it, he said, Patrolman John Schofield of the Boston Police Dept. held him, while McDonald smashed the \$200 camera beyond repair.

Several hundred persons saw the incident.

The photographer said Schofield told him: "I read *Social Justice* every week and I see nothing wrong with it."

He did not arrest McDonald.

No action against Schofield has been taken by the Boston Police Department.

McDonald stepped out of his *Social Justice* delivery truck when Hansen poised his camera, and challenged his right to take the photo. Hansen put a flash bulb into his

camera. McDonald kicked the camera 15 feet into the air.

As Hansen started to recover it, according to his story, Patrolman Schofield grabbed him and held him while McDonald and another man wrecked the camera.

Hansen said he asked the cop: "Didn't you see what happened?"

He said the cop replied:

"No, my back was turned."

McDonald and the other man still were using the camera as a football. Hansen asked the cop whether he could see what they were doing. He said the cop paid no attention to them and asked Hansen his name. Hansen grappled with McDonald, but the cop, he said pushed him away.

This is what Schofield reported to his superiors:

"At 11:40 a.m., Patrolman Schofield investigated a case on Harrison Ave., near St. James' Church, wherein Arthur Hansen of 15 T Wharf, a photographer for the Boston *Herald*, alleges that one Joseph McDonald of 179 Chestnut Ave., Jamaica

Plain, who was operating a *Social Justice* truck owned by him, broke Hansen's camera while Hansen was endeavoring to take a picture of the truck. No witnesses. Both parties were instructed to meet in Municipal Court Tuesday. Make application for process against either or both."

Later, upon the action of the Boston *Herald-Traveler*, a complaint was sworn out against McDonald on a charge of malicious destruction of property. He will appear in court today.

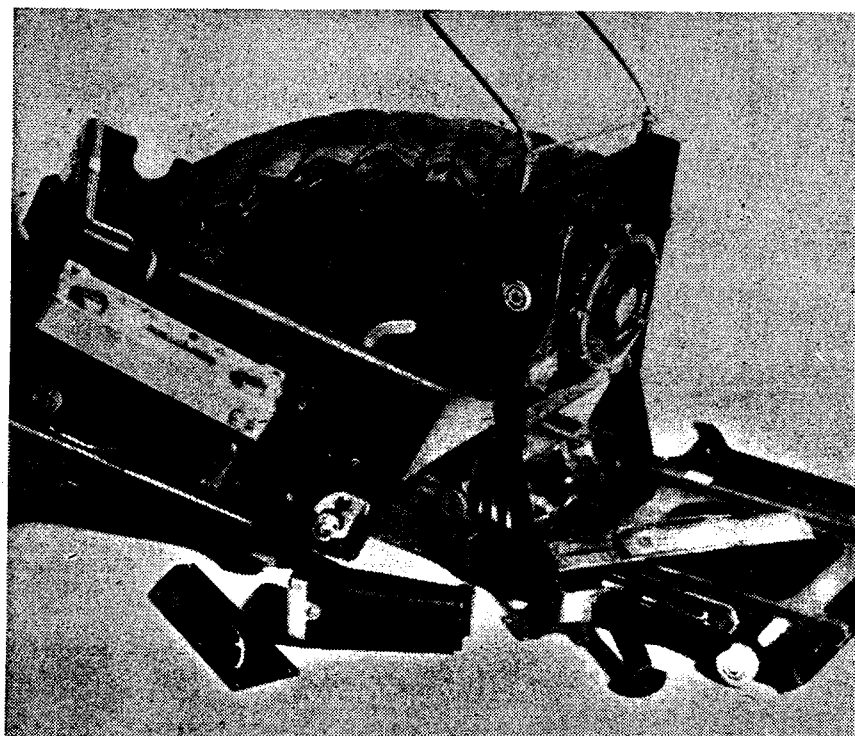
Police Commissioner Joseph Timilty promised he would investigate Schofield's action.

Complaints were registered, on Hansen's behalf, with U. S. Attorney Edmund J. Brandon and Attorney General Robert T. Bushnell.

Timilty told PM yesterday that the facts given by Schofield differed from those given by Hansen. He said no formal action would be taken against the cop "until the facts were known." Schofield denied he had held



Arthur Hansen, whose camera was smashed by Coughlinites.



Here is what was left of a \$200 press camera after a *Social Justice* distributor and another Coughlinite kicked it around. Photos by Boston Herald-Traveler



Joseph McDonald, arrow, steps out of his *Social Justice* delivery truck. A few minutes later he smashed the camera which took this picture.

Hansen or made any reference to *Social Justice*.