

Coughlin Incited His Followers to Violence

Told Them to Fight 'In Franco's Way' and 'Meet Force With Force'

Charles E. Coughlin, founder and ideological fuhrer of the Christian Front, has a documentary record for exhorting his followers to use violence.

The documentary record of violence by Christian Fronters is on many police blotters.

In a radio speech, July 30, 1939, Coughlin laid down this challenge:

"But if you [people he doesn't like] persist in carrying on your fight by denying us liberty of speech, liberty of press and, consequently, liberty in politics, we will fight you in Franco's way, if necessary.

"Rest assured we will fight you in Franco's way, if necessary. Call this inflammatory, if you will. It is inflammatory. But rest assured we will fight you and we will win." (Photostat on this page.)

The Nov. 20, 1939, issue of *Social Justice* carried this challenge:

"What is . . . Coughlin's most emphatic advice to the Christian Front? Meet force with force as a last resort." (Photostat on this page.)

Earlier that year, Coughlin, speaking by

long-distance to 6000 followers gathered at a Philadelphia meeting, said:

"I call on you in Philadelphia to organize the Christian Front. The fight will be between the so-called popular front and the Christian Front and it will be a fight for survival."

The Mar. 30, 1942, issue of *Social Justice* openly incited race violence:

"Go ahead, *Jewish Survey*; do your worst; ban *Social Justice* — and then observe whether the tide of anti-Semitism in America fades out or flames from a prairie fire into an uncontrollable holocaust.

"The worst possible injustice that *Social Justice* could do to the Jews of America would be to discontinue publication of its own volition, seizing this opportunity to blame the Jews for our retirement. Were we to succumb to such a satanic temptation, the pogroms which crimsoned the soil of Europe would rank as a poor second to what would occur on the streets of New York." (Photostat on this page.)

The readers of *Social Justice* echo the same incitation to violence in their letters



ROME-BERLIN AXIS IS A FIRM RAMPART AGAINST COMMUNISM

UNDENIABLY, HEINRICH HITLER and his National Socialist Party are deserving of substantial criticism. They have persecuted Catholics, Protestants and Jews in their effort to establish a self-contained State.

They have set themselves up not only as the supreme rulers of political, civil, national and economic affairs; they have also claimed the right to interpret what truths will be taught and what truths kept in silence—what interpretations may be voiced and what interpretations banned. They have regarded the Church as a limited teaching body—limited in the scope of its preaching.

In truth, the Church, from the moment of its establishment, has been the one institution, divinely inspired leader whose prerogative it is to point out the profane, to rebuke and only the inflexible application of our divinely set rules which include moral, economic, social, political, and spiritual.

The National Socialist Party maintains that the Church has no voice in condemning certain accepted national principles, even when they run counter to the demands of the State.

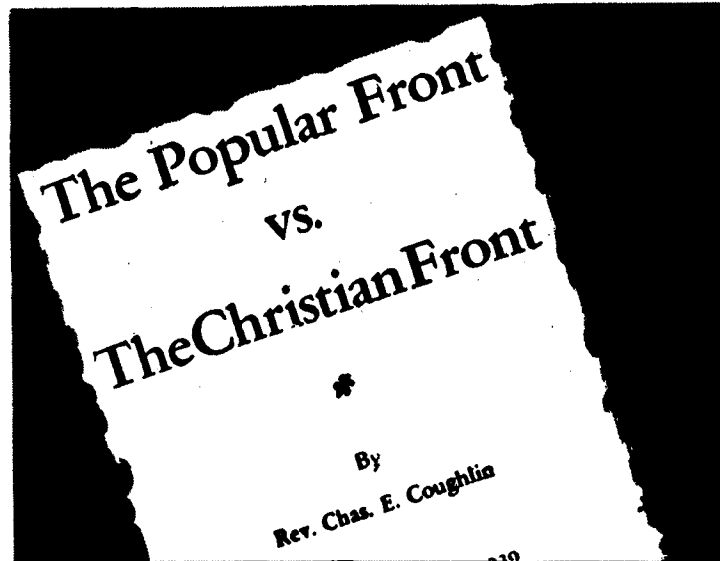
Nevertheless, it should never be forgotten that the Church has no voice in condemning certain accepted national principles, even when they run counter to the demands of the State.

It should never be forgotten that wherever the tradition of Liberalism is strong, as in France, the Church is correspondingly despised a fair deal, and the weight of the State is used to propagate materialistic-scientific doctrines to the detriment of Christianity.

It should never be forgotten that before the Italian Fascist revolution, the Pope was a prisoner in the Vatican, religious was banished from the schools of Italy, and public religious processions, as well as many similar manifestations of the will of the people to worship God in accordance with their faith and tradition, were prohibited.

This is significant.

Coughlin glorified the Axis in the Apr. 3, 1939 issue of *Social Justice* with an idealized portrait of Hitler on the back cover. The headline praised the "Rome-Berlin Axis" as a "firm rampart against Communism."



The Popular Front vs. The Christian Front

By Rev. Chas. E. Coughlin

We will fight you shoulder to shoulder, cheek to jowl—and be content to use your weapons.

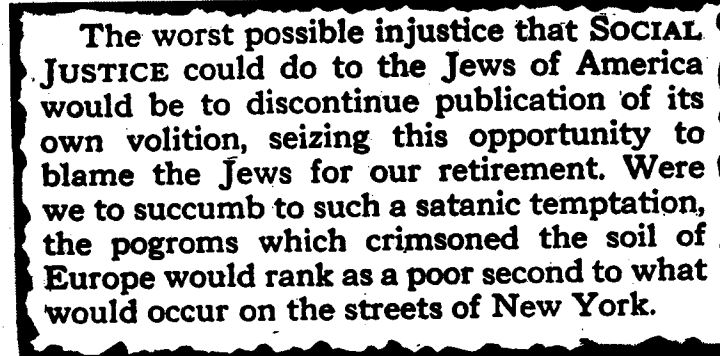
If you choose to fight in the American way according to the rules of liberty of press and liberty of speech, well and good.

But if you persist in carrying on your fight by denying us liberty of speech, liberty of press and, consequently, liberty in politics, we'll fight you in Franco's way, if necessary.

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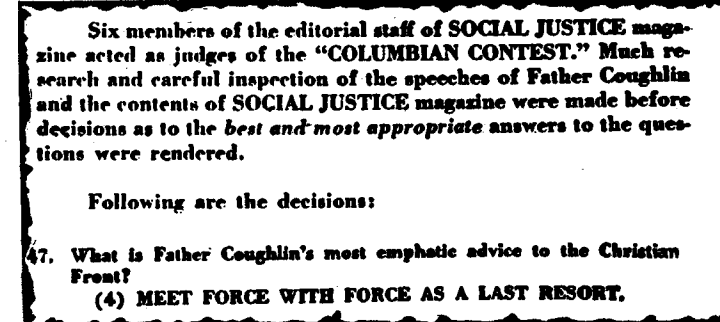
I understand that units of the Christian Front have formed and are forming in New York City and elsewhere. Does that mean anything to you Bolsheviks?

Here is a reprint of Coughlin's July, 1939, radio speech in which he threatened his followers would fight the "Franco way."



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Here is how *Social Justice* inflamed its readers to race hatred and violence in the Mar. 30, 1942, issue.



Six members of the editorial staff of SOCIAL JUSTICE magazine acted as judges of the "COLUMBIAN CONTEST." Much research and careful inspection of the speeches of Father Coughlin and the contents of SOCIAL JUSTICE magazine were made before decisions as to the best and most appropriate answers to the questions were rendered.

Following are the decisions:

- 47. What is Father Coughlin's most emphatic advice to the Christian Front? (4) MEET FORCE WITH FORCE AS A LAST RESORT.

And here is Coughlin's "most emphatic advice to the Christian Front."