

# 'Social Justice' Ends Publication; Coughlin Withdraws for Good

Mail Privilege Revoked  
As Hearing Terminates;  
Archbishop 'Relieved'

Social Justice, the controversial weekly founded six years ago by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit "radio priest," has ceased publication.

The demise was announced yesterday afternoon at the outset of a hearing called by the Post Office Department to determine whether the second-class mailing privilege should be taken from the paper which had been characterized by Attorney General Biddle as "clearly seditious."

A letter to Postmaster General Walker from E. Perrin Schwartz, president and editor, advised of the suspension and said that mailing privileges were being abandoned. An accompanying telegram from Father Coughlin approved Mr. Schwartz' action.

#### Archbishop Mooney "Gratified."

There was no further explanation from the clergyman, but the Associated Press carried this statement from the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit.

"I am gratified to learn that the question between the Post Office Department and Social Justice magazine, involving a priest of this diocese, has been disposed of, as reported in today's paper.

"Regardless, however, of how the matter might have been disposed of, I had a definite and explicit commitment from Father Coughlin on May 1 that, from that date forward, his severance of all connection, whether direct or indirect, with the magazine would be absolute and complete.

"My understanding with him is sufficiently broad and firm to exclude effectively the recurrence of any such unpleasant situation."

#### Ban Remains Effective.

Despite the suspension of the weekly, Postmaster General Walker directed revocation of the mailing privileges, the action being announced by a special board convened for the hearing, which was composed of Assistant Postmasters General Ambrose O'Connell, Smith W. Purdum and Walter Myers. This ban would prevent circulation of the publication as second-class matter in the event it was resumed.

Concurrently, it was said at the Justice Department that the current grand jury inquiry of Social Justice here in connection with alleged propaganda activities would be continued.

#### Defeatism Charged.

Completing the record in the case by the introduction of documentary evidence that included copies of Social Justice, Assistant Solicitor Calvin W. Hassell of the Post Office Department told the special board that since the United States entered the war the weekly had preached a doctrine of defeatism and "substantially reproduced the enemy propaganda line."