Jackson Refuses To Investigate

• Attorney General Robert Jackson's refusal to investigate the "Christian Front" trial constitutes a distinct disservice to American democracy. It offers encouragement to the advocacy and practise of terrorism.

The boasts of the Fronters of the bombings, mainings and general turmoil that they plan to create is a matter of public knowledge. At a "jubilation" meeting of this outfit in Brooklyn, Rev. Edward F. Brophy was quoted as openly declaring that Mrs. Helen Titus, foreman of the jury at the trial, is his cousin.

This astounding admission, accompanied by the unusual conduct of the case by United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy, throws a cloud of suspicion about the whole proceedings. A Department of Justice interested in preserving democracy at this critical hour would certainly be alert to look into the matter.

But the Attorney General's office has let it be known long ago that a peculiar immunity is enjoyed by these advocates of terrorism—particularly as represented by their chief instigator, the fascist Father Charles E. Coughlin.

Nevertheless, this issue will not down. Nothing will contribute to the halting of terrorism in America at the moment more than a flood of protests to the Attorney General against the damaging complacency exhibited by his office to this dangerous fascist crew.

Particularly at this time—when there has been the series of tragic bombings and the rumors of more such attempts—the people have additional reason for insisting that the Department of Justice do its full duty.