

One Priest Shoos Away Vendor *NWA* Social Justice Sold *4/20/42* Before Churches Here

Social Justice, the Coughlin weekly barred from the mails a week ago, was hawked in front of several Catholic churches here yesterday but at least one priest shoos away the vendor.

Father John K. Cartwright of Immaculate Conception Church at Eighth and N streets was asked a salesman who stopped in front of his church at 10 a. m. not to sell the paper there.

"The Government is opposed to distribution of this paper," he told the man, "and I don't think you ought to sell it in front of this church." The man walked away.

Another priest, who withheld use of his name, stopped a Social Justice vendor who attempted to enter the church with copies of the paper. The man then took up his position on the sidewalk, but could find only half a dozen customers among the several hundred worshippers who attended 9 o'clock mass.

This week's edition presumably was sent to local distributors by express.

Less than two weeks ago Rt. Rev. Edward J. Hickey, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit and spokesman for Father Coughlin's superior, Archbishop Mooney, disavowed Social Justice as a Catholic publication. His statement was printed in the April edition of the weekly "Michigan Catholic" under the headline, "An Authoritative Confirmation."

Representatives of Social Justice must show cause April 29 why the Government should not revoke the mailing privileges of the paper. It is

Coughlin Challenges Social Justice Ban

By United Press

DETROIT, April 20—Father Coughlin announced today he is solely responsible for the policies and contents of Social Justice and will challenge the right of Postmaster General Walker to suspend its second-class mailing privileges without a hearing.

Atty. Gen. Biddle has announced that a District of Columbia grand jury soon will begin an investigation of the publication. Coughlin said he would eliminate the need for such an investigation by declaring himself solely responsible.

At the same time Coughlin released an article written for this week's issue which said that Robert H. Vogel, superintendent of the Railway Express Agency, has informed the magazine that as a matter of policy the agency would refuse to handle any matter which the Post Office had ruled was non-mailable.

Earlier today, the Civil Rights Federation demanded here that criminal prosecution be instituted against Coughlin as a necessary correlation of the barring of Social Justice from the mails.

In a letter to Atty. Gen. Biddle, the federation, which claimed to represent 300 Michigan church, farm, labor and civic organizations with more than 500,000 members, charged that Social Justice "has spread the poisonous doctrine of disunity, race and religious hatred and surrender to aggressive Fascism at home and abroad." It said the magazine had inspired and supported the formation of armed bands of "Christian Front" storm troopers "to co-operate with other Nazi-minded elements in acts of violence and terrorism."