

# Coughlin Takes 'Social Justice' Responsibility

## Plan to Subpoena

### Priest's Parents

#### Is Abandoned

Plans to summon the parents of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, before a District Grand Jury investigating Axis propaganda were abandoned yesterday. The plans were changed after Father Coughlin in Detroit said he was solely responsible for the policies and contents of the magazine Social Justice.

These developments same as Postmaster General Frank C. Walker barred from the mails the current issue of Social Justice.

### Ownership Transfer

This crack-down on the magazine followed the suspension last week of second class mailing privileges of the publication for alleged seditious utterances. A hearing had been set for April 29 to determine whether the ban should be permanent.

Coughlin transferred ownership of the publication to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coughlin, of Royal Oak, Mich., in May, 1940, but he said in Detroit yesterday that he is solely responsible for the policies and contents of the magazine.

He served notice that he will challenge Walker's authority to suspend the magazine's mailing privileges without a hearing.

### Former Disavowal

Informed of Coughlin's statement, the chancellery of the Detroit archdiocese released, without comment, a letter dated May 16, 1940, from Father Coughlin to Archbishop Edward Mooney, in which the former disavowed any responsibility for the publication beyond the issue of May 27, 1940.

E. Perrin Schwartz, editor of the publication, also was summoned to appear before the Grand Jury on Thursday.

Likewise summoned to appear before the Grand Jury Thursday was Louis B. Ward, Carroll Arms Hotel, Washington representative of Father Coughlin.