

Coughlin's Parents Won't Be Called in Magazine Inquiry

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Present Editor of Social
Justice Is Expected
To Testify Thursday

Issuance of a statement by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Royal Oak (Mich.) priest, assuming responsibility for the control, policies and contents of the magazine Social Justice, was followed, it was learned today, by withdrawal of subpoenas for his parents, Thomas J. and Amelia Frances Coughlin, listed as publishers, to appear Thursday before the special District grand jury investigating propaganda.

But the statement, reported by the Associated Press, will have no effect on the searching inquiry into the magazine which was started by the grand jury yesterday, a Justice Department official said.

Whether Father Coughlin will be summoned in the course of the investigation has not been announced.

The jurors, instead of hearing the priest's parents, will turn to other witnesses Thursday. Among them is to be E. Perrin Schwartz, present editor of Social Justice.

The grand jury yesterday heard Francis A. Mahoney, a special assistant to the Attorney General; Representative Hoffman, Republican, of Michigan, who previously had testified; his secretary, Miss Helen Boyer, and Mrs. David Good, retiring president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion. The jury then recessed until Thursday.

The inquiry into the magazine was ordered last week by Attorney General Biddle. At the same time, Postmaster General Walker announced that he was barring the publication from the mails temporarily on the grounds that it was alleged to be seditious, and that he would hold a hearing in Washington April 29 to determine whether the order should be made permanent.