

Axis Apologist Quizzed Again by Grand Jury

A written statement addressed to The News by David Baxter, Jap and Nazi apologist of San Bernardino, got him into hot water again with the special grand jury probing Axis propaganda yesterday.

The statement promised America a "change of political power—a political revolution." The grand jury requisitioned the statement and brought Baxter in for questioning. For more than a week he has been brought in for almost daily quizzing by Special Prosecutor William Power Maloney.

Baxter is a spokesman for the Social Republic Society which flowers in the fecund soil of Southern California where almost anything grows twice as big. The group, known as the "Socis," anticipates a revolution in America, and urges its members to store up arms.

COUGHLINITE QUESTIONED

The Coughlinite magazine, Social Justice came in for the opening inquiry into its operation yesterday. The first witness was E. Perrin-Schwartz of Royal Oak, Mich., editor of the weekly. He brought with him two large bundles of the magazine's records as required by the subpoena served on him and was closeted with the grand jury for about an hour.

Social Justice was temporarily banned from the mails two weeks after Attorney General Biddle labeled it "clearly seditious." Postmaster General Walker has ordered a hearing set for next Wednesday on a motion to make the mail ban permanent. It is anticipated that Father Coughlin, who has claimed full responsibility for the magazine, will appear personally to fight the ban, and that he will be subpoenaed to appear before the special grand jury at the same time.

Rep. Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.) was again a witness before the grand jury yesterday. The distribution of his "Roosevelt Is a Judas" speech has been the subject of extended grand jury inquiry.

HIS STATEMENT

The requisitioned statement that got Baxter into more trouble yesterday stated:

"The New Deal sacred cow is about to be offered upon the sacrificial altar of outraged public opinion. My reports from all sections indicate this. Governmental power comes not from Washington but from the so-called 'back country.' And we of that 'back country' are breaking the hold of official rascality.

"The New Deal Attorney General has selected as an assistant in charge of so-called 'Axis' investigations (rounding up as pro-Axis' anyone opposed to the Administration's foreign policies) William P. Maloney, one of the 'little tough guys' of the legal profession. Maloney is tough. He not only knows the legal holds but is diabolically well-versed in the finer art of subjecting his victims to 'newspaper trials' long before they have ever been indicted by a grand jury.

"However, I am not greatly perturbed. I can 'take it' as long as 'my public servants' wish to 'dish it out.'



E. Perrin Schwartz, editor of Father Coughlin's publication, "Social Justice," was called before the special grand jury here investigating Axis propaganda.

Later on the situation may very definitely be reversed, and you may take my word for that."

Asked by reporters how the situation may be "reversed," Baxter said it would be done by a "change of political power—a political revolution."

Ban On 'Social Justice' Is Extended to Newsboys

By United Press

Anyone transporting or distributing seditious publications banned from the mails—railroads and newsboys alike—will be subject to drastic penalties under the Trading With the Enemy Act, Atty Gen. Biddle warned last night.

The ruling applies to Coughlin's Social Justice. Violators face a possible \$10,000 fine and 10 years imprisonment.