

# 'Social Justice' Again Barred From Mails; Magazine Toned Down

## Walker Says Coughlin Publication Violates Espionage Act

By the Associated Press.

The April 27 issue of Social Justice, weekly magazine founded by the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, was ruled non-mailable yesterday, although Postmaster General Walker said the "tone of the paper" had changed since the April 20 issue was banned from the mails.

Despite the change, the Postmaster General held that the latest issue "contains statements clearly within the prohibitions of the Espionage Act." He has set a hearing for May 4 on the question of whether mailing rights of Social Justice should be revoked altogether.

Mr. Walker announced his ruling on the April 27 issue by making public a letter to the postmaster at Royal Oak, Mich.

### Has Made Many Changes.

This letter said the 12-page April 27 issue disclosed the publication "(A) has changed the over-all make-up of the front and back cover pages, (B) in certain respects more fully identifies and sets out the claimed source of the material published, and (C) uses language more temperate."

"The entire tone of the paper," the letter continued, "seems to be changed, one page being devoted to quotations from the Gospels and another page devoted to quotations of the eminent Cardinal Mercier. (Cardinal Mercier of Belgium became a World War hero of the Allies by his defiance of the Germans who overran his country.)"

"This current issue apparently reprints entire articles which appeared in the publication after December 7, 1942. However, close examination discloses that from certain of these reprinted articles, the publisher has deleted certain passages contained in the article as originally printed without disclosing the deletions. The deletions made were of the more flagrant types of violations of the Espionage Act that have appeared in the publication since December 7, 1942.

### "Attacks War Effort."

"Notwithstanding these changes, the issue of Social Justice dated April 27, 1942, continues a 'sustained and systematic attack on certain of our activities directly relating to our war effort, as well as upon public morale generally,' and emphasizes enemy propaganda themes such as disparagement of the intentions and motives of Great Britain and the United States; blame for the war on international bankers and their control of or influence in the present national administration and in the governments of their allies; creation of racial hatreds and distrust; constant and frequent attacks upon the war policies of the present Government, and doubt as to the ability of the United Nations to win the war,' as outlined to me by the Attorney General. \* \* \*

"In addition the issue contains statements clearly within the prohibitions of the Espionage Act and therefore it is non-mailable."

The present editor of Social Justice is E. Perrin Schwartz. However, Father Coughlin said in a statement recently that he assumed full responsibility for the publication.