

Father Coughlin To Be Called For Jury Quiz

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U. S. to Prosecute

Several Witnesses

In Propaganda Probe

Father Charles E. Coughlin, founder of Social Justice, the magazine barred from the mails, will be called before the special District Grand Jury probing Axis propaganda after officers and employes of the publication have been heard, Attorney Francis Biddle announced last night.

Department of Justice officials revealed that prosecution of several witnesses who already have appeared before the Grand Jury will be started as soon as attorneys have time to prepare the cases.

Parallel Viereck Case

While officials refused to specify the cases, they indicated that some of them would parallel the case of George Sylvester Viereck, convicted Nazi agent.

Preliminary inquiry into the published material in Social Justice, which Attorney General Biddle charged was "clearly seditious," will continue Tuesday when 10 editors and employes of the magazine are subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury.

E. Perrin Schwartz, Social Justice editor, who has been questioned for several days by the Grand Jury, will continue his testimony Tuesday.

Hearing May 4

The Post Office Department has set May 4 for a hearing on the question of barring the magazine permanently from the mails.

Social Justice has altered its makeup and modified its language, but remains non-mailable because its contents still are "clearly within the prohibitions of the Espionage Act," Postmaster General Frank C. Walker said last night.

Walker made public a letter of instructions to the postmaster at Royal Oak. He said the periodical had made an apparent attempt to eliminate some of the features which caused it to be barred from the mails earlier this month.

Language Tempered

In the 12-page current issue, dated April 27, the publication, Walker said, has changed its front and back makeup, more fully identified the source of its material and employed "language more temperate" than that of previous editions.

The entire tone of the magazine "seems to be changed," Walker added, inasmuch as one page is devoted to "quotations from the Gospels" and another to "quotations of the eminent Cardinal Mercier." (Mercier was the heroic Belgian Primate in World War I.)

Nevertheless, the postmaster said, the publication continues a "sustained and systematic attack on certain of our activities directly relating to the war effort, as well as upon public morale generally."

Also Blames Bankers

It also "emphasizes enemy propaganda themes," Walker continued, "such as disparagement of the intentions and motives of Great Britain and the United States and blame for the war on international bankers and their control or influence in the present national Administration and in the governments of the Allies."

"Also criticized was 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."

The April 27 issue had been presented to the Royal Oak postmaster by the publisher "with a view to its transmission through the United States mails under its second-class mailing permit." Walker ruled, however, that it was still non-mailable.