

EXPOSED: Coughlinites Plan Pro-Fascist Rally Tomorrow



EDWARD LODGE CURRAN

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Brooklyn Coughlinites and other friends of the Axis plan to distort "I Am An American Day" to exploit their own special pro-fascist doctrines, it was learned by the Daily Worker yesterday:

They have spurned proclamations of President Roosevelt and Mayor LaGuardia for a united all-out war demonstration of the people on the Mall of

Central Park on Sunday afternoon and are promoting their own "American Day" rally at Columbus Club, 1 Prospect Ave.

At the International Catholic Truth Society, local Coughlinite and Christian Front center, where tickets are on sale for the rally at 50 cents each, it was stated Edward Lodge Curran will head the list of speakers and is scheduled to talk in defense

of Charles Coughlin.

Investigation revealed the program for the fake "American Day" meeting is being arranged by John Henihan, co-worker of Bernard T. D'Arcy, official distributor of the Coughlin magazine "Social Justice" before it was banned from the mails by the government as seditious literature.

Christian Fronters in Brooklyn are passing the

word around the Curran meeting will be the "real stuff," with "no Jews allowed." Not an "American Day" celebration, but a "Christian American Day" rally.

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn
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Communist, denounced sponsors of the Prospect Ave. affair as "the best friends of Hitler and the Axis in America."

A member of the Mayor's "I Am An America Day" committee, Cacchione called on Brooklynites to attend the Central Park rally.

He said he considered the meeting called by Curran in defense of Father Coughlin "an effort to divide the people of Brooklyn," he said.

"What kind of an American Day meeting could be conducted under Reverend Curran's auspices, when

he and Father Coughlin have long ago betrayed the real principles of Americanism?" the councilman asked.

"These great principles are today in danger of being destroyed by the Axis, and Curran is the staunchest support of Father Coughlin, who has verbally parroted Goebbels' speeches in 'Social Justice.'"

Plans for the Coughlinite private "American Day" meeting were brought to the attention of the Mayor's office late yesterday.

Sponsorship of the rally, it was learned, is being investigated.