

Coughlin Fingerman for Coudert In Firing of Teachers

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Is Charles E. Coughlin the fingerman for the Vichy Government's attorney, State Senator



COUDERT

Frederic R. Coudert, who is conducting the present purge of anti-fascist school teachers?

Files of "Social Justice," Coughlin's magazine, show that Coudert's state legislative committee had 15 progressive New York teachers fired after Coughlin put the finger on them as "Communists" and "Jews" and "Jewesses."

Coughlin belongs to that "handful of noisy traitors," whom President Roosevelt described last Tuesday as "betrayers of America and Christianity itself."

This "noisy traitor" demanded the firing of the anti-fascist teachers in the issues of "Social Justice" of Nov. 6 and 13, 1939.

He named them by name and asked for their heads.

THE FINGERMAN

These teachers, said the Royal Oak fascist, had supported the Spanish republic. They were "radicals," "Communists" and

"Reds," and unionists and "Jewesses" and "Jews." They must go.

And the French Government's attorney started his fanfare of "investigation" the next spring and had the teachers fired last year.

Coughlin called Professor Howard Selsam of Brooklyn College (now director of the School for Democracy, which is starting a new term at 13 Astor Place), a "Red" and a "Jew" on Nov. 13, 1939.

And Coudert had him fired last year.

Coughlin attacked Dr. Max Yergan, City College lecturer, as a "Negro" and a "radical."

And Dr. Yergan was fired.

SCHOOL VICTIMS

The same thing happened to Prof. Morris U. Schappes of City College, denounced by Coughlin as a "Jew" and an officer of the College Teachers Union, which, said the Royal Oak fascist, had "voted unanimously to condemn the mass murder of innocent citizens of Bar-

Here is what President Roosevelt said in his speech to the nation last Tuesday night:

"However, we are now greatly concerned lest those who have recently come to power [in France] may seek to force the brave French people into submission to Nazi despotism."

Ed. Note: The Coudert firm is the legal representative of the Vichy government.

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Coughlin also put the finger on the following members of the faculties of City College, Brooklyn College and high schools, Coudert had fired:

David Goldway, David Cohen, Nelle Lederman, Harry Klein, Maxwell Weisman, Saul Bernstein, John K. Ackley, Myron Hoch, Ingram Bander, James Healy, Arnold Shukotoff and Dale Zysman.

Coudert's finger man uses the words "Communist" and "Jew" and "Teachers' Union" interchangeably.

As Coughlin raves against "Jew-

ish penetration" of the schools Dr. Bella Dodd, the union's legislative representative, becomes a "Jewess" in spite of her Italian descent, just as President Roosevelt was called "Jew" in the Spanish fascist press this writer saw when he was in Spain.

The term "Jew" becomes a political thing as the fascist purge moves into high gear.

Coughlin and Coudert have aided each other from the start of the purge.

The Daily Worker showed last Saturday how Coudert has protected the Coughlinite Christian

Front propagandists in the schools, who attack the Jewish people and the nation's war effort in writing and speech.

We challenge Coudert to put the files of Social Justice and the "Educational Signpost" of Principal Milo McDonald side by side and deny the common line that exists in both publications.

Both Coughlin (Hitler's spokesman) and Coudert (Vichy's lawyer) have common objectives in their drive on the schools.

Both concentrate their fire against anti-fascists, union members and largely against Jews.

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DO COMMUNISTS CONTROL NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS?

INQUIRY SHOWS EXTENT OF LEFTIST INFLUENCE IN EDUCATION POLICY

Both points of the Berlin-Vichy educational Axis in New York dig some of their sharpest attacks into the boards of education, because education is the thing they seek to curtail.

Thus Coughlin turns Professor Harry Carmen of the Board of Education into a "Jew."

Coughlin's magazine is barred from the mails at long last, but

his drive against anti-fascist teachers and higher education goes on.

And now Vichy's lawyer seeks to fire another 400 teachers. He hopes to get his hands on another \$50,000, already voted by the legislature, but not yet acted on by Governor Lehman.

A defeat for Coudert will be a defeat for the Axis.