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. . . or the Coughlin Line?

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Top Kick

Jack Dinsmore, Editor

Comedy Relief for . . .

If—heaven forbid—we do not win this war, the reason can be laid to the fact of too many Marxists in Washington. Pg. 4



Edited by David Gordon

Noted Catholic Writer Deplores 'International'

By LUTHER CONANT, JR

Last Spring, a small digest magazine called the *Catholic International* made its appearance on newsstands throughout the country.

Such a noted Catholic writer as Michael Williams, writing in the *Commonweal*, called it a "curious and deplorable publication."

Williams said the *International* would have Catholics believe that "Hitler's entrance into France, and Mussolini's surrender to Hitler in Italy, have produced no other fruits than a great triumph for the Catholic Church in those countries."

Williams accused the publication of distorting the whole truth and harming rather than helping its declared purpose of upholding the Catholic faith.

Williams added:

"I sincerely hope that (the magazine) will continue to be unknown to most people, in spite of the fact that a considerable portion of its 97 pages contains a good deal of first-class reading matter.

. . . (it) appears that Catholics must principally be concerned in pursuing the purpose announced by Mr. Gordon and his fellow editors and . . . have nothing to do

in collaboration with others than Catholics of the Gordon and Company type. "Tolerance is repudiated."

PM did not report on the publication at that time, since it seemed probable that the magazine would not live beyond a single issue.

Now, however, a second issue, with the announcement that it will become a monthly with the next issue, is ready for distribution.

The current issue scoffs at American liberty. It says the "leftists inflate their vanities by calling the special enemies of their own materialist ideologies 'Fascists' and 'aggressors' and 'economic royalists.'" (See exhibit above, right).

It violently attacks Father Wilfred Parsons, S. J., for defending Inter-Faith Conferences in an article in the Jesuit weekly, *America*.

Further indication of the line taken is an attack on a Harvard professor for his philosophical views. The magazine reaches this conclusion.

"Therefore, in the Holy Name, the specific anti-Christ whom we must fight is not the Nazi anti-Christ, nor the Fascist anti-Christ, but the Harvard anti-christ."

In correspondence with this reporter, Gor-

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As head of the British Empire at war, he has never let fall from his lips the horrid notion that our boys are shedding their blood for the sake of the New Deal or anti-fascism or The Right to Love or any other such calamitous nonsense. Winston Churchill has said that he is fighting for his country and for his people's Empire . . . homely and human things, worthy of dying for. Pg. 5

poor publican, "unjust, etc." So do our Leftists inflate their vanities by calling the special enemies of their own materialist ideologies "fascists" and "aggressors" and "economic royalists." Pg. 5

Americans boast of their "freedom," but it only exists in words; it has no abiding place outside a boisterous rhetoric.

Such is American "Liberty." What can Italy learn from such a model? Pg. 68

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don denounced PM for attacking Coughlin, particularly with reference to Coughlin's recent letter to the former readers of *Social Justice*, banned last Spring as seditious. Coughlin, in that letter, spread his same old poison:

¶ That this is not a war for liberty against the slavery of Fascism.

¶ That Hitler and Fascism did not bring about this war.

¶ That it is not a war against unjust aggression.

Some of the articles in the *Catholic International* are similar in tenor to the political philosophy behind Coughlin's conclusions.

Significantly, Coughlin is quoted on a full page, though the quotation is purely spiritual.

Here is the background of the magazine. Its editor is David Gordon. He would not discuss the financial backing. He has written for a number of Catholic magazines. First issue of the *Catholic International* was published from St. Paul's (Paulist Fathers) Library in Chicago. Father Newway, a Canadian priest was spiritual adviser.

The current issue of the *Catholic International* says on the cover that it is pub-

lished under clerical direction. On page 50 there is brief story signed—"By a priest-adviser to Catholic International." No name is given.

The first issue was distributed by Hearst's magazine circulation set-up—but not the second.

After the appearance of the first issue last Spring, Gordon returned to Cleveland, where for a number of years he had been associated with publishing *Hot Dog* and *Secrets*. *Hot Dog* was suppressed in 1929 by Safety Director Edwin D. Barry as obscene.

This Summer Gordon edited the first—and apparently only—issue of a so-called joke magazine called *Top Kick*. Its cartoons were obviously anti-British. Its humor was coarse, vulgar, and obscene. Unusual in such magazines were paragraphs devoted to diatribes against the "Marxists in Washington," the old Coughlin-Christian Front line. (See exhibit above, left).

In an interview with a *Cleveland Press* reporter this Summer, Gordon was quoted as saying he was in sympathy with the "idea behind the Christian Front."

In publishing *Top Kick*, Gordon used the pseudonym of "Jack Dinsmore." (See exhibit below.)

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The editor of TOP KICK is David Gordon, operating under the pseudonym of Jack Dinsmore, which same pseudonym this editor used in the publication of HOT DOG, founded in Cleveland in 1921 and continuing for a dozen years from that date.

constitutes the editorial policy of TOP KICK.

David Gordon

Proof that Jack Dinsmore is Gordon's pseudonym.

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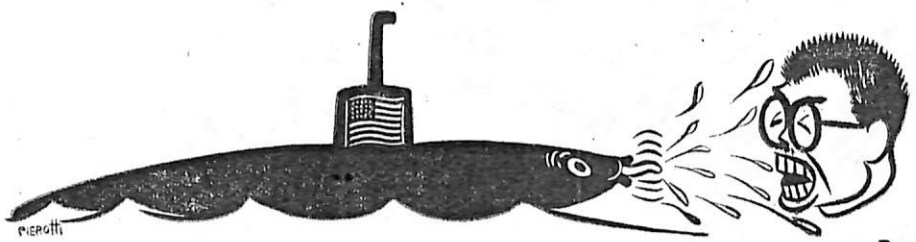
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