

FATHER COUGHLIN--THE AGENT OF FASCISM IN AMERICA

He Is Spreading the Poisonous Doctrines Of Hitler, Mussolini

"Practically all the sixteen principles of Social Justice are being put into practise in Italy and Germany."
—FATHER COUGHLIN

Father Charles E. Coughlin aspires to be the Adolph Hitler of the United States. He acts as Number One propagandist in this country for Der Fuehrer of Germany and Il Duce of Italy.

In nation-wide Sunday afternoon broadcasts, in his magazine "Social Justice" (for which he claims a distribution of hundreds of thousands weekly), and through other propaganda mediums, the prelate of the Shrine of the Little Flower seeks to poison the minds of his listeners and readers and to fill them with the prejudices of fascism. He poses as a champion of true Americanism and as a believer in justice for all, but this is merely the cloak under cover of which he disseminates his vicious fascist doctrines.

Of late Coughlin's followers, in New York particularly, have become bolder. Gangs of these duped innocents—many of whom are honest Catholic workers—are descending regularly on Times Square and other central points to peddle the malodorous lies collected in "Social Justice." These hawkers bellow forth their anti-Semitism at the top of their lungs. Coughlin urges his friends elsewhere to duplicate the actions of these New Yorkers. Significantly he likens them to a "mighty army."

These Catholic workers do not understand that by peddling this filth against other workers who happen to be Jews they are effectively digging their own graves; for the Catholics, too, in this country constitute a minority. As in Germany, when and if the fascist leader finishes off the Jews, he'll start in on the Catholics. Fascism needs an ever-widening circle of hapless victims to maintain the fiction of its prestige. First the workers and the Jews — and then the Catholics.



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Supports Fascist Wars

Father Coughlin pretends to be a lover of peace, but his peace propaganda is nothing but a gigantic fraud. He hopes thereby to make capital out of the widespread isolationist sentiment. Actually, however, Coughlin pays lip-service to peace only to serve his own selfish aims or those of his fellow-fascists, Hitler and Mussolini.

He has defended and continues to defend Nazi and fascist aggression wherever it occurs. Hitler and Mussolini's strong-arm bullying and "little" wars are the kind of "peace" that Coughlin wants. He approves Hitler's seizure of Czechoslovakia and of Memel. He applauds Mussolini's grab of Albania. He sides with the fascist Franco in Spain and his endless executions of workers and peasants. He endorses Hitler's war-like statements. And he sympathizes with the ruthless, brutal war that Japan's militarists have unleashed in China.

Father Coughlin makes Hitler's anti-Semitism his own. By constant repetition of lies and distortion of facts, he spreads his race hatred. He and his followers carry on a malicious campaign of vilification and vituperation against Jews.

Father Coughlin seeks to disfranchise the workers and force them to toil under conditions of slavery. His attack on labor now is disguised as an attack on Communists and radicals. But to Father Coughlin any militant worker is a "red," and he seeks to incite his followers to club all militant workers into submission to the bosses. He also engages in attacks, still somewhat indirect and sly, on workers' salaries and the shorter work-week. Talking about France, for instance, he says that the 45-hour week is preferable to the 40-hour week because "work is the source of production and real wealth and not idleness and leisure." When he thinks the conditions are ripe he will endorse the same anti-labor program for this country.

Does Bosses' Dirty Work

Father Coughlin endorses reactionary legislation and condemns progressive legislation. Among other things, he advocates the changes in the Wagner Act which would benefit the bosses and prevent the growth of the labor movement. He opposes the right of asylum for the refugees driven out of Hitler's hell.

Father Coughlin calls for a sham "revolution." When he says this he is telling an obvious lie, and a conscious lie. He is trying in this way to befuddle the worker, the youth and the unemployed who are beginning to understand that only through a social revolution is there hope of a decent life. By "revolution" he means what Hitler's "Nazi revolution" meant; an end of all social reforms, an end of democratic rule, an end of workers' rights, an end of freedom and liberty. Coughlin would install a government under which workers will be unable to voice and defend their just demands—a corporative state modeled after that now existing in fascist Italy.

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'SHOOT TO KILL'—HARLAN

It's Happening Here!



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POWERS PLAN WAR-TIME DICTATORSHIPS

By HAROLD ROBERTS
While the press, the radio and the movies, here, in France and in England are grinding out their propaganda about the coming conflict "between democracy and fascism," the so-called democratic countries are quietly preparing to clamp down dictatorships no less rigid and vicious than those which already exist in Germany and Italy.

In England, according to a special dispatch to the New York Post last week, only a favorable moment is being awaited to announce the creation of a Ministry of Press and Propaganda identical in aim and methods to the Goebbels ministry.

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Akron S.W.P. Rally Defies Labor-Haters

By PAUL FIELDING
(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

AKRON, O., May 18.—Several hundred persons attended an emergency rally here last night called by the Socialist Workers Party and Young People's Socialist League to protest the "Americanism Day" meeting, proclaimed by Mayor Lee I. Scobey and the American Legion.

The emergency rally was also held to protest the Mayor's banning of S.W.P. and Y.P.S.L. pickets at the Legion meeting at which ex-Congressman Harold G. Mosler, former member of the Dies Committee, spoke.

The emergency rally was attended by many more persons than the Legion flag-waving spectacle. Many left the latter to attend the S.W.P.-Y.P.S.L. meeting.

This was the first time in the history of the labor movement in the Great Lakes area that the American Legion top leadership has been challenged on political grounds.

To the professional patri-

Zionist Policy Played Into Hands of Great Britain

By FELIX MORROW

The British White Paper of May 17 has been met by world-wide protests not only from Zionists and other Jews, but also by important spokesmen from other groups, including William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The White Paper unequivocally enunciates a policy which is a death-blow to Zionism. Jewish immigration into Palestine is virtually ended and this is further buttressed by the declaration of the British Government "that it is not part of their policy that Palestine should become a Jewish State."

Before anyone can understand the Palestine question, however, he must first understand that the White Paper is not a bolt out of the blue, is not a reversal of former British policy, but is merely the culmination of a consistent British policy since the Palestine question arose in 1917.

That policy was a compound of lies and deceit from the first. During the World War British representatives simultaneously carried on negotiations with both Jewish and Arab spokesmen, and made mutually con-

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National Guard Launches Wave Of Terror to Break Mine Strike

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

HARLAN, Ky.—Tension rose to a near breaking point this week in Bloody Harlan as the National Guard strike-breakers launched a wave of terror in an effort to break the countless courage and solidarity of the 12,000 coal miners on strike.

"Shoot to kill!" the National Guard commander ordered his soldiers, trying to intimidate the thousands of strikers who are maintaining roaming picket lines despite the National Guard.

A volley of fifty shots was fired shortly afterwards at a lone picket on the mountain-side. He escaped injury.

A major clash was narrowly averted Wednesday when the bayonets were used to push back a group of strikers seeking to register for unemployment insurance. The soldiers failed to frighten the strikers by this move, and brought up a machine gun. Even though the strikers were unarmed, they told the strike-breaking soldiers what they thought of them.

Desperate Move
Threat of the National Guard to stop all picketing — which they haven't dared attempt yet — and to outlaw union meetings, was made Thursday, bringing the crisis to a boiling point.

The terroristic methods of the Guardsmen are the companies' last desperate move to avoid defeat. Despite the protection of the Guardsmen, only a few hundred scabs have dared to work.

The signing of United Mine Worker contracts with nearby operators this week broke the united front of the Kentucky employers and left the Harlan operators standing alone.

Business of the Harlan operators was reported to be going to other companies and the frenzied actions of the operators through the National Guard have followed.

"Hands Off" Policy
President Roosevelt's blank refusal to recognize the strikers' plea for federal action to stop the National Guard, shocked the C.I.O. movement nationally.

Roosevelt's "Hands Off" attitude was a signal to the Governor, the operators and the National Guard that the federal government was not going to prevent strike-breaking moves. All the threats, violent orders, and violation of civil rights followed the cynical statement of Roosevelt who said he had not received the plea of the U.M.W.A. leaders.

The feeling of the strikers was described by a United Press correspondent as "fanatical." As each hour passed with the provocative soldiers marching around, the entire population became more incensed.

Full financial support of the U.M.W.A. and the C.I.O. assured the strikers of ample relief funds to carry them through a long battle.

The strikers are beginning to see the bitter irony of the situation created by the betrayal in office of all the politicians whom the C.I.O. urged them to support. Elected yesterday by labor, today they are stabbing it in the back.

Notice
All members of the Y.P.S.L. and S.W.P. Local New York are instructed to attend a very important membership meeting, Wednesday, May 31, at Beethoven Hall, 5th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

Election of Ta-thu-Thau Is Blow at French Imperialism

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

PARIS, May 8.—Despite every obstacle put in their way, comrades Ta-thu-Thau and Tran-van-Trach were elected to the Colonial Council of Indo-China on April 30. The election of these valiant revolutionists who ran as candidates of the Fourth International was greeted by the workers of Saigon, capital of Indo-China, with an enthusiasm that terrified the colonial slavemasters and their Stalinist lackeys.

The French Governor General so feared these two revolutionists that he tried to keep their names off the ballot. M. Mandel, French Minister of Colonies, was however compelled to rescind the order of the Governor-General.

Ta-thu-Thau was only recently released from the dungeons of French imperialism in which he had spent two years for his devotion to the revolution. Leaving jail broken in health and semi-paralyzed, comrade Ta-thu-Thau nevertheless immediately plunged again into the work of the movement. His election with comrade Tran-van-Trach is an eloquent testimony to the activities of the Fourth International in Indo-China, as well as an indication of the mounting colonial resentment against French imperialist oppression.

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PICKETS ASK ACTION ON RELIEF NEEDS

Demand Jobs, Meals For Needy in Action Led by U.P.W.U.

(By Staff Writer)

NEW YORK.—More than six hundred members of the Unemployed and Project Workers Union maintained a continuous 36-hour picket line on Monday and Tuesday at City Hall in protest against the relief chiseling policies of Mayor LaGuardia's City Council.

This is the first action of its kind to be held in New York City in several years. The present members of the U.P.W.U. broke from the Workers Alliance because of its failure to

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Action Delayed
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