

DANGER SIGNAL!

The Twice-a-Week Appeal Is Threatened with Suspension

We are compelled to warn all comrades that the Twice-a-Week Appeal is threatened with

immediate suspension. Two facts tell the whole story:

1. Publishing expenses are double those of the weekly.
2. Delinquencies of Bundle Order payments are the main source of the back-breaking deficit which has eaten up our reserve fund and

brought us to the brink of disaster.

3. Unless the branches make heroic efforts to pay their bills up to date within the next ten days we cannot guarantee further continuation of the Twice-a-Week Appeal.

It is not necessary to speak here about what a calamity for our movement such a suspen-

sion would mean. Everybody understands it, our enemies as well as our friends.

The decision is up to the branches which owe bundle order accounts. The branches have the floor! They must say their word within the next ten days. NATIONAL COMMITTEE, Socialist Workers Party

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SILENCE SHROUDS RELIEF SLASHES

Father Coughlin's Lies Do Not Cloak His Rabid Anti-Semitism

Despite Demagogic Denials There Stands Out the Fact that America's Number One Fascist Is a Vicious Anti-Semite

By GRACE SAUNDERS

In the growing wave of anti-Semitism sweeping this country, Father Coughlin is in the forefront of those who pander to the vicious race-hating propaganda of fascism. Despite this fact, Father Coughlin—who rants constantly about Jewish bankers, Jewish radio-owners, Jewish communists, the Jewish-controlled press, etc., etc.—has the impudence to claim that he is not really anti-Semitic.

Listen to the pious Father:

"If and when anti-Semitism shows its ugly head here, I shall be the first, without hope of receiving reward, to condemn it both by voice and deed." (Father Coughlin, September 19, 1938, reprinted in "Social Justice," May 1, 1939.)

"We disavow all participation with those who hate Jews because they are Jews. . . ." (Social Justice, May 1.)

The Real Coughlin

Against these disclaimers, the real Coughlin, thoroughly anti-Semitic, can be seen in the following quotations picked at random. Hundreds like them could be cited:

"Eventually the Jew, Lenin, died. . ." (Social Justice, May 1.) The minor matter that Lenin was not Jewish, of course, doesn't prevent Coughlin from making this statement. The priest doesn't wince at telling a lie.

"Jews Boycott Hearst. . ." (streamer headline on front cover of Social Justice, May 22.)

"Out of this Jewish censorship . . . sponsored by the General Jewish Council. . . In addition to scurrilous editorials in the Jewish press. . ." (The same front page editorial.)

"Leslie Hore-Belisha, the only Jewish member of the British cabinet. . ." (Page 3 of the same issue of Social Justice.)

"The Franco-Soviet Pact . . . drawn up by the French Jew, Leon Blum, and the Russian Jew, Maxim Litvinoff-Finkelstein. . ." (Same issue, same page.)

Methods Are Simple

And so on and so forth. Coughlin's method in putting across his anti-Semitic propaganda is simple. Those he attacks, he labels Jews. If he can possibly get away with it, whether they happen to be Jewish or not. Likewise in picking his adversaries, he always tries to find a Jew to pillory. For instance, in his phoney attack on bankers, by which he seeks to exploit the anti-Wall Street sentiment of the Middle and Far West, he concentrates his fire against the firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Co., rather than J. P. Morgan and Co. and the others. He says a "distinguished partner" of this firm (he means Henry Morgenthau, Sr., father of the Secretary of the Treasury) "played a major role in bringing about the Russian Revolution in 1917." As a result of this and similar false statements, Coughlin's broadcasts were banned from radio station WMCA of New York. Kuhn, Loeb and Co. have also been singled out for attack by Major Gen. George Van Horn Moseley, U.S.A. (retired), anti-Semite who is reportedly planning to set up a fascist state with Atlanta as the capital.

In furthering his anti-Semitism, Coughlin also resorts to the indirect method of printing lurid Jew-baiting in his "Letters to the Editor." We quote from one such letter (Social Justice, May 15):

"Your issue of April 10th explained the foul use that Hollywood masqueraders make of honest Anglo-Saxon names to hide their identities. You listed Chaplin (for Tonstein) Muni (for Weisenfreund) . . . Burns (for Birnbaum) . . . Eddy Cantor (for Izzy Iskowitz) . . . Edward G. Robinson (for Emmanuel Gold- enburg) . . .

"If the Hollywood worthies want to change their names, the law should make them adopt names which are representative of their own nationalities, such as Brandeis, Frankfurter, Goldberg, etc." (our emphasis)

Draws a "Distinction"

Note the last paragraph and compare it with Hitler's recent decree compelling all Jews to take the name Isaac, all Jewesses the name Sarah.

How is it possible to harmonize Coughlin's disclaimers of anti-Semitism and his flagrant anti-Semitic propaganda? For Father Coughlin, known neither for his honesty nor his consistency, the task is simple. He draws a distinction between religious Jews, who are good people, and irreligious Jews, who are damned. According to Coughlin, 95 per cent of Jews are irreligious. So 95 per cent of the time, Coughlin can spew forth his anti-Semitic filth. That gives him a lot of leeway.

Says Social Justice (May 1): "The information was deduced (from Father Coughlin) that of the world's Jews about 5 per cent qualify as 'orthodox religious Jews,' while 95 per cent had left the strict faith of their fathers to take up various degrees of 'liberalism'—ranging from 'democracy' to outright atheistic Communism."

We wonder what would happen if pogroms should be instituted in this country. Presumably, if such a time ever comes, a Coughlinite thug with one hand tightly clutching the hair of an unfortunate Jew would pause long enough to ask his victim: "Are you religious?" If the victim answered "Yes," the Coughlinite would naturally know he was lying and give him an especially brutal clubbing to teach him to tell the truth.

Why does Coughlin feel called upon to deny charges of anti-Semitism? Is he, by chance, feeling the draught? Anti-Semitism in the mind of the average American is closely associated with Hitler's despised Nazism. Perhaps Coughlin's own followers are

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Appeal Salesmen Challenge Coughlin

(By Staff Writer)

NEW YORK — Refusing to permit the Coughlinites who have been selling their anti-Semitic, labor-hating newspaper openly in Times Square to go unchallenged, squads of Socialist Workers Party members went to 42nd Street on Saturday afternoon and evening, stood directly next to Coughlin's fascist filth peddlers, and sold hundreds of copies of the Socialist Appeal in which Father Coughlin was exposed as the would-be Hitler of America.

Thousands of leaflets warning the workers of New York City against the fascist demagoguery of Coughlin were distributed throughout the Times Square area.

Four Arrested

Four comrades who were selling the Socialist Appeal were arrested when they refused to abide by the arbitrary order of the police forbidding any mention of Coughlin's name as they hawked the paper. The Appeal salesmen were even denied the right to call out the headline of the paper: "Father Coughlin—the Agent of Fascism in America." The police even commanded that nothing except the name of the paper and the sale price might be mentioned. As the Appeal salesmen were arrested their places were taken immediately by others who continued with the sale despite the interference of the cops.

Police allowed the Coughlinites who were selling their poisonous sheet "Social Justice," to shout Jew-baiting, labor-hating slogans as loud and as often as

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The Gyp Joint



MILITARY RULE TIGHTENS IN HARLAN COUNTY

The military rule of President Roosevelt's National Guard was tightened in Harlan County over the week-end as General Ellerbe W. Carter, commander of the militia, prepared to carry out his orders from Governor Chandler to "shoot to kill."

Machine guns set up on the national and state highways sporadically sprayed the hill-sides with bursts of fire, and militiamen took possession of additional roads.

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Huge Protest Meeting Against British Plan

New York Jewry held a huge protest meeting against the British White Paper at the Hippodrome last Sunday afternoon.

Nearly seven thousand filled the great auditorium, while three thousand others stood outside, unable to enter.

It was a meeting in which young people predominated. Young people with undiminished hope burning in their eyes, seeking a way out of the terrible blind alley in which Jewry finds itself—undergoing physical destruction in the totalitarian countries, not permitted to enter the democratic

countries, with ominous signs of the onrush of fascism in the "great democracies" and, now, Britain's death-blow to Zionist hopes for a Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

They were seeking a way out. But they were told of no way out by the speakers who monopolized the platform all afternoon. For all these speakers merely repeated the old tune of the Zionist leadership.

The Socialist Appeal, in its last issue, outlined the consistent British policy in Palestine: in all the years since 1917 it has been a policy hostile to the

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Security Bd. Figures Show Extent of Cuts

C.I.O. Fails to Back up Lewis Request With any Action Campaign—Relief Funds Drop Despite Cutting of W.P.A. Rolls

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

WASHINGTON—The Administration's war against the unemployed has spread from the W.P.A. to direct relief, it is revealed by figures released last week by the Social Security Board.

In addition to the hundreds of thousands dropped from the W.P.A. rolls—the W.P.A. administration has already

reduced the rolls from the October figure of 3,350,000 to a figure of 2,600,000 and plans to reduce this to 2,000,000 by July 1—those on direct relief are also being dropped.

Eight per cent less was spent on direct relief in April as compared with March, although simultaneously several hundred thousand were dropped from W.P.A. rolls and applied for direct relief, while employment figures showed less than the usual seasonal increase.

What the cuts in the W.P.A. rolls mean in stark hunger and suffering is indicated by the fact that figures released by the Social Security Board disclose that in January, 1939—before the big slashes of W.P.A. jobs came—the W.P.A. accounted for over 49% of the total income of persons receiving public aid. With a 40% cut of W.P.A. from October by July 1, the major item in relief is being cut to pieces, and millions of workers and their families are thus being condemned to starvation.

And all this is done amid a conspiracy of silence! Not a word has been said in either Congress or the Senate about President Roosevelt's W.P.A. message to Congress, April 27, proposing the one-third slash and limiting the number of W.P.A. jobs for the coming year to 2,000,000.

Not a word has been said about these proposed slashes by the bosses of the A.F.L.

Not a word has been said about these War Deal assaults against the unemployed by the pro-Roosevelt Workers Alliance and its master, the Communist Party.

In response to the widespread demands for action from the ranks of the C.I.O., John L. Lewis has sent a letter to the House Appropriations Committee, calling for 3,000,000 W.P.A. jobs for the coming year. But his letter studiously avoided reference to Roosevelt's slash proposals, the latter received perfunctory attention in the C.I.O. press, and has not been followed up by any campaign. So far, Lewis' move is nothing but a gesture for the record.

The Stalinist editor of the C.I.O. News, Len De Caux, has the effrontery to run a minor editorial in the May 22 issue, blaming the W.P.A. slashes on "the Tories" and thus absolving Roosevelt, the leader of the slashing campaign.

One must tell the unemployed the frank truth. Unless those on the W.P.A. or relief rolls or seeking to get on, make clear in unmistakable ways to the Administration that the unemployed will not starve without a real fight, then starvation is certain to be their lot.

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The Lesson of the Memorial Day Massacre

Meet Boss Attacks with Workers Defense!

Two years ago this Memorial Day ten strikers fell dead under police bullets at Republic Steel's South Chicago plant. Scores of their fellow-strikers were wounded.

They had come, several hundred of them, in peaceful parade to demonstrate their demand for union recognition. They carried banners such as "Come on Out—Help Win the Strike." Two thousand of their sympathizers watched them march towards the factory.

They were met near the plant by a solid line of cops provided Tom Girdler, president of Republic Steel, by Chicago's city administration.

Leaders of the parade approached the police line. They asked to speak to the cop in charge. They were shunted from one cop to another. Of a sudden and without warning the cops lifted their guns and fired into the paraders' ranks. Many dropped immediately,

wounded by gun-shot. Those who didn't fall under police fire were viciously slugged as the blood-thirsty police ran riot over the unarmed strikers' lines. Wounded workers were dragged by the feet "as though they were dead dogs." Squads of cops fell on isolated individuals and pounded them till blood flowed.

Photographs show the full horror of the attack. A news-film recorded virtually every moment of the slaughter. This film was banned at first. Later, after it had shocked a senatorial investigating committee with its horrible and undeniable record, it was shown to the public. The last shot in the film showed a cop dusting himself clean, a big smile spreading over his face—satisfied with a day's work well done for his employer.

Enraged public sentiment demanded action against the murderers. An Indiana State

Court and an official coroner's jury of Chicago questioned the police. Confronted with a mountain of evidence proving beyond any doubt the unprovoked assault of a police-mob on a group of unarmed strikers who were demonstrating their legal right to strike and to picket, the court and the coroner's jury upheld the police.

We Have Not Forgotten

That was two years ago. But the martyrs who lost their lives then in the workers' cause are as fresh in our minds and hearts as though Memorial Day, 1937 were today. And lest we forget, every day of boss rule piles added horrors before us.

We remember all those who fell in battle. We commemorate their sacrifices—not, however, by idle sentiment, but by determination to carry on in the fight for workers' rights, workers' freedom and by seek-

ing the means to fulfill this determination.

Bosses yield in their offensive against us only to the extent that we are organized and prepared to fight. The bosses own the courts; the police do their bidding. They hem us in from every side. We have only our own strength to rely on, but ours is an invincible strength.

Against the armed might of bossdom, against the armed forces of fascist hatred, let us pit the organized ranks of working class militants, banded together in Workers Defense Guards, ready to defend workers' lines from murderous assault.

That is the way, brothers and comrades, to avoid Memorial Day massacres. That is the way to commemorate the working class martyrs of Memorial Day, 1937. That is the pledge we must make on Memorial Day, 1939.