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Coughlin, the Demagog

The Rev. Father Charles E. Coughlin, the political radio haranguer, went far beyond his usual flamboyant demagoguery in his Sunday afternoon address.

This man, who already stands rebuked by a Cardinal of his Church for his political activities, after slandering the directors of the two outstanding banking groups of Detroit, directly charged that these holding companies were organized to "cheat the widow, rob the orphan and to oppress the poor"; that they were created to escape possibility of double liability in case their banks failed.

As to the men assailed, the list of their names, printed elsewhere, is sufficient testimony as to their characters. They are known to all Detroit. Let the people judge between them and the demagog Coughlin.

Many of them are outstanding members of the Catholic faith; in fact, pillars of the Church from whose teaching Coughlin has wandered so far afield.

They have been the largest contributors to the Church and were carrying its burdens when Coughlin was a boy in Canada.

As for the organization of the holding companies to dodge liability, the law itself will answer that slanderous utterance. By no stretch of the imagination could double liability be dodged, nor has there been any such idea on the part of the holders of Detroit Bankers stock or of that of the Guardian Group.

The attorneys for the United States conservators have made that quite clear. Nobody is confused by it except Coughlin and those he seeks to dupe.

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assaults upon E. D. Stair, the publisher of The Detroit Free Press.

Hiding behind his priestly garb, using the strength of the Church to give him prestige, Coughlin pulls the chestnuts out of the fire for political and newspaper interests the Free Press has always combatted and always will.

The truth of Mr. Stair's connection with the Detroit Bankers could have been easily found if Coughlin had been seeking the truth—which he was not.

There have been three presidents of the Detroit Bankers. The first was the late Julius Haass, who conceived it and organized it. The name of Mr. Haass needs no defenders. After his tragically untimely death, the presidency went to John Ballantyne. Upon his resignation, Mr. Stair was induced to take the presidency by the other directors of the company. This was last May.

Mr. Stair took the office with great reluctance and only on the urging that it was a civic duty. He consented to serve only on the condition that there would be no salary attached to the office.

Mr. Haass was paid \$100,000 a year.

Mr. Ballantyne was paid \$50,000.

Mr. Stair refused to accept a cent.

He took the office only on the agreement that the holding company would be little more than an auditing concern to cut down the expenses of the constituent bodies. This was accomplished by slashing millions from the overhead and reducing all executive salaries.

He went in, against his own desire, to save the institution if he could, and the money of the depositors.

The demagog Coughlin, raving over the radio for two years with his attacks on the banks, did much to bring about the present condition. He robbed the people of confidence in these directors and their banks and was one of the chief causes of withdrawals of funds from them during the past two years to a total of over two hundred million dollars.

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Judge Frank E. Wood, counsel for Conservator B. C. Schram, of the Guardian National Bank of Commerce, has concurred in this opinion. Judge Wood said:

"In the case of the Bank of Kentucky, the holding company's entire interest amounted to about 70 per cent interest in the bank. When judgments were obtained against these stockholders, 70 per cent of the amount collected was turned over to depositors in the bank. The remaining 30 per cent went to subsidiaries of the holding company."

The political animus and the sinister newspaper influences guiding Father Coughlin are shown in his bitter personal

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And it is ironically true that while a priest of the Church did his best to destroy the First National Bank with his radio bombast, the Church he misrepresents was the largest single debtor to that institution.

One of the main reasons for the bank's troubles was the fact that it tried to carry the load of the Catholic Diocese's debts—along with other churches, fraternal bodies and, above all, the hundreds of thousands of homes and little businesses.

The directors of that institution, with many of the leading Catholic laymen in Detroit on its board, considered the Catholic Church the finest risk that any bank could take.

They still do. Nobody knows that better than Bishop Gallagher, who is supposed to have some degree of control over the Royal Oak firebrand.

Read the names of these directors. They sat on the board. They elected Mr. Stair against his own desires.

He has been singled out for attack for vicious political purposes.

The Church is being used to sorry ends. If Coughlin spoke as a man and were not a priest, with the prestige of his office to give him prominence, he would not be listened to.

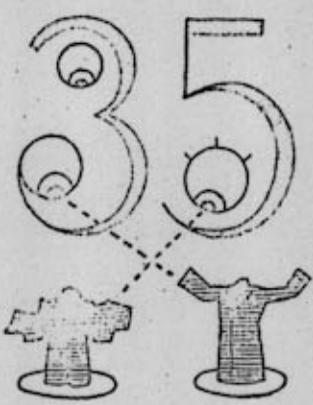
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Coughlin Gets Full Approval Of His Bishop

Meets Gallagher, Returning From Vatican, and Learns 'Everything's Hunky-dory'

Goes Home to the Wars

Calls Major Party Choices 'Carbolic Acid, Rat Poison'

With the public approval of his bishop ringing in his ears, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin went home to Michigan last night to resume his political campaigning against both President Roosevelt and Governor Alfred M. Landon and in behalf of Representative William Lemke. In a series of interviews his immediate superior in the church, Bishop Michael J. Gallagher of Detroit, insisted upon his return from Rome yesterday on the Italian liner Rex that none of the Vatican authorities had mentioned Father Coughlin to him during his stay.

No accusations from America had been made against Father Coughlin in Rome, the Bishop said, adding that there "wasn't any case" against the priest who has been more than ever a center of controversy since he applied the word "har" to President Roosevelt. Both the Bishop and the priest were caustic in their references to the President during yesterday's several interviews.

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"I am happy to see this proof of loyalty to your leader. Father Coughlin is an outstanding churchman and his voice is listened to by millions. It's the voice of God that comes to you from this great center of Royal Oak. Rally around it."

No Word by Pope

Previously the Bishop had told reporters that the Pope had not mentioned Father Coughlin when he was received in audience.

"I never said the Holy See fully approved of Father Coughlin's activities," the Bishop continued. "I had no occasion to say that. But as the Vatican does not find fault, we can assume everything is hunky-dory. There will be nothing done to restrain Father Coughlin's activities."

Among other things, those activities, the priest indicated, would include a nation-wide tour during the remaining weeks of the campaign and the resumption, on Saturday night, September 12, of his weekly radio broadcasts. His speaking tour will not include the South. On that region—in which his organization has made scarcely a dent—the priest made several uncomplimentary remarks yesterday, saying, among other things, that Southerners, "whether they know it or not, are Fascists."

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ford G. Tugwell, in his capacity of Acting Secretary of Agriculture, interpreted a policy of wage which already has caused on and threatens another on Sept. 15 was disclosed here today representatives of the Grand Turkeys' yard in New York City entered their protest with the Department of Agriculture.

In face of the warning of a legal department that such would result in a strike, Dr. T. on July 27 approved an order the amended pact and the act which had the effect of reducing the wages of poultry handlers \$18 to \$11 a week. A two-day bargaining August 2, followed. The result that contractors who the pact agreed to resume in wage until September 15, pending possible adjustment of the contract.

While the amended pact, the work the last session of Congress, does not give the Secretary of Agriculture actual power to fix wages, he is authorized to regulate the handling charges made by the commission merchants—a provision intended to reduce such charges in behalf of poultry producers.

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Later he hit out at one of his severest critics within his own church, the Right Rev. William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston. Some one had asked him whether his references to the Rothschilds couldn't be considered anti-Semitic.

"No," said Father Coughlin. "I'm not anti-Gentile for saying Morgan is an international banker. I'm not anti-Catholic for saying Cardinal O'Connell is on that side of the fence."

The priest was asked whether he cared to expand his remarks about the cardinal. His bishop cut the subject off.

"Let's not get in another row," said the Detroit prelate.

Some Criticisms Minimized

Both Bishop Gallagher and Father Coughlin made light of the criticism leveled at the priest by the Vatican newspaper, "Osservatore Romano." The editorial "didn't mean anything," Bishop Gallagher said, adding that when he had "corrected" Father Coughlin for calling President Roosevelt a liar and the priest had apologized, that put an end to it, and the time had come "to forgive and forget." The bishop held that Father Coughlin's campaign was one of preaching the religion taken by Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI in their encyclicals on labor.

The bishop took the position that if it were not a campaign year the storm over Father Coughlin never would have amounted to more than a heave of criticism. The priest chimed in to say that the press wanted to get him off the air. When Father Coughlin told the bishop he had only a few hours earlier signed a new radio contract, the prelate said: "It's about time you got on the air and had your say."

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