

Coughlin
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The following are the concluding remarks of Father Coughlin's speech over Station WHBI on Sunday, November 27th, which followed the recorded version of his preceding Sunday's address:

Ladies and Gentlemen -- That is the end of the transcription which brought you my recorded voice. Speaking to you directly from the microphones I now address you, the Judge and Jury. But before the presentation of my case is complete, let me offer rebuttal to the charge as issued by Professor Smertenko.

It is regrettable that I am forced to read into the record a part of a closely guarded, certified document. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I trusted that I should be spared doing this in order to avoid personalities. However, since I am forced to defend myself ~~and~~ not for myself but for the cause I uphold, let me introduce into court as my witness the scholarly Professor Denis Pabey, one of the most outstanding scholars of Ireland, Professor of Philosophy at Blackrock Seminary, Dublin. He said on page 88 in "The Mystical Body of Christ in the Modern World," the following:

"The chief document, treating of the financing of the Russian revolution, is the one drawn up by the American Secret Service and transmitted by the French High Commissioner to his government. It was published by the Documentation Catholique of Paris on March 6, 1920, and was preceded by the following remarks, namely: "The authenticity of this document is guaranteed to us. With regard to ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ its exactness, the exactness of the information with which it contains, the American Secret Service takes responsibility." Now, in Section One of this official report we read: It was found out that the following persons as well as the banking house mentioned were engaged in this work of destruction: "Jacob Schiff; Guggenhein; Max Breitung; Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of which the following are the directors: Jacob Schiff, Felix Warburg, Otto Kahn, Mortimer Schiff, S. H. Bancroft - all Jews.

"There can be no doubt that the Russian revolution, which broke out a year after the information given above had been received, was launched and fomented by distinctively Jewish influences.

"On page 90 of the same book Father Fahsy brings out the point in Section III of the American Secret Service report, that the real name of Lapinsky is Lowensohn and that fifty-six out of fifty-nine members of this quasi-Cabinet were Jews.

Thus, ladies and gentlemen, I submit evidence which cannot be gainsaid easily by Professor Smertenko, the professional anti-Nazi whose source of information is an expurgated edition of the British White Paper, an edition from which the parts which I quoted to you ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ just now were deleted, as every honest student of history knows.

As for the quotation I used last Sunday from The American Hebrew Magazine, I still stand by it. Any child can verify it in any well-organized library.

My appeal is nearly completed. In review, may I submit that the plaintiffs in the case are my critics. Their charges are that I have been guilty of un-Americanism, that I have been a supporter of Nazism, that I have been a spreader of anti-Semitism and that I am guilty of sadism. What have they with which to substantiate this?

"All false witnesses once before sworn in Pilate's hall. "Appreciating that the majority of Americans had not heard last Sunday's discourse, these witnesses heralded abroad the charge that I named Stalin and Lenin as Jews. Now, you know that I did not make such statements. They scoffed at me for having broadcast that thirty million Christians had been murdered when your own ears tell you I said twenty million in one place and twenty-five million for all the world.

Before you I stand as the defendant. I rest my case on the internal evidence of the faithful recording of last Sunday's address. I ask you to weigh the evidence carefully.

In conclusion, may I refer to the American Jewish Congress recently held in New York last October. Speaking of this group representing the Jews of the United States of America, the New York Times of October 31 has the following excerpt:

"The mention of Communism threw this convention into an uproar when delegates and visitors attempted to shout down Abraham Levin of St. Louis, a delegate, who demanded that a proposed declaration of the convention's principles be amended to include a denunciation of Communistic theories. After heated discussion, Mr. Levin withdrew his demand." (unquote the Times)

There is ~~the~~ evidence that Jewry is silent on communism and is reluctant to oppose it. There is the question of so-called anti-Semitism, which is really a question of anti-Communism.

Was that the most un-American speech you ever heard? Was it a pack of lies, as one prominent rabbi maintained? As I supporter of Nazism, which charge was printed by the Detroit Times, or if it is un-American to bestir sympathy for persecuted Christians, I plead guilty. If I am an advocate of Nazism when I decry communism, I plead guilty. And if I have no argument to offer you to disprove that I am a sadist, then I humbly bow before the charge and rest my case before the kindly tribunal of this audience.

Ladies and gentlemen, you are the Judge and the Jury - I am the defendant who crushed to earth shall rise again.

You are welcome to write to me directly for a copy of this discourse.