

Father Charles Coughlin FBI Files

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Abstract

Father Charles Coughlin was an outspoken Roman Catholic priest at the Shrine of the Little Flower Church in Royal Oak, MI. He founded a weekly publication entitled "Social Justice" and shared his political views during his weekly radio show, broadcast every Sunday. Father Coughlin created a political party, the National Union of Social Justice, in opposition to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and in the late 1930s even called for his impeachment, due to what he viewed as socialist or communist leanings. Sympathy for the fascist politics of Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini resulted in security investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). His papers consist of photocopies, obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, of communications produced by the FBI during these investigations.

Important Subjects:

National Union of Social Justice

Radio Sermons

Roosevelt, Franklin D.

United States, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Important Correspondents:

Hoover, J. Edgar

Ladd, D. M.

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Box 1

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3. Section 3 Communications, 1942
4. Section 4 Communications, 1942-1944
5. Section 5 Communications, 1944-1974