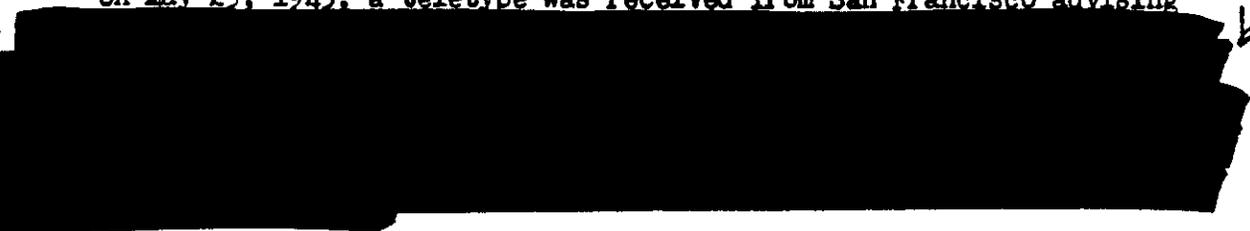


Memorandum for the Director

"You may be assured that the assumptions you set forth in your letter of April 18 are correct; i.e., no representative of this Bureau has at any time attempted to coerce the management of any building to prevent your speaking in Philadelphia or engaged in any activities designed to deny an American citizen his civil liberties. I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention so that you will have no question concerning the policies of the FBI."

A report has just been received from Salt Lake City, which covered a meeting addressed by Gerald L. K. Smith on May 3, 1945, at which he said he had that morning received your letter of reply quoted in the paragraph immediately above. He commented to the audience that he was personally acquainted with you and then read your letter. He commented that it was "a fine letter" and said, "Give Mr. Hoover a hand," whereupon there was enthusiastic applause for you.

On May 25, 1945, a teletype was received from San Francisco advising that  b

Under date of May 14, 1945, a letter was received addressed to you over the signature of Mrs. Lillian Parks, Secretary, Current Events Club at Philadelphia, enclosing a copy of the letter referred to hereinbefore dated April 13 from Helms cancelling the lease and ^{in which she} referred to ^{the} above ~~the~~ reply to Gerald L. K. Smith. Mrs. Park's letter, however, misinterprets you in that she says that you said in your letter to Mr. Smith "that at no time have you ever attempted to interfere with an American's right to his civil liberties," and she goes on, "In this connection, we would like to point out to you that due to pressure being brought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Mayor's office in Philadelphia, we have been denied our constitutional right of free speech." She continues by referring to the letter from Helms and stating that it "definitely points to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as being the prime factor in causing us to lose our inalienable right of free speech and free assembly," and she asks for an investigation to clarify the matter or, "The alternative would be a clean bill of health by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A letter of reply was prepared under date of May 17, 1945, and sent to your office, where it was held until the return to me on May 26, 1945, for this clarification of the entire matter.

Under date of May 25, 1945, a teletype was received from Philadelphia advising that it had been confidentially learned that all members of the National

Memorandum for the Director

Blue Star Mothers of America had been requested to attend a hearing on the cancellation of their lease by the Patriotic Order Sons of America Building scheduled for that morning at the City Hall before Judge Bok and at which it was expected that C. B. Helms would appear and testify he had to cancel the lease because of FBI pressure. It was stated that if this testimony was received, the Mothers group plans to sue the Government. Advice has now been received that Helms did not appear and testify but that at the hearing Mrs. Parks stated that Helms had told her that FBI men were "hanging around on fire escapes and in closets" and that the FBI had put pressure on the Mayor in this matter. The Philadelphia Office has further advised that Mrs. Parks has indicated she did not think this matter was so much a result of action by the FBI as it was the "Jewish Gestapo," which she calls the Anti-Defamation League. Also a Mrs. Brown of the Current Events Group has indicated on several occasions that she believes the persons responsible for the letter cancelling the lease were "the Jewish Gestapo in Philadelphia which has nothing to do with the FBI." It has also been alleged that [REDACTED] is very active in the Anti-Defamation League. Judge Bok ordered the lease continued in effect and that the Current Events Group could continue to hold their meetings in the building. b

ACTION:

It is recommended that the attached letter, which has been redated, go forward to Mrs. Parks as the reply to her incoming. It appears that the answer to Gerald L. K. Smith has proved most fortunate and that this suggested reply to Mrs. Parks is least apt to be of any use to her to use to the embarrassment of the Bureau but still is sufficient to forestall any possibility of a charge that we have evaded the issue raised.

Attachment

Just as I suspected we are merely making a play on words! Our Philadelphia office used bad judgment in confiding too much in the contact who both to the Mayor & this outfit stated what our agents said or did. It would be much better for us if at least in our own family we faced facts & didn't try to "whitewash" the dark.

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JKM: BOD

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May 30, 1945

Mrs. Lillian Parks
Secretary
Current Events Club
1113 South 54th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

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DATE 10/12/82 BY SP-8 BTB/ma

Dear Madam:

This is in reply to your letter dated May 14, 1945, enclosing a copy of a letter dated April 13, 1945, which you say was sent you by the State Secretary of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Please be advised that at no time has any complaint been made by a representative of the FBI concerning the holding of meetings by your organization in the building at 1317-19 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Philadelphia (with copies of incoming)

*Read to end addressed
by SAC Seaver JKM*

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : JKM:EOD
THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 29, 1945

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: GERALD L. ^① SMITH
BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA (Current Events Group)

- Tolson
- E. A. Tamm
- Clegg
- Coffey
- Glavin
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Mohr
- Carson
- Hendon
- Mumford
- Jones
- Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

You will recall that in my memorandum of May 28, 1945, I advised you that C. B. Helms, State Secretary, Patriotic Order Sons of America, who allegedly wrote the letter Mrs. Lillian Parks is complaining of, had been interviewed and admitted that the wording of his letter with regard to an FBI Agent was not correct. Attached is a proposed answer, which has been read to and approved by SAC Sears.

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May 31, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD

There has finally come through, and I have signed the letter addressed to Mrs. Lillian Parks, who made complaint about action of this Bureau in connection with the Blue Star Mothers of America in Philadelphia. I am not at all satisfied at the manner in which this correspondence was handled. As indicated previously, the original proposed reply to Mrs. Parks was evasive and weak, and it appeared from the memorandum then attached to the correspondence that our Philadelphia Office was in error in the matter, at least to some extent. I do think matters of this kind should be more promptly and more vigorously handled. Also I think that a letter should be addressed to the Philadelphia Office, indicating our displeasure at the manner in which this whole investigation was handled in Philadelphia. Obviously, if our Agents had been less garrulous and more discreet, the situation would not have arisen.

Very truly yours

(S) J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. **14-66**

REPORT MADE AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	DATE WHEN MADE 5-20-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-27, 28, 30-45; 5-2, 3, 4, 5, 12-45.	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH AMERICA FIRST PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject arrived Salt Lake City at 7:00 A.M. via D&RGW Railroad 5-2-45. Held a press conference in Hotel Utah at which he stated his purpose in going to San Francisco was to head a staff of nine persons to report on the Peace Conference for twenty-one nationalist organizations and to submit a Conference report to twenty-three members of Congress, including six senators. Subject addressed an invitational meeting at the Roof Garden of Hotel Utah, 5-3-45. List of invited guests set out herein. Meeting was picketed by Communists. A shorthand transcript of Subject's speech made available by informant is set forth herein. Subject departed Salt Lake City for San Francisco, 5-4-45.

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REFERENCE: Detroit letters to the Director dated April 3, 17, and 26, 1945.

DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Pursuant to the request contained in the referenced letters, arrangements were made by the Salt Lake City Field Division through [REDACTED] to obtain the names of the persons invited to attend a special meeting to be held in honor of GERALD L. K. SMITH at the Roof Garden of the Hotel Utah, and which meeting he was to address. [REDACTED]

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*** INVITATION EXTRAORDINARY
Not Released for Publication
For Men Only
To Attend a Most Momentous Meeting**

GREETINGS TO MY FRIENDS
AND INVITED GUESTS:

"There is an outstanding American of whom H. L. MENCHEN of the Baltimore Sun said: 'GERALD L. K. SMITH is the greatest orator of this century. He begins where BRYAN, BILLY SUNDAY and LaFOLLETTE the senior left off;' and of whom LOWELL THOMAS says: 'GERALD L. K. SMITH is the most fearless and dynamic orator in America.'

"This outstanding American stands for the following demands:

America must be first in war and peace.

No compromise of national sovereignty.

Repeal Bureaucratic Fascism.

Fight New Deal Communism.

Less Money for foreign politics and more for discharged veterans.

No labor draft.

Restoration of the system of private enterprise.

"Among the topics discussed by Mr. SMITH in his addresses are: Dumbarton Oaks, Brenton Woods, Yalta Conference, Drafting of Women, The Planned Super State, The Threat of International Conscription, Secret Diplomacy, and Free Speech, etc. He is the master of every subject in his repertoire and he pulls no punches.

"It is my great pleasure to have arranged for this well informed and profound American to address an evening meeting in the Roof Garden at the Hotel Utah, on Thurs., May 3, at 8 o'clock. This is not a public gathering and this invitation is not released for publication. Admission is by invitation to men only. You are among the few who are given the opportunity to be present and you may invite one friend. There will be no contributions asked. This letter is your card of admission.

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"I regard this gathering as of historical moment to our State, for it will open up in full focus vital issues which strike at the very heart of America and at the keystone of our freedom. America is in danger, and we must not longer ignore the fact.

"By all means be present and hear GERALD L. E. SMITH, editor of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG, published at Detroit, Michigan.

"Will you do me the courtesy of advising me by return mail if you will attend, giving the name and address of your invited guest? If you cannot be present, you may hand this invitation to your proxy and notify me.

"REMEMBER THE DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 3, ROOF GARDEN, HOTEL UTAH, AND PLEASE REPLY BY RETURN MAIL.

"Sincerely yours in the service of proclaiming original source facts to preserve America,

/s/ JEREMIAH STOKES
218 Atlas Building
Phone 5-6971 "

" NAMES OF GUESTS INVITED
TO HEAR EDITOR GERALD L. E. SMITH IN THE HOTEL UTAH ROOF GARDEN
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1945, 8 O'CLOCK P.M.
(This list is not for publication)

Mayor Earl J. Colade
Chief Reed E. Metterli
Charles R. Mabey
Rev. N. P. Bulkeley
Mark Peterson
Bryant E. Winkley
Noble Marrum
Gilbert D. Neal
Bert Brewster
Burton W. Masser
G. A. Marr
Harley W. Gustin
Edwin D. Hatch
Philo T. Farnsworth
O. P. Soule
Vernon Romney
Frederich C. Loofbourow

Commissioner L. C. Romney
Lester Wine
Bp. Duane G. Hunt
Rev. Arthur W. Moulton
Albert E. Bowen
Jack Sears
H. F. Bretchman
A. L. Fish
George Southerland
Ben L. Rich
A. M. Sheyney
D. H. Roberts
R. J. Logan
Sidney G. Reid
H. J. Randh
George H. Corey
Harvey H. Cluff

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~~William Low~~
~~Knob Patterson~~
~~Orval Adams~~
~~James W. Collins~~
~~Frederick E. Smith~~
~~R. C. Wilson~~
~~Stanley J. Stephenson~~
~~Charles N. Lehr~~
~~A. R. Johnson~~
~~James Wade~~
~~J. D. Shilling~~
~~James Ivers~~
~~A. G. McKenzie~~
~~C. R. Meyson~~
~~Marion Greenwood~~
~~B. P. Manley~~
~~Horace Sorenson~~
~~Charles S. Martin~~
~~Dr. Adam S. Benson~~
~~Dr. Howard S. McDonald~~
~~Dr. James T. Corlton~~
~~Dr. E. H. Wilkinson~~
~~Dr. Charles A. Carnwell~~
~~State Commander Am. Legion~~
~~Victor Scott~~
~~Commander Am. Legion, S. L.~~
~~Post No. 2~~
~~Harold M. McNeil~~
~~Commander Post 409, Jack~~
~~Anderson~~
~~Lionel J. Bradford~~
~~R. E. Ludlow~~
~~George Wallace Cox~~
~~L. Calvin Pond~~
~~Mayor J. Bracken Lee~~

~~Claud T. Barnes~~
~~Joseph M. McKnight~~
~~H. H. Chamberlain~~
~~Walter Cosgriff~~
~~George E. Spencer~~
~~Gus P. Bachman~~
~~S. L. Billings~~
~~Nathan O. Palmer~~
~~George Snyder~~
~~F. S. Willock~~
~~W. J. O'Connor~~
~~S. D. Lamkin~~
~~B. P. Manley~~
~~Sterling Peterson~~
~~George T. Hansen~~
~~Lynn R. Fairbanks~~
~~George J. Cannon~~
~~J. H. Bachman~~
~~Dr. Philo T. Farnsworth~~
~~Principle Lorenzo D. Hatch~~
~~Dr. C. N. Jensen~~
~~Dr. E. H. Byott~~
~~Dr. E. W. Lambert~~
~~Adj. A. S. Forsley, Am. Legion~~
~~State Commander V. F. W.,~~
~~G. H. Stoffe~~
~~Commander Post 3586, V. F. W.~~
~~Don C. James~~
~~Marion C. Nelson~~
~~Andrew Anderson~~
~~Reed M. Broadbent~~
~~Sylvester Broadbent~~
~~W. B. Sheetz~~

It was ascertained from [REDACTED] that hotel reservations had been made at the Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah for the Subject and his wife and his secretary, [REDACTED] for the night of May 2, 1945.

Through [REDACTED] it was learned that the Subject proposed to conduct a press conference at the Hotel Utah at 9:15 A.M. on May 2, 1945, to which all members of the press were invited.

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Since the meeting was to be held in a public foyer of the Hotel Utah and it was possible for reporting agent to witness the press conference without being conspicuous to the participants therein, the reporting agent observed at the press conference that the following persons were in attendance: the Subject and his wife; Mr. JEREMIAH STOKES, [REDACTED] a local attorney; the Subject's secretary, [REDACTED] and a reporter for one of the local newspaper organizations.

The Subject was heard to state by the writer that he was enroute to San Francisco, California as a representative of the party known as the America First Party and twenty-one other nationalist organizations; that he was to head a staff of nine persons to cover the Peace Conference to be held at San Francisco for the America First Party and the other nationalist organizations, and that he was to also make a report on the Conference of a confidential character to twenty-three members of Congress, six of them United States senators. He stated that he represented the America First Party which had a committee in each of the forty-eight states and claimed a following of approximately 112,000. He indicated that he and his following were not in favor of the present trend of the San Francisco Peace Conference and believes it is the forerunner of World War III, which will take place between Britain and Russia with both sides bargaining for the aid of the United States.

The Subject was heard to make the statement that both Britain and Russia have set up a gigantic propaganda machine for the purpose of propagandizing the United States for the purpose of securing the aid of this country in any war which might occur between them. He was also heard to make the statement that he believed HUEY LONG would go down in history as one of the country's great men and that he would long be remembered as an outstanding statesman and politician. In response to a question posed to him by the newspaper reporter, Mr. SMITH stated that the foreign policy of the United States should be one of rigid neutrality. He expressed himself as not being completely in favor of the present Conference's attitude on either foreign or domestic affairs.

It may be noted that on May 2, 1945, JAY C. NEWMAN, Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Field Division, received a written invitation to attend the meeting of GERALD L. K. SMITH at the Hotel Utah Roof Garden, which invitation was extended by JEREMIAH STOKES, Attorney at Law, Suite 511-12, Scott Building, 168 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

[REDACTED]

In accordance with instructions, no representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was present at instant meeting.

This speech reads as follows:

Roof Garden, Hotel Utah,
Thursday, May 3, 1945, 8:15 P.M.

"The speaker was introduced by JEREMIAH STOKES as the
Honorable GERALD L. K. SMITH

"Mr. STOKES, ladies and gentlemen: I assure you that it is a privilege that cannot be defined or described in words to be able to enjoy this fellowship with you people this evening, and before I enter into my address may I say this, I do not think there is any need of people having to sit back of posts; there are some good seats here in front. Come out here where I can see you.

"As some of my best friends in Salt Lake know, we are on our way to San Francisco, where we will remain until the end (if it does not last more than six weeks longer) of the United Nations Conference. As the national director of the America First Party, which hopes and prays that it will never be a party, I am spokesman, together with a staff of nine others for 21 nationalist organizations in America, and will observe the proceedings at San Francisco officially for these organizations. I shall also prepare at their request a confidential report for 23 members of Congress, including six members of the United States Senate. Members of our staff and myself, several of them being already in San Francisco, will report the proceedings for 81 journals with the nationalistic viewpoint in the United States of America.

"I have been in correspondence with subscribers to the magazine I edit for some time in Salt Lake. I was directed to Mr. STOKES, your chairman tonight, by a very excellent work he accomplished in the writing and publication of a dynamic book. I have read this book through, been attracted to his mind and his personality by the contents of that book. Yesterday morning I met Mr. STOKES for the first time. I wrote Mr. STOKES and said, 'It will be necessary for us to pass through Salt Lake in order to reach San Francisco, and I should like to stop off, pay you a visit, and invite eight or ten of your friends to come over to our room at the hotel and have a chat.'

"He countered with the proposal that a small room be arranged here at the hotel and some interested citizens be invited in for a round-table discussion. Your presence here is the consummation of that suggestion which Mr. STOKES made and to which I readily agreed.

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"We addressed a large audience in the ballroom of the La-Salle Hotel a week ago Sunday. We came on Tuesday night and addressed a packed auditorium in St. Louis at the city auditorium. In fact 300 people stood and several hundred were turned away. We came on, and last Monday night had the pleasure of addressing some 1,000 people in Denver, Colorado. Our activities in recent years have been confined mainly to the great industrial areas and the rural areas bounding these industrial areas, reaching from St. Louis to Boston, to Minneapolis down to Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia; and because of the fact that many of your people are meeting us for the first time I will take the liberty of discussing a few personal details that might not otherwise come out in an address.

"Mr. HARRY DAVENPORT, one of the editors of Colliers' Weekly magazine, made a review of our activities last year. Of course the article was not friendly, because it was prepared for a journal not friendly to our national activity and journal; but, even so, Mr. DAVENPORT said that his survey demonstrated that we had at least 3,000,000 enrolled followers. The density of our following in the area I have discussed--it may interest you to know that in our home state we have 112,000 followers enrolled, 21 clerks and stenographers who confine themselves strictly to handling our mail and sending out our literature. The nationalist movement in America, although it has been smeared and persecuted by propagandists who are using the money we have given to foreign nations to oil up a technique to loot our public treasury have attempted to brand those who love our country most as traitors to their country.

"I know that as a young man growing up in the home of a minister--I come from four generations of gospel preachers--I never thought that the time would come when a plain old-fashioned middle-western Christian would have to prove that he was not a traitor to his country because he felt that his own country should come first. I have not apologized for the words 'America First.' THEODORE ROOSEVELT said, a man who loves another country as much as his own is on a par with a man who loves another woman as much as his own wife.

"Someone asked me if we thought we would ever elect a man President, and I said we already have, GEORGE WASHINGTON, concerning whom it was said he was first in peace, first in war, first in the hearts of his countrymen--with friendship for all nations but entangled alliances with none. You heard me say a few minutes ago I hoped the America First party would never be consummated as a mechanism beyond an educational movement. I hope that in the days immediately ahead when parties begin to see the handwriting on the wall, when censorship is lifted, when Yalta is revealed and the truth about Pearl Harbor comes out, and nationalism becomes a natural--I trust that both the old

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"parties will embrace nationalism and America Firstism as a practical political gesture. (Applause.) I believe that nationalism when truth begins to be revealed in America will be a natural, so natural that both political parties will opportunize on its philosophy and get votes. But if they sell out to the foreign propagandist and continue to cooperate in a program of looting the treasury and finance everybody but Americans, then we will have the foundation for a great nationalist party that will be unashamed to elect an American who puts his country first. STALIN puts his country first, CHURCHILL puts his country first. Why haven't we sense enough to put America first? (Applause.)

"Now every once in a while--in fact I never hold a meeting, except, of course, I could have held a little committee meeting out on the roof, when I am not picketed by the Reds. I think I am slipping when I am not picketed by the Reds and somebody wants to bring up and question the patriotism of G. L. K. SMITH.

"While I am on that subject, I do not want any superpatriot heckling this meeting tonight. My only son, GERALD L. K. SMITH, Jr., is a buck private. He had six years of military training. All his classmates are captains and lieutenants, but you could not imagine his being much more than a buck private; and he volunteered for a suicide engagement and served with what has been considered the toughest outfit of this war, and I am not coloring it. Every military man will say that there has not been a tougher group than Merrill's Marauders in Burma, and out of his group over 200 were killed and most of the rest were casualties. My son has been a casualty twice. He was surrounded by the Japanese and did not have a bite of food for 14 days, but recovered in the jungle and then became a casualty with wounds and recovered in the jungle, and then was brought back to a rest hospital and recovered...after his outfit had opened the Stillwell Road; and he is now in a clerical job in a big hospital in Burma. He has a presidential citation, and the purple heart, and the combat medals, and was on a ship that was torpedoed. So as far as this war is concerned and anybody getting killed, the SMITHS are doing as well as anybody else. Someone said the SMITH'S won the last war, or at least there were enough SMITHS that it looked like it. I am not bragging. My boy is no better than yours. But I will not have anybody stand up and impugn the patriotism of our family, and I say this regardless of who is to blame for a war, or who got us into a war that could have been avoided. When we are in it, there is only one way to end it, to win it. And then if we have any sense to learn some lessons, we should learn on the basis of what we have experienced.

"Some little personal details about the history of the Nationalist movement. When Pearl Harbor came, the politicians, bureaucrats,

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"new dealers, communists, beat the drums and thought they would make it a disgrace to say 'America First,' and we were all supposed to crawl under the bed and not have anything to say in defense of America. If anybody said, 'America First' brand him as a traitor, report him to the F.B.I., harrass him and denounce him as a seditionist! And, by the way, I think I owe it to tell you a very interesting experience, which may be of value to you, that they had the last few days. The communists have developed a technique. You may get some calls yourself, of people telephoning good Americans and using coercive language and exploiting the term F.B.I. Someone may call on you and say he represents it, or imply that he has talked to the F.B.I. That has been a technique of coercion across the United States, in an attempt to silence real Americans. For instance, in St. Louis, an outstanding young student of seminary there sponsored my address before 200 young ministerial students. He was called in by an individual not in sympathy with my philosophy and told, 'You are being investigated by the F.B.I.' The young man, instead of being coerced, went right down to the F.B.I. and found it in charge of a fine Christian gentleman, who assured him that he had been misinformed, and that he had no desire to interfere with his civil rights and liberties as an American.

"Well, a group of mothers of veterans of this war formed an organization in Philadelphia called the Blue Star Mothers of America. They have a headquarters and a meeting place. They have a lease on a building. The word got out erroneously that I was going to speak there. I had spoken under their auspices, but I was at the time in another part of the country. 'We understand that GERALD L. K. SMITH is to speak with you, and because of complaints that we have received from the F.B.I., we will have to cancel your lease.' I photostated the letter which they sent to me, and wrote a letter to J. EDGAR HOOVER, Number One Man in the F.B.I. I said, 'Dear Mr. Hoover;' (I know him personally.) 'I am sure that this man has been misinformed and that some radical is posing as an agent of the F.B.I., and coerces Americans and denies them the right of free speech. I would like to have this investigated, and would appreciate a reply to this letter.'

"When I landed in Salt Lake City yesterday morning, my mail being forwarded from Detroit was here, and among it, I received a personal letter from J. EDGAR HOOVER. Isn't that interesting? I immediately had the letter photostated, in case I should lose the original, and I am going to read a letter I received not last year, or six months ago, but yesterday morning, from Mr. HOOVER, with his own original signature on the letter:

"Dear Mr. SMITH: I am in receipt of your letter dated April 18-19' (I sent him one, the letter, and the other, the photostat, be-

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"cause I did not have time to get the photo at the first day.) 'You may be assured that the assumptions you set forth in your letter are correct; that is, that no representative of this Bureau has at any time attempted to coerce the management of any building to prevent your speaking. Nor have they engaged in any activities designed to deny an American citizen his civil liberties. I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention, so that you will have no question concerning the policies of the F.B.I. Sincerely yours, J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director.'

"Now, isn't that a fine letter? Give Mr. HOOVER a hand.
(Applause.)

"I do that in this community, where I knew that you people might be coerced by a technique. Let me say to you old-fashioned Christian Americans, the communists have better technique; they are away ahead of you. You have been so busy paying taxes and keeping up your church and your young people's societies and the Red Cross and the constructive interests of your communities that you have not had time to school yourselves and skill yourselves in the Oriental conspiracies that are practiced by those haters of Christ and America; and I warn you as a committee tonight, unless you wake up and learn the science of those who operate against our institutions, you can well anticipate the day when Christian Americans will not be permitted to assemble as we assemble here tonight. I am going to make another prophecy, though there are those who will pooh-pooh what I am about to say. The day is close at hand when all the other frills that constitute essential issues between democrats and republicans and the rest will disappear and the line will be drawn and the issue will be one issue--Christian Americanism, or atheistic communism! That is the issue that will come mighty quickly.

"I discussed this question in Detroit with a student of affairs the other day, who said, should we happen to have a break with STALIN, should the Communist Party of America turn against the foreign policy of the United States, the end of the party line would be opposed to our practices, we could not turn one wheel in the City of Detroit. The Communist Party has so completely blocked up the leadership and labor organizations in our city that it would be impossible for us to manufacture one gun, wheel, jeep, truck, or one airplane, if they had any thought that it would be used against Communist Russia. The day is close at hand when as the penalty of war, civilized humanity can never expect to be rewarded with the kind of slaughter the world has carried on the last few years. When the war closes and 13 million men come back and no jobs! Politicians will talk about 60 million jobs, but let me remind you that when I left Detroit ten days ago, we were laying off from two to five thousand men a day, and the Federal employ-

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ment Commissioner said he anticipated 200 thousand unemployed in the City of Detroit alone within sixty days or fifty days from now. If we have 200 thousand unemployed by July 1 in the City of Detroit, with 13 million men in the armed services, what can we expect when these men start returning?

"The communists are already and set to blame this situation on our American way of life and government. The communists have so independent enterprize that they have not permitted business to set up a reserve or to use risk capital on the extension of private enterprize, so that the minute contracts are cancelled-- And I was in Washington the other day, where we operate a news service, and one of my informants told me he is in an office where there is a stack of telegrams that high, ready to cancel war contracts just as soon as it is certainly known that the Germans have capitulated. The Reds are all set. They have fanatics down the street handing out circulars against GERALD SMITH, or anyone else that attacks communism in America, ready to prove to the returned servicemen that American private enterprize has failed, and that the only thing to Save America is communism! What will Christianity do, or Christian Americans do? Will we stand with our hands to our side? afraid to meet with GERALD SMITH or any courageous crusader who is not afraid to cry shame on such cowardice? God save America from such leadership. It will not be the communist who will lift the red flag, but it will be your cowardly, yellow indifference to what you should do as Americans. (Applause.)

"Now, I call your attention to the fact that I know my calling in this respect. I am in the vanguard. I stood out where the mud flies, on purpose. And I said to some of the leading nationalists, 'I will step out and we will see if a man can live and preach the real Christian Americanism.' As a result, I have suffered all the techniques of character assassination. I have been smeared by the most expert smear-machine in the world. I have been branded as a rabble rouser, a lunatic, racketeer, cheat, traitor, Nazi, Fascist--every name, every title that the smear-machine can give one who loves America has been given to me. But I am still here. The circulation of my magazine increases. My following now is numbered beyond a million. Never have we been encouraged as we are at this very time. You know, there is a wonderful thing about being smeared. Take Mrs. SMITH here, she has been my wife 23 years, and she does not need to worry where I spend my nights; she knows it would be on page one the next morning! So we have lived through that,

"I want you to know here in this little meeting--of course I do not accept this meeting as a closed or secret meeting--there are no secrets, and we have none. I have no desire to keep the Bible a secret,

"or the Constitution an American tradition secret, although I know a lot of members of the United States Senate and Congress who have attempted to keep the Constitution a secret for the last twelve years.

"I want to report on some of the nationalists that you respect. You will be happy to know that I spent half a day just a few weeks ago in the home as the guest of HAMILTON FISH, who was defeated because he was opposed by every political organization that raised money, including THOMAS E. DEWEY, EARL BROWDER, and FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT; and they had to abolish his congressional district to defeat him. They took all of his counties outside of one, and put a whole set of new counties where he didn't know anybody into his district. I do not want to reflect on the deceased, but we must admit that our former President was rather a smooth politician, and that was his home district! And he did not want Mr. FISH to represent him any more. So he, in cooperation with others, abolished Mr. FISH'S district, and Mr. FISH was retired temporarily from the United States Congress, but he will go back the next time there is an election. (Applause.) He has not relaxed but is the same--only more so. I said to him, 'I had dinner with Charles Lindbergh in Detroit.'

"Mr. Fish said, 'I had dinner with him three weeks ago.'

"How does he feel?' I said.

"He said, 'He feels the same way as always, except more so.'

"You will be glad to know that. (Applause.)

"And you will be happy to know that I dropped in the other day and had an almost all day's visit with the eminent United States Senator, BURTON K. WHEELER. Although I am smeared, I enjoy the friendship of those great Americans. We are counting on Mr. WHEELER to lead the fight against the Breton Wood steal, Dumbarton Oaks, the Crime of Crimea, and the Fraud of 'Frisco. -- I will come back to those in a few minutes and discuss them frankly.

"As we look ahead, may I say that no one has ever won a victory by emphasizing negativeness. You can be against this or that and the other thing, but someone says, 'What are you for?'

"I am for Christianity and the Constitution. Can you think of anything more than that? And I pause here just a few moments to pay my tribute and give you my definition of the American system of Government.

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"One hundred fifty years or more ago, a little group of God-guided men assembled to preserve something that thus far the world had never known--the preservation of freedom. They had come from the four corners of the earth where their ancestors and neighbors had been crushed in peonage, crucified in ghettos, crowded into merciless fields of slavery, regimented by the Hohenzollerns, banished by the Czar, and crucified upon the cross of religious persecution. Finally they determined that they would seek what thus far no race had ever known, freedom, and they set out on the high sea. They said, 'We would rather sink to the bottom of the sea seeking freedom than to endure this crucifixion longer.' They found their way in the forests. Food was not plentiful. They faced the savagery of the Indians, the winter blasts. They came up the Mississippi enduring the pestilence. But they dedicated themselves to a freedom which no man had been able to estimate prior to this time, freedom to worship God, to speak, to write, to print, freedom! They said this thing is too good to surrender. We must not risk its loss. We must not trust it even to ourselves to provide a pattern for its preservation. So God loaned them, as you said, Mr. STOKES, in writing, for the generations unborn as well as their own, that which we now know as the Constitution of the United States.

"They said, we must balance it and check it to the point where no man or little group of men will ever be able to destroy this freedom. They provided the legislative branch, the judicial, the executive. They provided a lower House in the legislative branch, to come every two years fresh from the people, representing the current sentiment of the people, where that sentiment be fickle or sound, so that at all times the executive, the Senate, the judiciary, and the students of national affairs could look at the lower House of Congress and say, "There is a portrayal of the sentiment of the people."

They said, 'We will not deny any man the right to run for Congress on any kind of platform, whether it be his own or reasonable or unreasonable. He can say anything he wants to the people, and they will elect. But we will have an upper house, more conservatively chosen, where no measure can be hurried through hysterically; so that a privilege now known as a filibuster was provided. If necessary, a man can expose an attempt to betray our traditions long enough to enlighten our people and warn them, before it is permitted to pass the Senate. And they said, even then it must be signed by the Chief Executive.

"But if a great hysterical wave sweeps across the nation and engulfs the Lower and Upper House and the Senate, so that injustice is done to little and helpless people--a Negro in the South, a Jew in

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"Memphis, or a section hand in Illinois, if he can demonstrate to the third branch of Government, the Supreme Court, that one or any one of the privileges guaranteed to him under this Constitution has been taken away from him, even though the law which robbed him of that liberty had passed the lower and upper Houses unanimously and been signed by the President, if he can demonstrate to the High Court that he has lost one privilege under this Constitution, then that law will cease to be a law.

"Do you know where that philosophy came from? It came from just one place, Christianity. Christianity always taught the human race the meaning of the dignity of the human soul, and the value of one human soul. So valuable, said our beloved Master, is one human soul that we must be willing, if need be, to leave 99 others and go in search across the face of the earth for one that is lost. Be not deceived; respect for the dignity of the human soul, the spirit of democracy, the dynamics of our Republic, the glory of our Constitution, the permanency of our American traditions, the light of our liberty, finds its heart in the teachings of Christ.

"That is why I shocked the nation. The preacher can bounce around in the pulpit and talk, but if you step out in the highway and byway and talk about Christ First in America, then watch dynamite explode. That is what got me into controversy when I challenged my three million followers with this slogan, Christ First in America. Over night Jewish journals branded me as an anti-Semite. May I say this to you, I think it must be accepted that America is a Christian nation. At least, America became great while a Christian nation, and America is doomed unless she remains a Christian nation and improves her Christian attributes as a nation. (Applause.)

"May I say this, I will die, if need be, to provide the right and the liberty for a Jew to worship in his shrine, his synagogue. But may I say this, I cannot fail to believe that Christian ethics made America. If Christ had been first in Europe, there would have been no chaos. If Christ had been first in Russia, there would have been no Communism. If Christ had been first in the world, there would have been no war, and our loving sons would have been at our side tonight. (Applause.)

"That may sound ambiguous to some and nebulous to some, but I am not the first to voice such sentiments. They sprang from the bosom of our first President, GEORGE WASHINGTON, who wrote prayers for his church; and from the heart of JEFFERSON and LINCOLN, and the rest.

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"Why and how could any man in this beautiful community, which has been God's reward to those who pioneered heroically in the face of danger and in the hazard of wilderness and disease--how could anyone deny that the shortest course to national abundance is to assert one sincere law, "For God Almighty and His Eternal Personification on earth, Christ?" And I think, inasmuch as I am not a Mormon, I can read from the Book of Mormon without being accused of bias. I am going to point out one sentence, if anyone tells you that GERALD SMITH was the first or one of the first (or whether first or not made himself obnoxious by) talking about Christian Nationalism. I will call your attention to a verse on page 874 of this particular volume of the Book of Mormon.

"Behold this is a choice land; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, free from captivity, free from all other nations . . . if they will but serve the God of the land.' And does it say God in some general, flattering way? If there is any man for whom I have contempt, it is a person who will stand up in a political meeting and close his prayer in God's name--ashamed to use the name of Christ. (Applause.)

"And this is what it says, "and serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written." -- So maybe all you Methodists can call me an isolationist, but I do not want any Mormons calling me an isolationist. (Laughter.)

"So under this system of checks and balances, which guaranteed liberty and freedom of speech, and freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly to the humbles of our land, peasants became industrial giants, the sons of blacksmiths in the Old World became millionaires, the little became great, farm hands became bishops, and the sons of the lowly became the rulers of the land. They drained the swamps, opened the deserts, cleared the forests, and turned this land, dedicated to Christ's name, into a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Under this system they set up, if Congress goes haywire, we still have the President and the Court, and if the Court goes haywire we will have the President and the Congress, and if they go haywire we still have the Court. There was a time here--two or three times in the last two or three years--when it looked as if they had all gone haywire at the same time! We had violated a tradition made rich by WASHINGTON and JEFFERSON, by allowing one man to serve more than two terms. Regardless of our politics, I think one of the first laws that should pass when TRUMAN gets things straightened out, is a law forbidding any American to serve as President more than eight years. (Applause)

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"Is that because I was against ROOSEVELT? No, I would oppose more than eight years for ABRAHAM LINCOLN, THOMAS JEFFERSON, CALVIN COOLIDGE, or anyone else. Why? Because the moment you pass the eight-year mark, your old men in the Supreme Court begin to die off and resign, and the appointive power of the President and White House becomes too great, and a Supreme Court is colored to satisfy the philosophy and political opinion of a President, and a Lower and Upper House of Congress colored by corruption, and we have soon our Congress a rubber stamp.

"Will you forgive me if I recite one little personal experience? My life has not been exactly undramatic. I grew up with the first outstanding statesman in America in modern times to be completely smeared, the late United States Senator HEWEY B. LONG, (Applause). I was with him when he was killed. The man that shot him tried to shoot two people, HEWEY LONG and me; and fortunately or unfortunately, some people would say unfortunately, he only got one. - And it was my honor to deliver the funeral oration over his grave, which, incidentally, was the largest public funeral ever to be held in the United States, in case some of you believe the newspaper. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT said, 'He was the greatest legal mind to appear before me while Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.' If you want to know why he was smeared, every important editor south of the Mason-Dixon Line was on the payroll of the United States Government, and the publishers and editors of 23 papers had big fat jobs on the payroll of the United States Government, for which they did not have to do a thing. One of them was on the aeronautical commission! Mr. LONG was the first outstanding political leader in the South to break with a Democrat in Washington because of New Deal tendencies. Someone said he was an opportunist. I was in the room when Mr. LONG was offered twenty thousand jobs if he would stick to the machine and stay with Mr. ROOSEVELT.

"Whether you like me or not, I have been in this against the New Deal machine from its inception. I went across South Carolina and the South attempting to enlighten some of the blind leaders of the Solid South, and I was successful in doing so. In fact, many of the opponents of the New Deal from the South started their opposition in those days. For instance, we went into South Carolina. One Governor had just been elected, a young mill hand, elected on a popular wave to elect a poor mill hand. But he was not as poor or humble as they advertised, or as ragged as the vote getters said. But he was a good, clean young fellow, Gov. OWEN JOHNSON, now in the United States Senate. I said to him, 'Governor JOHNSON--', this was back in the hey-day of the rubber stampers, 'why do you remain a part of the Solid Sucker South? Do you realize that last year in Pennsylvania they got

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"\$152 a head out of the Government because Pennsylvania was doubtful, and South Carolina only got \$31 a head?"

"He said, 'What do you think is the cause of that?'"

"I said, 'The most ungodly program of corruption the world has ever known--TAMMANY comes to America, all over America.'

"He said, 'How do you think we can correct it?'"

"I said, 'I am interested in demonstrating to you what a crooked set of thieves we have in power in Washington.'

"He said, 'How?'"

"And I said, 'By showing you simply how simple it would be for you to increase your appropriations from the United States Government.'

"He said, 'How could you do that?'"

"I said, 'It would be interesting to see what would happen if you would entertain Mr. LONG two hours in your office....I think they will offer you the world by the tail, for fear they might lose South Carolina to HEWLEY LONG.'

"He said, 'Will you arrange it?'"

"And I said, 'I will, as a laboratory test, to prove what these rascals are doing.'

"Because only about that time, you remember, HENRY HOPKINS had been out on Long Island and interviewed ARTHUR CRACH, columnist for the New York Times, who quoted him as saying, 'We propose to stay in power this way--spend, and spend, and spend; tax, and tax; and elect, and elect.' He was right in every particular except the last one, and he should have said, 'Elect, and elect, and elect, and elect,' but that was back in the middle thirties.

"I arranged for Mr. LONG to visit the Governor of South Carolina. We went there together. The press was not allowed. It was very mysterious. They talked about fishing and hunting for two hours! Nobody knew what was going on. He came out and took the train for Washington. I said, 'We are making a laboratory test to prove something.' Nobody let the cat out. It was between us three. Thirty days later I dropped in and asked the Governor what had happened. He

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"said, 'It has meant \$50,000,000 to us already. They want to bridge all the rivers, build a new post office in every town. The President's mother has been in Washington to a garden party, and Eleanor has been here twice, and HARRY HOPKINS calls me up every day.' (Applause.)

"Ladies and gentlemen, that is the way they got the Congress.

"I am sorry to say that they did such a good job on Mr. JOENSON that they still have him, and that is why he went to the United States Senate. Then they put all his relatives on the pay roll--his mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law. He cannot vote straight when he has those relatives on the pay roll. They don't have to call a Congressman up. The White House can only have to call up the relatives and say, 'If you cannot handle that Congressman uncle, brother-in-law, son-in-law, of yours, we will fire you.' Imagine 23 relatives about to be removed from the pay roll! And with that system, ladies and gentlemen, if it were not so tragic it would be humorous. They have robbed us of our Congress, cheated the electorate, committed treason, used the public treasury to corrupt the Congress to keep a man in office four terms, and to rubber stamp any attempt of the Supreme Court of the United States. The only reason the Supreme Court ever makes a good decision now is that they are so jealous of each other that they issue obstinate opinions just to demonstrate that they do not like the other fellow. I happen to know two of them who do not speak to each other at all. But it was not supposed to be that way. They were all intended to be New Dealers, to approve any bill by the political machine. But God reaches in when men cannot always do so, and the people have been protected from time to time by Congressional decision, by Court decisions, and by the rise of a public sentiment here and there which has tempered this attempt at tyranny over our people. Under this system we became the greatest nation on earth.

"I heard ROOSEVELT talk in New York when they were trying to put in 110 departments. He said, 'We have streamlined airplanes, and why not a streamlined Government?'

"I said, 'We do not want a streamlined one; HITLER and STALIN and the Emperor of Japan have a streamlined government. They can get mad at you at 6 o'clock in the morning and have your head off right after breakfast. But under our system we have a legislative upper house, lower house, Supreme Court, and everything down to a County Court. Now, if STALIN gets mad at you, your head can come off in 15 minutes, but by the time the President of the United States gets down to the Sheriff and gets to you, he may be mad when he starts, but by that time he will either be cooled off or we will have a new president. (Applause.)

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"Do not let anybody steal your county government on account of saving taxes, or to streamline something. I always want a sheriff who had to look me in the face on his way to the barber shop every day and ask for my vote every four years. If you can get a man behind a desk who can make a rule without appearing before the electorate and giving an account of his deeds, we will have tyranny.

"Now I will discuss for the next few minutes what I consider to be the three most pertinent issues, the three great problems all good Americans must face: First, the problem of tyrannical bureaucracy; second, the threat of American Communists in America; third, you must face the conspiracy of the super state. Oh, someone says, what do you mean by that, those three threats: Bureaucracy, Communists and super-state?

"The tide is beginning to turn, and I do not want anybody here to think I am indulging in any undignified rejoicing over the passing of a President. In fact, if I wanted to consult my own mind, I could have desired that anyone who had led us into this bureaucracy could have lived another twenty years to witness with his own eyes what might have been done with that bureaucracy. No one here objects to rationing or economy necessary to feed our soldiers or meet our military needs, but we do not like to have it abused by bureaucratic parents. I was listening on the radio to ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and Secretary WICKARD, who said, 'We will have to tighten our belts, go without meat, go without coffee, and everything else.' And sure enough, it came. We saw the mill hands of the steel mills of Pittsburgh carrying jelly rolls instead of beef sandwiches into the factory. A few days later an enterprising reporter in Chicago went out to the old WICKARD home, and the old man was out there, CLAUDE'S father, an old-fashioned Hoosier, who had not learned to lie yet.

"Are you Mr. WICKARD, senior?' the newspaper reporter said.

"He nodded, and the reporter said, 'Is rationing bothering you?'

"Not a bit; we were looking for it.' (His boy was the midwife that was there when it was born.)

"Are you all set?'

"And he said, 'Just come and see.' And they went out to the deep freezer there, and I figured up later that according to what the newspaper reported, which has not been denied, they had as much pork and beef as my stamp book will allow my family for seven years-- 800 lbs of butter, 900 lbs of lard, and something from 9-to-1800 lbs.

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"of fresh pork, beef, and veal. He said, 'We just sent CLAUDE 50 lbs. of butter, and two Sunday nights before that the Secretary of Agriculture said, 'We will have to go without, tighten our belts, and go hungry when necessary.'

"Ladies and gentlemen, why do they hate GERALD SMITH? I may not speak the truth that will be received in popularity in this particular hour, but it is like the grain of corn which is planted; it will be green tomorrow. They hate me because I dared say that WICKARD should be in the penitentiary at Atlanta. That is not a way to gain popularity among politicians in power.

"HARRY HOPKINS was paid \$2,800 to write an article for the American Magazine to tell us how hungry we were going to get before the year was out. And he said, 'We will all be drafted; our sons and daughters and we will have to work wherever they send us, and we will have to go without meat, butter, lard, and milk. About that time he got married. (I thought he was ready to die.) And the largest newspaper in the City of Washington reported that they were sitting around the White House at night, and Mrs. HOPKINS (the new one) said to BARNEY BARUCH, 'You haven't given us a party yet.'

"And he said, 'I will raise that any time you say.'

"The Washington Times-Herald, Washington, D. C. newspaper reported these facts, that BARNEY arranged the party down at the Carlton Hotel, and served perfume at \$40 an ounce to every lady there, seven kinds of meat, 22 kinds of food and champagne. I am not a connoisseur of champagne, but they say it was the best champagne made this century; even the French do not have any left--HITLER'S gang drank it all up; but BARUCH had plenty of it, and they said they served \$2500 worth of champagne, 22 kinds of food, 7 kinds of meat--at a cost of something like \$110 a plate, in honor of the man who only a few days before had written in a magazine that we must go hungry and starve.

"We expect an AL CAPONE and his gang to live like that, but by the grace of God we do not have to be governed by men like that.

"You wonder what I think of TRUMAN. No man should be condemned until he has had a chance to perform, and up to now his performances have been indeed inspiring. He is reducing the budget, has kicked HARRY HOPKINS out and kicked BARUCH in the teeth, and is appointing some old-fashioned Missourians on jobs. His home town, Independence, Missouri, suits me, and I like all these tobacco-chewing rebels that were on the southern side, even though my folks fought on the northern side. He was raised in the Baptist Church in Chicago, and if that does

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"not make a common man, I do not know what does. If we can keep him from being kidnaped by the most unconscionable gang of thieves the world has ever known, he will make us a great president.

"We saw the tyranny of bureaucracy reach out. It did not have its hand on our throat, but it was right behind our collar button. A few weeks ago when the manpower bill was defeated, we had a narrow escape. They told us it was an emergency war measure. Then JIMMY BYRNES resigned and let the cat out of the bag. It was a plan of peace-time mobilization. If they did not like you, they could deny workers to your factory, close you up, and furnish your men to the people they liked. They could have taken your daughter out of your home and sent her to Birmingham, or disorganized your community and scattered your citizens to the four quarters of the earth under this plan of universal conscription which they had advertised as manpower war measure. But it was a plan for peacetime mobilization, and Senator JOHNSON, who had written the bill, rose up and repudiated it and declared that he was the victim of a superconfidence game originated in the White House, and the bill was defeated.

"Kneel down and thank your God that HENRY WALLACE is not the President of the United States. (Applause.)

"I will speak another two minutes on bureaucracy, to give you a little idea. I have a friend, pastor of a great church in Pontiac, Michigan, and the rats got hold of the ration board and would not give him gas to call on his sick. And the head of the ration board said, 'We do not need the church; it is not fundamental to the war effort, and the quicker we put you preachers out of business the better it will be for America.' We saw those signs of tyranny creeping up all over the United States of America, and found little peanut-headed bureaucrats all over the United States taking joy in cracking the whip in a sort of sadistic glee as they used the weapon in their hands to declare their authority over you and me.

"They would not let the missionaries have enough gasoline, or the preachers, but the other day Lord HALIFAX was entertained by the Governor of Oklahoma in a coyote chase, and they brought out 200 dogs and 300 automobiles and chartered 11 airplanes with radios to tell the people on the ground where the coyote was. Eleven airplanes, 300 cars, and 200 dogs to chase one poor little coyote for Lord HALIFAX. And we will look a preacher in the face and say, 'We cannot let you have gasoline to go out 20 miles to preach in a country church where the people cannot come to town.

"Then the threat of Communism. It pains my soul to hear,

"It is not bad," "There aren't many." Do you know how many Communists took over Russia? Seventeen thousand. How many are there today? There are 180 million people and only 4 million members of the party. They are the elite. They eat the meat, and the people are held on rations. They drink 42 toasts, and the people are lucky to get any. If you haven't read W. L. WHITE'S book on Russia, better get it. He is the son of the old-time liberal editor and sage of Emporia, WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE.

"He came back from Russia and said, 'There is no unemployment in Russia--nor in the State Penitentiary of Kansas, either.' And he said, 'Their food is not quite as good, and they do not have quite as much liberty as the inmates of the Kansas State Penitentiary. If an inmate of the penitentiary insists that they ought to have a new warden, he cannot get it, but at least he does not get his head chopped off as if he insisted on a new warden in Russia.' And he went ahead to tell us the true condition in this land that has been pointed out to us as an Utopia. But WELLS said, 'It is a bunch of screwballs...meeting in a smoking room....' (inaud.)

"I hold here in my hand a bound volume of a magazine, the best of its kind in America. The reason I know is I am the editor; and it is the best, because it is the only one of that kind: I carried a speech by HENRY WALLACE in the Madison Square Garden last fall celebrating the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, when 15,000,000 Christians were slaughtered, and here is what Mr. WALLACE said. 'There hung the red flag, the biggest flag in the place. There cheered the red Communists 22,000 strong,' in Madison Square Garden. As WALLACE said, 'If Russia continues 20 years the way she has the past 20, she will surpass the United States of America.' Well, I will say if he thinks RUSSIA is better than the United States, let us buy him a free ticket for Russia.

"I wish I could go on and discuss the full detail of the threat of Communism in America. They are organized and we will find they are in every corner. They are in the pulpits and in the schools. Just think, here comes an alien rat that has never done anything to prove that he is a worthy American, and writes a libelous book of character assassination called "Undercover". Somebody did it. In your State University somebody invited this man, a stranger, to come in here and deliver a lecture that you are all traitors to your country. Someone asked me yesterday what I thought of it, and I said, 'It is a wonderful book, because it lifts renegades, men like HENRY FOOD, JOHNSON of California, WHEELER of Montana, GERALD P. NYE, men like ROBERT RYNOLDS, the Rev. J. P. REILLY, pastor of the largest Baptist Church in the northern part of the United States of America, and low-down rats like McKNIGHT and you and GERALD L. K. SMITH!'"

"One man said to this faker in Detroit, 'Do you think you are a better American than Mr. HENRY FORD?'" That man, who can hardly handle the true rhetoric of America, said, 'Yes, I think I am a better American than that man,' -- the man that had raised that City, Detroit.

"Some poor nouveau nut in your university was foolish enough to invite that master mind to speak in your university, to run down and excoriate your Christian neighbors. Wake up! Are we going to permit this, these aliens to come in here and undercut the reputation of our people? May I enlighten you that every libel suit that has come to a head has been settled in favor of the plaintiff against him? And I have an affidavit of a man who heard CARLSON say, 'I do not give a damn what is in the book, a million will buy it at \$2.50 a copy.' And the Jews were saps for that, and he played them for suckers because of their hysterical fear.

"A terrific racket is going on over this country, in order to collect money from the Jews. They only have to prove that someone in Salt Lake is growing up that will cut their throats, and 'your quota is \$500.' They are being investigated, and when the Department of Justice reveals its report, it will be one of the most sensational in the history of our country.

"Yes, I recognize the strategic necessity of cooperating with a military ally, and I never said one word that would advise anyone that it was impractical to accept military aid in time of war from anyone who would help us. But I did throw out this challenge, even though we be the war allies of Soviet Russia, I will not be bulldozed by any wire-whiskered bolshevist in Detroit, Baltimore, or Washington, or any place else. Let me remind you that it is only a matter of days when the red flag will fly over two-thirds of Europe. I will come back to that when I discuss the Crime of Crimea.

"The third real issue we have to face is the threat of a super state. The plan is to get us into a world government; that is what they wanted to accomplish at Dumbarton Oaks. They held a meeting in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, and showed a world flag. They charged \$5 a plate, and they said, 'We should have a great super state, a great world government,' that would comprise the sovereignty of our nation, and they adopted a world flag. If anybody might be suspicious that this was made up as a straw-man proposition, I bought this flag and several others like it on a commercial basis from the Adam Flag Company--'The United Nations Flag'--and may I say to you tonight, if you wonder what I stand for, that as long as there is pulse in my heart and spirit in my soul and life in my body, I shall not give my consent to any flag that shall fly higher than the stars and stripes. (Applause.)

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"Someone says, 'What is the difference between a nationalist and an internationalist?' Very well, in words, the nationalist wants to keep his Government in Washington, and the internationalist wants to set it up some place outside the United States of America.

"Watch the superstate. Watch the technique of those who would like to popularize the words United Nations in place of United States, and set a congress or world parliament, where the Chinamen and Russians will have a vote and everybody in South America and in the United States a vote. In fact, Crippen said the British could have six, the Russians three, and the United States one. Do you know why they have to keep one American on the Board? To have someone to write the checks. (Laughter.)

"Now you wonder what makes a nationalist tick. What makes an America Firster? A man who has been kicked and smeared. Why do I feel sure of myself and know I am right and know that the nationalists who win the victories in the days immediately ahead? I will tell you why. There are certain potentialities that cannot be escaped. I will give you one. The Department of Justice has revealed that among the propagandists registered last year in the Government, the agents of foreign nations spent on propaganda here 125 million dollars, most of it by the British and Russians. Do you know what for they are spending most of this money? To condition us to side with them (the Russians) against Great Britain later on; and the British to side with them against Russia later on! I favor returning to the traditional policy of American neutrality to the end that we not have another blood spilling to save Britain from Russia, Russia from Britain or anybody else. Let us save America first! (Applause.)

"Well, you know nationalists are made on a wholesale basis when they start to make them. The chief editor of the New York Times, which has a staff of 200 men in Europe--and all under this one man who is my friend--came back for a furlough last fall and visited me in my home, and he said, 'GERALD, if you were in England, I think they would all join you. Do you think they have not relished the fact that the British charged us 3 million dollars rent to ride across the channel to die?'

"I picked up a government report today, and we are paying the Australians when we go in and save the islands and turn them back, \$3 to \$8 a tree for every palm we shoot down. We furnish the blood. Don't you think that is enough? No wonder someone has called us Uncle Saps. That makes us America Firsters on a wholesale basis.

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"I live in Detroit. We cannot get meat. The only way you can get a chicken is on the black market, at \$1 a pound! But I can walk into a Canadian restaurant and the waitress will say, 'What do you want--sirloin, T-bone, pork chops, veal steak, pheasant, chicken, breast of quail? The Canadians charge Britain for all the meat they get in Canada; we donate ours. Don't you think if anybody would donate meat, it would be one of their dominions? The fact still remains that not one soldier has been conscripted in Australia, or South Africa, or in India. They tried to conscript 12,000 in Canada, but 8,000 got away. I am not discounting the heroism of the Canadian soldiers, but they do not believe in conscripting men to go across the water, although they have volunteered and died as heroically as any soldiers in this war on the many battle fields of this war.

Senator BECKER of Nebraska returned from South America and reported we had spent in "boon dogging" in South America six billion dollars, to buy the friendship of South American republics. That would pay a cash bonus of \$1,000 a head for the first six million boys mustered out of the service--Brazilian, Chilean, Czechoslovakian, Italian, German, French, British, Norwegian, or Swede--before those boys who have been maimed and wounded in the winning of this war. That is what I mean when I say, "America First!" (Applause.)

"And here is a neat little thing. The other day I picked up that the British are now calling on our members of Congress to vote to underwrite the complete peacetime budget of the British Government, including the budget of the Parliament; because they think they will go down and if we are to keep them up, we are to pay all the bills. The time has come for us to stand on guard. May I say this, ladies and gentlemen, Mr. TRUMAN does not know what happened in Crete. Neither do I, or anybody. The only man who knew what happened in this country, beyond a few secrets that leaked out, was the President of the United States. Ladies and gentlemen, I have no desire to be disrespectful with the dead, or in any coarse way with a man who I have fought politically for the last twelve years, but no Christian or American can endorse the deals made at Yalta. One of them was the Polish deal. Russia set up a puppet government about as if they had set up EARL BROWDER in charge of the United States government. And here is a neat little thing. Three hundred thousand young Poles volunteered to fight for the allies. These 200,000 swore their allegiance to the London Polish government in exile, but now under the Lublin government these are the traitors and will be thrown into concentration camps if they return, because they swore allegiance to the ones they recognized.

"Those whose reports cannot be doubted, inform me that a deal was made to turn over into the sphere of Russian influence, Denmark,

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"Sweden, Norway, Finland, the Baltic states, and reduce 8 million Germans to human slavery. Ladies and gentlemen, there are millions of people in Germany no more to blame for HITLER than I am to blame for HARRY HOPKINS. Let us assume that everybody in Germany above 14 or over 10 years of age is guilty, are we to reduce those who are yet to come to maturity, to slavery under a government that will not permit American newspaper men to find out what is happening in Russia, Bulgaria, and the rest. The reason Mr. ROOSEVELT'S death was hastened, although he had been sick for over a year, was the fact that he had to realize that he lost in the conference of Crimea. Just think, ladies and gentlemen, of having to appease STALIN with 8 million human slaves ... and send 800,000 Italians into slavery, and divide other millions among the allies according to their needs. And the system that the German slave is to work under is that he shall work for a thousand dollars a year, but he shall not be paid but his pay will go to the reparations committee in Moscow, while he continues to work in Russia as a slave. Ladies and gentlemen, it will not save the massacred Jews of Germany to bring 8 million more innocents under human slavery. And I say to you that if America ever agrees at San Francisco to reduce any human being, black, white, German, or Italian, Frenchman, or Englishman, Russian or American, to human slavery--if America finances or underwrites that with her blood and money, God will curse America; God will take our blessings from us.

"Now they came back with Bretton Woods. They lost their first engagement there. They were supposed to be able to buy up these delegates from 45 states, the way they bought up South Carolina, with the old New Deal money, but Congress refused to rush it through. It has slowed down and has not passed; and now the international money handlers are attending the San Francisco Conference without being able to raise antes and say to Mexico, 'You got only 200 million? We can raise that.' Or if Paraguay gets stubborn, 'Mr. ROOSEVELT promises 6 to 12 billion dollars...a donation to Russia if she would help us in the Orient.' STALIN knows he could go with or against Japan, he could have withdrawn from the European war or continued it, and he hold a whip hand over our people. And as he moves out across Europe now, at the end of this war, and has a fifth column organized in America, someone said, 'Oh, yes, but we must have a peace organization.' Can we honor the Prince of Peace in a conference where the one who curses the Prince of Peace dominates? The first thing they did at San Francisco was agree that nobody should be permitted to pray. Can we have peace when we refuse to pray for the Prince of Peace, or share our sovereignty with a man who holds 16 million Christians in concentration camps?

"Do you remember when BERLINE, a young man in the Russian Embassy, resigned a few months ago and wrote an article for the Readers'

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Digest, in which he said "16 Million still endure a living death in the concentration camps of Russia."

"There was Dumbarton Oaks. I will tell you my experience with that. They called the conference, and brought in the British and Russians to lay down a plan for what they hoped to adopt in San Francisco; and everybody was in favor of secrecy and did not want the press in. I was sitting in church and saying, when they were to meet on Monday, why doesn't someone protest this secrecy?"

"There is nothing more un-American than secret diplomacy. I hate to say it, but Mr. ROOSEVELT and CHERCHILL met in 1941 out on the Atlantic Ocean and the O.W.I. reproduced that charter and sent it out to the newspapers and libraries and publications. The most shocking thing in history was when Mr. ROOSEVELT returned from South Carolina and very blazely said, 'There never was an Atlantic Charter.' And it had been photostated with a facsimile of signatures out there! Secret diplomacy!"

"And I said, 'Why doesn't someone protest the secrecy of Dumbarton Oaks?' A little voice said to me, 'Why don't you do that?' We got on the train and went to Washington and went to the Willard Hotel, and called up CORDELL HULL, and his secretary answered, 'Mr. HULL is old and tired and has this conference on, but we will arrange for Mr. BRECKENRIDGE, his assistant, to see Mr. SMITH.' Mr. LONG called at 5 o'clock and said, 'I would like you to write your statement out.' And I wrote a protest against secrecy. I delivered it in person to Mr. LONG at Mr. HULL'S Office. And the next morning I got up, and Mrs. SMITH said, 'What have you got on your mind now?'"

"I said, 'I am going out to Dumbarton Oaks.' I called up members of my staff, and a representative of the United Press and Associated Press, etc., and told them what I was going to do. We went out together. We went out to the aristocratic old estate, and the delegations were there and surrounded by the United States Army."

"I walked up to a young private soldier and started to walk on and be through the gate. He stopped me, said, 'You cannot go through without a pass.'"

"I said, 'Well, I have a message for Mr. STEKLOS.' -- I had it written out. And that we would like to know what was going on."

"He said he could not take it, 'You have to file it with the State Department.' -- The guilty flee when no man pursueth."

"I asked a corporal, and he said, 'You cannot send that message in.'

"I said, 'I'm an American citizen, and I want to know what the British and Russian soldiers are doing in there.'

"A little fellow, an astute clerical type, bounced up, smiled, and I said, 'Are you going in and will you take this in to Mr. STETINIUS?' And he took it in.

"Then the Sergeant came out and I said to the Sergeant, 'I am Mr. SMITH, an American citizen. This is my wife. These are representatives of the three great press agencies of America. We would like to know what the Russians and British are doing in there.'

"People call things like that crazy, but you know the Boston Tea Party was crazy too. (Laughter). If we had had one thousand out there instead of one, or fifteen, or fifty, it might have been different. But folks would say, 'They might investigate my income!'

"Up stepped the Sergeant and they turned me over to the lieutenant and to the major. And I said to the major, 'Suppose I would run for the door--' And he said, 'We would have to shoot you.' And I said, 'My wife? Or these boys who represent the press -- the eyes and ears of 120 million people?' He said, 'We would have to shoot him.' And I saw the major was going to fall into the trap, and I said, 'Suppose a member of the United States Senate were to run past you, what would you do?'

"And he said, 'I would have to shoot him, too.'

"And then I turned to the press and said, 'There is the paragraph for history that I have written for you this morning! Let it be said at this awful hour (I did not orate then), that we have sunk so low that a military officer has been ordered by our Executive Department to shoot a United States Senator if he dares walk into a secret conference where they are discussing a treaty, which only the United States Senate is authorized to confirm!'

"You wonder why I am in Salt Lake and Nationalism is growing, why young men are organizing themselves into groups, and why I am sure of myself, why I speak with boldness. What do you think of people with a tradition like ours endorsing a program to bring foreigners to our shores and surround them with secrecy, to shoot down people who inquire as to the secrets being discussed. That was the peace they decided on and hoped to approve in San Francisco. No wonder STALIN said, 'I

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"will consent to no Dumbarton Oaks policy." The Office of British Affairs, the Dumbarton House, will ripen into a San Francisco 4-4, (inserted)

"I know it is old fashioned. I believe in butter for the hungry, but I do not like what happened a few weeks ago, when they loaded up two ship loads of nice margarine for the Russians, and their commissioner said, 'We cannot accept it; we have to have butter.' So they unloaded it and loaded up the ships with butter.

"I was in Chicago the other day. You cannot get butter, meat, or pork. But I picked up an official report showing that right now 300 million pounds of pork are being picked for the Russians. Why for the Russians? STALIN puts Russia first; CHURCHILL puts Britain first. Let us put America first. Not because we are greedy or selfish, but in the spirit of Christians, whose Bible says, 'He that careth not for his own is worse than an infidel.'

"What will we do about it? Inform ourselves and enlighten our neighbors, and mobilize everything that is good, the stars and stripes, the Constitution, Christian ethics and civilization, and an intelligent, rational preservation of our own program of democracy.

"My son is over there. I do not want him to be the tool of an international police force to put down a rebellion in India, or to keep China in line for the Imperialists, or to satisfy the whim of some power mania. Let us not delegate power to any super state, or a delegate in a world organization to maintain an organization where the blood of our sons cannot be let without the vote of our elected representatives in Congress.

"I could go on, but I am going to discuss this: Two big secrets have yet to come out. (1) The mystery of Timoshaw. -- Why have they been afraid to hear Timoshaw? Why were 3,000 of our boys shot like fish in a barrel? What about every thing we saw days before the attack at Pearl Harbor, written by a young American?

"And the next mysterious story, of the young code clerk in the Embassy in London, sent first as a career diplomat. His father was a diplomat, and his mother had been with him all over the world. The boy grew up a prodigy. It was easy to learn all the ~~languages~~. He was sent to Russia and raised a little criticism there; and was sent from Russia to London. There is nothing as hot as what I will say the next ten minutes. Men have been shot for less. And I am not trying to be melodramatic. I am selling you the kind of thing that will make Nationalism a wholesale basis. When the veil of censorship is lifted, the people will begin to hear. He was sitting as a code clerk, and his

"responsibility was to decode messages between the American government in Washington and the American Embassy in London, and he began to see messages exchanged between our President and CHURCHILL in 1939. 'Stick with me and we can rule the world.' 'Go with us into war and you and I will triumph.' Then they plotted even against STALIN, and the messages were even profane. And this young man, a Virginian, raised to be a patriot, was shocked. He realized he was bound by secrecy, but also that he was hearing terrible proof. He tried to get a passport to return home. They would not permit him to return home. He went to whom he thought was his best friend in the British Parliament, and told him what he was hearing. He recorded a copy and took to his apartment over 3,000 cablegrams between Mr. ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL, as they planned the coming war two years, a year and a half before. He told the full story to Captain RAMSEY, who rose (this is no secret--it is on the Parliamentary record of Great Britain, and only censorship kept it from America) in Parliament. As he walked off the Parliament floor, he was seized by the British Secret Service without trial, and thrown in prison, where he languished three and a half years, and was only released a short while ago. Immediately TYLER KENT was fired. As he walked down the steps of the American Embassy, he was seized by the British police and sentenced in a secret trial to be banished to the Isle of Wight, where he languishes tonight. One of the most eminent American journalists wrote that story, and I asked him when it would come out, and he said, 'GERALD, I dare not do it; it might cost me my life.'

"I said, 'Are you willing to give me a copy of that story?'

"I got on the train with it and went to Washington, and saw Mrs. KENT, the mother of TYLER KENT. And I said, 'I am going to publish this story--but not until you, the mother, say so. She signed her name--'minor corrections, insignificant detail.' She took it to the journalist in Baltimore whom I had named in this story, and said, 'I will give you \$5,000 out of my humble legacy, if you will go to England and confirm what we have already heard.' He got there and went to London, and through acquaintances got out to the Isle of Wight and saw this boy and confirmed everything I told you tonight.

"And when he returned, BERTON WHITLER had a committee to see him, and they went to his home in Maryland, and shook as he spoke, and he said, 'I will not testify unless I can be guaranteed complete protection by the Secret Service Department of the United States of America.' And that awful secret is in the heart of that boy.

"If that boy was guilty, he should not have been tried in a secret court in Britain, but tried at home in an open court as an

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"American citizen in the United States of America. That story will some day be told.

"A grandson of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN only a few months ago returned from London, and it is no secret in England but is bar-room gossip; it is not known to you because of censorship. But young BRYAN OWEN came across the ocean in a plane, he said, and he was talking rather glibly, 'It is the scandal of a century.' Then he returned to America, only a few hours later he died mysteriously in a New York apartment. This is fact; all that can be established by the mouth of a genial lad who went to CORDELL HULL and released this statement to the press. And only one paper was unafraid to print it, and it was printed in the first edition and removed in the second. Another paper did print two stories confirming much of the details that I have given you tonight.

"These are the great secrets that shall be exposed when the curtain is lifted.

"These are the things that will make Nationalists on a wholesale basis and make these men that have been branded as traitors, patriots in the history of your community, Mr. STOKES. These are the things that only courageous men can speak. These are the things referred to when the most patriotic of our American history said, 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.' I have given everything. I have suffered the assassination of character; I have been smeared, stepped on, cursed by the most highly paid character assassins in America.

"I addressed a meeting in Buffalo, New York, just as self-respecting as this one, with prayer, saluting of the flag, a high tribute to American tradition. Imagine the shock of my family and soldier son when we heard the character assassin, WALTER WINCHELL, say last Sunday night, 'GERALD L. SMITH jumped on an American flag and spit on it.' No recourse, no opportunity for reply. My spokesman in Buffalo prepared an affidavit signed by one of the leading protestants and the leading Catholic, and leading citizens who sat on the platform and knew it was fabrication. But my son and my wife had to weep as I was lashed with something ten times worse than a cat-nine-tails.

"Do you think we can always be crushed under this tyranny, without reaction! Out of the soul and hearts of Christian men and women there is a resounding reaction on the side of America, that under God we shall purge this nation of these reds and oriental conspirators who design against our traditions. And we will be true to the Constitution and lift high the stars and stripes. (Applause.)

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"I received a letter from a beautiful Christian character down in South Carolina, 72 years old. She said, 'I heard that awful broadcast, and I am sending you something to show how little I believed it.' A few weeks later we got a crocheted American flag, estimated to contain 300,000 stitches, hand-made by this sweet woman away back in the mountains. (Applause.) Some psychologist, student of mob psychology, will say, 'That is the only trick, spring the flag.' I want to know if there is anything I can spring better than the flag. That means the Bible, that means the Constitution, private enterprise, where plow boys become industrial magnates and farm hands become President of the United States. That means a situation where the opportunity of all men becomes the opportunity of all children in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

"Now, I could walk out of here and consider that I have done something, but then we would not have accomplished anything, practically. I'd like to come in and speak like a prima dona, and walk out and speak to nobody practically, and go to a shower...I want to send you this magazine for six months or a year, and send you our monthly letter, which keeps you in touch with our program across the nation. May I say this, this meeting is not money raising, but if you do in those envelopes want to help, etc. etc. Everyone who puts in \$2 or more will get the magazine. Everyone who puts in a dollar or more will get the magazine six months, and you will all get the TYLER LENT story.

"How many of you would like to have me stop off on my way back from San Francisco and give you my impression? "

(Probably a hundred present; a good many stopped to shake hands, pick up literature at door, etc.)



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The writer observed, together with Special Agent [redacted], that the meeting was in fact picketed by known members of the Salt Lake City Club of the Communist Political Association, including [redacted] and six University students, whose identities were ascertained through [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] the picketing consisted of the carrying of banners which had the following phrases printed in large letters upon them:

- "HITLER OUT BUT SMITH BASH IT"
- "GERALD L. E. SMITH EQUALS DISGRACE"
- "GERALD L. E. SMITH, FRIEND OF FASCISTS, DON'T LET HIM SABOTAGE THE PEACE"
- "DON'T BE SUCKED IN BY GERALD L. E. SMITH, HE WANTS TO GIVE THE PEACE AWAY"
- "BY INVITATION ONLY, THAT'S A BOLD ONE GERALD"
- "GOEBBELS FAILED TO SPLIT THE ALLIES, SMITH WILL TRY"

In addition, mimeographed circulars were distributed by [redacted] and [redacted] to all passers-by entering the Hotel Utah, which circulars read as follows:

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"GERALD L. E. SMITH

~~PELLEY'S SILVER SHIRT~~
STORM TROOPER NO. 5233

NOTORIOUS AMERICA FIRSTER

'Appeasement, obstructionism, a negotiated peace', all-out campaign against the Lend Lease Bill and against national defense; the breeding of defection and distrust of our leadership - these were the corner-stones on which GERALD L. E. SMITH operated.

From UNDER COVER

HE SABOTAGED THE WAR

DON'T LET HIM SABOTAGE THE PEACE

One copy of the circulars is being retained in the file of the Salt Lake City Field Division. [redacted] that there were approximately one hundred persons in attendance at the meeting of GERALD L. E. SMITH held in the Hotel Utah May 3 at 8:00 P.M. The Subject received limited newspaper notices, an item appearing in the Salt Lake City Telegram, May 2, 1945 quoting Mr. SMITH as urging isolation. A very small item appeared in the Salt Lake City Tribune, May 2, 1945, in which GERALD L. E. SMITH was quoted as Party Chief Sees Failure at San Francisco and the article reads as follows:

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"The United States must continue traditional policies set by GEORGE WASHINGTON—being friendly to other nations, but avoiding any entangling alliances--if peace is to be maintained after this war, GERALD L. K. SMITH, director of the America First Party, said Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

"The visitor, who is to address a group of invited guests Thursday night at Hotel Utah, said he believes the San Francisco conference either will 'blow up' or end in ratification of an innocuous document.

"Mr. SMITH is on his way to San Francisco, where he plans to observe proceedings of the United Nations Conference."

The day following the address made by Mr. SMITH, May 4, 1945, a small notice appeared in the Salt Lake City Tribune which is quoted as follows:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH, head of the America First Party, addressed about 100 persons for two hours Thursday night in the Roof Garden of the Hotel Utah, explaining objectives of the party.

"He said it is not the aim of the group to establish a political party to run candidates in elections.

"Our hope and belief", he said, "is that nationalism will become so popular that both major parties will adopt it as a matter of political expediency."

"He denounced the Yalta agreements and Bretton Woods plan and said when all the facts are known nationalist converts will be made on a large scale. The three most vital issues facing the country, he asserted, are bureaucratic tyranny, the communism of the American communist party and the super state."

It may be noted that the "Salt Lake City Telegram" and the "Deseret News", also published at Salt Lake City, each carried an item about the speech made by GERALD L. K. SMITH, together with information relative to the picketers and a picture of the individuals picketing in front of the Hotel Utah immediately prior to the time for the speech.

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Since there is no further investigation in this Field Division,
this case is considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will, upon review of the information contained in instant report, advise the Salt Lake City Field Division if further investigation is desired of Subject's activities when he returns to Detroit in view of the information made available to the effect that he plans to stop off at Salt Lake City to conduct a further meeting.

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INTERNAL SECURITY-G; SECURITY MATTER; SEDITION

For your further information in the captioned matter, there are enclosed herewith copies of the following investigative reports:

- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Los Angeles, California, May 5, 1945
- Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Saint Louis, Missouri, May 11, 1945
- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 20, 1945.

Subject Smith's activities at the San Francisco Conference are being followed by the Bureau, and immediately upon receipt of an investigative report in this connection it will be furnished to you.

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REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 6-1-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-27; 5-21-45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] LM
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, w.as. & AMERICA FIRST PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G) SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject spoke at the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado, under auspices of Christian Youth for America on 4/30/45. Throughout speech he espoused "America first", claiming this country is giving all of its riches to foreigners instead of returning veterans and attacking the "Crime of Crimea," the secret deals made at Yalta to take away our sovereignty, the rationing program, Communism, Dumbarton Oaks Conference, and the San Francisco Conference. Subject read his comments on President TRUMAN, which were of a mild nature, and indicated he was reserving judgment on the President. Subject announced he would speak again in the City Auditorium, Denver, Colorado, on 6/12/45 under same auspices.

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REFERENCES: Bureau File #62-43818.
Letters from Detroit FD, 4/3/45 and 4/17/45.

DETAILS: AT DENVER, COLORADO

[REDACTED] that on Sunday evening, April 29, 1945, Reverend HARVEY HOWARD SPRINGER, pastor of the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado, after his usual religious service, introduced GERALD L. K. SMITH to his audience as "my friend, GERALD." SMITH, in a few short remarks, advised that he was on his way to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, which he termed the greatest Anti-Christ Conference the world has ever held, and that he would talk at length in the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle on the following evening, April 30, 1945, at which time he would reveal "all".

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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In his few short remarks, he stated that it is time for Christians to get together and fight these anti-Christ tendencies; that the Communists would try to break up the meeting on April 30, 1945; that at San Francisco a super-state was being formed with a flag that would displace our American flag; that he has organized the Christian Nationalist Party and SPRINGER would run for high office under its auspices. Petitions were available to those in attendance for signature to combat the so-called "Gestapo" bill.

Concerning Subject's meeting at the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle on the evening of April 30, 1945, at which time he spoke on "Christ or the Super-State," information was received from [REDACTED] to the effect that there were approximately three hundred people present, the tabernacle being only moderately full. It might be noted that this meeting received no prior publicity in Denver, Colorado, except that sent out by Reverend SPRINGER to those on his mailing list to whom he also sent cards of admission. b7D

A transcript of the complete proceedings of the meeting at the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle on the evening of April 30, 1945, was obtained from [REDACTED] the original of which is being furnished to the Bureau, a summary being set out hereinafter. b7D

Following the usual religious, musical numbers, KENNETH GOFF opened the meeting by stating that Subject was appearing under the auspices of the Christian Youth for America, which has its headquarters in Englewood and which was organized for the purpose of combating the ~~American League for Democracy~~. Several members of the National Council of the Christian Youth for America were sitting on the platform. GOFF, after many complimentary remarks concerning Subject, introduced Reverend SPRINGER, who made a typical introduction for Subject.

Subject in his early remarks stated:

"Occasionally, in fact, frequently, in order to keep the Communists and other form of lice, vermin and rats from packing our meeting, we give out invitations, . . ."

He later stated that he was representing twenty-one nationalism groups in forty-eight states. Subsequently, he stated:

"They are trying to push this deal over at San Francisco. They want to push it over, to take our money to finance France, the British Empire, Russia, and spend the money before the boys can get back from the battle front. I say we should not make one deal until the boys that won the war are home and have something to say about the deal that goes with it.

"I want to say, isn't it better that we got a new President. Now I am not going to speak extemporaneously concerning our new President. I am going to read my statement concerning our new President. . . . I am going to give you some of the best common sense you have ever seen since you were born before this meeting is over.

"During the lifetime of Franklin D. Roosevelt I was one of his chief political foes. Part of that was that in the last speech he made before the largest crowd he ever addressed in Chicago, he attacked me. I remember how Mrs. Smith and I felt the morning we picked up the morning paper. Franklin D. Roosevelt called in the Attorney General and ordered him to send Gerald L. K. Smith to prison. But there is no bitterness in my heart. I don't want to be classed with those who would speak an undignified word concerning the dead. Franklin D. Roosevelt died with the secrets of the world upon his heart. Some of those secrets were known by Harry Hopkins, some by Samuel Rosenman who wrote his speeches, some by Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, domestic and national politicians.

"Harry Truman was not in the confidence of the President. He knew very little of what was going on under the roof of the White House or in secret conferences of the Big Three, the Big Four or the Big Five. Mr. Truman was not Mr. Roosevelt's choice for Vice President. He was forced into the picture by a set of western Democrats who were determined that Wallace should not be the next President of the United States. Every leading politician in America knew that Roosevelt's health was bad. Even during the Democratic Convention the pictures taken of him looked ghastly and even ghostly. I attended the Democratic Convention in Chicago. My staff and I lived in the hotel where most of the individuals in high command stay. I watched this man work as I was sitting in the bleachers. This is the spirit that Truman hated just as much as Mr. Thomas Dewey, Bricker, and others who were opposed to the new deal. Northern conservatives and southern conservatives were for Truman. Jewish leaders were for Wallace.

"What I am about to say is not an anti-Semitic statement, just an observation of truth. Jewish leaders and communists were all for Henry Wallace.

"The Vice President would become the next president of the United States. Truman knew that. Henry Wallace knew it. Sidney Hillman knew it. The new dealers worked more bitterly than in the general election to defeat Dewey. In fact, I think the nationalists would prefer Dewey to Truman.

"The whole accumulation of a one-man rule and their by-products have been pushed into the lap of the little common man from Missouri. Only God in Heaven can save this man from the clutches of the most ruthless, highly financed set of international conspirators the world has ever known.

"He says he wants to carry out the Roosevelt plan. This may not be serious if he permits the Senate to stand on its own feet. The dangerous element in the Roosevelt method is not so much in the personal opinions of Roosevelt, but in constant and determined effort to force his opinions upon Congress and upon the courts, thus weakening our system of government, and limited efforts to carry out the will of the people. I believe that Harry Truman wants to obey the will of the people and to do the things that you want. (Applause.)

"It becomes, therefore, the responsibility of the people like you and me to help make our new President realize that we represent the great cross-section of American people and are opposed, among other things, to the following:—Someone says, you are always talking about what you are against, you would think I would tell you what we are for. We are for Christianity. Can you improve on that? Among other things we are against the following:

1. An international bank.
2. A plan for a super state, such as the Dumbarton Oaks Conference.

I am going to tell you about Dumbarton Oaks, tell you about my visit there. If you see me forgetting it, hold up a finger.

3. A world police force.
4. Secret deals and secret covenants.

Those are some of the things we are opposed to.

"Mr. Harry Truman should be right. He was raised right. He has a background of common everyday Americanism. You ought to give this a hand. (Applause.) Harry Truman is a Baptist. Now, you people know there are several kinds of Baptists, however, Now, he was put over at Chicago, and he belongs to the Baptist Church. If that does not make him a common man, nothing will. He would be called by some a hilly billy, poor, humble and shows all of the signs of wanting God's help in this critical hour. One thing I like, when he went to church the first Sunday, they asked him where he was going to church, and he said, 'It is none of your business.' That is not supposed to be publicized.

"You know he was raised in Independence, Missouri. Independence, Missouri is noted for two things. It is the home town of Harry Truman and it is the home town of Jesse James. Now, Grandma Truman lives there. All Harry needs to do to please me is to follow Truman. There are too many in Washington who are still following Jesse James. (Applause.)

"Now, here is the real problem with Harry Truman, and the people who look and feel and act and react like Harry Truman's family save him from being accompanied politically by a set of rascals and high pressure artists, and what is going on in Washington will make the Teapot Dome look like a cold cup of coffee.

"They caught a doctor the other day who had got priorities and money to make bandages which were used for criminal purposes, and cleaned up half a million dollars. You realize that hundreds of factories are running today, manufacturing stuff we don't need. Just as quick as it goes out of the factory, it goes onto the surplus auction block and they are buying it at 10 cents on the dollar, and selling it to the government for 100 cents on the dollar.

"According to military law, if a boy falls asleep on a fruit train while he is guarding that train, he is shot. What about a doctor that takes the blood of 13,000,000 and runs it through a wringer? Those are the men I want to see named, I want to see their names of page 1 of every daily newspaper in the United States of America.

"If Grandma Truman's spirit controls Harry, I am for him, but if he deserts the old home place like the prodigal son, then I am against him. But I say God bless Harry Truman. (Applause.) God bless and save Harry Truman that he may direct the affairs of America in the spirit of Independence, Missouri, Grandma Truman, and his old-time Baptist show-me neighbors from Missouri.

"This is my statement on the new President of the United States. I believe it is every white man's duty, every citizen's duty, whether white, black, red or yellow, in America to give Harry Truman a chance. I am not going to criticize our new President until he has had a chance to perform. You can give that a hand if you want to. (Applause.)

"In behalf of eighty-one daily newspapers and weekly and monthly periodicals, I am going to observe this, together with nine other members of my staff. We will observe this conference scientifically and carefully. In behalf of twenty-one national groups I have been asked to prepare as a national leader a confidential report of what I think of this conference for twenty-three members of the United States

Congress committees of the United States Senate, sixteen members of the Lower House. One thing I want to remind you of--seventeen members of the Lower House--when this treaty comes back to be endorsed by our Senate it will take sixty-four men to approve the plan that Stalin has got for us. A tally taken by the Associated Press reveals that sixty-four members of the United States Senate were ready to vote for the plan. Dumbarton Oaks. Yes, they have got to have sixty-four. You say have we got any chance. I say to you we only have to change one man out of those sixty-four, and, believe me, I am going to work on all sixty-four. You talk about personal work.

"I am against communism, just as I am against Shintoism. In the last war Japan was our ally, but we didn't have to embrace Shintoism to demonstrate faith to our allies. Great Britain is our ally but it does not mean that we are going to go into the British Empire, and it does not mean we have to pay the bills of the British from now on until Kingdom come, a little game they call lend lease in reverse.

"The British government and the communist government of Russia have hundreds of their representatives in this country, lobbying our Congress, all eager to spend our money on them after the war is over.

"Not long ago, I talked to a United States Senator and he said the British have 500 men in Washington calling in an attempt to persuade us as soon as the war is over to underwrite the complete peace time budget of the British Empire, including the salaries of their Members of Parliament, etc., on the theory that if the British are impoverished, we will go down. What do I mean by America first? I say the first duty for our money and our resources is to take care of these 13,000,000 American boys that have been in the uniform of our country. That is our first duty. That is what I mean by America first. (Applause.)"

In his attacks on the rationing program, he referred to the recent publicity concerning the coyote hunt arranged in Oklahoma by the Governor of the State for Lord Halifax and the amount of gasoline consumed at that time. Concerning our financial support of other nations, he also stated:

"If you can talk the English language, if you look like a Baptist, it is awfully hard to get anything in Washington, but if you look like anything but an American and can't speak the American language they will give you ten million, fifty million, a hundred million, or fifty billion,--just say what you want. What do I mean by America first? I say let us put an end to that kind of stuff in the United States of America. (Applause.)"

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He also recounted the story of his Chicago meeting on March 15, 1945, and stated that the Jews had tried to break up this meeting and had been used as tools of the Communists. Everyone who entered the tabernacle that evening was given a flier concerning this meeting, which flier was headed, "Chicago Christians Victorious." A copy of this flier has been furnished to the Bureau. In his talk he also pointed out that in Detroit he was unable to get any steak, pork chops or butter, and stated that all that was necessary was to drive under the river to Canada where everything was available, from a porterhouse steak on down. In this regard, he pointed out that there is no rationing of meat in Canada, stating "because Canada, although she belongs to the British Empire, won't ship one pound of meat to England unless she gets cash on the barrel head so Canada has got plenty of meat, and we haven't got any meat. I say if anybody should donate meat to the British, it should be the Dominion of Canada and not the United States of America. Isn't that just good, old-fashioned Americanism?"

"I am going to tell you a little something about Americanism. Four hundred million people in China should be enough people in China to whip the Japs, or at least help us whip the Japs. But Britain does not want that. They oppose it. Britain is afraid that if we can train the Chinese so they can help with the Japs, and train five million Chinese for marine service, China will want her independence. So, in order to satisfy the militarists we have refused to arm the Chinese, refused to give them the guns they need. Instead, we are going to send American boys there to do the fighting that the Chinese could have done."

In addition, concerning the Crimea Conference, he stated:

"What are we up against? We are up against secret deals. I hate to say this--nobody knows what Roosevelt agreed to in Yalta. It was a deal between Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill. Most people, those that are informed, think that Roosevelt wanted to be the first President of the world. It was a political deal. How could it have been otherwise, because, although it wasn't given out, it leaked out without the consent of the President, after he returned, that Roosevelt had promised in this association of nations to give Britain six votes and Stalin three and the United States only one. There is something wrong when deals are made like that.

". . . . The crime of Crimea--that is what they want us to endorse at San Francisco--human slavery.

". . . . I say to you, Joe Stalin, who began as a bank robber and helped to slaughter fifteen or twenty million Christians because they

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would not renounce Christ for communism—I say before you ask us to sign anything on the dotted line, turn those 16,000,000 Christians loose that you have got imprisoned in Russia now. (Applause.)"

During his speech he told in great detail the story of his son in Burma in the Army and said that when he and other veterans returned home they would take care of WALTER WINCHELL and guys like him. He also went into his customary tirade against the world flag, which he has been known to use on many previous occasions. He also criticized the State Department for its secrecy concerning the Dumbarton Oaks Conference and related in detail his futile efforts to secure admission to this conference, stating that the Armed Guard around the Conference had threatened to shoot even a member of the United States Senate if he attempted to pass without a permit. He stated that this conference approved a policy of international statehood and definitely took a stand against secret governments and secret treaties. He stated that at Dumbarton Oaks it was agreed that the United States should put up ten billion dollars to finance other countries . . . that this was supposed to be the "kitty" so the International Bankers could go to San Francisco and line up to get the good things. He stated that he had put on pressure before Congressional Committees and as yet they haven't been able to get the International Bank through Congress.

In conclusion, he stated that he would return to Denver on June 12, 1945, at which time he would speak in the Denver City Auditorium, again under the auspices of the Christian Youth for America.

[REDACTED] that KENNETH GOFF has secured a permit to use the Denver City Auditorium on June 12, 1945, securing the use of this auditorium under the representation that it was to be used for a youth meeting by the Christian Youth of America, with no reference being made to Subject. b7D

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU: Stenographic transcription of the proceedings at the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle, April 30, 1945, which meeting was addressed by Subject.

Flier entitled ~~Chicago Christians~~ Victorious"

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THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

On June 12, 1945, will arrange to appropriately cover the meeting at the Denver City Auditorium, through informants.

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- CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS -

The identity of [REDACTED] mentioned in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, dated June 1, 1945, in the case entitled "GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, w.as., AMERICA FIRST PARTY, INTERNAL SECURITY (C), SEDITION," is as follows:

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DATE: June 5, 1945

EPB:mr
TO : The Director
FROM : D. M. Ladd
SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA (Current Events Group)

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 31, 1945, stating a letter should be forwarded to the Philadelphia Office indicating the Bureau's displeasure at the manner in which the above captioned case had been handled.

Accordingly, there is attached, for your approval, a letter to Special Agent in Charge Sears at Philadelphia.

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SAC, Philadelphia

June 5, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

NATIONAL BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA;

INTERNAL SECURITY - X; SEDITION

Reference is made to my letter dated May 30, 1945, to Mrs. Lillian Parks, Secretary, Current Events Group, 1113 South 54th Street, Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania, in response to a communication from her in which she complained that the Bureau was in effect responsible for Mr. C. B. Helms' attempt to cancel the lease held by her organization in the Patriotic Order Sons of America Building at 1317-19 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Copies of my acknowledgment and Mrs. Parks' letter dated May 14, 1945, were furnished your office.

The complete facts surrounding Special Agent [redacted] dealings with Mr. Helms have been brought to my attention and I feel that this phase of the investigation in this case was not properly handled.

It is incumbent upon you to see that every Special Agent develops informant in a discreet manner without furnishing them information about the case at hand so that no embarrassment to the Bureau will result from the utilization of the informant. Obviously if closer supervision had been afforded Special Agent [redacted] investigation in this case the situation would not have arisen.

You should forcefully point out to Special Agent [redacted] that he should have been more discreet in his contacts with Mr. Helms, and I shall hold you personally responsible for any similar incidents which occur in the future.

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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
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Dear Sir:

There is set forth below information obtained from [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, for the period from May 7, 1945, through May 31, 1945, inclusive.

Informant advised that the Subject arrived in San Francisco on May 6, 1945, and his mailing address at that time was Saint Francis Hotel.

During the trip to San Francisco Subject held a meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah, which was attended by approximately 1,000 people. SMITH described this meeting as a "grand affair".

Informant advised that the mail contributions on May 11, and May 12, amounted to from \$10 to \$20.

Informant further advised that the Subject is still in San Francisco where he has been attending the San Francisco Conference, but the exact date when he will return to Detroit is not known.

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Very truly yours,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 14, 1945

FROM : SAC, DENVER

SUBJECT: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH,
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[REDACTED] advised that she had ascertained that the lease which had been secured for the Denver City Auditorium for the use of subject on June 12, 1945 had been cancelled by the City and County of Denver. She further advised that it had been ascertained that subject SMITH will not hold any meeting in Denver or at the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle on June 12, 1945, that he is expected to hold a meeting in Denver or Englewood, however, at some future date not yet specified, which, according to [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as subject will not hold any meeting on June 12, 1945 in Denver as previously scheduled, this matter is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin. However, if at some time in the future SMITH does hold a meeting in Denver it will be appropriately covered by this office.

cc - Detroit Field Division

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Director, FBI

Re: ① GERALD L. K. SMITH
AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

DECLASSIFIED BY *609/LED/L*
ON *7-25-77*

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Carbon copies of this letter are being furnished to the Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and Denver Field Divisions for information purposes only. It is requested that these offices cover the instant meetings as directed in prior letters from this office.

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Very truly yours,

R. A. Guerin
R. A. GUERIN
Special Agent in Charge

DATE *10/13/82*

BY *[Signature]*

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Enclosed for your further information in the captioned matter is a copy of the investigative report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] dated June 1, 1945, at Denver, Colorado. Also enclosed for your information is a photostatic copy of a leaflet entitled "Chicago Christians Victory" which Smith is reportedly distributing.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: SMITH arrived at San Francisco 5-6-45 with wife and secretary. They resided at the Maurice Hotel. SMITH held one press conference and attempted to hold a second, but was prevented from doing so. He spoke at three meetings while in San Francisco and attempted to hold a fourth, but the hotel canceled his lease on the meeting room. List of subject's telephone and correspondence contacts obtained. SMITH and party left for Los Angeles, May 26, 1945.

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References:

Letters from Detroit to Director dated April 3 and 17, 1945.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 5/5/45, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 5/20/45, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Details:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

On April 9, 1945, referenced letter from Detroit to the Director was received advising that GERALD L. K. SMITH was coming to San Francisco to cover the United Nations Conference on International Organization and to hold meetings under the sponsorship of the America First Party at Oakland, California. Detroit requested that SMITH's activities while at San Francisco be covered by means of informants and that Agents should not attend his America First meetings. Pursuant to covering subject's activities while at San Francisco temporary

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On May 6, 1945, [REDACTED] that Mr. and Mrs. GERALD L. K. SMITH and RENATA LEGANS, SMITH's secretary, arrived at San Francisco at 6:50 A.M., and by means of surveillance they ascertained that SMITH and his party proceeded to the St. Francis Hotel.

[REDACTED]

LEGANS stated that during the early part of the afternoon at the St. Francis Hotel SMITH telephonically attempted to contact [REDACTED], but was unsuccessful. [REDACTED] was reported to be staying at the Palace Hotel. [REDACTED] this office with a copy of his surveillance record and this is being retained in the San Francisco files.

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During SMITH's visit at San Francisco his activities were covered by [REDACTED]

On May 8, 1945, [REDACTED] advised that SMITH and his party moved from the Palomar Hotel to the Maurice Hotel, 761 Post Street, where they obtained rooms 1201 and 1202 for the duration of their visit at San Francisco. SMITH's normal daily procedure was to go to the St. Francis Hotel to obtain his mail at approximately 10:00 A.M. Here he would visit in the lobby and later would proceed to the Palace Hotel where he would make his headquarters for most of his business. Late each day he would return to the Maurice Hotel, but most of his business was transacted in the lobbies of the St. Francis or the Palace Hotel.

On May 9, 1945, [REDACTED] advised that subject held a press conference in the Garden Room of the Palace Hotel. As a result of the conference, extensive articles appeared in the New York Post, Conference edition, printed in San Francisco, and the San Francisco Chronicle. These articles reflected that SMITH gave out a mimeographed press release and answered questions for press representatives. The articles reported that SMITH was against slave labor, Britain, Russia, France, China, Secretary STETTINIUS, San Francisco, UNCIO, Hotel St. Francis, the people of Detroit, and many other things. He was reported favorable to BURTON K. WHEELER. Copies of these newspaper articles were obtained and are being placed in the San Francisco file.

[REDACTED] advised that on May 10, 1945, subject had been in contact with the unofficial delegation from Korea, EMILY GAVREAU, and Dr. SYNGMUN RHEE, both of whom resided at the Maurice Hotel, Room 410. The details of the contacts were not known to the informant, however, it is known that SMITH met GAVREAU through [REDACTED] a printer at Flint, Michigan, and a close follower of SMITH. [REDACTED] advised that GAVREAU left San Francisco en route to Los Angeles sometime during the week of May 13 to May 20, and that on May 16, 1945, he sent night letters to several Congressmen stating that President TRUMAN has been informed of a secret agreement made at Yalta regarding Korea. He said in the night letter that the agreement was that Korea was to be given to Russian domination and that he was positive of his sources which had been uncovered at San Francisco. He said that this Yalta agreement was signed by the United States and Great Britain at STALIN's request. On several occasions SMITH has made reference to this secret Yalta agreement.

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On May 10, 1945, [redacted] subject began a close contact with Reverend JONATHAN PERKINS, [redacted] home address is [redacted]. Together SMITH and PERKINS created the California Christian Pastors Committee. b7c b7D

On May 12, 1945, PERKINS went to the Mark Hopkins Hotel and rented the Don Ballroom for a meeting of the Pastors Committee on May 17, 1945, but he failed to tell the Mark Hopkins Hotel that SMITH was to be the speaker. SMITH had invitation cards printed reflecting that he would speak on "Liberty in Balance".

On May 13, 1945, at 3:30 P.M. SMITH held a meeting at Room 261, St. Francis Hotel, under the auspices of the California Pastors Committee. [redacted] that SMITH spoke at this meeting stating that: b7D

1. The Big Five are exploiting the smaller nations;
2. The Russians are very crude and unChristian;
3. He does not believe the German atrocities as reported are true;
4. American soldiers are suffering more in Russia than they were in the hands of the Germans;
5. STALIN would not believe that ROOSEVELT had died and sent a representative to view his body. STETTINIUS had to give STALIN a signed statement that ROOSEVELT was actually dead.

SMITH also commented that he wished he had his old America First bodyguard since the press had proved to be very hostile at the press conference. He said that his good America First bodyguard had been drafted while the Jews still walk the streets in civilian clothes.

On May 14, 1945, the Mark Hopkins Hotel returned PERKINS' check to him, [redacted] and stated that they would not rent the Don Ballroom to the California Pastors Committee since the hotel was not advised that SMITH was to be the speaker. SMITH immediately made a press release stating that GEORGE T. SMITH, manager of the Mark Hopkins Hotel was profane and abusive when he returned the check to PERKINS. SMITH blamed Secretary of State STETTINIUS and "certain foreign representatives" for the action of the Mark. He said that the State Department is afraid to have the following discussed: b7D

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1. The truth about Korea and the secret deal made at Yalta.
2. The true TYLER/KENT story.
3. The Pearl Harbor situation and the KIMMELL-SHORT mystery.

SMITH made the following statement in his press release:

"The same serpentine policy which denies my people a meeting under the sponsorship of a committee of gospel preachers the right to assemble has effected among other disgraceful events the following:

- "1. They have betrayed Christian Poland.
- "2. They have made a laughing stock of the Atlantic Charter.
- "3. They have sold Korea, a nation of 30 million Christians, down the river to JOE STALIN.
- "4. They have appeased the savages of Russia.
- "5. They have permitted foreign politicians, saturated with intrigue, to so influence our State Department as to deny by its influence and pressure our right of free assembly.
- "6. They have betrayed Lithuania.
- "7. They have dared to ask our nations to share sovereignty with Russia, who refuses to permit our reporters free range in the Baltics and the Balkans."

A copy of this press release is being retained in the San Francisco file.

Reverend PERKINS also made a press release regarding the cancelation of the lease of the ballroom stating that, "We have just begun to fight".

On May 14, 1945, SMITH held a meeting at Ebell Hall, 14th and Harrison Streets, Oakland, California. [REDACTED] that there were approximately 35 people present, most of whom were elderly women. SMITH distributed the "Cross and the Flag" and went into a tirade against government regulation in war-time and the OPA. He talked at great length about his son, his wife, and his son's difficulties. b7D

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██████████ stated that SMITH was extremely disappointed because of the poor attendance at this meeting which was arranged by a ██████████

██████████ that on May 17, 1945, subject wrote a letter to persons who had been invited to his Mark Hopkins Hotel meeting stating that the internationalists had prevented a meeting and that the truth of the situation would be told at Ebell Hall on May 24, 1945. On the same day SMITH made a press release that he would hold a meeting in the Mark Hopkins Hotel lobby even though he had been denied the use of the hall. ██████████ that at 7:20 P.M. SMITH arrived at the Mark Hopkins Hotel with his wife and secretary. They had dinner at the hotel, and at approximately 8:00 P.M. there were 100 people in the lobby, fifty per cent of whom were "We the Mothers" and American Firsters. When SMITH came from the dining room these people crowded around him, causing a disturbance in the lobby. Within five minutes Mr. SMITH, the manager of the hotel, approached GERALD SMITH and asked him to leave because of the confusion he was causing. SMITH made no protest but spoke in a loud voice so that all could hear, and stated as follows: "America First is for free people and not giving England and Russia all of America's money". SMITH paused in front of the hotel and within a few minutes the crowd again gathered around him. SMITH again made the same statement and crossed the street, entering the Fairmont Hotel. He paused in the lobby long enough again for the crowd to gather, and finally left in a taxi. While at the Fairmont someone was heard to ask SMITH if his son supported him, to which he answered: "one hundred per cent". He told VICTOR RIESEL, columnist for the New York Post that he wanted publicity on the cancellation of the meeting.

On May 18, 1945, subject sent a special delivery letter to Secretary STETTINIUS asking him if he prevented his meeting at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. ██████████ that the State Department was answering the letter through some lower official.

██████████ that on May 20, 1945, SMITH attended a meeting of the Dominated Nations and World Peace at the Congregational Church Post and Mason. ██████████ was present and the meeting was led by Reverend M. RAMKRISKUA. SHAKUMODAK and KILSOO K. HAAR were also speakers. All of the speeches were on the enemies of peace which were listed as: (1) Materialism, (2) Racism, and (3) Paternalism. HAAR spoke for Korea, RADOMAGOE, D. ROESMAN spoke for the Dutch East Indies, and RICHARD B. MOORE spoke for the British West Indies. JULIE PINTO GANDIA was also present. After the speeches SMITH mixed with those leaders and talked at great length with some.

On May 24, 1945, SMITH spoke at Ebell Hall, Oakland, California. [REDACTED] this office with a complete transcript of the subject's speech which was substantially the same as the speech given at Salt Lake City. In addition SMITH made the following statement: b7D

"Well, Mrs. SMITH and I came on out, after the conference began, and arrived here about 7:30 one Sunday morning. We thought that we had waited long enough for the whiskey to have been entirely consumed, but upon our arrival we were informed that the Russians had brought a whole shipload, and that the whiskey is still pouring in sizable quantities (laughter). The British are charging us millions of dollars to transport our soldiers to Europe to fight their battles. We are paying the British \$46,000,000 rent for the use of Indian airports. We spent billions of dollars building airports in the Mediterranean that we cannot even use today since we do not have the permission of the British authorities. It is such things as these that I have come here to tell you and it is no wonder that every effort has been made since I arrived to keep me quiet and to prevent me from telling the truth. But I will tell you the truth and I will give you the fact, even though the Mark Hopkins a week ago tonight canceled my meeting. The British empire wants a weak China, so as to continue their imperialistic policy. Is it any wonder, then, that I do not want to share our nationalist policy with the British empire.

"Before coming out here I wrote a letter to every major, first-class hotel in San Francisco asking for a place to stay. Every hotel answered my letter, and reported that they had no rooms for me, but that the State Department had taken over their hotel. So then I wrote to the State Department and asked for a bed. And you know what their answer was. This did not make me mad, for I thought maybe that since we were being hosts, we had in typical American fashion given our best to our guests. So Mrs. SMITH and I came on out, and having stayed at the St. Francis Hotel many times in the past, we went immediately to that hotel early that Sunday morning. You should have seen what happened then. The boys came tearing out from every corner, following me, reading newspapers, walking back and forth in front of me. Then it suddenly dawned on me that the St. Francis Hotel was being occupied by the Russians, and you know the Russians are suspicious of everyone. You know they won't even trust the cooks in the St. Francis Hotel, so it is understandable why the Russians won't trust GERALD SMITH.

"So Mrs. SMITH and I set out to find a bed. Finally, before nightfall, we found a third-class hotel, and, since it was clean, we took up our initial residence there. The hotel was distinctly low-class.

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We took a hasty look under the sheets to see if anything ran. There were no conveniences. The elevator would break down every few minutes, and it was not at all satisfactory. Still we did not get mad, for where I come from people believe in sleeping on the floor when company comes. However, by an aggressive program of application and with the help of our friends here, we finally managed to get a first class hotel room, and we moved in.

"The first time I really got mad was on the following day, Monday. It was then that I found out in the Palace Hotel that all the Communist reporters were here at our expense and occupying whole suites of rooms at the expense of you taxpayers.

"Well, it was a personal ambition of mine to hold a meeting in MOLOTOV's hotel, and to hold another meeting in WINCHELL's hotel. And incidentally about WINCHELL I can never hope to equal him. You know he got his start by peeping on drunks and blackmailing them, and now he has a whole network of radio stations at his disposal each week. You may ask me a question, how low may a country sink? And I tell you that it sinks to the very lowest depth when a clean-cut courageous young man like LINDBERGH can be blasphemed and criticized by such a scheming stinking scoundrel as WINCHELL. When we have such a fine, clean boy who represents everything American and who becomes a national hero, and when we allow that boy to be criticized and lied about, and when we allow our president to take his commission away, and elevate at the same time a peeping tom like WINCHELL, that in itself should alarm every thinking American.

"So, the third day here, we held a meeting in MOLOTOV's hotel, at the St. Francis. At the same time MOLOTOV was giving a big cocktail party next door, and the whiskey and cocktails were flowing freely. And would you believe it, there are some people in San Francisco that would have us share our sovereignty with those savages from Russia. When Russia got close to Warsaw, the British told the Polish underground to rise up and look what happened. A little further along when things got too hot for us and we refused to recognize the Lublin leaders, Stalin said, pick out 16 of the leaders and send them to me to negotiate. Tonight those 16 men are in jail to be tried on some fictitious charge. Perhaps they are dead. This I tell you is pure savagery. Yet the press will criticize me for giving you these facts.

"A nationalist is one who believes that our government should remain in Washington, D. C. (applause). There is a coterie of individuals in San Francisco who believe there should be a world

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organization with all types of persons represented there. There will be a few Russians, Englishmen, Arabs, Indians, and one American. There has to always be one American there so that he can write the check (laughter).

"I will tell you what is the whole meat of Dumbarton Oaks and the San Francisco Conference. It is simply to get their foreign hands on our treasury and to let flow more blood of our boys, without the consent of our Congress. American Nationalists are opposed to this.

"Supposing that Dumbarton Oaks is good, and I won't suppose. I tell you that no deal should be worked out regarding the future security of our country until our boys are back. The Conference is a flop. STETTINIUS ran off the other day in a panic to get TRUMAN, and TRUMAN incidentally is going to make a pretty good President (applause).

"I am opposed to any deal that will cost any more lives to save the British empire. I am opposed to any deal that will get us into the conflict between the British empire and Russia. But I tell you if you want to pray tonight go home and kneel down, and thank God that WALLACE is not our President tonight (applause)."

During the speech SMITH read a manuscript entitled, "A Message from San Francisco", addressed to "Dear Fellow American, and dated May, 1945"

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SMITH also makes the following comments:

"Russia insists on full sway in China, and permitting this for Russia would be the end of pro-Christian government in China and the beginning of a program of Red terror. The behavior of Communists at San Francisco shows that we dare not share our sovereignty with Russia. We already have enough truth available regarding the Conference to convert its original intentions when presented to the United States Senate later. No one is permitted to mention Christ at the Conference because it might offend the pagans and anti-Christians who are at the Conference."

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In this speech at Ebell Hall SMITH went through his version of the TYLER KENT story and his experience at Dumbarton Oaks, as reported in his transcript of the Salt Lake City speech. During the speech SMITH stated that an employee of the State Department stole a paper from the files of the Department which conclusively proved the secret deal at Yalta in which Korea was sold out to Russia. He stated that a copy of this document is in the hands of GAVREAU, who is mentioned in this report as having been in contact with SMITH soon after his arrival at San Francisco. [REDACTED] that 500 people attended the meeting at Ebell Hall. Most of these people were low-class elderly women. At the end of the meeting a large collection was taken up. The transcript of SMITH's speech [REDACTED] and the letter entitled "A Message from San Francisco" are being retained in the San Francisco files. b7D

The following is a list of telephone numbers with names and addresses [REDACTED] with which subject had contact while at San Francisco. These numbers were called by SMITH while he was in San Francisco.

Garfield 1801
EXbrook 2802
Exbrook 1602
Market 2703
Douglas 0605
LAkehurst 2-4505

The Travis Radio Press Service
Not a working line.
Pacific Publishing Company, 590 Folsom St.
The Leader, 122 9th Street

Graystone 8605
Exbrook 8906

[REDACTED]
War Shipping Administration, now listed as
Garfield 3715

Walnut 2506
Market 2506

[REDACTED]
(This call was probably for
[REDACTED] who resided with [REDACTED]
while at San Francisco.)

EXbrook 8606

Palace Hotel (Calls to the Palace Hotel
were probably for [REDACTED]
occupied by [REDACTED])

and [REDACTED]

Arrangements for this room were made by
one [REDACTED]
Matson Navigation Company;

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Room 4056 occupied by [redacted]
Suite 7001, occupied by [redacted]
and [redacted]
Room 5051.

EXbrook 3906

Yosemite Park and Curry Company, 39 Geary Street

ORDway 4007
Yukon 0808.

[redacted]
Greyline, Inc. (travel company), 741 Market Street

Sonoma 109
West 7010

[redacted] Watmaugh District
Assemblies of God of Northern California,
Nevada District, 1473 Ellis Street

Sutter 5010
Garfield 1112
DOuglas 6112
DOuglas 1212
Market 2713
HEmlock 1614
EAYview 6414
KELlogg 2-8615
ORDway 6616

[redacted]
San Francisco Chronicle
Bank of America, 300 Montgomery Street
Southern Pacific Railroad
The Leader

ORDway 4916
DOuglas 1617

[redacted]
Bauer Schweitzer Hop and Malt Company,
530 Chestnut Street
Thrift Cleaners, 766 Post Street
New York Life Insurance Company
Western Union

GRaystone 9818
DOuglas 6820
SUTter 4321
EXbrook 4221

ORDway 7222

ORDway 5823
SUTter 2424
TUxedo 6424
EXbrook 0924
SUTter 2428
LOmbard 1029
Los Altos 2630
SUTter 5030
YUKon 2131
EXbrook 3931

[redacted]
Thrift Cleaners, 985 Post Street
Orin Knight Chemical Company, Russ Bldg.
San Francisco Examiner
Room 808
[redacted]
Chicago Tribune for [redacted]
St. Francis Hotel
U. S. Navy, Treasure Island

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TRinidad 5632

The Pentacostal Assembly, 3371 62nd Street, Oakland, California

Fillmore 7532

DOuglas 8633

EXbrook 3434

DOuglas 6936

SEabright 5037

Garfield 6338

Lombard 6-8539

EXbrook 3039

Sutter 4040

UNDERhill 5740

Sutter 6240

Sutter 5141

EXbrook 2045

Fillmore 3427

KELlogg 2-7048

Garfield 2648

Pacific Greyhound Lines, 201 Pine Street

Mark Hopkins Hotel

India-China Trading Company, 268 Market St.

United Press

Almond Metaphysical Book Shop, 545 Sutter St.

Roos Brothers Department Store

Chicago Tribune

Frank Weiser Company, 874 Market Street

State Life Insurance Company

U. S. Pipe Manufacturing Company, 249 1st St.

New England Life Insurance Company, 220 Market Street, San Francisco

REmlock 6850

Garfield 3052

UNDERhill 4953

DOuglas 4553

World-wide Insurance Company, 465 Calif. St.

Catholic Information Center, 107 Golden Gate

AA Day and Night Stenographer Service

and

Sir Francis Drake Hotel

EXbrook 7755

Fillmore 3257

(Reverend GEORGE PERKINS resided at this address while in San Francisco)

Newspaper Enterprise Association, 814 Market

Garfield 4158

SKyline 9960

WAlnut 8460

Garfield 4061

GRaystone 6161

TUxedo 2663

Sutter 7566

ORdway 6767

EXbrook 8368

Market 9971

California Concerts, Inc., 165 Kearny

St. Paulists Lutheran Church, 999 Eddy St.

Archbishop of San Francisco, 100 Franklin St.

Golden Gate News Agency, 81 Third Street

Fillmore 6171

Glad Tidings Temple and Bible Institute, 1441 Ellis Street

Garfield 1571

DOuglas 6575

LAkehurst 2-9178

Southern Pacific Railroad

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EXbrook 3479
Garfield 0479

West 0479

Prospect 0679
Douglas 7186
Sutter 2487
Olympic 2687 (Los Angeles)

ORDway 5087

ORDway 8388
ORDway 3291
EXbrook 7491
Palo Alto 9993

ORDway 8496
ORDway 9898
Douglas 0099
EXbrook 8600

Grayston 8700
TEmplebar 6800

Sutter 5400
EXbrook 6700
GRAYstone 3600
GARfield 9600
GARfield 8700

[REDACTED]
Buckley and Curtain Printers
Ormanda Millinery, 212 Stockton, operated
by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Apartment 4
Sunlight Laundry, 720 Post Street
Nicholas Johnston Studio, 140 Geary Street
International News Service
This call was made for Mr. JONATHAN
PERKINS

[REDACTED]
Geary Taylor Apartments

[REDACTED]
Palace Hotel (See EXbrook 8606 for calls
made to Palace Hotel)
National Broadcasting Corporation
St. Mark Hotel, Oakland, California
(Call probably made to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who reside at this address)
Mustings Department Store
San Francisco News
Belevue Hotel
Fred Solari's Restaurant
Pacific States Steel Company,
Rialto Building

[REDACTED] that a surveillance of the subject reflected
that he made the following contacts:

On May 8, 1945, at 1:30 P.M. SMITH had lunch with HOMER
MAERTZ and GEORGE FOSTER at Foster's Cafeteria, 366 Geary Street.

On May 10, 1945, subject met with [REDACTED] at the
Maurice Hotel at 4:15 P.M. This meeting was regarding the obtaining
of a meeting hall in San Francisco. On the same day SMITH was in

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contact with an individual at the India-China Trading Company, 268 Market Street. [REDACTED] that this individual was [REDACTED] who is active in the Free India movement in an attempt to bring the Indian problem before the UNCIO.

On May 10, 1945, SMITH was visited by [REDACTED] at the Maurice Hotel. On May 11, 1945, Reverend JONATHAN PERKINS was in constant contact with SMITH. PERKINS was also in close contact with [REDACTED] minister, Pasadena, California; however, [REDACTED] was never seen with SMITH.

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[redacted] that LILLIAN PARKS to whom subject wrote regarding the letter of J. EDGAR HOOVER is head of the National Blue Star Mothers. [redacted] is also one of the leaders of the National Blue Star Mothers, which organization is not to be confused with the Blue Star Mothers. GERALD L. K. SMITH has been in close contact with both [redacted] and PARKS on several occasions.

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On May 24, 1945, SMITH made a press release stating that sensational facts had come to his attention and that he would therefore interview the press at 2:00 P.M., May 25, 1945, at the lobby of the Palace Hotel since all hotels had refused to lease their rooms to SMITH. He stated that if he were ejected he would make his statements at any place where he would be permitted to stop long enough to do so. A copy of this press release is being retained in the San Francisco files.

On May 25, 1945, SMITH went to the Palace Hotel where he had lunch in the Garden Court. Upon completion of his lunch he walked to the lobby where he began passing out the following typewritten statement:

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"FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Palace Hotel, San Francisco,
May 25, 1945

STATEMENT BY GERALD L. K. SMITH

RE
SAN FRANCISCO UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE AND
KINDRED SUBJECTS

"(Note: Smith is the National Director of the America First Party. Spokesman for 21 Nationalist groups. Is observing and reporting the Conference for 81 periodicals. He is preparing a confidential report for six members of the United States Senate and seventeen members of the Lower House of Congress).

Direct Quotes:

"The Communist Party never disbanded. It has been underground and is now preparing to come out in an open fight against President Truman and his policies. I assert, upon the authority of Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen of Washington, D. C., that the Communists have been and will cooperate 100% with the Nazi underground in the Western Hemisphere. They have established headquarters in Mexico City. They are using as their Western Hemisphere propagandists not only native Nazi-Communists, but Communists who fled Spain. These Spanish Reds, who are cooperating with Negrin, are valuable because they know the Spanish language, so necessary in South America. Negrin, Browder and their ilk are preparing to undermine the Republics of the Western Hemisphere, which, of course, includes the Church.

"My observations here and elsewhere convince me that Russia never intended to sincerely cooperate. The incident involving the 16 Poles and the controversy inspired by General Tito was intended purposely to torpedo any attempt to unite the nations of the world for peace. Russia does not want peace. She wants a European revolution as well as a Western Hemispheric revolution. The statements coming out of Paris, Milan and Berlin from Communist leaders simultaneous with the arrival of Negrin in the United States, as well as the threatening statement issued by Earl Browder means that the time has come when every loyal American must brace himself to fight the Communist menace.

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"Racism! I do not preach racism. Accusations to the contrary have originated with Communists in the hope that they can inspire minority groups to cooperate with them in their fight on all anti-Communist organizations. These Reds have been so successful that many journalists and rank-and-file citizens actually believe that I preach racism. The accusation is false. I urge the representatives of minority groups at San Francisco to survey the technique of the Reds in this respect. The Reds are the ones that will introduce racism into the political fight. I believe that any attack on any man because of his race or creed is un-American and un-Christian.

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"I assert that the State Department knows and is in possession of a document confirming the fact that our representatives at Yalta agreed to give Korea to Stalin in return for certain cooperation.

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"I accuse the Russians of virtually attempting blackmail on the nations of the world because of what they consider to be their strategic position as it relates to the Orient.

"I accuse the Russians of refusing to help us whip the Japs until we have agreed to junk the regime of Chiang Kai-shek in China. I accuse the Russians through their Communist International, which they falsely said was dissolved, of having precipitated the July election in Britain. Stalin wants to get rid of Churchill because Churchill is anti-Communist. Although I have always been critical of Britain's imperialistic policies, I favor any cooperation with Churchill that will help him stem the rising tide of Stalinism in Britain.

"I do not accept the political philosophy of Franco, but I do know that Franco has the cooperation of the Church, and I am convinced that the Negrin movement and the so-called Free Spanish Movement are inspired by Stalin's Fifth Column organization in the United States.

"I accuse the Russians and the American Communist Party, in cooperation with the Nazi underground in the Western Hemisphere, of conspiring in Mexico City recently to torpedo this Conference and then blame it on the Nationalists.

"I accuse the Communists and their cabal of having infiltrated the State Department to the end that they have hindered Nationalist periodicals, including some of the great daily newspapers in their attempts to get news concerning proceedings.

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"I assert that Russia is cooperating with the German citizenry and is preparing to arm the Germans in their plan to communize Europe. I challenge the Russians to deny the fact that former Nazi military officers are conspiring with Russian officials in this strategy. This is one of the reasons for the so-called complete news blackout on the Russian side of the former German territory. It must be remembered that no German city was ever bombed by Russians. I cannot forget that recently Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, eminent authority in the Catholic Church, said: 'The true materialistic Nazis have been cooperating with the Russian Communists all through the war'.

"Concerning the proposed Charter: I am convinced that U. S. Senator Arthur Vandenberg is too much of a statesman to ask the Senate to approve anything that would resemble closely the original Dumbarton Oaks Plan. Stalin will never surrender his right of veto. He knows that Russia is planning to do things that not one Republic in the Western Hemisphere, unless it would be Mexico, would approve.

"Stettinius should resign immediately. His original appointment was only on the assumption that he would do Roosevelt's will, the late President being, in fact, his own Secretary of State. Now that we have a President who seems willing to divide authority, Stettinius should be replaced by someone who has spent a lifetime familiarizing himself with world problems.

"A World Charter on the order of Chapultepec would be satisfactory to most Nationalists. Nationalists by and large favor cordial relationships with all nations, provided we are not asked to share sovereignty and provided we are not asked to shed blood and money without the direct consent of the Congress of the United States as it relates to every such act.

"I assert that an American-made OGPU has operated in San Francisco for the express purpose of following, shadowing and curbing the activities of all Nationalists and the representatives of all newspapers, large and small, whose editorial policy runs contrary to Stalin's plans.

"We Nationalists grieve over the terrible hold Communism has on our Nation, but we are encouraged to believe that our Senate will never adopt a Charter which supports certain secret deals at Yalta and the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

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"My persecution and the attempt on the part of journalists and other propagandists to ridicule our sincere expressions of opinion indicate two things: (1) That some journalists have been duped by the Red line; (2) Others are a paid part of their expensively organized propaganda campaign."

SMITH made no attempt to speak while handing out the above statement, but several police officers were present and after handing out several copies of the press release he was asked by the manager to leave the lobby of the hotel. SMITH went into the street, followed by the crowd, where he began to speak, but several police officers approached saying, "The meeting is over". SMITH left without further trouble.

On May 26, 1945, at 8:00 A.M., [redacted] SMITH and his party left San Francisco for Los Angeles as originally planned. [redacted] that SMITH has stated on several occasions that he expects to return to San Francisco after his Los Angeles meetings.

[redacted] that he is writing a complete report on all of SMITH's activities while in San Francisco and that this report may include contacts of SMITH which have not already been given to this office. [redacted] that he would furnish this office with a copy of this report.

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During SMITH's visit at San Francisco the press was hostile and unfavorable to him. An article in the New York Post, Conference edition, on May 1, 1945, reported that SMITH attempted to get press credentials for the Conference for himself and his news service, but had been refused by the State Department. The New York Post, Conference edition, of April 25, 1945, in an article by VICTOR RISEL, reported that the isolationists were expected at San Francisco, including Senator WHEELER and ex-Senator NYE who were expected to address America First demonstrations.

On April 28, 1945, RISEL had another article advising: "Isolationist crowd moves in on Parley". This article stated that HOMER MAERTZ had arrived and that he was working with GERALD L. K. SMITH who had promised that NYE and WHEELER would be here for support.

On May 4, 1945, the San Francisco Chronicle carried a small editorial on Mr. SMITH stating that the Conference is not the place for causes and that this went for SMITH also.

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SCOTT NEWHALL wrote an article published in the Chronicle on May 8, 1945, stating that SMITH had arrived and had announced: "The Conference is the first step toward war. We must not surrender our national sovereignty. The Communists, Russians, and the Imperialistic British are playing us for saps. We do not trust the San Francisco setup. We believe it to be dominated by JOSEPH STALIN. The Conference is a failure".

On May 14, 1945, the New York Post printed an article stating that SMITH invited all but the Russians to his meeting at the Mark Hopkins Hotel on May 17, 1945, which was under the auspices of the California Christian Pastors Committee.

On May 15, 1945, the New York Post, Conference edition, printed another article on SMITH stating that he was able to put the "finger" on Senator VANDENBERG. SMITH said he knew VANDENBERG's constituents and they will defeat him for reelection if he approves of the things the Conference is expected to approve.

On May 16, 1945, the Post printed a small article stating that the Mark Hopkins Hotel had tossed SMITH out. The Chronicle and the San Francisco Examiner also reported SMITH's ejection from the Mark Hopkins Hotel in small second page articles. The only other articles appearing in the San Francisco press were in a column entitled "Memos to the Editor from DELAPHANE" regarding a pair of pants or coat SMITH sent out to be pressed and which he claimed were returned burned. DELAPHANE also reported SMITH's "poor show . . . in the Palace lobby . . ." DELAPHANE mentioned RENATA LEGANT as SMITH's secretary and said he asked her if her job was for dough or for "labora love". LEGANT answered him "labora love".

Pursuant to instructions from the Detroit Field Division, no surveillance or active investigation was conducted of SMITH's activities by Bureau Agents. Coverage was entirely through informants.

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow SMITH's activities at Los Angeles and will advise San Francisco Field Division when he returns to San Francisco.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Upon receipt of the complete report of [REDACTED] Will report any additional information which is not contained in this report. b7D

Will also follow through informants any activities of SMITH upon his return to San Francisco.

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Reference is made to our previous correspondence in the above captioned matter.

For your further information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the investigative report submitted by Special Agent dated June 14, 1945, at San Francisco, California.

- Mr. Tolson
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Director, FBI

Re: GERALD L. SMITH
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Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that no information was received from [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, for the period from June 1, 1945, to June 30, 1945.

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It is to be noted that no information was received from these informants due to the fact that the Subject of instant case has been out of town for the last two months and no activity has taken place at his office or home. However, in view of the fact that these informants will be valuable sources of information when the Subject does return, it is suggested that the services of these informants be continued.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Guerin
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