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July 20, 1944

America must remain independent. - AMERICA FIRST means - Feed, Clothe, De-
fend, Americans First, The Four Freedoms for America First. America first
in war and peace - We must have a choice in 1944 - No fourth term - Bring
the boys home when the war is won.

AMERICA FIRST PARTY

Gerald L. K. Smith

Director and Organizer

Bernard A. Doman
Secretary and Treasurer

Post Office Box
Detroit, Michigan

July 20, 1944

Dear Fellow American:

The AMERICA FIRST PARTY will hold its first State Convention on
Monday, July 31, in the Detroit, Leland Hotel (Ballroom) Cass corner
Bagley, Detroit, Michigan. The purpose of this Convention is to nomi-
nate candidates for office.

As one who circulated the petitions to get the party of the Mich-
igan Ballot, you should be able to qualify as a delegate. The Conven-
tion will be set up as follows:

1. Registration and presentation of credentials- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2. First Convention Session- 3 p.m.
3. Closing Session- 8 p.m.

Please bring this letter with you as your identification.

Sincerely yours,

B. A. DOMAN

State Central Committee

Meat and butter for Americans first - Billions for victory, not one penny
for internationalist propaganda.

THE CROSS AND THE FLAG

EDITED BY GERALD L.K. SMITH

POST OFFICE BOX 459

DETROIT 31, Michigan

SEPT 7, 1944

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My Dear Fellow American

Just the moment they are off the press, we will send you copies of the Platform adopted at the recent convention of the America First Party, as well as other detailed information concerning our dynamic and educational campaign.

WARNING:

My main purpose in writing you this letter is to say that we discovered three stooges in our convention who were sent purposely by the enemy to try to create trouble. I have learned since the convention that these stooges went around trying to get everybody's name and address. The purpose of this trick is, of course, to get your name and address so that they can send you lies and material designed to cause trouble.

Therefore, I warn you to be very careful about answering any letters you get from stooges; also be alert to any trouble-making correspondence. Since the convention, we find that one woman, who came from Oregon, was in touch with certain troublemakers all during the Convention and since. If you receive any critical correspondence from anyone, rush it to me, either in its original form or copied, in order that we may identify the activities of these saboteurs.

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Be on the lookout for any four-page letter which should reach

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you in the next few days concerning the next steps of our dynamic crusade.

Do not be surprised at anything that happens to me. The enemy is now so desperate that he will stop at nothing. They are determined to nip in the bud all signs of a healthy Nationalist Movement.

Sincerely yours for Christ and America

Gerald L.K. Smith

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September 21, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

The Bureau desires that you expedite the submission of your report concerning subject Smith's activities in connection with the recent convention of the America First Party at Detroit on August 29 and 30, 1944.

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SAC, Detroit

September 21, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH, was
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
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In connection with your letter of September 13, 1944

[REDACTED]

It hardly seems plausible that [REDACTED] should be an enemy of Smith (or that he should be so considered by Smith) and, accordingly, in connection with your further investigation of this case it is desired that you be on the alert for any further data which would tend to corroborate the report that [REDACTED] is supposed to be hostile to Smith, or is so considered by Smith. Any data of this type or any information tending to show that [REDACTED] was actually acting in some undercover or undisclosed capacity during his attendance at the Detroit convention would be of interest to the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Call: 1:15 P.M.
Dictated: 1:45 P.M.

DATE: September 22, 1944

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : J. F. Hanrahan

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SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy
- Miss Gandy

Complying with instructions received from the Director's Office, I telephoned [redacted] a secretary in Senator Sinclair Weeks' (Republican, Massachusetts) Office, at this time. [redacted] had previously called relative to the America First Party.

[redacted] wanted to know whether the FBI is investigating Gerald L. K. Smith, head of the Party, and whether the organization has violated the law and is considered to be subversive or un-American.

I explained that in matters of this type it is the FBI's function to receive or secure information and that it is within the province and responsibility of the Department of Justice to formulate conclusions as to violations, subversive qualities, etc. [redacted] then said he was not so much interested in a "hair-line" or exact determination as to whether there was a violation of law and that he was merely interested in an informal expression as to what the Bureau knows and thinks of Smith. He said he felt that surely the Bureau would have a good bit of information on this man and his activities.

I told [redacted] that naturally, particularly in view of the recent great amount of publicity pertaining to Smith and his activities, the Bureau had from time to time come into the possession of data on Smith and that this information had been referred, as is usual, to the Department of Justice. I told him with reference to his specific request for an opinion as to the legal significance of Smith's activities that it is not within the Bureau's jurisdiction or responsibility to make such an evaluation. I also informed him that information in the Bureau's files is available in such instances only upon the authorization of the Attorney General.

I again referred him to the Office of the Attorney General. Although he did not specifically indicate what he would do, he did express his thanks.

You will recall that the Bureau has investigated Smith for over two years and that although it continues to request investigation, the Department has not authorized any prosecution nor given any indication that it will do so. Smith is, of course, the center of a lot of controversy relative to nationalism vs. internationalism and at present he is the America First Party's candidate for President, and as such his name is entered on the ballots of a number of Midwestern states.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

FILE NO. 100-6111

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 9/15/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/25-30 incl. 14	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> b7c MEH
TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G SECURITY MATTER SEDITION	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-indent: 40px;">Subject spoke at meeting which was sponsored by the Farmers Guild and attended by approximately 200 people, near Hamilton, Ohio, 8/27/44. Criticized President ROOSEVELT and Presidential Nominee DEWEY, as well as Democratic and Republican policies; directed criticism toward Lend-Lease policy, OPA and the drafting of men for overseas duty; stated America First Party had little chance in 1944 Presidential election, but expressed belief that it "would have a man in the White House in 1948"; requested financial backing of those present. HARRY ROMER, St. Henry, Ohio, spoke against American Legion, and declared its leaders were "rotten". C. E. XNOTE, Indianapolis, Indiana, also spoke.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>RECORDED</p> <p>INDEXED</p> </div>			
<p><u>REFERENCE</u></p>		<p>Letter from the Detroit Field Division dated August 24, 1944.</p>	
<p><u>DETAILS</u></p>		<p>Reference letter from Detroit indicates that GERALD L. K. SMITH was to speak at a meeting of farmers near Hamilton, Ohio, on August 27, 1944.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT HAMILTON, OHIO</u></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED] attended a meeting at</p>	
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. E. [Signature]</i></p>		<p>HANDLED BY [REDACTED] b7D</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>5 Bureau 3 Detroit (enclosure) 2 Cincinnati</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 205 OCT 13 1964</p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">62-43818-556</p> <p style="text-align: right;">b7c</p>	

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Seever's Park on Highway 129, three miles west of Hamilton, Ohio, on August 27, 1944. He stated that this meeting was sponsored by the Farmers Guild, and that he recognized only three or four of the men present. He reported that the weather on this occasion was extremely bad, it being a very rainy day, and that he was surprised at the number of people attending, especially, he said, since no publicity had been given to this meeting in the City of Hamilton. He stated that approximately 200 people attended this meeting.

[REDACTED] that C. E. MOTE from Indianapolis, Indiana, who ran for Republican nomination to the U. S. Senate from Indiana, and was defeated, made a talk in which he stated that both the Democratic and Republican parties had the same policy, and that he did not like President ROOSEVELT or Presidential nominee DEWEY, and that he would vote for a prohibitionist or anyone else, if the America First Party did not have a candidate, and if GERALD L. K. SMITH were not that candidate.

[REDACTED] that HARRY ROMER of St. Henry, Ohio, whom informant believed to be an official in the Farmers Guild, also spoke for a short time. [REDACTED] that ROMER was introduced by the Chairman, whom he believed to be a man named BINEGAR, of Okeana, Ohio, as a fellow Legionnaire who had been pushed around a good bit and had become tired of it. ROMER then spoke particularly against the American Legion, stating that 85 to 90% of the Legion was all right, but that the leaders were "rotten through and through". ROMER claimed credit for stopping a resolution by the American Legion at its convention in Columbus, Ohio recently, which would have condemned an organization of women, headed by a Mrs. BING (phonetic), the purpose of which was to get the men home from overseas as soon as the war is over. *Bing*

[REDACTED] that ROMER also discussed an incident at Greenville, Ohio in which a group of farmers attempted to purchase a corn picker, at which time the dealer told them that they could not make this purchase without a ration certificate from the OPA. The men at this time laid \$800 on the counter of the dealer and pulled the corn picker away in spite of the dealer. They were reported to have been arrested later by OPA agents, and at their arraignment bond was set at \$5000. ROMER stated that bond for these men had been raised. He criticized the OPA for their action in this case.

[REDACTED] that GERALD L. K. SMITH then made a long talk, stating that the Republican and Democratic parties were both following the same policy. He stated that both advocate a strong International organization after the war.

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SMITH discussed his efforts to get into the Dumbarton Oaks Peace Conference, stating that he attended this conference as a publisher and that he was refused admittance. He stated that someone should be impeached because no representative elected by the people was in attendance at this meeting.

SMITH stated further regarding the war situation that all soldiers now overseas should be brought home immediately upon cessation of hostilities and that no organization should be left overseas to police Germany, Italy and Japan. He stated that he was very strongly opposed to the drafting of men for overseas duty, stating that if the war were for a just cause sufficient volunteers would have been obtained without the drafting of men. He stated that he had information that a move was on foot that when the war is over Britain will show herself insolvent, and that the United States would pay Great Britain's bills. He stated that the war actually started when Lend-Lease was begun, and cited an instance under Lend-Lease, stating that gasoline had been sold to England for 2¢ per gallon, and that later England had sold this same gasoline back to the U. S. Army for 42¢ a gallon. He stated that there was a Lend-Lease item in a cafe in Washington, D. C., costing \$22,000, for drinks. SMITH stated that he (SMITH) would be in jail if he had not at all times told the truth.

SMITH also discussed the case of TYLER KENT, reported to have been an employee in the American Embassy in London before the war, who intercepted coded messages between President ROOSEVELT and Prime Minister CHURCHILL, and who discovered that President ROOSEVELT and Prime Minister CHURCHILL were building plans for the United States to enter the war. He stated further that ROOSEVELT was responsible for Mr. CHURCHILL being selected as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

The informant stated that SMITH made a statement that under war reparation plans the United States would be required to pay Great Britain from \$6 to \$8 for each tree destroyed in New Guinea. According to the informant, SMITH tried to imply that Great Britain was running the war and that the United States was agreeing in everything. The informant stated that SMITH called President ROOSEVELT a "scoundrel" and that he strongly criticized Presidential Nominee DEWEY, stating that DEWEY was too inexperienced and that he was merely following in the footsteps of President ROOSEVELT so far as Internationalism is concerned.

██████████ attended the meeting at which GERALD L. K. SMITH made a talk on August 27, 1944, near Hamilton, Ohio. ██████████ that HARRY ROMER, St. Henry, Ohio, was an organizer for the Farmers Guild, and that ROMER made a speech in which he condemned the leaders of the American

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Legion as being "rotten". He stated ROMER also discussed the case in which eight farmers at Greenville, Ohio were arrested by OPA agents for their purchase of a corn picker in violation of OPA regulations, ROMER stating that these men were not responsible and that they were not guilty.

[redacted] that SMITH then talked for a long time and substantiated the above information furnished by [redacted]. He stated also that SMITH remarked that President ROOSEVELT had promised not to send any soldiers overseas when he was running for reelection in 1940, and SMITH stated, "But look what has been happening". [redacted] that SMITH had stated that if the war had been for a just cause, sufficient volunteers would have been obtained for service overseas, and that he (SMITH) was strongly opposed to the conscription of men for overseas duty. SMITH also stated that the America First Party could not hope to be successful in the 1944 elections but that the America First Party was building for the future, and that he believed the America First Party would have a man in the White House in 1948. b7D

[redacted] that SMITH said he was coming back to Hamilton again next year, at which time the Butler County Fairgrounds would be rented, and that he expected a crowd of 8-10,000 more people present than attended the meeting in Greenville, Ohio several weeks ago. (It is noted in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1944, in this matter, that this meeting held on June 4, 1944, was attended by approximately 1500-2000 persons). b7D b7C

[redacted] furnished substantially the same information as that given by [redacted], and added that SMITH in his talk called President ROOSEVELT a "scoundrel" and stated that the Democratic Party was controlled by the CIO and the money interests. According to informant, SMITH stated at a recent conference between Secretary of State HULL and a representative of Presidential Nominee DEWEY, Mr. DULLES, an agreement was reached that there should be an International Court as soon as the war is over. b7D

[redacted] verified the above statements of [redacted] adding that SMITH had stated that Pearl Harbor was a "set up affair" and that war was not necessary even then. Informant added that SMITH emphasized the fact that President ROOSEVELT was seeking the Jewish vote, and that SMITH advocated a complete bar to all immigration. Informant stated that HARRY ROMER, St. Henry, Ohio, was introduced by the Chairman as "Comrade ROMER," and that ROMER was very strong in his criticism of the American Legion. b7D

[redacted] gave the reporting agent two handbills which were b7D

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passed out at the meeting advertising this meeting, and which indicated that the meeting was sponsored by the Farmers Guild of Southwestern Ohio, calling it an educational meeting. [REDACTED] that at the meeting envelopes were passed around which were labeled "America First Party", the purpose of which was to solicit contributions to the America First Party. These envelopes were to be turned in with contributions, or a pledge of a certain amount each month to be contributed to the America First Party by the person -whose name was to be signed on this envelope. These handbills and envelopes are being forwarded as enclosures with this report to the Detroit Field Division.

[REDACTED] that SMITH, while talking, requested the financial backing of all those present. [REDACTED] stated also that SMITH while speaking, after making remarks would frequently stop and say, "Applaud, if you please", and that the applause was frequently very loud.)

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ENCLOSURES TO THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION:

Two copies of handbills, and two envelopes which were passed out at the meeting sponsored by the Farmers Guild and held at Seever's Park near Hamilton, Ohio on August 27, 1944.

REFERRER UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

INFORMANTS

[REDACTED]

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The above informants requested that their names be kept confidential. They attended the meeting sponsored by the Farmers Guild at Seever's Park near Hamilton, Ohio, August 27, 1944, at which meeting GERALD L. K. SMITH spoke.

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*The Truth demands
vigilant men
intelligent leaders
Christian ministers
- not fecked traitors.*

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USE YOUR
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LET THEM FIGHT IT.

WILL THEY RULE
THE WORLD ?

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PEOPLES BLOOD ?

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*Break the Spells
of ignorance
and learn why.*

THE FANATICS MUST

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Genesis XVII, 7 and 8. And Jahweh will give thee the land, according to contract, wherein thou art a stranger.

Deuteronomy XI, 24. Every place . . . your feet shall tread, shall be yours . . .

Gen. XVII, 11. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a sign of the contract betwixt me and you.

Deut. VII, 2. And when YHVH shall deliver the Gentiles before you, thou shalt utterly destroy them; thou shalt show no mercy unto them.

Deut. VII, 22. And JHWH will pluck off the (Gentile) nations before thee slowly; thou should not kill them all at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. (For YHVH, JHWH, see any large dictionary.)

Joshua II, 1-14; Josh VI, 17. Rahabs (being Gentiles) "sell out" their own people. An old trick.



Isaiah LX, 11. The gates of thy holy city shall be open day and night, that the wealth of the Gentiles shall be brought unto it. Isa. LXI, 6. . . ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. (Rothchilds, Morgenthau, Baruch, Perkins, Hillman, Bridges, Churchill, Belisha, etc.)

St. John VIII, 44. Christ's truth.

Acts IX, 5. The holy ghost tells what is wrong.

Their dream is your nightmare. Don't let any Yiddish or British blast-hards bamboozle you any longer.

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Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark
Attention: Mr. C. John Rogge
John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

UNITED STATES vs. JOSEPH E. McWILLIAMS, ET AL;
WILLIAM ROBERT LYMAN, JR., DEFENDANT; SEBITION,

Attached under duress cover is a photostatic copy of a card, which, among other things, bears the two captions, "Those War Is It?" and "Will They Rule the World?"



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DETROIT, Aug. 30 (AP).—The
first national convention of the
America First party today nomi-
nated the party's director, Gerald
L. K. Smith, of Detroit, for Presi-
dent and Harry Romer, of St.
Henry, Ohio, for Vice-President of
the United States. No other names
were submitted.

Mr. Smith had been nominated
by the Michigan convention, and
Mr. Romer was substituted when
John W. Bricker, Republican Vice-
Presidential nominee, refused the
Michigan convention's nomination.

Delegates debated planks of a
platform embodying the party's
policies, including these proposals:

Money—"Constitutionalize our
money system."

Peace—"Terms must be based on
America First principles."

Taxes—"No Federal income tax
on incomes less than \$5,000."

Veterans—"1,000 cash for mus-
tered-out veterans having served
one year."

Jews—"We must admit that
there is a Jewish problem. It must
be solved honestly, realistically
and courageously. We shall oppose
prejudice and encourage the re-
search necessary to the solution of
this, the world's most unsolved
problem."

A substitute proposal on Jews,
in which Homer Mairtz, delegate
from Chicago, urged that "all Jews
should be deported to a later des-
ignated area, if they do not leave
America voluntarily within five
years" and that those remaining
be sterilized, was not brought to a
vote by the convention. Mr. Smith
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F. B. J.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I just read about the atrocities
to the Jewish people by the Nazis.

Now we have to put up with a
local scoundrel by the name of ^{HOMER MAIRTZ -} Mairtz,
who would do the same as the Nazis if he
were given the chance.

As Winchell says "Why isn't something
being done about it?"

Who is this Mairtz? Who is backing him?

American Jewish Party

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Yours truly

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of a Newspaperman
 His many weeks ago Candidate Dewey issued a statement up-
 holding all censorship... But support what he says... their commenta-
 are stopped... it is based... Dewey is



books. All he wants is Wheaties."
 at: flavor in those crisp-toasted malt-
 flavored flakes. Try 'em yourself
 Have milk, fruit, and Wheaties
 "Breakfast of Champions."

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more than all the world's...
 All the axis soldiers and their weapons...
 speech over here, but a radio censor can!

When Senator Wheeler introduced a bill that...
 impossible for news programs to be sponsored—this...
 the right of sponsors to hire newscasters—and that bill was...
 pigeon-holed... No one yelled that our fight against Wheeler's bill...
 was political... The cry of "politics" pops up when you disagree with...
 the politics of censors!... Mr. Dewey knows that this reporter is...
 The Other Fellow, but Mr. Dewey also knows he can always use our...
 microphone and space to get his side of things reported.

On several occasions Mr. Dewey has personally phoned our...
 office to say: "Tell Walter thanks very much."

Mr. Willkie is another who knows the same thing... Whenever...
 he had any news he thought people should hear via our radio...
 program, he knew all he had to do was send it in, which he has done...
 "Any time you have any news for my audience," he was assured,
 "let me hear it. All I reserve is the right to criticize you and it!"
 "Thanks," Willkie said, "that's a deal!"

Clare Luce, the legislator, gleefully colyumned recently that Bill...
 Bullitt's article in Life would give FDR the hotfoot... Life has...
 confessed that Bullitt's piece attracted an avalanche of letters from...
 indignant subscribers denouncing it and Bullitt... In the name of...
 fair play, however, the weekly ran many of them plus an article...
 attacking it, which ran in a Moscow gazette... The same publication,
 by the way, offers this eyebrow-lifter: "The Republicans are count-
 ing on carrying most of the Middle West for Tom Dewey this Fall...
 The farmers there are prosperous and many have, turned against...
 the New Deal"... Incredible!... They are turning against the Pres-
 ident under whom they prospered... Figger that one out.

Even some of FDR's most bitter critics admitted that his last...
 speech was good. Some said it was excellent... Yet some editorial...
 pages condemned Roosevelt for indulging in levity, wisecracks, etc...
 It wasn't dignified, they groaned... Have these sense-of-humorless...
 forgotten the beloved Will Rogers? He was famed for his levity, wit...
 and anecdotes... So was Lincoln... You never find quipping in...
 Hitler's speeches. Exclamation point.

The Nation magazine reports that certain people went to Darryl...
 Zanuck during the making of the film, "Wilson," and warned him...
 that unless the picture was suppressed he might regret it... Zanuck...
 it appears, said if he had to suppress "Wilson" he wouldn't care as...
 he had a better film in mind: "The Life and Times of Warren G...
 Harding"... Period.

Rabble-rouser **Kamp's** outfit, now being probed by the...
 Anderson Congressional Committee, was once named in a list of...
 Federal indictments as a tool for subversive agents over here—and...
 by some of the indicted people (some convicted) now being tried in...
 Washington... Kamp has worked with the avowed Fascist, Lawrence...
 Dennis... Kamp's poisonous literature (a lot of it copied from pam-
 phlets issued by those on trial) has been praised and complimented...
 by most of the U. S. Hitlerooters... Last week Kamp defied the Con-
 gressional probers. He refused to name his contributors, supporters,
 editors... The N. Y. Times ran that story without one mention of...
 Kamp's link with pro-Nazi... The Times stated Kamp as stating...
 "Hillman Refuses Fund Recover"... Hillman foe, however! American...
 foe would be correct!

Collector (and forth) Gerald L. K. Smith, at a Chicago...
 meeting of his so-called "America First Party" last week, made a...
 plea to his small audience that should interest the Dept. of Justice...
 He urged his listeners to see that the party's "confidential literature...
 and announcements get into the hands of our boys in the armed...
 forces"... Wasn't that one of the reasons Wm. Dudley Pelley and...
 others were sent to Federal jails?

This is what Dewey-advisor John Foster Dulles said about FDR...
 in 1942: "President Roosevelt had dealt boldly and dramatically...
 with domestic problems. Recognizing the failure of our society, as...
 organized, to adapt itself to new conditions and to meet the imper-
 ative need of human beings, he has effectively grappled with the...
 system and has not hesitated to break with tradition and to alter...
 fundamentally the entire structure of our economic order. As to...
 what he has done there is disagreement. But few would seek to...
 undo the great social reforms he has effected. We are entitled to...
 expect a like approach to the problem of peace... We have a duty to...
 urge upon our President that he dedicate to this great task his...
 outstanding qualities of leadership."

The stunned German armies are staggering... It will take the...
 whole world more than five years to get the guns out of their...
 hands. But it may take centuries to get the swastikas out of their...
 hearts... This job must be finished by the United democracies. Not...
 Dewey, his charity, begins right here at home. A product is only as...
 good as the integrity of its maker... The American doctrine of...
 tolerance for the world will be judged by the tolerance Americans...
 have for each other. That means this country can no longer...
 afford to be tolerant of the intolerant!

Today there are some Americans sharing the same grave who...
 in the United States could not have shared the same grave... Today...
 when our sons, Americans taking the same risks of battle who...
 wouldn't be given the same chance for an honest job. Though...
 they never had to give their race or creed to volunteer to fight...
 and because every American is expected to be ready to die for...
 his country regardless of race or color—this country guarantees...
 that when a man talks about race or creed on the battlefield...
 or when a man talks about race and creed on an American street...
 he is contemptible blood-sucker to know the President

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was; AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SECURITY MATTER - SCOTLAND

Reference is made to the report submitted to this office at Washington, D. C., by Special Agent [redacted] dated July 22 and September 15, 1944. You will recall that these two reports had particular reference to the activities of one [redacted] who is said to be a close associate of the subject, Gerald L. K. Smith.

Although the Bureau appreciates your difficulties in attempting to develop information concerning [redacted] (being as he is a type of person who has few known contacts and activities), it is nevertheless desired that additional inquiry be conducted as to [redacted] at Washington, D. C. According to various bits of information which have come to the attention of the Bureau, [redacted] is alleged to be something of a "mystery man" who at least likes to consider himself as being [redacted]. This being the case, it is felt that in order to secure an adequate coverage of Smith's activities, additional data as to [redacted] should be available.

You should, therefore, continue your discreet inquiries as to [redacted] and the Bureau suggests, in this connection, that you give special consideration to the possibility of locating [redacted] bank account or accounts. If this can be done, it is probable that considerable light would be thrown upon the exact nature of his character and activities. However, as indicated in previous communications, your investigation of [redacted] should be handled in a cautious and very discreet manner.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD
FROM : E. H. CUNNINGHAM
SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH; INTERNAL SECURITY (C); SECURITY MATTER; SEDITION.

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At this time [redacted] called from Baltimore and stated they had been advised by letter from the Detroit office to the Cleveland office, with copies to Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, that the subject is going to hold meetings of a political nature supposedly at various cities. One of these meetings is to be held in Baltimore on October 3, 1944, in the Blue Room of the Alcazar, which is a building operated by the Knights of Columbus. This meeting has been referred to as a "closed meeting" and the Blue Room has a capacity of about 300 people and is so situated that an outsider could not get in without being noticed. The manager of the building has been told that they do not want any publicity out on the subject, and it appears that this is going to be a meeting strictly of members.

In view of the fact that Baltimore may not be able to get a representative in to the meeting and may not have an informant at the meeting, [redacted] stated they desired to know if the Bureau thinks it is desirable to have technical coverage. He stated they could get the microphone in without arousing suspicion if it is deemed desirable by the Bureau; that they had never had a microphone in this building but that the people there had cooperated in the past in other respects and Baltimore did not have anything on them; they seem to be a pretty reliable group.

The meeting is to be October 3, 1944, and Baltimore would like to get to work on the wiring as soon as possible, so that it will not look as if it is being done for this particular meeting.

I told him I would check on the matter and would send a teletype out in the morning.

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I called ASAC Kimball of the Baltimore Office at this time and inquired if they were requesting authority for a technical and microphone surveillance or just a microphone surveillance. He stated they want just the microphone. I told him if it could be done with absolute security they could go ahead with this microphone installation.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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America First Party meeting held at St. Henry, Ohio, on September 24, 1944, at which time HARRY A. ROMER, a resident of St. Henry, Ohio, accepted Vice-President nomination on the America First Party ticket. At this time the speakers, including GERALD L. K. SMITH, GEORGE VOSE, endorsed Governor THOMAS DENNEY for President. ELIZABETH DILLING, presently on trial for sedition, Mrs. LYRL CARL VAN HYNING of the organization entitled "We the Mothers Mobilize for America, Inc.," and CURT ASHER, Indiana publisher who was allegedly indicted for sedition but acquitted, appeared on the speakers platform. America First Party meeting held at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 27, 1944, at which time GERALD L. K. SMITH, GEORGE VOSE and Mrs. DAVID STANLEY addressed the meeting. SMITH endorsed Governor DENNEY in preference to President ROOSEVELT for election. He also discussed the TYLER KENT case at which time he advised ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL entered into a conspiracy to rule the world. GEORGE VOSE, retired soldier of World War II, stated he was starting a new veterans organization.

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Details: AT ST. HENRY, OHIO

[REDACTED] attended the meeting of the America First Party at St. Henry, Ohio, on September 24, 1944, at which time they reported as follows:

Explaining that the America First Party could not get on enough State ballots to hope for victory this year, GERALD L. K. SMITH and HARRY ROMER, candidates for president and vice president on the America First ticket yesterday threw the weight of their party behind the Republican party in the 1944 elections.

SMITH confined himself to the Republican national ticket, and indicated that he supported Dewey because he considered him less of a menace to the country than ROOSEVELT. Criticizing DEWEY for his failure to take a positive stand against the Administration, Smith said "I hope DEWEY will take down his hair" and challenge President ROOSEVELT.

Mr. ROMER asked his audience to vote the straight Republican ticket from President down to all county offices.

The two America First candidates declared that this year their party was laying the groundwork for 1946 and 1948, and that their only test of strength would be in Michigan. Occasion of the meeting at St. Henry was the official notification to ROMER that he had been nominated vice president on the new party's ticket. [REDACTED] who helped handle traffic, estimated the crowd at 3200 persons. b7c

In his address, SMITH called the two major issues of the campaign, on which he hoped DEWEY would concentrate, the "mysteries of TYLER KENT and Pearl Harbor."

According to SMITH, TYLER KENT is an American code expert who, while in London in 1938 discovered that President ROOSEVELT and WINSTON CHURCHILL were corresponding, in secret code, on plans to rule the world, and planning a war against Germany. SMITH further charged that KENT was arrested by the British government when he sought to reveal this information, and is still imprisoned on the Isle of Wight.

SMITH called for the speedy trial of Admiral KIDGEL and General SHORT, commanders at Pearl Harbor at the time of the disastrous Japanese raid, charging that the government in Washington had warning the Japanese were on the way.

SMITH contended that returning soldiers would demand a new party, and that the America First party would answer their needs, if neither major party embraced its nationalistic philosophies.

He promised that after the war he would circulate a petition for the retrial of JAMES MANNIX and other Darke County farmers, who were given a suspended sentence and fine for taking a corn picker without a priority slip.

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SMITH called these farmers a "modern Boston tea party", and challenged the "mangy and lousy" newspapers in Cincinnati and Dayton to publish his praise of the man. MANNIX was introduced and received applause for taking the picker without priority. The Darke County farmers operated a lunch stand at the meeting to raise money to pay for their attorney fees and appeals for contributions for them were made.

In appealing for soldier support of the America First Party, SMITH said that the American Legion sponsored "G. I. Bill of Rights" was demagogery. SMITH said that his son served with MERRILL's Marauders on Burma and received the Purple Heart presidential citation and Silver Star.

SMITH declared that he was not anti-Semitic but protested what he considered Jewish control of the government, or control by any other group.

"With Jesus Christ to guide, and the flag to follow," I accept the nomination for vice presidency on the America First ticket, HARRY ROMER of St. Henry said, prefacing his explanation of the America First platform. ROMER said that "this day brings forth the fruit I have worked for for ten years" and promised that the America First party would be on every state ballot in 1946 and would elect a president in 1948.

He advised his audience not to believe what they read in the New Deal Democratic and New Deal Republican-Communist newspapers, or hear over the radio.

ROMER, who said he has been commander of an American Legion post five times, and is now an American Legion chaplain, bitterly denounced the leaders of the American Legion organization. He said that 90% to 95% of the American Legionnaires were the finest of citizens, but that the "five per cent who control the Legion are the most disloyal citizens in the United States." The 1941 Legion convention at Milwaukee, where, ROMER said, the Legion endorsed Selective Service and Lend Lease, was a betrayal of the United States, the speaker declared.

Chief reason for his attack on the leadership of the Legion, ROMER said, was its recent endorsement of one year's military training for young men after the end of this war. ROMER expressed the hope that returning soldiers would form their own veteran's organization, and not join the Legion. An attack was also made by the speaker on Legion support of a world police force and he argued that in peace time men should be paid \$100.00 to \$150.00 a month to join the army rather than be conscripted. ROMER has two sons in the Army.

Throughout his attack on the leadership of the American Legion, ROMER received much applause from his audience.

In conclusion, ROMER called the corn picker trial a New Deal farce, promised to keep up his fight to "drive the money changers out of the temple,"

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urged his listeners to vote straight Republican this year from "top to bottom," and expressed hope that Rev. CHARLES E. COUGHLIN would sit in at the peace table.

GEORGE VOSE, a wounded ex-soldier of Kalamazoo, Michigan, made an impassioned appeal for veterans to form their own organization allied with the America First party, and said that "GERALD L. K. SMITH was sent by God Almighty." VOSE appealed to mothers of service men to join the America First party and assailed any world government. He asked, "Why in the name of God can't the government pay the transportation of soldiers home on furlough."

An unexpected speaker who appeared at the meeting was Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLING now on trial for sedition. Mrs. DILLING sang a number of songs of her own composition which ridiculed rationing, the Jewish people, the government, and the Russians. She charged that the FBI ignored search warrants and searched alleged seditionist's homes from basement to attic. She declared that all on trial as seditionists were being persecuted by the government, and were innocent. The alleged seditionists she said were imprisoned in "hell holes of jails" with but little food to keep them alive. GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERICK, now serving a prison sentence for not registering as an agent of the German government, she stoutly defended and called him a martyr. Both Mrs. DILLING and SMITH appealed for contributions to pay attorney fees for the men and women now on trial for sedition. Her attack on the FBI drew hearty applause.

Another figure of national prominence at the meeting was Mrs. LYRL CARL VAN HYNING, head of the organization "We the Mothers Mobilize for America, Inc.," and CURT ASHER, an Indiana publisher who was indicted for sedition but acquitted.

Presiding at the meeting was CARL H. MOTE of Indianapolis, who devoted much of his opening speech to attacking ROOSEVELT for not quickly bringing soldiers home. MOTE questioned if men in the armed forces overseas ever would be returned to their homes. He called President ROOSEVELT's recent speech "dismal humor."

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

[REDACTED] advised that approximately six hundred people attended the America First Party meeting at the Cleveland Public Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 27, 1944. Relative to this meeting, [REDACTED] as follows: b7D

The meeting was opened at 8:15 P.M. by Mrs. DAVID STANLEY of the United Mothers of America. She gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States and a prayer.

GERALD L. K. SMITH then took the platform at which time he stated he had no illusions as a candidate of the America First Party; that he realized he was a crusader; that he would be crucified and that his character would be smeared. He stated that the purpose of the America First Party was to lay a foundation and form a nucleus for the American people when they open their eyes after censorship is lifted.

[REDACTED] that SMITH stated that the American people will be dissatisfied with the old parties in the future and will desire an American Nationalist Party. SMITH told the audience that he did not believe the Jews or any click should run the United States of America. SMITH stated that DENEY was nominated by the Jewish people. SMITH, [REDACTED] informed the audience that the America First Party desires DENEY be elected over ROOSEVELT. He stated that he does not like DENEY but would prefer him to be elected over the present president. SMITH informed the audience that he is dissatisfied with ROOSEVELT because ROOSEVELT is a scoundrel and he dislikes DENEY because DENEY did not expose ROOSEVELT as a scoundrel. He told the audience that SIDNEY HILLMAN in 1938 donated \$5,000.00 to DENEY's campaign fund and that HILLMAN is a Russian Jew who is the Rasputin of the White House. He stated that on account of this contribution by HILLMAN in 1938, DENEY is not in a position to presently criticize HILLMAN.

[REDACTED] SMITH then discussed the eight farmers who were convicted in Federal Court in Darke County, Ohio, for violating the Agricultural Adjustment Act. SMITH stated that the America First Party raised the bond to free these eight farmers at which time the bond was set at \$160,000.00.

[REDACTED] that SMITH then attacked the government pension plan for returning disabled soldiers at which time he stated that Jap prisoners are being paid more than disabled soldiers.

[REDACTED] that SMITH then discussed his son who was a soldier, but this time SMITH stated that his son has been wounded on the battle field in Burma and that he has received the Presidential Citation, The Purple Heart. SMITH at this time made the statement that it was through WALTER LIFSCHITZ (WALTER WINCHELL) that his son was sent to a dangerous theater of war.

[REDACTED] that SMITH stated that Communists under the direction of STALIN are taking over the government in all liberated countries, such as Poland, Yugoslavia, Italy, Etc., and that General CHANG KAI SHEK would be deposed because STALIN wants to run China and he is not favorable to General CHANG KAI SHEK.

[REDACTED] SMITH stated that the British will get us into a third World War unless we make arrangements to buy their rubber after the war.

[REDACTED] that SMITH made the announcement that the America First Party is going to start an educational program and is also going to start a youth program with GEORGE VOSE at the head.

SMITH at this time criticized the Dumbarton Oaks Conference at Washington, D.C. at which time he made the statement that the United States is being sold down the river in secret conferences between United States and Russia. He also stated that JOHN FOSTER DULLES, who represents Governor

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DENEY at the Dumbarton Oaks Conferences is a paid attorney for the British Government in New York City. SMITH then stated that the State Department is acting in an un-American fashion by meeting with British and Russian representatives on American soil without the American people knowing what is going on.

[REDACTED] that SMITH discussed the TYLER KENT case at length at which time he informed the audience that TYLER KENT in 1938 was working as a Code Clerk for the United States State Department in London, England, at which time he intercepted codes between CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT, containing information whereby CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT were allegedly making plans to rule the world in the future. According to SMITH, TYLER KENT believed this was treason and copied down fifteen hundred messages at which time he intended to give these messages to certain Senators in Washington. SMITH criticized the manner in which TYLER KENT was arrested by British authorities and interned by the British Government on the Isle of Wight.

[REDACTED] SMITH then criticized the Pearl Harbor situation at which time he stated that if Mr. ROOSEVELT does not have something to hide, why does he not permit Admiral KIMMEL and General SHORT to be court-martialed in the usual fashion. At this time, SMITH stated Washington failed to advise our troops of the impending attack of which they had knowledge and that the blood of 3,000 dead troops lies on the head of President ROOSEVELT.

[REDACTED] that GEORGE VOSE followed GERALD L. K. SMITH on the speakers platform, at which time GEORGE VOSE was attired in an army uniform. At this time VOSE gave profuse praise of GERALD L. K. SMITH and stated he is one of the greatest Americans of the day. VOSE stated he was persecuted while in the United States Army because of his connection with SMITH. GEORGE VOSE at this time also informed the audience that he is forming the Nationalist Veterans of World War II, which will be a new veterans organization for the returning soldiers. At this time he stated, "We are going to see that the soldiers returning are given jobs. Americans will be taken care of first and if anything is left after that we can then help the British and CHURCHILL." He informed the audience also that after the war is over, STALIN will try to dominate the world and that we will eventually have to fight Russia. He made the statement that the Russians are prepared to fight us with the Lend-Lease material which they are obtaining from us and which they are storing in Siberia.

[REDACTED] GEORGE VOSE criticized the Government's pension plan for returning soldiers. He stated that under his plan, each returning soldier should be paid \$1000.00 a piece when they come home. He informed the audience that the soldiers are now fighting a war for \$50.00 a month for millionaires and munitions makers.

The meeting was concluded after the reading of the following petition sent to Congress, by Mrs. DAVID STANLEY:

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"In view of the fact that FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT is a candidate for the fourth term, we demand that TYLER KENT be brought to the United States to stand trial and be permitted to expose his knowledge of a conspiracy between CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT to get the United States into war without the consent of Congress. Likewise, that SHORT and KIMMEL be tried before court martial."

The meeting accepted the above resolution on the motion of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

SMITH, [REDACTED] made the statement at this meeting that he was to appear before a Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C. on October 3, 1944, at which time he was to be interrogated concerning contributions made to his organization. This information was supplied to the Bureau and the Detroit Field Division by teletype.

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The following literature was [REDACTED] and was distributed at the meeting of the America First Party at St. Henry, Ohio:

1. Copy of "Women's Voice" dated June 28, 1944, at Chicago, Illinois.
2. Pamphlet entitled "Colored Scraps of Paper."
3. Reprint from Congressional Record entitled "This Terrible Plight of the Farmers Who Cannot Obtain Machinery," by Senator WILLIAM LANGER.

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[REDACTED]: Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], monitored meeting of America First Party at Cleveland, Ohio, September 27, 1944, in the radio control room of the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

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REPORT MADE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE 10/7/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/21, 22; 9/15-19, 27, 28/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	LMB RS
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Reportedly RALPH BERLAND BAERMAN and CHARLES CUSTER PICKETT, with alias, CHARLES CUSTER PICKERT, are former Winona liberals. PICKETT is a farmer, 60, referred to as an individualist and resides at St. Charles, Minnesota. BAERMAN was teacher of English at Winona Senior High School, Winona, Minnesota, from September, 1927 to June, 1934, when he resigned. No information available relative to present activities of BAERMAN. The Institute for Christian Economic Action located at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, until 1942 when it became the Macalester Park Publishing Company in St. Paul. Macalester Park Publishing Company published the book entitled "The Way Out for America" by PICKERT and BAERMAN. Subject spoke at Minneapolis 9/17, 18 and 19, 1944. He attacked the "alien ideologies of atheistic Jews"; the tactics of Communism, and the policies of the CIO-PAC. He characterized ROOSEVELT and DEWEY as "tools of international bankers"; castigated those responsible for the secrecy of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference; "exposed" the "machinations behind the TYLER KENT incident" and Pearl Harbor. His audience was enthusiastic over references of 1948 "Nationalistic Party" success.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #62-43818;
Report of SA [REDACTED] Washington, D. C., 7/28/44;
Detroit letter to St. Paul 9/14/44.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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The indices of the St. Paul Field Division reflect that in the early part of January, 1941, [redacted] of the Winona High School, Winona, Minnesota, advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] a teacher, had to be reprimanded at times for giving debates in the classroom on the subject of "democracy". [redacted] recalled that [redacted] had been a very close friend and admirer of two former Winona liberals, RALPH BERLAND BAERMAN and CHARLES CUSTER PICKETT, who had recently written a book called "The Way Out for America" published in St. Paul, Minnesota. b7c b20

A check of the Directory Section of the Post Office Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, reflected a mail address for The Institute of Economic Action as Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, until 1942. However, no name was set out with this address. It was also noted that the address was changed to 1698 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

A check of the St. Paul City Directory for 1944 reflects that 1698 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, housed the Macalester Park Publishing Company. Further investigation reflected that the Macalester Park Publishing Company had moved to 1674 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Under a suitable pretext, Reporting Agent ascertained from [redacted] Insurance and Real Estate, 1698 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota that he was one of the members connected with the Macalester Park Publishing Company and that it had published the book entitled "The Way Out for America" for BAERMAN and PICKETT. [redacted] stated that BAERMAN was not known to have any permanent address inasmuch as he roamed around the United States. b7c b7D

The indices of the St. Paul Office reflect no reference to either the Macalester Park Publishing Company or [redacted] b7c

AT WINONA, MINNESOTA:

[redacted] of the Winona County Local Board #2, Winona, Minnesota, telephonically advised that CHARLES CUSTER PICKETT was registered for Selective Service in April of 1942, serial number U286, not classified. From the information obtained on his occupational questionnaire, it was reflected that he was born on May 27, 1883, at Mellette, South Dakota. He was self-employed at Rochester, Minnesota, as a fruit grower and farmer with home address at St. Charles, Minnesota. The person who would always know his address was set out as MRS. LENA PICKETT. b7c b7D

The records of the Winona County Local Board #1, Winona, Minnesota, were also checked with negative results for the Selective Service registration of RALPH BERLAND BAERMAN.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Winona, Minnesota, and St. Charles, Minnesota, on September 15, 16, 27 and 28, 1944. b7c

AT ST. CHARLES, MINNESOTA:

[REDACTED] First National Bank, advised that PICKERT was known as a tree surgeon and a preacher and has resided in St. Charles, Minnesota, all of his life. Informant stated that PICKERT has ideas that are not workable, is an individualist, but is not considered a propagandist. PICKERT's wife was formerly the City Librarian in St. Charles and is not believed to agree with her husband's theories. [REDACTED] did not believe that PICKERT was dangerous to the United States. On occasions PICKERT has claimed to be related to General CUSTER. [REDACTED] furnished the Agent with a copy of the book entitled "The Way out for America" by CHARLES CUSTER PICKERT and RALPH BERLAND BAERMAN, published by The Institute for Christian Economic Action, St. Paul, Minnesota, which he had purchased from PICKERT several years ago.

[REDACTED] both of St. Charles, Minnesota, when interviewed stated they have known PICKERT since he was a young boy and he is known as a tree doctor and preacher. No further information could be furnished in regard to PICKERT being the author of any literature. b7c
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AT WINONA, MINNESOTA:

The records of the Winona Senior high school reflect that RALPH BERLAND BAERMAN was an English teacher there from September, 1927 through June, 1934, at which time BAERMAN resigned. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] employed by the Jones & Kroeger Company, Job printers, checked the type in the book which was displayed to him, "The Way out to America" and he stated that the Leicht Press of Winona, Minnesota, were not the printers of that book. [REDACTED] could give no information as to whom the publishers of this book might have been.

AT RUSHFORD, MINNESOTA:

[REDACTED] of the 1st Nat'l Bank, advised BAERMAN left Rushford about three years ago, was a high school teacher in Winona, Minnesota, however, he did not know of BAERMAN's activities, nor could he furnish any further background information regarding him.

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AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7c

Meeting at Truth and Liberty Temple on
Sunday, September 17, 1944, 7:45 P.M.

The main speaker of the evening was GERALD L. K. SMITH. Introductory speaker was C. O. STADSKLEV, Pastor of Truth and Liberty Temple. He stated that before introducing the main speaker of the evening he wanted to say a few words regarding ELIZABETH DILLING, who had previously spoke at the Truth and Liberty Temple. According to Mr. STADSKLEV, he has been accused of anti-Semitism due to her appearance at the Temple. He said the mere fact she spoke at the Temple is not evidence of anti-Semitism on his part. She is a good Christian woman and I felt it my duty to allow her to speak, said Mr. STADSKLEV. He stated that if being pro-Christian is the same as being anti-Semitic, then he is anti-Semitic; further no one is going to tell him who can speak at the Temple. Mr. STADSKLEV then described GERALD L. K. SMITH as a friend, and said it was an honor and privilege to have him as a speaker at the Truth and Liberty Temple.

GERALD L. K. SMITH then began his speech with the statement that tonight his talk would be non-political, instead it would be a religious talk. According to SMITH, the United States at the present time is only 1/6" from complete federal control of religious worship. This control of religion is being pushed by the "Atheist Jews", who with their alien ideologies desire to control the thinking and living of all the people in America. He pointed out he has been investigated by the Military Intelligence, Office of Naval Intelligence, the FBI, and Congressional bodies, all to no avail. He says he welcomes these investigations since he has nothing to hide. He claims the Jews desire to place him in prison because he is for "Christ First in America". He says that being presidential candidate for the America First Party in the 1944 election is really a fiction since he knows that there is no chance of his being elected, but this is the beginning of the Party and it is growing by leaps and bounds. When 1948 appears, it will be a different story, the America First Party will be a Party to reckon with. There will be only two parties at that time, one the America First Party which will be the nationalistic party, and the other the Communist Party which will be an internationalistic party. There will be no Republican or Democratic Party. The Communist Party will be the Party to beat because they have a program, but "we too have a program". SMITH then told the audience his son, who is presently in the United States Army stationed in India, has been discriminated against because he is the son of GERALD L. K. SMITH. He said he had eight years military training prior to induction into the Army but had never been able to receive a commission. SMITH stated his son is now forced to help Britain keep 500 million slaves

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in bondage in India. He also told of the time his son was on march with several other United States soldiers and that some of them died from starvation. He did not specify the locale of this event.

According to SMITH, United States soldiers will return to the United States subsequent to the termination of the present war and find themselves penniless because most of the wealth of this country will have been given to Russia, England, China, and South America. They will also be faced with a \$500 million debt and unemployment.

He explained he and his wife journeyed to Washington, D.C. to attend the Dumbarton Oaks Peace Conference, but he was refused admittance. Soldiers guarding the conference told him they would shoot him if he attempted to enter. He says he then made a speech to the soldiers and was convinced that some of them would be "Good America Firsters" after the War.

He said that a large Chicago Jewish paper entitled "The Sentinel" had accused him of advocating sterilization of the Jews at the America First Convention in Detroit. This is absolutely an untruth according to SMITH. He says there was one delegate at the convention who advocated sterilization of the Jews but this motion was never seconded and most certainly was not carried. He went on to say it is his desire to place Christ first in America; that if Christ were first in all nations we would have no HITLER, no MUSSOLINI, no STALIN.

He then told the audience that Minneapolis, Minnesota, is presently governed by that "Alien Russian, Communist Jew, Revolutionist SIDNEY HILLMAN". He stated that due to SIDNEY HILLMAN he was unable to speak at the Municipal Auditorium in Minneapolis. He said it was also impossible to speak at the American Hall in St. Paul due to the fact that the St. Paul police refused protection.

He described presidential candidate DEWEY as "the little man with the big dog", and President ROOSEVELT as "the big man with the little dog". He says neither of these individuals are any good but that he prefers DEWEY as the lesser of two evils. He told the audience I can't tell you what is going to happen to me in the next four years, I may be in prison or I may be killed, but "I am willing to be a martyr to the cause".

He then cited the case of eight Ohio farmers who had corn standing in their fields and were without a corn picker. They went to town to buy a corn picker but the dealer refused to sell them one which he had standing on the floor due to the fact that they had no certificate. The farmers laid the money on the counter and took the corn picker without a certificate. They were later tried and sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary, but their sentence was suspended. He cited this case as an example of freedom in America today.

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According to SMITH, President ROOSEVELT's fortune was founded years ago through opium smuggling.

SMITH says that all real Christians are now being labelled "Fascists" by the Communists and other liberal elements. He said that a group known as "Friends of Democracy", controlled by the Communists, is presently engaged in a smear campaign against him which he welcomes.

SMITH closed the meeting with a prayer.

A collection was taken during the meeting. SMITH stated the entire collection would go to the Truth and Liberty Temple.

There were approximately 500 people present at the meeting.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Meeting at Truth and Liberty Temple
on Monday, September 18, 1944 - 8:00 P.M. b2c

The speaker was introduced by C. O. STADSKLEV the pastor of the Truth and Liberty Temple. He commended this man as being among the few courageous men left in the United States.

SMITH immediately began to harangue relative to his "Nationalistic Party" saying that "when the boys come back the Nationalistic Party will become dynamic and intensive". He declared he hopes DEWEY will be elected since DEWEY was the lesser of two evils; that his candidacy was not important in the November elections, however, in the 1948 elections the Nationalistic Party would unanimously carry the soldier vote.

SMITH declared that he was not anti-Semitic but he thought that "three million New York Jews should not run the country".

He dwelt at some length with the 33 editorials in his publication "The Cross and the Flag". According to SMITH, the ROOSEVELT wealth had its origin "in opium smuggling"; that a large tire manufacturing company allegedly owned by HENRY FORD was shipped to Russia. He attacked the British censorship, and characterized HENRY WALLACE as a "midwife". He told those in attendance that he was not "mad at DEWEY but that DEWEY did not have any 'guts'".

SMITH told of his experiences at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference. He described to an enthusiastic audience how a major in the United States Army told him that "they would possibly have to shoot him to keep him out of the secret conference". He indicated that he was greatly disturbed with the

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fact that the Russians could get in the conference and he could not. He was of the opinion that ROOSEVELT was collaborating with international bankers and "was mixed up in international skulduggery".

Finally SMITH told the audience that he would disclose to them "the story of the century". He then spoke of the TYLER KENT incident indicating that he had obtained his information from KENT's mother. Reportedly KENT is a brilliant diplomat and linguist originally stationed in the United States Embassy at Moscow. After inciting STALIN's displeasure at the kremlin, KENT was transferred to London at which time JOSEPH P. KENNEDY was the United States Ambassador to St. James. Allegedly KENT served as liaison officer and decoder between WINSTON CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT. SMITH alleged that KENT learned from the coded messages that ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL were engaged in international machinations. KENT became so perturbed that he attempted to leave London but was unable to get a passport; finally he went to Captain RAMSEY, told him the complete story, and RAMSEY in turn appeared before the House of Parliament and "exposed WINSTON CHURCHILL". As a result of this, KENT was dismissed from the diplomatic staff and immediately arrested by the British authorities. He was tried in the British Court and sentenced to the Isle of Wight where he is today. According to SMITH, KENT's mother has appealed to the Supreme Court for a redress. SMITH believes that KENT should be brought into this country for trial; that when the complete story of KENT's arrest was told it will "end the ROOSEVELT dynasty". SMITH intimated that JOSEF STALIN was able to obtain certain coded messages from KENT when KENT was stationed in Moscow since the O.G.P.U. was surveilling KENT at all times. As a result of this, STALIN is today holding these messages over ROOSEVELT's and CHURCHILL's head, and is "whipping them into line".

There were approximately 500 people in attendance at the Truth and Liberty Temple, approximately 250 people in the basement of the church, and possibly 150 people on the outside of the church. SMITH was enthusiastically received and some members of the audience were heard to ejaculate "Boycott the Jews" and "Buy Christian".

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
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Meeting at Truth and Liberty Temple
on Tuesday, September 19, 1944 - 8:00 P.M. b7c

GERALD L. K. SMITH was introduced by C. O. STADSKLEV the pastor of Truth and Liberty Temple. After acknowledging the introduction GERALD L. K. SMITH discussed Father COUGHLIN, during which discussion he stated he was a friend of Father COUGHLIN and that Father COUGHLIN was "finally hushed

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up by the Jews". MR. S. O. SANDERSON of Rochester, Minnesota, was then asked to read the resolution of the recent America First Committee which resolution opposed the gold standard. After the resolution was read GERALD L. K. SMITH advised he was opposed to the gold standard and stated he favored control of the monetary system of this country by the federal government not by the world bankers. He next discussed the Jewish situation in the United States and advised that there are approximately 500,000 Jewish refugees already in this country as a result of the present war and approximately 14 million who desire to enter the United States as refugees. He next pointed out that the Jews are working out monopolies in the various enterprises and stated that 3% of the big business companies in the United States have received 50% of the government contracts during the present war. He referred to Rabbi STEPHEN WISE as being the leading Jew in the United States. He criticized the anti-defamation league, which he indicated was operated and controlled by the Jews, and he criticized the Jewish control of newspapers, theatres, and radios in the United States. He pointed out that 60 Jews in Hollywood control the movie industry. He further pointed out the pressure which the Jews can exert on newspapers and radios by threatening to withdraw their business advertisements from newspapers and radios in order to control such newspapers and radio programs. He pointed out that the sedition trial of 26 persons in Washington, D.C. has been forced upon the government by the Jews. He concluded by stating that the Jews in the United States must cooperate and settle the various problems or they must suffer the consequences.

He next discussed the Negro problem in the United States and stated that there are three avenues of approach to the problems: The first by annihilation; the second, intermingling; and the third colonization. He pointed out that the first two approaches, namely annihilation and intermingling of the races obviously would not settle the problem. He then discussed colonization as an approach and stated that 2½ Negroes were already in favor of a colony being set up in West Africa, and he indicated he was in favor of this colonization; the colony to be maintained under the flag of the United States. He next discussed immigration of Chinese from the Orient and pointed out that there are 300 million Chinese who would like to immigrate to the United States. He advocated that the entry gates to the United States be closed to immigration of the Chinese.

Concerning the war with Japan, he pointed out that in the latter part of 1941 WINSTON CHURCHILL saw the futility of getting the United States involved in the European War, but that in February, 1942, before the House of Commons, CHURCHILL boasted he had succeeded in getting the United States involved in the Pacific War. Concerning the Japan attack on Pearl Harbor, he stated that the administration had every reason to believe that war would come with Japan. He pointed out that approximately one year prior to the war the administration had talked of the possibility of war with Japan developing

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from cutting off the oil supply going to Japan, and the administration had reached the decision that to cut off the oil supply would certainly result in war with Japan. He stated that shortly before Pearl Harbor an ultimatum was directed to Japan wherein the oil supply from this country was cut off to Japan, and pointed out that although one year previous the administration had decided such an act would certainly result in war. Upon cutting the oil supply to Japan, the military and naval authorities at Pearl Harbor were not advised. He pointed out that Admiral KIMMEL and General SHORT who were in command of the Navy and Army at Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack should be brought to trial before the coming election in order that the facts concerning the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor could be fully developed and aired. He pointed out that prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor the United States had sold scrap iron to Japan and had sold obsolete warships which had cost this government \$2,000,000 to construct for \$7,000 each as scrap, and he pointed out that some of these warships purchased by Japan were floated from this country to Japan, reconstructed, and are presently being used against us. He pointed out that the war in China has been lost by the allies but that censorship would not permit this information to be given to the American people. He stated that Madame CHIANG KAI SHEK is a refugee at the present time and that General CHIANG KAI SHEK is "on his way out". He stated that Marshal STALIN had indicated he would render absolutely no assistance to the allies in the Pacific unless the allies would team up with the Communists in China.

The last topic discussed by GERALD L. K. SMITH was socialized medicine, and he indicated that he was very much opposed to socialized medicine in the United States.

The meeting lasted from approximately 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. The house was filled to a capacity, there being approximately 500 people present.

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ENCLOSURE TO DETROIT: One copy of book entitled "The Way Out for America".

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X Director, FBI

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases;
AMERICA FIRST PARTY;
INTERNAL SECURITY - G;
SECURITY MATTER - SEDITION

Dear Sir:

There is being set out herein the pertinent information obtained from [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, for the period from September 12, 1944 through September 28, 1944. 670

Informant advises that SMITH is devoting most of his time and attention at the present to his political campaign for President of the United States on the America First Party ticket and is presently on a tour of various cities in the Middle West.

SMITH was in Minneapolis on September 17, 18 and 19; in Milwaukee on September 20; Chicago on September 21; St. Louis on September 22; St. Henry, Ohio, September 24; Cleveland, September 27; Buffalo, September 28, and he will be in Philadelphia on October 1, Baltimore on October 3, and Pittsburgh on October 6, 1944.

The arrangements for the Philadelphia meeting have been made by CATHERINE BROWN of that city who is well known as a leader of the National Blue Star Mothers of America and is a close friend of SMITH. The Baltimore meeting is being arranged through Doctor WALTER HAUSHALTER of the Baltimore Christian Temple, who is also a close friend of SMITH. Arrangements for the meeting at Pittsburgh on October 6 are in the hands of Mrs. MARIE LOHLE of that city.

Informant advises that GEORGE VOSE of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a candidate on the Party's state ticket in Michigan and a disabled veteran of World War II, has been making the present speaking trip with SMITH. The meeting at St. Henry, Ohio on September 24, 1944 at which HARRY ROMER, the Party's candidate for Vice-President of the United States, made his acceptance speech, was reported to have been a big success. The meeting was evidently held out of doors and cars were parked within a radius of a quarter of a mile to hear the speakers. ROMER is said by SMITH to be a prominent leader of the Coughlinites in Ohio.



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SMITH has been having some difficulty with his campaign, according to informant. The state of Alabama will not allow him to place his name on the ballot as a Presidential Candidate in that state. The America First Party filed credentials and papers with the state of Texas seeking to qualify the party for the ballot in that state. The names of twenty-two candidates for Presidential Electors were filed. No word has as yet been received from the state of Texas as to whether or not the names will be placed on the ballot.

SMITH has complained to the newspapers that he cannot obtain gasoline for the purpose of traveling on his presidential campaign. He has stated that DEWEY is "running around the country on a luxury train" and that "ROOSEVELT has spent \$20,000,000 on his trip to Honolulu" but that "the OPA has refused to grant me my request for gasoline." SMITH has applied for enough gasoline for 8,000 miles in Michigan and for 20,000 miles in the nation but has not as yet received a definite reply, since the OPA has requested additional information from him before making a decision.

SMITH has also complained about the fact that he could not get his name on the ballot in the state of Maryland due to some technicality and indicated that he would take the matter to the Supreme Court, claiming that this action in refusing to put his name on the ballot was a disenfranchisement of the people.

SMITH received a telegram from Senator THEODORE GREEN, Chairman of the Campaign expenditures Committee of the United States Senate, requesting that he advise that committee of those states in which the America First Party has slated candidates for President and Vice-President and who will appear on the official ballot in the general election. SMITH has been in touch with other members of the United States Senate. He requested Senator BENNET CLARK of Missouri to address his meeting at St. Louis on September 22, stating that the meeting would be attended by "1,000 Nationalists." Informant did not know whether or not Senator CLARK had replied to SMITH's request. He also received some communications from Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS of North Carolina, although informant did not know the nature of the matters dealt with in these letters.

SMITH is making plans to begin his campaign in the state of Michigan at an early date and hopes to have four or five good rallies prior to election day. He originally intended to have the first

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rally about the seventh or eighth of October but informant now states that it will probably be held on the twelfth of October in the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. A rally is also scheduled for Midland, Michigan where SMITH has permission to use the loud speaker. It is evidently his intention to follow the exact itinerary which he used in his original campaign for the United States Senate two years ago.

A letter has been sent out by him to 400 postmasters in Michigan asking for their routes and the number of boxes on the routes. This is for the purpose of getting out the rural vote. SMITH has a list of about 10,000 "best names" but it is not clear whether or not these are confined to Michigan or extend throughout the country. These individuals will be contacted by mail starting about thirty days before election. HARVEY SPRINGER, a preacher from Denver, Colorado, who has collaborated with SMITH in the past, is expected to come to Detroit in October and give assistance to SMITH in his campaign.

Informant indicated that SMITH had ordered from EARL SOUTHARD of Chicago an additional 500 copies of SOUTHARD's book, "Forty Years of Roosevelt." He wanted these books, however, to omit the box appearing on page forty-two which infers that the readers should vote for DEWEY. SMITH wishes to distribute these books among the followers of his Party and does not want any "plugs" for DEWEY to appear in such book.

SMITH is also very much interested in an article appearing in the Chicago Sun on September 16th dealing with conditions in France and pointing out that the American soldiers there found people better provided for in France than they had been in England. SMITH was anxious to get a copy of this article and considered it very significant.

According to informant, SMITH and KENNETH C. WEBER of Detroit, attorney for the FARMERS' GUILD and Chairman of the State Convention of the America First Party held in Detroit on July 31st, are in agreement on most of the political issues of the day. WEBER has indicated that SMITH's voters are the life blood of the Farmers' Guild in Michigan. SMITH explained to WEBER that ELIZABETH DILLING had stated that she could not vote for the America First Party but that she would vote a straight Republican ticket and impeach DEWEY if he did not act in a manner satisfactory to her. SMITH felt that he should write her and tell her that DEWEY's attack on HAMILTON FISH and himself was sufficient

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evidence of his attitude. SMITH advised WEBER that the Chicago Tribune had indicated in a recent article that it was futile to expect anything of DEWEY and the voters should concentrate on candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives.

The suit against SMITH by the individual who claimed he had a prior right to the name, "America First," has been dropped.

According to informant, BERNARD A. DOMAN, Secretary and Treasurer of the America First Party and SMITH's personal secretary, is leaving SMITH on November 1st, allegedly because of ill health and has told SMITH he will go to Texas to live. However, informant states that DOMAN has been looking for a job at various other places in Detroit and apparently is not leaving SMITH for reasons of ill health, although DOMAN apparently wants SMITH to believe that such is the reason for his leaving.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Guerin
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October 11, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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I read last evening, with much interest, an article
written by Peter Edson of the Press, regarding one Gerald L. S.
Smith, the Hitler of Louisiana politics and false advisor
of the late Senator Huey P. Long, et al., regarding his
anti-Semitic and (Swastika) flag political un-American activities
in these United States of America. The article stated many true
and interesting things relative to this senegade crooked preacher
of which your Committee had him Ham-Strung before your Committee,
I wish to thank you Gentlemen for very much upon behalf
of the people of Jennings, Louisiana and the U. S. A.

This vicious bird Smith robbed the State of Louisiana
during the reign of Huey, misleading him, Long, et al. into
misleading the general public, which I am thankful to God, I
am NOT one of. It is my firm belief and opinion that this Smith
was a false friend to Long, as was later proven by and through even-
ing reading up on and after Long's untimely death at Baton Rouge.
Smith was closer to Huey than any other rascal, and Long had
many rascals connected with him (whether he knew it before it was
too late or not) and what caused his downfall and his tragic death.
This Smith was the Chief Gestapo for the "Share him our Wealth" and
other inner movements. Smith was and is a dangerous character; was
unpacked and ousted from the Christian Church at Shreveport, which
the records will prove, operated here under the Democratic label
from Michigan under the Republican banner for the Senate, was
suspicious in almost everything he went into and should be interred
and completely investigated.

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When you Gentlemen get hold of his mailing lists and
Hitler supported pay-rolls, I wouldn't be surprised if you find
the names of _____
_____ on same and more. This crooked and un-Christian renegade
is another kind the same stripe as Smith and his personal
two-heart and doublecrosser for years. This _____ drives
_____ without gas rations, so it appears and not rubber tires and
other things. Members of their families are not doing War Work
and should have been either locked-up or in Kakki Britches in the
armies fighting their friends Hitler, Tojo, et al. Please
dig into their activities. Just this morning I informed the Most
Reverend _____, relative to what I
read about referred to above and he all but fainted and became angry
and drove away from this writer in high gears. Something is W. R. C. N.

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... have been for years, benefited by their...
... their activities and...
... without effort...
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I do not wish to injure or bring suspicion upon any...
... other people know these people ever...
... know whom and what they are... I am more than sure they are of the...
... BOSS and sword hand would join any...
... and power as those miserable creatures in Europe...
... doing to bring misery upon honorable people...
... all, there and elsewhere the world over...
... to get them out of circulation for all time.

Any additional information you gentlemen may desire...
... at any time, leading towards investigations...
... characters, please command me and my and all my friends...
... will and would feel well paid.

I could write many, many additional pages in this letter...
... I feel that would be unnecessary and premature at this time...
... get those Foxes and Rats out of their holes...
... America and the World will be far better off for all time.

With the best of good wishes for your success in all things...
... of good purpose and repute and may His Blessings be upon each and every...
... one of you, et alis. I beg to remain,

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter dated October 11, 1944.

Your observations are much appreciated and should you in the future receive other information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau's New Orleans Field Division located at 1308 Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans 12, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Synopsis of Facts:

Michigan State Convention of the America First Party held July 31 and August 1, 1944, at Detroit. National convention of the Party held August 29, 30, 1944 at Detroit, at which time SMITH was nominated as candidate for President and HARRY A. ROMER of St. Henry, Ohio, was nominated as a candidate for Vice President of the United States. SMITH has devoted a great part of his time during the past six weeks in connection with the convention. He was in Washington, D.C., for the week beginning August 21, 1944, where he attempted to gain admission into the Dumbarton Oaks Conference. SMITH planning an extensive speaking tour in connection with Presidential campaign. SMITH's interest in Washington sedition trials continues.

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

Unless otherwise stated, all the information hereinafter set out has been received from [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

Subject SMITH claims to have taken a very active part in the fight against Vice President HENRY WALLACE for his nomination as Vice President of the United States at the Democratic National Convention at Chicago and in this connection SMITH put out a circular at the convention, allegedly showing Vice President WALLACE's connection with JOSEPH STALIN and SIDNEY HILLMAN. Subject at the Chicago Democratic Convention also put out a circular relative to an alleged philosophy of Vice President WALLACE on inter-marriage of negroes and whites.

DON LOHBECK moved to Detroit, Michigan, from St. Louis, Missouri, in approximately the middle of July, 1944, and is employed by Subject to work in his downtown Detroit office and has been devoting a considerable part of his time to a study of the election laws of the various states. |||

During the past six or seven weeks, SMITH has been in contact with RALPH BAERMAN of Washington, D. C. BAERMAN, for SMITH's benefit, has been making a survey of the changes in the election laws of the several states with reference to the Soldier's Vote. SMITH and BAERMAN have a mutual friend residing in Washington, D. C., by the name of [REDACTED] of the street number of [REDACTED] and the street is believed to be [REDACTED] Washington telephone number is [REDACTED] b7c
BAERMAN claims to have heard from some source that "they are very disgruntled with the way everything is being handled in reference to the pending sedition trials in Washington."

Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS allegedly told a reporter from the Chicago Sun that he had no qualms about being one hundred percent for everything that SMITH is for. In the early part of August, 1944, Senator REYNOLDS expressed himself to the effect that he was about to support the Republican ticket because he did not want to support the New Deal, but that he had decided he would rather have ROOSEVELT than DEWEY in the Presidency and he felt that DEWEY is politically a "dead pigeon."

On July 28, 1944, SMITH reported to the Associated Press that he had sent a telegram to Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY at Albany, New York in substance as follows:

"In the light of your condemnation of Congressman HAMILTON FISH, would you be interested in replying to the following questions:

- "1. Do you agree with Governor BRICKER in his bid for the support of my followers and myself?
- "2. Do you oppose the reelection of such America First republicans as Congressman CLAIRE HOFFMAN, Senator GERALD P. NYE, Senator ROBERT A. TAFT and Congressman ROY WOODRUFF and such other America First nationalists who have spoken and voted throughout the years the same as HAMILTON FISH?
- "3. Do you realize that you have broken tradition in interfering with a Congressional primary?
- "4. Do you propose to interfere in Congressional districts with the people's right to nominate their own candidate for Congress?
- "5. If you practice the purge system such as practiced by Mr. ROOSEVELT before election, what could we expect of you if elected?"

In further reference to Governor DEWEY's attack on HAMILTON FISH, SMITH is of the opinion that DEWEY will give "STEVE" DAY "the same dose."

On or about July 31, 1944, SMITH made a press release to the wire service representatives in Detroit as follows:

"For the first time in history a party officially and legally qualified as the America First Party meets today in a state convention in Detroit.

"The call was issued by BERNARD A. DOMAN as Secretary, at the instigation of GERALD L. K. SMITH, National Director of the newly-formed America First Party. DOMAN said, 'Delegates have qualified from sixty-two Michigan counties. We shall nominate many candidates for office, including all State officers, Presidential electors and candidates for the State Legislature.'

"GERALD L. K. SMITH, interviewed at the convention headquarters in Detroit at the Detroit Leland Hotel said, 'Our people cannot swallow the New Deal or anything that looks or sounds like ROOSEVELT.'

"Governor DEWEY has told the world that he will not accept our support, in fact, in his April 4 speech he virtually called for the liquidation of our three million constituents. DEWEY's attack on Congressman HAMILTON FISH, one of the nation's leading America Firsters, makes it imperative that we lay the foundation for a dynamic nationalist party in America.

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"It is possible that we may not nominate for Vice President," said SMITH, 'because of the popularity of Governor JOHN BRICKER among our people.'

"Today we will choose someone to be the America First candidate for President in Michigan with the understanding that whomsoever we name today for President will defer if necessary to the candidate nominated by our national convention when it meets the fourth week in August."

At the Michigan State Convention of the America First Party held at Detroit on August 1, 1944, SMITH probably had Governor BRICKER nominated for Vice President with the thought that he would necessarily not accept the nomination. On the same day, according to the United Press dispatch, Governor BRICKER did refuse the nomination in words as follows: "I will not accept such a ridiculous offer. I shall not permit my name to be used in any such connection."

According to the United Press in reference to Governor BRICKER's nomination, Governor DEWEY stated, "The report that America First has nominated SMITH and BRICKER is a smear. GERALD SMITH is one of those rabble-rousers who, like ADOLPH HITLER, makes racial prejudice his stock in trade. This contemptible attempt to associate himself with Governor BRICKER is a sinister attempt to smear the Republican candidate for Vice President."

In response to the statements made by Governors BRICKER and DEWEY, SMITH issued a statement to the United Press in substance as follows: "The comment of Governor DEWEY and Governor BRICKER concerning the action of the America First Party proves to my complete satisfaction the need for the America First Party as the true voice of nationalism in America. I observe that Mr. DEWEY, who seems so touchy concerning America First matters has endorsed for Congress against HAMILTON FISH the same candidate which is being supported by EARL BROWDER. The truth is out at last. DEWEY's attack on America First assures beyond doubt the fact that ROOSEVELT, WILKIE, DEWEY and BROWDER are in the same bed together. They all opposed FISH and supported BENNETT. The same gang fights GERALD L. K. SMITH. I am not afraid to take them all at once. I'll have plenty of help when the boys come home."

In further reference to Governor BRICKER, SMITH released the statement: "In repudiating our cordial support, he has displayed the same weakness as when he capitulated to DEWEY at Chicago. If DEWEY can control him now, he can control him if, by accident, he is elected."

The Executive Committee of the America First Michigan State Convention caucused on the night of August 1, 1944. BERNARD A. DOMAN acted as chairman and HARRY A. ROMER of St. Henry, Ohio, was chosen as Vice President.

ROMER has been a leader of the National Union for Social Justice and is a member of the Farmers Guild. ROMER is allegedly a prominent merchant and farmer and presided over a meeting some time ago in Greenville, Ohio, where a large number of farmers were addressed by SMITH. The nomination as the Vice Presidential candidate of the Party was accepted by ROMER. Several days after the nomination of Governor BRICKER as the Vice Presidential candidate of the America First Party in Michigan and BRICKER's refusal to accept the nomination, SMITH is alleged to have explained that he had worked the nomination of BRICKER to hold his people together, that some of them had felt that they could entrust their welfare to BRICKER and by forcing him into a repudiation it kept the America First group in a solid body.

On August 2, 1944, SMITH made the following release to the United Press in Detroit: "I accuse Governor T. E. DEWEY of being the first Presidential candidate in history in making a political issue out of the Jewish question. By introducing the Jewish question into national politics, he does the Jewish race a grave injustice. He becomes the super-demagogue in using this technique to hold the support of the large Jewish vote in New York. The Jewish issue was not mentioned or discussed at the convention of the America First Party."

In the early part of August, 1944, the dates of August 29 and 30, 1944, were selected by SMITH for the holding of the first national convention of the America First Party in Detroit, Michigan. It was determined that the convention headquarters should be at the Detroit Leland Hotel. It was originally planned that two big sessions of the convention should be held at the auditorium of the Northern High School in Detroit, Michigan.

In connection with SMITH's use of the school auditorium, the Board of Education of the City of Detroit ruled that SMITH could not have same until he appeared personally before the School Board and, in accordance with this, SMITH did appear before the Board on August 8, 1944, at which meeting the Board voted to permit SMITH and his organization to use the auditorium for the national convention, provided no collections of any kind were made within the auditorium. SMITH claimed that the Board of Education had been used as a sounding board to attack the patriotism and American integrity of himself and his compatriots and that the "Commies" were active in trying to keep him from getting the school and further that a member of the School Board by the last name of GORMAN had been particularly outstanding in his attack on SMITH and afterwards SMITH referred to GORMAN as being a "little kike." Notwithstanding the fact that the School Board at this meeting determined to permit SMITH to use a school auditorium during the America First Party national convention, the idea of using the auditorium was abandoned by SMITH and it was determined that all activities in connection with the convention would be had at the Detroit Leland Hotel.

In connection with his campaign, SMITH released a proposal to the effect that Britain and France should release a million square miles of land in Africa to be made available free for negro colonization. In response to this, RAYMOND A. MARTINEZ, a negro attorney in Detroit, associated with the Negro Nationalists Society of America, through the Detroit News attacked SMITH's position and disclaims any connection with SMITH of his group. In explanation of his criticism of SMITH appearing in the Detroit News, MARTINEZ claimed that he had been working on the idea of African colonization since 1930 and that in 1938 he had prepared a bill which Senator BILBOA had introduced in Congress and that when the negro press found out about BILBOA's connection, it immediately attacked both him and the bill. MARTINEZ claimed that other negroes had "jumped" on him concerning SMITH's position and told him that they would run into plenty of trouble if SMITH endorsed "this proposition."

According to representations made by SMITH, the America First Party is entering into various campaigns in connection with the Fall election, principally for educational and propaganda purposes and insofar as the Presidential campaign is concerned, he, SMITH, is going to attempt to compel debate on the principal issue of whether to bring the boys home or not.

According to a press release made by SMITH, it was stated that during the campaign he intended to accuse DEWEY of wanting to take this country into an alliance with Britain in order to "whip" Russia and further that during the campaign SMITH intends to discuss issues which he claims neither of the major political candidates have the nerve to discuss, namely, (1) The TYLER KENT case involving his mysterious internment in London after asserting that CHURCHILL, before he arose to the prime ministership, was using the diplomatic pouch to correspond with ROOSEVELT about coming events; (2) the KIMMEL-SHORT scandals directly and completely.

About August 20, 1944, [REDACTED] advised SMITH to the effect that "they" have something personal on the Judge presiding over the sedition trials at Washington, D. C., that will hold the trial up for a while.

By a release given to the United Press, it was announced that the buffalo had been chosen as the symbol of the America First Party and that Washington is the vignette of the Party and will appear on America First ballots. After this SMITH requested of the Department of the Interior the use of a buffalo as a mascot for the Party and requested that a buffalo be named "America First." This request was responded to by Secretary of the Interior, HAROLD L. ICKES, who refused to grant the request on the basis that he did not want to play politics with the national parks.

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On August 20, 1944, SMITH left Detroit, arriving at Washington, D. C., the following day. He claimed that his purpose for going to Washington was to insist that the "nationalists" be represented at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, having expressed himself to the effect that he thought the matter of JOHN FOSTER DULLES' taking part in the conference was a "terrible hoax." In reference to DULLES, RALPH BAERMAN of Washington, D. C., allegedly expressed himself to the effect that he did not trust DULLES at all and had read articles indicating that DULLES does law business for the British Empire. SMITH allegedly claimed that his business at the State Department was being handled personally by CORDELL HULL and that on August 23, 1944, he had given "our" ultimatum, making the accusation of commission of treason in connection with the holding of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference behind the people's backs and threatening to impeach "them."

SMITH went from Washington, D. C., directly to Cincinnati, Ohio, in order to be there in time for a meeting at Hamilton, Ohio, on August 27, 1944, where he and HARRY A. ROMER addressed a meeting of farmers.

SMITH expressed considerable concern in connection with an article appearing in the August 15, 1944, issue of the New York Post by VICTOR RIESEL. He expressed his concern to [REDACTED] particularly from the standpoint of the source of the information divulged in the article and indicated that the "mystery man" referred to in the article was RALPH BAERMAN of Washington, D. C. SMITH allegedly indicated to [REDACTED] that he felt that the information contained in the article had come to the author through [REDACTED] inasmuch as [REDACTED] had recently been in Washington and New York. Allegedly, [REDACTED] indicated that while in New York he had been in contact with [REDACTED] and both he and his wife visited with [REDACTED] during their stay and that during either of their visits some of the information in the article may have been discussed. [REDACTED] also allegedly claimed to SMITH that he felt that some of the information in the article may have come from employees in SMITH's downtown office in Detroit.

The National Convention of the America First Party convened at the Detroit Leland Hotel in Detroit at 3 p.m. August 29, 1944. There were five sessions in all, the first session being at 3 p.m., the second at 8 p.m. on August 29, and the last three sessions being at 10 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m. on August 30, 1944. At the convention SMITH was nominated as the candidate for President of the United States.

On August 31, 1944, the following release came over the wire of the Associated Press, in substance:

"The Senate Elections Committee agreed today to consider the request that it investigate the introduction at the America First Party National Convention at Detroit this week of a resolution calling for either the deportation or sterilization of Jews. Chairman GREEN, Democrat from Rhode Island, announced that the committee would meet tomorrow to consider a protest of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, whose headquarters are in New York City, that the resolution was designed to incite racial strife. JAMES A. SHELDON of Boston as Chairman of the Anti-Nazi League sent in a telegram to GREEN that 'there is here a plain conspiracy to incite and encourage racial strife in America in time of war and to deprive America's citizens of their civil rights, under the guise of carrying on activities as a political party.' SHELDON also protested to the Senate Committee against the America First Convention's adoption of a resolution 'calling for a vast public investigation of the Jewish influence in the government and the war. We respectfully suggest and urge your committee to undertake investigation of the possible misuse of the political party machinery and other electoral practices by a group which poses as a political party, but is in fact a subversive propaganda agency.'

Maerz
"The deportation resolution proposed that 'all Jews should be deported to a later designated area if they do not leave America voluntarily within five years.'"

In response to inquiries concerning the above release, SMITH allegedly stated to a representative of the Associated Press that the resolution referred to was not adopted, nor even brought to a vote, that "some fellow" did make the statement at the convention. Further, SMITH allegedly said that he knew of a Jew who said that all Germans should be sterilized, but that the Jew was not investigated.

SMITH, in answer to Mr. SHELDON's accusation, made the following release to the Associated Press: "JAMES A. SHELDON, who wants me investigated, is the head of a Gestapo-like organization which racketeers on Jewish contributors. Our convention was covered by the Press. Any newspaperman who covered our convention knows that the Maerz Resolution was not even considered. A careful investigation of SHELDON's outfit will reveal that they have spent hundreds and thousands of dollars to smear such good Americans as HENRY FORD, Colonel ROBERT McCORMICK, CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and numerous members of Congress. SHELDON is mad because we kicked one of his hired stooges out of the convention on his ear. Let's investigate everybody and alternate the questions between SHELDON and myself and let the American people decide who is right." In making the release to the Associated Press, it was explained that the stooge referred to as being kicked out of the meeting was a man named MARIO ROSSI.

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Concerning a suggested investigation of SMITH and the America First Party by the American Legion, that is hereinafter referred to, SMITH made the following release to the Associated and United Press Services in Detroit on September 1, 1944: "I welcome an investigation by the American Legion. I would suggest, however, that the National Committee on Americanization or the Michigan Committee on Americanization would be more competent to judge than any local Legion leaders, who might hold a partial political viewpoint. In this connection I received notification only this morning that my only son, GERALD SMITH, Jr., has been cited for the Purple Heart for wounds received in Burma where he volunteered to dangerous duty. He has also received a Presidential citation."

During the period of time after the National Convention of the America First Party, SMITH has been concerned as to the position which Mrs. MURRAY KNOWLES of the American Mothers' Association in Detroit will take in reference to supporting himself in the Presidential election. Mrs. KNOWLES allegedly has reported that the mothers represented by herself want to hear what DEWEY and ROOSEVELT have to say before committing themselves as to their support on a Presidential candidate, that she is opposed to a fourth term for ROOSEVELT in that it would perpetuate him and make him too powerful and that she hopes that DEWEY will have a program that will meet with the approval of the mothers represented by herself. If Mrs. KNOWLES is not satisfied with DEWEY's candidacy, there is no indication as to whether or not she would in that event lend her support to the candidacy of SMITH.

BERNARD DOMAN, SMITH's Secretary in charge of his office in Detroit, has informed SMITH that he is quitting his job and is planning on going down south to live on his mother's farm, explaining that he had recently undergone a tubercular test which proved to be positive and that he was going to rest and try to rebuild his lungs. Whether or not this is the full and correct reason for DOMAN's wanting to quit working for SMITH is not known. There is some indication that it may not be the entire reason, inasmuch as some effort has been made by DOMAN recently in the way of seeking employment elsewhere in Detroit. It is not known as to the exact time when DOMAN will terminate his employment. Who DOMAN's successor will be is not yet known.

SMITH has been in occasional contact with Captain EARL SOUTHARD of Chicago, Illinois, and just recently SMITH was advised by the recipient of the book, "Forty Years of ROOSEVELT," which SOUTHARD is author of or at least collaborated with the author of, to the effect that on page 42 of the recent edition there was a box which in effect said to vote for DEWEY. SMITH was unable to understand this, inasmuch as this book was being sent out by him as a premium to his followers, and when he contacted SOUTHARD in regard thereto demanding an explanation of the box appeal in the book, SOUTHARD claimed that it did not contain an indication that people should vote for DEWEY, but that they should go out and vote for nationalist Congressmen and Senators.

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SMITH is sending a copy of the platform of the America First Party to Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS, who is going to attempt to get it into the Congressional Record.

SMITH has been making an effort to secure radio time on a share equal with that of other political parties, but there has been no indication that he has been successful in these attempts. |||

The following information was received from [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, excepting that which may be otherwise designated.

At the Michigan State Convention of the America First Party, which convened July 31, 1944, at the Detroit Leland Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, the first session was attended by 67 persons and the second and evening session attended by approximately 150 persons. There were no servicemen in attendance at the convention. SMITH acted as temporary chairman at the opening of the session and stated that his part in the convention would be purely advisory as he was probably the only one fully acquainted with all the delegates. SMITH said that both of the old political parties had gone internationalist, that "two Republicans had written the infamous resolution 666" and that FERGUSON (Michigan's junior Senator) had gone on a speaking tour on behalf of BURTON, BALL, HATCH international scheme to get us into a world super-government. SMITH recommended reading the book "Refugees of 1944" by Captain JOHN TREVOR, head of the Coalition of American Patriotic Societies. In this book TREVOR states that there are twenty million refugees knocking at the doors of the United States. SMITH stated, "While we sympathize with the refugees, we want jobs for our returning boys first. Instead of lowering the immigration barriers, we should raise them."

SMITH condemned DEWEY for "kicking our friends in the teeth," referring specifically to DEWEY's condemnation of HAMILTON FISH, injecting the racial issue into the campaign. SMITH said that ROOSEVELT had done away with FISH's Congressional district in an attempt to eliminate the Congressman and DEWEY was trying to defeat his candidacy in the new district. SMITH then recommended KENNETH C. WEBBER, attorney for the Farmers Guild, as permanent Chairman for the convention. This recommendation was followed by the convention.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. WEBBER lauded the Michigan representation in the national House of Representatives, singling out for special praise CLAIRE E. HOFFMAN, PAUL W. SCHAFER, FRED L. CRAWFORD, ROY

ORCHARD WOODRUFF and FRED BRADLEY. "The others," WEBBER said, "were by and large good America Firsters and on the whole had opposed 'everything.'" The convention then resolved into a committee of the whole to discuss nominations. Separate motions were made, seconded and carried, endorsing the Congressmen whom Mr. WEBBER had singled out and a blanket motion was then made covering JONKMAN, WOLCOTT, ENGEL, BENNETT, DONDERO, MICHENER and BLACKNEY. Reverend LELAND MARION of Pontiac, Michigan, was nominated for Governor and Private GEORGE VOSE from the military hospital at Fort Custer was nominated for Lieutenant Governor. In reference to VOSE, SMITH said that he had run for Congress in the primary and had pulled five thousand votes. VOSE has been an active Townsendite and has in the past made many speeches in connection with this program.

BERNARD IOWAN was nominated as Secretary of State and C. J. SMITH of Belding, Michigan, was nominated for State Treasurer. SMITH is a paint manufacturer who had just been informed of the death of his son in the Pacific. ALMOND G. BLANCHARD, a farmer residing on Route 2, Niles, Michigan, was nominated for Auditor General. BLANCHARD is described as being a Coughlinite.

In discussing the candidate for President on the State ticket, SMITH said that it would have to be someone who would relinquish his votes if the national convention should nominate someone else. SMITH said that he had talked with CHARLES LINDBERGH and had sent Mrs. LUNDEEN to talk with him. This latter fact, he said, was not for publication. In reference to LINDBERGH, SMITH SAID, "The boy has a persecution complex; he has become a recluse; he doesn't want to be hurt. That boy threw away more power than any man ever had; threw it right in the ashcan."

SMITH said in reference to the Presidency also that he had talked to Senator BURTON K. WHEELER. WHEELER advised that he would not consider it, giving as an excuse that he was too old. SMITH said that a mutual friend had told him that WHEELER disliked DEWEY so much that it had a tendency to make him cuddle closer to his own party.

SMITH said that he had talked to Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS and that REYNOLDS told him that he could be quoted in any way SMITH liked, that it could be said that he was for America First and he would back SMITH up in everything he did or said. SMITH said that when he asked Senator REYNOLDS to run for President on the America First ticket, REYNOLDS "let the cat out of the bag by saying 'I am waiting another four years.'"

After this, SMITH was unanimously voted as the Presidential candidate of the Party. Governor BRICKER was nominated as the Vice Presidential candidate and when someone suggested that he might not accept, he was

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told in effect by SMITH that that was the idea, that "We are going to justify ourselves in a complete break from the GOP." Informant was not present at the time HARRY A. ROMER was nominated as the Vice Presidential candidate for the Party.

[REDACTED] supplied information in connection with the National Convention of the America First Party at the Detroit Leland Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, July 29-30, 1944, as follows: b7D

At the first session of the convention 175 seats were all filled and that evening there were about five hundred present. At the evening meeting on July 30 there were about eight hundred persons present. Women were predominant at all sessions on a ratio of about sixty to forty. One member of the Seabees was present at the first session with his father, who was a delegate from Ohio, the name of the father not being ascertained. No other servicemen were present during any of the sessions of the convention. Reprints of "Dewey: The Man in the Blue Serge Suit" by RICHARD H. ROVERE, as published in Harper's Magazine, were distributed to those in attendance.

Mrs. DAVID (FRIEDA) STANLEY of the Cleveland Mothers' Club was the first speaker. She said that she had been persecuted by the Cleveland, Ohio, press and, citing this, said that they were fortunate to have such a good friend as GERALD L. K. SMITH. Just before Mrs. STANLEY's speech [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The main issue in the campaign, according to ROMER, is to wrest any control from the Jews; "legal currency" was the manner in which he put it. b7c
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SMITH talked briefly following Mrs. STANLEY's speech, narrating how he had gone to Washington to uphold the principles of nationalism at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, where the entrance was guarded by soldiers. He told how HULL had granted an interview to JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Governor DEWEY's internationalist advisor, but that HULL did not have time to see SMITH. SMITH then enumerated the forty planks of the America First platform, which included the Jew, the Negro, legal money, labor unions and other issues of the hour.

CARL MOTE of Indianapolis, Indiana, was appointed chairman and keynote speaker by SMITH. MOTE stated that he had met SMITH several times prior to Pearl Harbor, had visited SMITH's offices and inspected the archives. He expressed gratification over the number of SMITH's following and the work of the committee of one million. The Dumbarton Oaks Conference formed the basis of MOTE's address. He said that "we" did not know what was going on behind the scenes, that everything was being done and American

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interests were being sold out in secret conferences, beginning with the "conference in a fog" off the Newfoundland Coast. MOTE spoke of MORGENTHAU's monetary stabilization fund of two billion dollars and said that there was not a cent left. He said that the gold at Fort Knox, which we had bought from the British and Russians at the outrageous price of thirty-five dollars an ounce, was not ours and that we would have to buy it back from the "people who owned it."

MOTE's text was taken from BURKE's "Thoughts on the French Revolution." He paraphrased the lead to the text saying that BURKE was speaking of "those who would ride any horse for a prize." The true text was "In my opinion their arrogance exceeds even their crimes." MOTE said he had studied "Thoughts on the French Revolution" in college. MOTE spoke until 5:30 p.m. Because he had not yet finished, his address was postponed in order to permit Mr. GEORGE T. FOSTER, Director of Constitutional Americans of Chicago, to read a letter from a southern delegate to the Republican convention. FOSTER explained that he had written to all the delegates of the Chicago Convention of the Republican Party asking what they thought of the Chicago "betrayal." ✓

FOSTER explained that the old line republicans who put party ahead of principle wanted him to support DEWEY regardless, but this one southern delegate agreed with FOSTER in his position against DEWEY.

After the first session of the convention a GRACE WICK of 2391 N. W. Irving, Portland, Oregon, made a request to read a letter addressed to DEWEY before the convention. This request was denied and the Sunday, September 3, 1944, Detroit News carried an article to the effect that Mrs. WICK was through with GERALD L. K. SMITH, although she was still for America First, that her supporters had taken up a collection of three hundred dollars to send her to the convention and she might just as well not have come.

During the introductory remarks at the opening of the convention, SMITH announced the presence of a Mr. MARIO ROSSI and asked him to leave the session "either vertically or horizontally," which request ROSSI voluntarily complied with, his badge being removed on the way out.

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At the beginning of the evening session, MOTE finished his address which he had started that afternoon. He was followed by GEORGE T. FOSTER as a speaker, who was supposed to discuss constitutional government. In introducing him, SMITH told of FOSTER's having been the keynote speaker at the recent Mothers' Conference in Chicago, Illinois. FOSTER talked about DEWEY, saying that DEWEY had begun his career as a cantor in a Jewish synagogue and had never thrown off the influence.

During the evening session of August 30, 1944, the principal speakers were CHARLES G. ANDERSON, HARRY ROMER, GEORGE VOSE and SMITH. SMITH, Mrs. SMITH, MOTE, VOSE, ROMER, Reverend MARION and Reverend WILLIAM RUGG, Pastor of the Garfield Avenue Christian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, were on or near the speakers platform. ANDERSON spoke in favor of a negotiated peace to "end this slaughter." He told of his difficulties with the Republican machine and Governor GREEN. He said that they hated him because he preached the Americanism of Father COUGHLIN and GERALD L. K. SMITH.

HARRY ROMER limited his speech to fifteen minutes, in which he denounced the leadership of the American Legion, saying that while 85% of the rank and file were all right, the 15% comprising the leadership were "the most un-American people you can find anywhere" and he challenged the press to put that down. In connection with ROMER, SMITH announced that ROMER would make his acceptance speech in St. Henry, Ohio, on some future Sunday afternoon.

GEORGE VOSE in his speech related how he had run for Congress spending only fifty dollars and receiving more votes than any other loser in the primary. The machine, he said, hates him. VOSE displayed at the convention an honorable discharge recently received by him from the army. VOSE told the convention that while he was in the Fort Custer Hospital, he used to preach nationalism to the other patients after the lights were out. VOSE claimed that he still has three draining wounds in his left leg.

VOSE claimed that the new crop of Veterans are going to form their own Legion. VOSE's address was followed by a standing ovation. Following the same SMITH commented, "Think of it, the British spend twenty-two thousand dollars in one Washington saloon alone and charge it to lend lease, while this young man gets only \$37.50 a month. This boy is worth twenty million Chinese."

According to the informant, SMITH's speech was along the same line as that he has been using since the Republican Convention, as previously reported.

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Although he was not in attendance as a delegate at the convention, WILLIAM ROBERT LYMAN, presently on trial for sedition in Washington, D. C., was continuously present in the hotel while the convention was going on. From him, some of those in attendance received a yellow leaflet depicting a cartoon in reference to the Jews and containing statements on the outside in reference to the Jews, as follows: "Whose war is it? Use your common sense, let them fight it. Will they rule the world? Why spill your people's blood?"

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[REDACTED] supplied the writer with a copy of an article appearing in the New York Post under date of August 15, 1944, under the column heading of "Labor News and Comment by VICTOR RIESEL". This is the article above referred to in information supplied by [REDACTED] b7D

The article is quoted as follows:

"Those strutting, self-styled leaders of the American Nationalist network have discovered a propagandist whom they describe to their fanatical followers as 'the most intelligent anti-Semite in America.'

"He is the Mystery Man behind a new country-wide anti-Jewish, anti-refugee, anti-CIO political machine which the Nationalists, led by GERALD L. K. SMITH, plan to launch within the next weeks.

"When the American Nationalist strategists and their America First Party partners needed money to finance their new Jew-baiting campaign, it was the Mystery Man who approached the Ford Motor Co. for the slush fund.

"Recently in the neat Ford Administration Bldg. at Dearborn, in the heart of the far-flung automobile and aircraft empire, the new and still unpublicized nationalist braintruster laid out his blueprint of nationalist revolution.

"TALKS TO FORD'S NEW FRONT MAN

"The Mystery Man talked for hours to JOHN BUGAS, new front man for the aged FORD. But BUGAS, former chief of the FBI in Michigan, threw him out without a cent.

"Mr. FORD is not the only mid-west industrialist. The SMITH crowd has been making the rounds trying to frighten big business into setting the Nationalists up as a counter force to the CIO Political Action Committee and the new bogey-man, SIDNEY HILLMAN.

"The Nationalists must have met with some success for they are now ready to announce a new political coalition which will be on the ballot in 16 states and which has set up clubs from Newark to Los Angeles.

"Midwest headquarters are in SMITH'S private Detroit office, where you can find ALLAN ZOLL operating under an assumed name. (It was the handsome, 240-pound ZOLL who organized the Christian Front picket line around WMCA when that station cut Father COUGHLIN off the air.)

"HAS NO APPARENT SOURCE OF INCOME

"The Washington end of the Nationalist Party is run by the Mystery Man, an anti-Semitic writer with no apparent source of income. He is SMITH'S liaison with those Congressmen who work under cover with the America First Party.

"It was the Mystery Man who urged Sen. REYNOLDS to run for President on the Nationalist-America First Party ticket—but REYNOLDS balked and at a secret conference told the Nationalists that his 'many divorces' would not be an asset to SMITH among his 'Bible belt followers.'

"However, REYNOLDS is anxious to work closely with the Nationalist machine because SMITH has promised to help the Senator fight the 'free port' plan of saving European refugees. The network's new propaganda, which is about to be unleashed everywhere, will scream about '20,000,000 refugees and immigrants knocking on America's door.'

"Under the Mystery Man's guidance the SMITH-REYNOLDS crowd is prepared to outpromise any demagogue.

"MYSTERY MAN WRITES BOOKS

"Returning veterans will find their demand for unemployment and other forms of insurance fully championed by SMITH. Jobless workers will find no more passionate supporter. Special plans are being made to lure the dispossessed farmer.

"Included in the nationalist propaganda will be two anti-Jewish books which the Mystery Man is now writing. One of them will contain some 65 anti-Semitic exhibits. Two of these are intended to prove that BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and Gen. GRANT were anti-Jewish.

"The strategy is to launch the still unnamed party during the Presidential campaign in an effort to build up election machinery for 1946. SMITH and REYNOLDS know that they can only stir up noise this year.

"But during this campaign 'little leaders' will be appointed for district work, old America First mailing lists will be combed for 'reliable' people and cells set up. So, by 1946 the Nationalists hope, under the Mystery Man's direction, to be strong enough to send an influential Nationalist bloc into Congress where it will work with a soon-to-be established Washington lobby."

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On August 12, 1944, two articles appeared in the Detroit Tribune, and the Michigan Chronicle, negro newspapers, respectively as follows:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH'S NEGRO
PLANK PROPOSES BACK TO AFRICA

"GERALD L. K. SMITH of the America First party, said Monday that when his party meets in convention in Detroit, Aug. 29-30, he would propose that the French and British governments release 1,000,000 square miles in Africa to apply on their war indebtedness to the United States, and that this land be made available to American Negroes free.

"The America First's presidential candidate stated that in such a situation Negroes could be completely supreme and free from white man rule and domination."

"MARTINEZ REFUSES AID OF G. SMITH

"Atty. RAMON MARTINEZ, founder of the Negro Nationalist Society of America, refused the support this week of GERALD L. K. SMITH and his American First Party for the African Colonization Project for American Negroes.

"MARTINEZ said Negro leaders have been working on the plan for 14 years, and aid from SMITH would give the program the 'kiss of death.'"

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One envelope containing obscene literature.

Pamphlet entitled "Forty Years of ROOSEVELT", copyright 1944 - T. W. HUGHES.

Pamphlet entitled "With Lotions of Love" by JOSEPH P. KAMP, published and distributed by Constitutional Educational League, Inc., New Haven, Connecticut.

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Four miscellaneous memoranda circulated by the
AMERICA FIRST PARTY.

One flier announcing Subject SMITH'S speaking schedule
in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 17, 18 and 19, 1944.

Pamphlet entitled "Editorial Comment" by GERALD L. K.
SMITH.

Pamphlet entitled "Pattern for Revolution", a report by
The Friends of Democracy, Inc., Fidelity Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Pamphlet entitled "The Cross and the Flag", August,
Volume 3, Number 4, 1944, founded by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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At MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, will submit investigative report on the meetings addressed by Subject on September 17, 18 and 19, 1944.

MILWAUKEE FIELD OFFICE

At MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, will submit investigative report on the meeting addressed by Subject on September 20, 1944.

CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE

At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will submit investigative report on the meeting addressed by Subject on September 21, 1944.

ST. LOUIS FIELD OFFICE

At ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, will submit investigative report on the meeting addressed by Subject on September 22, 1944.

CLEVELAND FIELD OFFICE

At ST. MARYS, OHIO, will submit investigative report on the meeting addressed by Subject on September 24, 1944.

At CLEVELAND, OHIO, will submit investigative report on the meeting addressed by Subject on September 27, 1944.

BUFFALO FIELD OFFICE

At BUFFALO, NEW YORK, will submit investigative report on the meeting addressed by Subject on September 28, 1944.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD OFFICE

At PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, will conduct appropriate investigation at the time of the meeting to be addressed by Subject on October 1, 1944, and submit appropriate investigative report.

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BALTIMORE FIELD OFFICE

At BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, will conduct appropriate investigation at the time of the meeting to be addressed by Subject on October 3, 1944, and submit appropriate investigative report.

PITTSBURGH FIELD OFFICE

At PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, will conduct appropriate investigation at the time of the meeting to be addressed by Subject on October 6, 1944, and submit appropriate investigative report. (Note that this meeting is on October 6 rather than October 5.)

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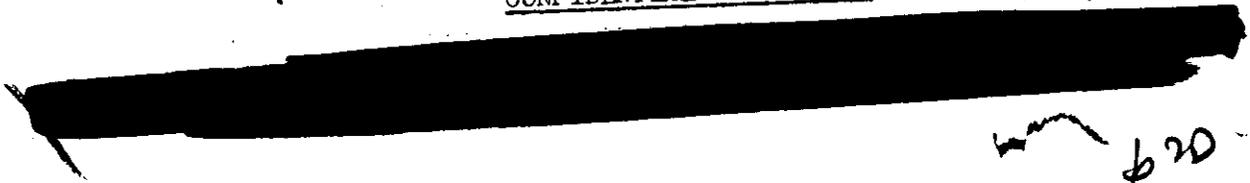
At DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will maintain contact with confidential informants mentioned in the body of the instant report with reference to further activities of Subject.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES RELATIVE TO MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY IN THEIR PARTICULAR CITIES.

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For your further information in your consideration of this case there are attached copies of additional reports submitted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois, on October 6, 1944, and October 4, 1944, respectively. 37c

You will note that both of these reports contain information to the effect that George Vose, described as an associate of Smith and the America First Party's candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, has appeared recently on a number of occasions in the capacity of a public speaker attired in the uniform of a United States Army Private. It appears that Vose was a member of the Armed Forces and has since been discharged, exact date not known. Although this information might be suggestive of a possible violation of Section 1393, Title 10, United States Code, no action with reference to the matter is contemplated in the absence of your request.

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