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"Speaking of San Francisco, he said that he had brought with him a staff of twelve people, approximately, to act as observers, and that he was preparing a report on the San Francisco conference for seventeen Congressmen and six Senators. He added that he had enough information which will enable these stalwart Senators and Congressmen to prevent ratification of the San Francisco charter.

"He condemned what he called the Churchill-lovers and the Stalin-lovers, but realizing that he had many British Israelites in his audience and that part of the statement might offend them, he said that the real British people are not in control in England, but rather the international bankers, etc., just as here in America.

"Then he started ranting against the people who are raiding our treasury and want to give away everything that Uncle Sam has. He said that every veteran should be given \$1,000 when he is discharged from the service.... 'What is wrong with taking care of America first?' To put his point over, he related the story told by Senator BUTLER some time ago (which was later proved entirely wrong), according to which our Government has squandered six billion dollars in South America. SMITH would have preferred to see this money go to the returning veterans.

"He made it quite plain that he believes foreigners are really running the country and have their hands in the treasury till. He said that they even went so far as to try and get Uncle Sam to finance their peacetime budget.

"In order to further show what suckers we are, he named a figure running into the millions, which we are alleged to be paying for rent of land in India, and that we are paying the Australians for every fruit-bearing tree that is being damaged by our boys while fighting to save their land.

"He also made reference to our paying monthly sums to the Japanese in prison camps and put in juxtaposition to this a story according to which a veteran he had just met, who had lost half of his leg, was getting only \$11 a month.

"Then he built up his audience for a high spot in his speech. He called it the Crime of Crimes. He spoke of President ROOSEVELT's trip to Yalta and added that 'when anyone tries to become all-powerful the Lord steps in and stops him.' He said that he was trying to speak of the dead President with reverence, but this particular statement, which implied that God had punished ROOSEVELT, did not seem to go over very well in parts of the audience. He said that President ROOSEVELT was a sick man when he left, but

he died when he simply couldn't face the American people to tell them how he had sold out at Yalta, and that is what killed him. He also implied that President ROOSEVELT's mental capacity was such that he was easily outsmarted at Yalta. He said that all the servants at Yalta were really doctors dressed up as servants, and it was their job to observe ROOSEVELT, and STALIN got the report from them that ROOSEVELT was a dying man so STALIN took full advantage of that knowledge.

"He constantly harped upon the British Commonwealth having six votes in the World Security organization and Soviet Russia has sixteen, while the United States has only one. He demanded that we stop sending lend-lease to Soviet Russia unless she comes in to help us to defeat Japan. He claims that a secret document was discovered during the San Francisco Conference, according to which STALIN told ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL that he would join the fight against the Japanese only if he would get Korea and Manchuria and if he could bolshevize poor Christian China.

"He quoted the Denver Post--which has the worst reputation as a yellow journal in the United States--as authority for a story according to which STALIN did not believe that ROOSEVELT had really died, and he instructed someone in Washington to demand to see the body, but he was never permitted to do so. It was SMITH's theory that STALIN thought that ROOSEVELT was really alive but pretended to be dead in order to get out of the commitments he made in behalf of the United States at Yalta.

"He told his audience, in another part of his speech, that they should go home and go down on their knees and thank the Lord that when ROOSEVELT died, not WALLACE but TRUMAN became the new President, and after he had told the 'show me the body' story, he went into a paean of praise for President TRUMAN and Grandma TRUMAN. He only hoped that TRUMAN would take out all the New Dealers, foreigners, and red rats which had invaded Washington and which constituted the Washington bureaucracy.

"He seemed to be trying desperately hard to say something of importance in connection with the San Francisco conference, but all he could think of was to give his audience the assurance that Senator ~~WHEELER~~ would fight ratification of the treaty. In connection with this, he asked how many of the people in the audience would like to hear Senator WHEELER at some big rally, perhaps at the Hollywood Bowl. Many hands were raised.

"Still trying to say something about San Francisco, he referred to Dumbarton Oaks as Dumbarton Hoax and told the story of how he and Mrs. SMITH went to Bretton Woods and demanded to be granted admission, how he was stopped by a Military Police sentry who explained to him that he had orders to shoot anyone who would try to get in. He also related that even

if a U. S. senator had tried to get in, the M.P. would have had to shoot him. The angle, of course, was that some foreigners were on the inside knowing what was going on, while good Christian, nationalist Americans like GERALD L. K. were kept in the dark. He claimed that he had taken newspapermen with him in order to demonstrate to them how wrong it all was. In connection with this, he spoke in a very undignified manner of Secretary of State ~~STETTINIUS~~.

"Another on his list of men in the Government to be vilified was ~~HARRY HOPKINS~~. He told in great detail how the third Mrs. ~~HOPKINS~~ got ~~BARNEY BARUCH~~ to throw a big party in the Carlton Hotel in Washington in honor of Mr. and Mrs. HOPKINS. He described the party. Each plate cost \$110 and fifty-six people were present. The most expensive champagne--vintage 26--was served, and all the ladies were given perfume which cost \$40 an ounce. He played up the story for all it was worth, but he must have forgotten to say something about imported caviar.

"Another person connected with the Government whom SMITH does not like is ~~CLAUDE WICKARD~~. It appears that ~~CLAUDE WICKARD~~'s father is running a farm in Indiana, and he related how newspapermen had discovered that while the Secretary of Agriculture called on the nation to tighten its belt, old man WICKARD was swimming in a world of plenty. He enumerated so and so many hundreds of pounds of meat, so and so many pounds of butter, etc. He said it would require ration stamps given to one person for thirteen years to buy all the food that old man WICKARD had, and his son should have been sent to Atlanta as a black marketer. While talking of rationing, he told the story that some oleomargarine was shipped to Soviet Russia on lend-lease basis, but the Russians refused to take it so they got butter. So he cried: 'Butter for America first,' which brought a tremendous hand.

"He made the usual remarks about the Atlantic Charter and the four freedoms, saying that they were just drafted for the benefit of newspapermen, radio commentators and propagandists, but they were absolutely meaningless. He was very bitter in denouncing President ROOSEVELT for explaining to the world with a shrug of the shoulders that there was no Atlantic Charter.

"He made some remarks about TRUMAN's sending HOPKINS to Moscow, but the writer does not recall details as given by SMITH. However, in another instance he suggested that if ~~HENRY WALLACE~~ likes Soviet Russia so much, why doesn't he and all the other STALIN lovers go there.

"He worked himself into quite a sweat about the alleged plan to create a super state and said that there will be no super state about the United States and no flag of the super state above the Stars and Stripes and no Constitution above the Constitution of the United States as long as there is blood pulsating in GERALD's veins.

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"When SMITH began talking about the truth of Pearl Harbor, implying that the bombing attack was engineered in Washington, it appeared that he was coming to a climax, but it turned out to be only the build-up for the climax. The climax itself was the story of TYLER KENT. He told it in a very dramatic fashion, but there was nothing new in it, at least to persons who read his literature regularly. He described KENT's family, his father being a Korean diplomat, his mother a distinguished lady from Virginia; how TYLER KENT served as a code clerk in the American Embassy in Moscow but was anti-Communist and the Communists had him transferred out of Moscow, and he then went to London. In London he decoded 3500 code messages which passed between ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL, and CHURCHILL stated in one of these messages to ROOSEVELT: 'Join with me and we will rule the world.' SMITH reported that CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT conspired to get America into war, and when KENT realized this he thought only of how he could get this story to America. Finding himself unable to leave, he turned the information over to a member of Parliament, RAMSEY. (SMITH did not mention that RAMSEY was a member of MOSELEY's British Fascist Black Shirt Party.) He related how RAMSEY tried to tell the story in the house of Parliament and how he was arrested. He also told how TYLER KENT was fired from his job, thus losing his diplomatic immunity, was arrested, and is now languishing in jail on the Isle of Wight.

"Then he told how TYLER KENT's mother was convinced that her son was innocent; how she took \$5000 from her savings and sent a capable newspaperman to England to interview TYLER KENT, but when the newspaperman returned he was afraid to testify, but that he, SMITH, has this newspaperman's original manuscript on the whole KENT case, initialed by Mrs. KENT, and that is the reason why he, SMITH, was refused permission to talk in San Francisco as the State Department knew that SMITH would break the case wide open if he had a platform. SMITH also mentioned that a commentator on a national network told the TYLER KENT story. He did not name the commentator, but he was obviously referring to UPTON CLOSE. He shouted that if KENT is guilty he should be tried on American soil by American judge and jurors. Of course he did not tell the audience that TYLER KENT turned his information over to German espionage agencies.

"From this he led over to his drive for contributions, offering to people who make donations a copy of his TYLER KENT manuscript and subscriptions to his paper, 'The Cross and the Flag.'

"In order to get as many people as possible to make donations, he said that he was holding another meeting next Monday night (June 4) and that all those who donated would receive an invitation; however, he would not make known the place where the meeting is to be held so that the management of the hall would not be harassed like the management of the Embassy Auditorium. He said that admission cards would be put in the mail so that they would not reach recipients before Monday.

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"After the contribution envelopes were collected, he said he had intended to speak longer but apparently he sensed that the audience had had enough and he brought the meeting to an end after inviting people to come to the front and shake hands with him and after reciting the Lord's Prayer. The meeting broke up around 10:30 p.m.

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"On the stage also were Mrs. SMITH, who was introduced, Mrs. PERKINS, and Rev. SWIFT's wife. Also an unidentified woman who belonged to the America First Committee, and SMITH's secretary (male).

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[REDACTED] attended the meeting of GERALD L. K. SMITH at 8 p.m. on May 31 at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, and furnished the following information:

"On the evening of May 31, 1945, the subject was the principal speaker at a meeting held in the main assembly hall of the Embassy Auditorium. It is noted that apparently considerable pressure was brought to bear on the auditorium management on and before the date of the meeting in an effort to get the meeting canceled. It is known that the FBI office received several complaints in this regard, several of which were known to come from Communist Party elements. CP headquarters office was definitely disturbed by the fact of SMITH's being allowed to speak in Los Angeles. It is reliably known that the AYD forwarded a telegram to the Department of Justice requesting an investigation of the SMITH meeting in Los Angeles. Also, other liberal groups in this vicinity had some part in attempting to prevent the meeting from taking place.

"This hall has a capacity of 1800 seats. By 8 p.m. the entire seating capacity was filled and the overflow sat or stood in the aisles both in the main floor and in the balconies. The crowd was estimated as from 2000 to 2200 people. Throughout the entire meeting there was no heckling and the crowd was obviously overwhelmingly enthusiastic for the main speaker. CP figures, so far as could be observed, were conspicuous by their absence.

"After the meeting got under way, there were some eight or ten people, both men and women, on the platform, including GERALD L. K. SMITH and his wife; the Reverend JONATHAN E. PERKINS, head of an organization called Committee of California Pastors, under whose auspices SMITH was speaking; Mr. CLAUDE WATKINS, attorney and recent candidate for Governor of California on the Prohibition ticket; and one of the ALLEN brothers, either WILLIS or LAWRENCE, of the Group Payroll Guarantee Association (commonly known as 'Ham 'n Eggs'). They all got a big hand from the crowd as they filed out onto the platform. A few patriotic songs were sung by the audience, after which preliminary remarks were given by the Reverend J. E. PERKINS, who introduced Mr. CLAUDE WATKINS. WATKINS made a brief talk, stating he did not know what GERALD L. K. SMITH was going to say this evening and that he, WATKINS, might not agree with everything he did say,

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but that WATKINS would defend to the utmost SMITH's right to speak and say it. He thereafter introduced Mr. G. L. K. SMITH, who gave the principal talk.

"Throughout his address SMITH blasted Communism and what he termed the double dealing of Soviet Russia. He also talked on what he called the Crime of Pearl Harbor and the Tyler Kent trial in Great Britain, saying that he wanted to know the real story behind both these events. Throughout his talk SMITH based his address on the principle of America First as a Christian and peace-loving nation. He told how he had recently come from San Francisco, where he had gone to cover the United Nations Conference for some eighty publications, as he claimed, but that pressure was brought to bear and he was prevented from holding any meetings there.

"During his talk SMITH referred to the fact that pressure had been attempted to have his meeting canceled in Los Angeles through threats, as he said, to blow up the hall and run him out of town. However, he said, this was an old story to him, and he blamed it on the Communist element whom he claims to be fighting. He said that one complaint had even been received by the auditorium that the FBI did not want him to hold the meeting. SMITH said, however, that this charge also had been made against him before and he told the crowd about a recent giant meeting he had held in Philadelphia where the same complaint had reached him. He said that he had thereafter addressed a letter to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER of the FBI in Washington, and had received a letter in reply which he desired to read to the crowd in Los Angeles. He thereupon read aloud a letter from Mr. HOOVER, stating in effect that the FBI had made no effort whatever to investigate or prevent his speaking in Philadelphia, and that no representative of the FBI had ever or would ever interfere in the slightest degree with the civil rights of Mr. SMITH or of anyone else. The letter as read received a tremendous reception from the crowd, during which SMITH handed it over the edge of the platform to a representative of the press, urging the press to print it in full if they dared."

No disturbance occurred up to the time [REDACTED] left the hall at approximately 10:30 p.m.

[REDACTED] covered the meeting of GERALD L. K. SMITH on Thursday night, May 31, at the Embassy Auditorium, 843 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, at which subject spoke. [REDACTED] stated that SMITH's main topic appeared to be opposition to New Deal bureaucracy and communism. SMITH did not offer any program which would take the place of either of these systems. He merely spoke on a loose series of adverse incidents which he blamed on either one of the aforesaid systems, which he opposes. According to SMITH, the latter came to the West Coast in order to organize the people against the red menace. It was observed that no disturbances or heckling were evident at this meeting. Only about a half dozen members of the armed forces in uniform were seen in attendance, and no one wearing the cap or other identification of a Legionnaire was observed.

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[REDACTED] advised that through personal observation a meeting was held at the home of LEON T. CORY and his wife, STELLA, 907 Mountain View Terrace, Alhambra, California, on June 1, 1945. It is well known in Alhambra that Mr. CORY, who is a custodian of the Alhambra public schools, is a member of the Ku Klux Klan and is always talking in behalf of the KKK. At this meeting the following automobiles bearing 1945 California license plates were noted; however, there was no evidence of GERALD L. K. SMITH's presence at this meeting.

- 29 U 469 1934 Cadillac sedan owned by [REDACTED]
- 5 T 6550 1940 Chrysler owned by [REDACTED]
- 3 N 4875 1937 Oldsmobile touring sedan, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] legal owner same, Los Angeles
- 50 N 941 Nothing in file
- 88 N 864 1941 Dodge club coupe owned by [REDACTED]
- 2 S 5705 1940 Plymouth coupe owned by [REDACTED]
- 7 J 8610 1925 Dodge coupe owned by [REDACTED]

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TITLE <b>GERALD L.-K. SMITH, with aliases; AMERICA FIRST PARTY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

SMITH's Detroit Office recently moved to Room 420, Farwell Building. SMITH is presently on the West Coast and is not expected to return until sometime in August, 1945. Substance of various publications edited by Subject SMITH while on the West Coast set forth:

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**REFERENCE:**

(62-7055 and 62-43818)

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 14, 1945, at San Francisco, California.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 29, 1945, at Detroit, Michigan.

**DETAILS:**

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SMITH first arrived in San Francisco on April 6, 1945, and from there he went to Los Angeles, California, where he arrived on May 26, 1945. It is to be noted that SMITH's activities while in San Francisco have been reported in the referenced report of Special Agent [REDACTED]. However, [REDACTED] as furnished certain material which is being incorporated in instant report which is deemed pertinent to SMITH's activities while on the West Coast.

Shortly after SMITH's arrival in San Francisco he prepared a release dated May 9, 1945, captioned "Gerald L. K. Smith Summarizes the Attitude of Nationalists Concerning San Francisco Parley." This publication is being set forth verbatim inasmuch as it is a composite picture of SMITH's plans and the plans of the Nationalist group he represents concerning the San Francisco Conference.

"Gerald L. K. Smith, National Director of the America First organization, announced the formation of San Francisco headquarters during the remainder of the Conference. Following are direct quotes:

- "A. Working with me in San Francisco are 10 instructed observers who are aiding us in the preparation of a report on the San Francisco Conference.
- "B. I am spokesman for 21 Nationalist Organizations, including farmers, workers, veterans, mothers, etc.
- "C. We are reporting our impressions to 21 periodicals.
- "D. I am meeting daily with America First leaders from all over the West Coast area. rallies are being planned for Seattle,

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Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach.

- "E. I am preparing a confidential report for 6 members of the Senate and 17 members of the Lower House -- upon their request."

"DIRECT QUOTES CONCERNING CONFERENCE"

- "1. Nationalists oppose approval of any plan or program which might jeopardize our national sovereignty.
- "2. The Imperialistic policy of Britain makes us averse to any policy which will share our sovereignty with the British Empire.
- "3. We do not believe in the basic integrity of the Russian Government. At least we do not believe that we can afford to share our sovereignty with a nation whose policy violates our basic traditions.
- "4. We oppose the Dumbarton Oaks Plan and its companion measures for three main reasons:
- Its World Police program  
The plan to subsidize foreign nations financially  
It tends toward a Super State.
- "5. We believe the Conference has already failed. It has not inspired the respect of the great rank and file of our population. It makes for future wars, rather than for future peace.
- "6. We believe that the ultimate conclusions reached here in San Francisco will not be approved by the United States Senate.
- "7. I prophesy that the two men who will eventually be responsible for its defeat will be United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler, and United States Senator Arthur Vandenberg. Mr. Vandenberg is basically a Nationalist, recent statements notwithstanding. His conscience will not permit him to support a pact founded on injustice.
- "8. This is not a peace conference, and the spirit of peace does not prevail here. It represents power politics at its worst.

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"19. We are setting up a lobby in Washington. It is our belief that more than 100 organizations in America within the range of our influence will actively oppose the adoption of the San Francisco Plan by the United States Senate."

This release is being forwarded as an enclosure to this report.

 As reflected in the referenced report of Special Agent it is apparent that SMITH conducted numerous meetings while in San Francisco. These meetings have all been reported in that report.

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On May 23, 1945, SMITH issued a mimeographed release captioned "AN APPRAISAL" which, in substance, ridiculed the San Francisco Conference and contained several derogatory remarks about Secretary of State STETTINIUS, referring to him as playing the part of a McCarthy with Bergen gone. He also pointed out that the Russians, "through their Fifth Column, the American Communist Party, are torpedoing the whole affair."

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[REDACTED] a four-page mimeographed publication addressed "Dear Fellow American" and dated June, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, captioned "BLOOD AND MONEY." This publication, in substance, concerns the San Francisco Conference and deals primarily with the Nationalists' effect on the conference and the Communists' infiltration and part in the conference.

SMITH, in this publication, stated that among those who are on the inside and actually know what is going on at the conference, it is admitted that the Nationalists threw a monkey wrench into the scheme that had been hatched by the international conspirators. He further stated that Russia had been exposed and that the Rothchild-controlled Bank of England and its imperialistically minded politicians had been thwarted in their scheme to take over our national destiny.

In connection with the Communists, he stated, "Our big fight in the near future is with Communism. The Red rats are coming out of their holes and will do all in their power to take over our Nation. Stalin's Russia has refused to permit our newspapermen and our soldiers to enter Berlin without their consent. What goes on in the countries which Russia has occupied is a big secret, even though we put up the money and paid the bills with Lend Lease.

"The Red Communists in America have united with the Nazi underground and have established their headquarters in Mexico City. They are organized in every community, hamlet, precinct, school and factory. The moment we have anything that looks like a break with Russia, these Red traitors will begin to blow up our ships, dynamite our factories, shoot our patriots, and stab our Nation in the back. The real issue of the future will be: Christian civilization versus atheistic Communism."

Further, he stated that the charter which would be approved at the San Francisco Conference will be much less than what was planned by the enemies of America. He further stated that when it comes to the Senate we must all be on hand to fight in order that no document would be approved that would share our money and our blood with any other nation on earth.

A copy of this publication is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure to this report.

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copy of a petition which is being circulated by SMITH and is addressed "To Congress" and marked for the attention of Congressman JOHN E. RANKIN. This petition in substance extends congratulations to Congressman RANKIN for his plan to investigate the Communist plot which is now centering in Hollywood and the West Coast area. At the bottom of the petition there is a statement that upon completion it should be mailed to J. E. PERKINS, Secretary, Post Office Box 2508, Los Angeles, California. A copy of this petition is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure to this report. b7

[REDACTED] copies of "The Letter," a weekly publication, for the period from May 16, 1945 through June 27, 1945. It is noted that throughout these various issues SMITH follows generally the Nationalist, Isolationist, and anti-Communist policy which is characterized in his other publications. b7d

In the issue of May 16, 1945, SMITH prophesied that the San Francisco Conference might blow up inasmuch as MOLOTOV, head of the Russian delegation, is "arrogant, unreasonable, and vain." In contrast, however, he stated that President TRUMAN will not be as soft and easy with Russia as was his predecessor. However, he stated that it will not be easy in view of what has gone before to get "tough" with STALIN. He further stated that trouble-making radicals, Communists, and certain Jewish agitators have already alarmed negro leaders. He stated that this group insists on legislation in every state compelling employers to hire individuals regardless of race, color, or creed. In this connection he stated that "Realistic and intelligent Negro leaders see in this plan to force a mixture of the races the precipitation of a reaction likely to retard the rapid improvement which would come naturally to the welfare of the Negro."

In the issue of May 23, 1945, SMITH made the statement that the Russian Government is not civilized, referring to the sixteen leaders of the "Polish Christian government" on their visit to Moscow.

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In the May 30, 1945, issue, SMITH made the statement that people should not be surprised if Japan surrenders shortly. He stated that this should not be counted on, but that there is much talk in San Francisco on the possibility of an early end of the Japanese conflict. He stated that it would be better if Japan surrendered before Russia joined the war against Japan because if Russia came in she would demand domination in the Orient including China as her reward.

In the June 6, 1945, issue, SMITH made the statement that TRUMAN had offended the Communists. He warned that the Communist propaganda would grow increasingly anti-TRUMAN. He referred to TRUMAN as a practical politician who will probably make some bad appointments, but stated that TRUMAN is definitely leaning toward BURTON K. WHEELER, JAMES A. FARLEY, and JOHN NANCE GARNER.

In the June 13, 1945 issue, SMITH made the statement that the FBI had renewed its campaign to investigate the activities of all Communists. "Since the Communist party line announced by Earl Browder is turning against the Truman Administration, the Reds are expected to begin sabotaging American industry and American activities in general."

In the June 20, 1945 issue, he stated that the COMMUNIST PARTY was planning to conduct a reorganized revolutionary campaign in America. He stated that the Communists expect America to have trouble with Russia and are prepared to sabotage industry and organize a bloody revolution.

In this issue he also prophesied that the conference of the "so-called" Big Three will be postponed as long as possible because of the highly controversial issues that have developed. He stated that TRUMAN is not expected to approve some of the deals which ROOSEVELT made at Yalta.

Copies of all of the above issues are being sent to the Bureau as enclosures with this report, and extra copies of the issues of April 7, 14, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6, 13, and 20, 1945, are being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Division.

In addition to the above copies of "The Letter," the May issue of "The Cross and the Flag" is being retained in the Detroit Field Division, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has advised that there has been no activity in Detroit, Michigan, concerning Subject SMITH.

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ENCLOSURES:                    TO THE BUREAU --

Mimeographed publication dated May 9, 1945, at San Francisco, captioned "GERALD L. K. SMITH SUMMARIZES THE ATTITUDE OF NATIONALISTS CONCERNING SAN FRANCISCO PARLEY."

Copy of publication captioned "AN APPRAISAL" dated May 23, 1945, at San Francisco, California.

A 4-page publication dated May, 1945, captioned "A Message from San Francisco."

A 4-page publication dated June, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, captioned "Blood and Money."

One copy of a petition addressed "To Congress" marked for the attention of Congressman JOHN E. RANKIN.

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THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

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August 6, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases;  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SMITH

Reference is made to the previous investigative reports and materials made available to the Criminal Division concerning the above-captioned matter.

Enclosed for your further information is a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 23, 1945, at Detroit, Michigan, as well as photostatic copies of the enclosures mentioned on page eight of this report.

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GERALD L. K. SMITH, AMERICA  
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A letter was received from the San Francisco Field Division July 23, 1945, stating that on July 23, 1945, [REDACTED] furnished information to the San Francisco Field Division that [REDACTED] was a member of the organization of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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[REDACTED] claimed that the organization would take over the Government after the postwar unemployment gave them a chance to stir things up with the masses. They were to agitate anti-Negro and anti-Semitic riots and then supply the whites with weapons to put down the strife. [REDACTED] asserted that there was a factory in Mexico which was going to turn out the weapons for the organization. 62387

At the present time [REDACTED] said he edited an anti-Nisei newspaper which was sent from Los Angeles up into the San Joaquin Valley to inflame the populace against the Japanese. [REDACTED] predicted he would accomplish great things after he had more experience. However, at the present moment in his career all he was doing was talking.

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SMITH's speech at Philharmonic Auditorium on June 25 caused furor and protest before, during, and after. [REDACTED] copy [REDACTED] June 25, 1945.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 15, 1945, at Los Angeles.  
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[REDACTED] advised that GERALD L. K. SMITH held a meeting at the Philharmonic auditorium on Monday, June 25, 1945, beginning at 8:00 P. M.

Prior to the opening of this meeting, from 7 o'clock on, at the Fifth Street entrance to the auditorium there were groups gathered on the sidewalk watching and discussing a picket line consisting of approximately forty-five persons, who were carrying placards which read:

- "Labor - Unite against Fascism".
- "America First is United States Fascism."
- "Nip American Fascists in the Bud".
- "Fight Racial Discrimination".
- "Workers' Party Leads Anti-Fascist Fight".
- "McCLANAHAN Sponsored Labor-Baiter GERALD L. K. SMITH".
- "GERALD L. K. SMITH Stands for JIM CROW and Poll Tax".
- "The War is Not Over - This is Sabotage".
- "GERALD L. K. SMITH is Enemy of Labor".

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"Join the Picket Line - Protest against GERALD L. K. SMITH".  
"Our War is Against Fascism at Home".  
"Out-of-bounds for Decent Americans".  
"SMITH Meetings Today - Concentration Camps Tomorrow".

Also, persons were distributing leaflets to passersby, one issued by the Workers Party, address Labor Action, P. O. Box 1246, San Pedro, California, entitled "Workers of Los Angeles! - Stop the Fascists!"; another leaflet, issued by the Los Angeles Committee to Postpone Action on Peacetime Conscription, headed "Now is the Time to Act!"; and a card issued by the Public Affairs Forum designating every Tuesday evening at 7:30 P. M. as their meeting time at Studio Hall, Embassy Auditorium, 839 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. Leaflets and card are attached to this report.

Admission was by ticket only. The meeting had apparently plenty of police protection, which SMITH later states cost him \$7.50 per head on his conditional lease.

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[REDACTED] This card was to SMITH's meeting held on June 25, 1945.

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This card will admit two persons to hear an address by

GERALD L. K. SMITH

PHILHARMONIC AUDITORIUM, Fifth and Olive Streets, Los Angeles, California.

Monday, June 25, 1945 - - 8:00 P. M.

Auspices: California Pastors' Committee to Fight Nazi-Communism. 50 Pastors of all Denominations will occupy platform.

HONORABLE MERDE McCLANAHAN

The Fearless statesman and member of the Los Angeles City Council, will introduce Mr. SMITH.

SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

Our Nation's Destiny: Christian Americanism or Atheistic Communism - Which?  
Among the many topics with which Mr. SMITH will deal will be the following:

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The New Communist Strategy  
The Plot of the Super State  
American Sovereignty  
The International Bank  
The Bretton Woods Plot

STALIN's Plan for America  
Europe and Communism  
New Red Headquarters - Hollywood  
The San Francisco Charter  
(Stalin's Document)

WARNING: The Red enemies of this meeting will circulate all sorts of false reports. They will even report that the meeting has been cancelled. Regardless of anything you read or hear to this effect, this meeting will positively be held. Bring this card and come to the entrance of the Philharmonic Auditorium on the night of June 25, prepared to attend the most dynamic and sensational rally in the history of Los Angeles.

Admission free BUT positively by card only.

Note: This card may be used as a post card. Additional cards may be obtained free by addressing requests to Post Office Box 2508, Los Angeles, California.

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Pickets of the Worker's Party picketed the Philharmonic. They were quite peaceful. Their signs called SMITH a Fascist, an enemy of labor, a race baiter, a poll-taxer, etc. Handbills were distributed by members of the Worker's Party, copies of which are attached to this report in the Master File and GERALD L. K. SMITH file.

The Los Angeles Daily News June 26 carried the following story:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH SPEAKS SECOND TIME HERE:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH, 'America First' leader, made his second public appearance in Los Angeles last night. He spoke at the Philharmonic Auditorium.

"He lumped virtually all of his 'enemies' under the heading of 'communists' and so designated a picket line which appeared outside the meeting hall, carrying signs charging SMITH with being a 'fascist'.

"The meeting was chaired by newly elected Councilman MEADE McCLANAHAN of the 13th district."

The Los Angeles Examiner carried the following story:

"AMERICA FIRST LEADER SPEAKS:

"addressing more than 3500 persons at Philharmonic Auditorium and an overflow sidewalk audience of several hundred through loud speakers connected

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with the stage, GERALD L. K. SMITH last night announced the active rebirth of America First, Inc., throughout the nation.

"Requesting each member of his audience who was willing to contribute a minimum of \$2 per person to his campaign to rise, SMITH was greeted with a near 100 percent response."

The Los Angeles Times carried the following story:

"AMERICA FIRST HEAD SPEAKS HERE:

"A Philharmonic audience, which gained admittance by card only, last night heard GERALD L. K. SMITH, America First head, speak on a variety of topics, ranging from free speech to Russia.

"Several hundred members of the Workers party picketed the auditorium. Police dispersed crowds at the close of the meeting."

The Examiner story is incorrect insofar as it claims that there were 3500 people at the Philharmonic. The Philharmonic holds only 2700 people. At the most there were on the sidewalk on both sides of the street, not more than 200 or 300 people. There were no loud speakers on the outside.

The hall itself was packed. There were between twenty and thirty uniformed policemen and I learned from one of the policemen that there were quite a few plain clothes men. There were also a number of deputy policemen who wore civilian clothes and deputy police badges. Shore Patrol and Military Police were also there, inside as well as outside.

The audience was composed mainly of old people, and among the oldsters there were more women than men. They definitely belonged to the lower strata of society and the most vociferous among them were the "hallelujah" boys and the "amen" women. This writer discovered quite a few people in his area who spoke with strong German accents. The following people in the audience were recognized:

~~KENNETH ALEXANDER~~ of the Silver Shirts, ~~MARTIN MAEDER~~ of the Bund, ~~FRED DYSTER~~ of the Silver Shirts, ~~"DOC" SAHLI~~ of the American Guards, ~~LEON DE RYAN~~ of San Diego, publisher of the ~~Broom~~, ~~Mrs. BEAN~~, who has the book store on Larchmont, many former followers of ROBERT NOBLE, T. W. HUGHES and EDITH SHOL. ~~ELIZA COLE~~ of the Peace Now group was also in the audience, so was ~~Mrs. RUGGLES~~, ~~Mrs. KRAMER~~, ~~Mrs. COX~~, ~~JAMES MacBRIDE~~. ~~RAY SCHNEIDER~~, head of the Ku Klux Klan, and ~~Miss LEGANT~~, SMITH's secretary, were in charge of the ushers. ~~WOODARD CORY~~, ~~MacSHANE~~, ~~GIMMEL~~, SAHLI and both of the C.P.P.s (father

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and son) were ushering. Written instructions to the ushers were given out by SCHNEIDER and Miss LEGANT, the text of which follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE WEARING USHER  
BADGES

SMITH RALLY

Monday, June 25, 1945, 8 P. M.

The number of your reserved seat is ( )

Read the following very carefully:

1. You should hold in your hand one shopping bag. When you get located in your reserved seat, but the bag under the seat, ready to be used when necessary.
2. You will find 10 extra envelopes in your shopping bag. This is for the purpose of supplying envelopes to any one who might not receive them as they enter.
3. Listen very carefully to everything Mr. SMITH says from the platform. He will instruct you thoroughly as to what to do.
4. Wear your official badge at all times.
5. When you have taken up the envelopes, return the bag to the literature table, which will be in charge of Miss LEGANT.
6. If you have a question to ask, check with Miss LEGANT.
7. Do not visit with anybody.  
This is a very serious and critical meeting. Be sober and attend to your business all the time.
8. Be alert for any emergency or special instructions from the stage by Mr. SMITH.

IMPORTANT

Individuals carrying cards marked (special) are to be seated either on the platform or in the seats near the platform. Such cards have been given to clergymen.



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Besides the bums on the stage were SMITH and his wife, PERKINS, WILLIS and LAWRENCE ALLEN, BOB SHULER, CHARLES CARTWRIGHT, MEADE McCLANAHAN, G. ALLISON PHELPS and J. A. LOVELL.

WILLIS ALLEN opened the meeting with the singing of "America" and the Ham 'n' Eggs song, which was rendered with a lot of gusto by the audience. Then introduced "our fearless Councilman" MEADE McCLANAHAN, who spoke partly from a manuscript and partly without it.

McCLANAHAN first explained that the management insisted upon all speeches being delivered from a manuscript and than an advance copy of the speeches had to be turned in to the management. However, he found it difficult to speak from a manuscript, therefore, he would digress once in awhile. Also explained that the management insisted that a court stenographer take down

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every word spoken on the stage and that the expense for the stenographer would have to be carried by the California Pastors Committee.

McCLANAHAN spoke at length about the tremendous pressure which was brought to bear on himself, SMITH and the management of the Philharmonic. He said he was convinced that the groups behind this pressure campaign, which he described as inhuman torture, were not working in the best interests of the government. He pointed out that he did not necessarily agree with him regarding the menace of Communism.

He described the telephone calls that he received at his home and at his office and the letters and telegrams he received, as well as the management. However, he added, he was pleased to be able to tell his audience that for every one condemnatory message there were five which congratulated him or the management of the Philharmonic. He said the Philharmonic had received so many letters that they hadn't been able to open them all and tried to be funny by adding that the office staff assorted them and by touching them they could tell whether they were hot or cold. He got quite a laugh out of that from his audience.

He said that he has decided to fight for SMITH's freedom of speech because at various times of his life he had taken an oath to uphold the Constitution and he cited that passage from the Bill of Rights which deals with freedom of speech. Talking of taking the oath he mentioned that he had done so again quite recently, and twice, when he was sworn in to fill the vacancy and the full term as Councilman for the 13th district.

In describing the telephone calls he received he dwelt at length upon the foreign origin of the callers, saying that many of the phone calls he could not understand because the callers could not talk good American and they probably haven't been here long enough to learn it. He said perhaps after they go to night school they may learn how to speak American and perhaps also learn something about the Bill of Rights and freedom of speech. Right now, however, these minorities are demanding freedom of speech for themselves but would not permit the great majority to have it if it does not suit them. He expressed the hope that "if some boys and girls of the foreign press are here tonight", they would lay off of him because he is really growing tired of their pressure. The pressure was so terrific that he was thinking of throwing out his telephone, but because they are hard to get he decided not to do it. That brought another laugh.

He said that the audience would learn tonight how much it costs to hold up freedom of speech and expressed his thanks to the management for permitting these Christian Americans to hold their meeting there and asked the audience to give the management a hand, which the audience did.

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He related that some Councilman told him that he was making a mistake by tying up with SMITH, and then he talked of the president of the City Council, Mr. BURNS, who told him the best way of staying in the City Council is by not seeking publicity.

The way it was put, it appeared that when he talked about a Councilman, that too, must have been BURNS. However, he was not taking BURNS' advice and it seemed that he was pleased to be able to talk to so large an audience.

Between the speech above reported, he introduced BOB SHULER, who rendered the invocation, which contained nothing worth reporting outside of the fact that SHULER too took out an insurance policy and said "may God wipe from our memory any word that might be uttered that would displease him. In other words both McCLANAHAN and the Rev. SHULER wanted to make sure that the public and God understands that they are not backing up SMITH's statements.

) McCLANAHAN wound up his speech by introducing GERALD L. K. SMITH.

SMITH, as in previous speeches, kept rambling from subject to subject and it was difficult to follow him point for point but following are the main highlights of his discourse. He began by pulling the same showmanship stuff as he did at the Embassy, asking all those who can hear to raise their hands, which they did, and all those who can not hear him to raise their hands and quite a few did, and SMITH followed through! "If you can't hear me how did you know what I said?" It brought the expected result. SMITH began by stating that he considered it an honor to address this Christian American audience and that he had many shocking things to tell them. He immediately set out to answer WALTER WINCHELL and the Council for Civic Unity. He said that WALTER WINCHELL claimed on the radio that he, SMITH, had made the claim that 1000 Los Angeles ministers were in back of him. SMITH said he did not claim 1000 Los Angeles ministers but 1000 California ministers and that they were well represented here tonight.

He said WINCHELL boosted the Council for Civic Unity and that he would have more to say about it later in his speech. He said it was impossible to have 1000 ministers from all over California at one place at one time but they were well represented. He asked the so-called ministers on the stage to stand up and asked the audience to give them a hand. A great majority of them got up only reluctantly and G. ALLISON PHELPS got up with only half of his seating capacity. Then SMITH claimed that he had 200 ministers in the wings and that they could not come on the stage for lack of space. (Of course this was untrue and it made the policemen and other people back stage laugh.)

Next he stated that a certain clergyman had received \$1,000 on Sunday to preach a sermon against SMITH, that he is a corruptionist, a betrayer

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of Christ, and a Judas Ischariot. Later during the course of his speech, while the audience was applauding, <sup>made</sup> McCLANAHAN leaned over and whispered to SMITH, then SMITH said that brother McCLANAHAN had just told him that the minister that he had referred to earlier as having sold out, is not an American citizen. The audience wanted him to name the minister, apparently hoping that it might be a Jewish name, and if SMITH had given the name it would have been an anti-climax and may have been cause for a libel suit so SMITH said that the name of the minister wasn't worth mentioning.

There were the usual hateful remarks about WINCHELL, the gentlemen's room journalist, who is today all powerful on the radio while a great patriot like LINDBERGH has been pulled into the gutter and smeared but smearing artists like WINCHELL.

He said a lot of people wonder how SMITH gets such huge audiences in spite of the fact that his meetings receive no publicity in the press and only publicity on the Warner Bros. Communist station and in the Communist papers. He took a few cracks at the Los Angeles metropolitan press which is being run by the advertisers through the use of pressure.

Next he read to the audience the text of a postal card sent out by the Committee of Correspondents asking the recipient to protest SMITH's speaking at the Philharmonic. He emphasized the statement contained in that postal card that SMITH was a red-baiter deluxe. Next he read a second postal card sent out by the same Committee, the text of which follows:

ALARUM!            ALARUM!

GERALD L. K. SMITH, would-be American Fuehrer, darling of the "Nationalist Party", Anti-Semite, Anti-Negro, Anti-Labor, red-baiter de luxe, invades Los Angeles.

PROTEST TODAY, by telegram or letter to C. H. BRAINARD, Mgr. of Philharmonic Aud. (427 W. 5th St., Los Angeles 13) against renting this center of L. A. Culture to anti-kultur GERALD L. K. SMITH for his Monday, June 25th, meeting.

ACT NOW!

Los Angeles  
Box 9734

Committee of Correspondence  
Los Feliz Sts.    Los Angeles 27

Coming back to the question of how he gets such a large attendance without publicity, he said that he did not have to come to Los Angeles to organize, that the Christian-Americans and anti-Communists were organized long before he came here.

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Then he paid tribute to MEADE McCLANAHAN, a man with guts and intestinal fortitude, and asked his audience to indicate by saying "aye" whether they would come to McCLANAHAN's aid if his enemies start a recall initiative.

He said the issue tonight was whether Christian-Americans shall preserve for the future freedom of speech. He said he is being called a Fascist, but there is no greater enemy of Fascism in America than he and that he was the one that went to Washington and demanded that a law against Nazism, Fascism and Communism be put on the statute books. He says no Russian in Beverly Hills, nor Hitler, nor Stalin, can tell him whether or not he can speak. Next he read a letter from EDWARD G. ROBINSON, the original of which seemed to have been addressed to the management of the Philharmonic and a copy of which seemed to have been sent by ROBINSON to McCLANAHAN. The letter simply protested against the use of the Philharmonic by SMITH and pointed out that SMITH himself, publicly, admitted he was a Fascist. Here SMITH interrupted the reading of the letter asking whether there was a lawyer in the audience who might take a law suit against ROBINSON for libel on a contingency basis. When he was through reading the letter he gave it to McCLANAHAN, telling him to save it for some day it will be an important letter in the history books, showing how people try to suppress freedom of speech. Still referring to ROBINSON, he asked the audience what is his real name and some people shouted "his name was GOLDENBERG".

Coming back to the praise of McCLANAHAN, he said that with the help of these Christian Americans McCLANAHAN could be elected to the office of Congress, Mayor, or even Governor.

Then SMITH proceeded to give what he called details of the attempted suppression of this meeting. He said PERKINS, SWIFT, and McCLANAHAN, the first two as chairman and secretary respectively of the Pastor's Committee, which had been formed 11 months ago, had contacted the Philharmonic Auditorium to rent the hall. SMITH claimed that the management was told that he was to be the speaker. PERKINS and SWIFT put down \$260 for the rent and there was some additional expenses of around \$100. SMITH thought that this would be all the expense for this meeting but the audience would soon hear how much it cost to have freedom of speech here in Los Angeles. He said that as soon as printed invitations fell into the hands of the enemy they launched a campaign of intimidation, typical of STALIN. "We know how the rats work".

Then, for no good reason at all, he started talking about his only son in the Service and the decorations he had received, etc. Then he took time out to congratulate BOB SHULER on the nice opening prayer and on his courage to appear on the platform. Turning to Councilman McCLANAHAN he suggested that the pressure brought to bear upon the Philharmonic and McCLANAHAN

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should be investigated by the Grand Jury. Then he came to one of the high points of his speech. He was going to show the audience what tactics the enemy was using to keep him from exercising his constitutional rights. He held in his hand a letter addressed to PERKINS and McCLANAHAN by the Philharmonic Auditorium which, he claimed, was received by him on Wednesday. This letter stated that the Philharmonic would reconsider its cancellation of the Auditorium if the following conditions were met by 3 o'clock on Thursday (June 21st). He added that this letter was received 28 hours before the 3 o'clock deadline and he was going to celebrate his 23rd wedding anniversary with his wife but he couldn't because he had to devote all of his time to meet the conditions set forth in the letter. The conditions were that SMITH put up \$1,000 cash to cover any possible damage to the furniture in the Auditorium. That he put up an additional \$1,000 cash to guarantee that the speakers would not digress from the manuscript which, judging from other remarks during the course of the evening, had to be submitted in advance. Further, the Philharmonic demanded that he pay the cost of a court stenographer who would take down every word uttered. Also he had to furnish a \$250,000 public liability insurance policy, a riot and civil commotion policy, and pay for the hiring of police officers to be on duty during the course of the evening, the price to be \$7.50 per policeman and as many to be hired as the management deemed necessary.

As he read this letter he frequently interrupted, calling these demands outrageous and protesting against the high-handed manner of the Philharmonic management. He said that he had to go to Lloyds of London to get the \$250,000 policy and that it was quite difficult to raise the necessary cash but there was nothing else for him to do but to go through with a bad bargain. He said how could he speak of the principles of GEORGE WASHINGTON and ABRAHAM LINCOLN if he would give into the intimidations of the Philharmonic Auditorium and read a prepared speech. He would not read the speech but would speak along the moral lines of what he had set forth in the advance copy, even if it means that on the following day the \$1,000 cash bond would be forfeited.

From here on, no matter what his subject, he frequently came back to the \$1,000 cash bond, which was a build up for the collection speech later on. He also said that any one who would donate \$1 or more would receive a photostatic copy of this outrageous letter which some day too would be part of the history books telling of the attempted suppression of free speech.

On Monday afternoon, according to SMITH, the management wanted to know where is the text of the speech to be made by SHULER and SMITH replied that SHULER would not speak, that he would pray. Nonetheless, according to SMITH, the management insisted upon having an advance copy of SHULER's prayer for they apparently feared that SHULER might let God in on the things SMITH

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was going to say but was prevented from saying through the restrictions set forth in the letter quoted above. He said that Rev. WESLEY SWIFT took the text of SHULER's prayer to the management of the Philharmonic Auditorium on the 4th floor of the building.

Then he digressed and talked of his intentions to stay in Los Angeles as long as he cares to because a certain gentleman was anxious for him to leave. He did not mention his name but of course meant the Mayor.

Then he repeated a story he first told at the Embassy Auditorium how the people in the Philharmonic tried to get him out of the hall and gave as their excuse that the FBI wanted him out. How he had written to J. EDGAR HOOVER about it and that HOOVER denied this in a letter. He read the letter again as he did at the Embassy.

Next he came to the Council for Civic Unity. He reminded the audience that this is the organization which was boosted by WALTER LIPTSCHITZ, and he added that by calling him LIPSCHITZ he was very charitable. He asked does Dr. FARNHAM, President of the Council of Civic Unity, know what company he is keeping. He then held the latest Tenney Committee report in one hand and the letter from the Council in the other. He said that he had found that 12 people who are on the letterhead of RAYMOND BOOTH's Council for Civic Unity were mentioned in the index of the Tenney Committee report which was published at the taxpayer's expense and which exposed the Communist activities. He was careful not to state that these people were Communists. The people mentioned as appearing on the stationery of the Council for Civic Unity and in the Tenney Committee report index were: Rev. CLAYTON RUSSELL, Mrs. CHARLOTTE BASS, GEORGE BRADLEY, Dr. ERNEST CALDECOTT, PHILIP M. CONNELLY, Hon. AUGUSTUS HAWKINS, SAMUEL ORNITZ, Rev. CLAYTON RUSSELL, DORE SCHARY, JAMES THIMMES, HERBERT SORRELL.

He stopped at the name of Dr. ERNEST CALDECOTT to point out that he is an arch communist.

He then turned around and asked who is this DR. FARNHAM, and he was told that he is the Executive-Secretary of the Los Angeles Church Federation. Then he turned back to the audience and announced this, and said that the Church Federation is Communist, and so is the Federal Council of Churches, which is being run by modernist preachers. He said that he himself, and he is quite sure the audience too, prefers the pulpit pounding clergymen of the Pentacostal sects of the type represented on the platform.

Switching from his subject again, he asked how many people would come to a mass meeting which he would address either in the Hollywood Bowl, or in some baseball park, or in the stadium. There were the usual "ayes" from the audience.

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Then he came to his appeal for money. The writer of this report really had to laugh when he said that he expects to get \$10 each from the preachers on the platform. Most of them looked like they didn't have next week's rent. He asked people to indicate on the back of the envelope how much money they would contribute if on the following day he finds that the management has stolen his \$1,000 because he has not stuck to the text of the speech which he had submitted. There were the usual remarks about his publications which would be sent to the donors, etc.

From here on he kept his appeal for money going while, at the same time, touching upon many subjects. He attacked the press, which is being high-pressured by advertisers and singled out particularly the Daily News which would probably report on the following day that SMITH had made a collection, while nothing is being said when SIDNEY HILLMAN can take \$5 and \$6 from the weekly pay envelopes of thousands of workers by simply putting his initials on it.

At this point came the revelation reported previously that the minister was not an American citizen. (The minister, incidentally, was in the audience and it is understood at the time of this writing that he is planning to answer SMITH in a public meeting at the Church of the Open Door).

Coming back to HILLMAN, he also added that the Communists get plenty of money through lend lease.

He stated that the slogan of the American Nationalists is "Christ First in America" and if there had been Christ First in Germany there would never have been a Hitler and if there had been a Christ First in Russia there would never have been a Stalin and 20 million Christians would not still be suffering in the concentration camps of Russia. He said he is not concerned with the suffering of the people in Central Europe but he is plenty concerned with the suffering of the 20 million Christians who are still in Russian concentration camps. Then he switched to the Jews and said that if there were any Jews present or representatives of Jews or Jewish organizations they should go to the Jewish leaders and tell them not to harass him, SMITH, and instead of making enemies they should go out to make friends. He told them that the Jews are safe in America only because it is a Christian nation and he advised them to take the leadership out of the hands of the hysterical goofs who sit up 24 hours a day to think up schemes to prevent Christian Americans like himself from having their say.

Then he drifted to the topic of internationalism and ranted against having a Congress more powerful than the U. S. Congress, a Constitution more powerful than the U. S. Constitution, and a flag greater than the Stars and

Stripes. (Incidentally, the stars and stripes waved all the way through SMITH's speech but since the flag-waving was repetitious it is not indicated in this report.) While talking about the government he said that for the last 12 years it had been in the wrong hands but finally got its greatest break when TRUMAN became President.

Then he asked G. ALLISON PHELPS to take a bow after he had told the audience how this man was persecuted, hounded and molested for attacking refugees while being a radio commentator. He said the enemies had robbed him of his home, his job and livelihood and that now he has to make his home in a garage. (It will be remembered that when G. ALLISON PHELPS was on the air he harped particularly on LION FEUCHTWANGER and his book "Moscow, 1937", quoting particularly the passage at the end of the book where it compared the foul air in the democracies with the clean air in Moscow). SMITH picked up the Feuchtwanger book, attacked him as a Communist and quoted the same passage. Undoubtedly this was called to SMITH's attention by PHELPS for the introduction of PHELPS and the quotation from FEUCHTWANGER's book, one immediately after the other, could not have been accidental. In talking about FEUCHTWANGER, SMITH made some cracks about Beverly Hills and suggested that the refugees be sent back to where they came from.

Then he added that not all the people in Hollywood are bad and to prove this statement he quoted from the March 7th edition of the Congressional Record a statement which is anti-Communist and was drawn up by the officers of the Motion Picture Alliance. He read the names of the officers, among them GINGER ROGERS, RUPERT HUGHES, WALT DISNEY, KING VIDOR, CLARENCE BROWN, NORMAN TAUROG, HOWARD EMMETT ROGERS, and several others. Next he asked his audience to bring pressure to bear on the management so that he would get his \$1,000 back, then he returned to one of his favorite subjects, HENRY WALLACE, suggesting that the people get down on their knees to thank the Lord that HENRY WALLACE is not the President.

He said WALLACE is the angel and pet of the Communists and he quoted from a speech made by WALLACE on the occasion of the celebration of the 26th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The quotation he gave stated that if Russia continues at the present rate of progress for 20 more years it would surpass the United States. While a statement of this sort does not in the least prove that the man who makes the statement is Communistic but simply sets forth some facts, SMITH made the most of it, accepting this as proof that WALLACE is Communistic and the audience loved it. SMITH suggested that WALLACE go to Soviet Russia and run for Vice-President with Stalin. He said the reds have a plan to destroy our government, our industry, our churches and schools, and we can't fight something with nothing. We have a plan and we are going to run the red rats out of this country.

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Next came a plea for the veterans. He cited figures as to how many veterans will return and how many defense workers and veterans will be unemployed and suggested that the veterans be given a \$1,000 discharge bonus. He again related the story of the alleged waste of six billion dollars in South America and how many veterans could have been paid \$1,000 each with that money.

Then he referred to a recent statement by ELEANOR ROOSEVELT criticizing the Communists, asking why didn't she make a statement like that 12 years ago for during the past 12 years our system of government was not American.

He said that he noticed some Negroes in the audience and that he considers himself a friend of theirs for he and HUEY LONG fought the poll tax in Louisiana while Bilbo of Mississippi fought for the retention of the poll tax.

Next he quoted from the Tenney Report Langston Hughes' poem "Good-bye Christ". He rendered it with a great deal of pathos. Then he gave a definition of Nationalism in a typical style as we know it from his current literature. No Congress above our Congress, no flag above our flag, etc. No sharing of our sovereignty with any one in any sort of super state. Then he came to what he described as the San Francisco cocanut. He gloated for 3/4 of the meat of the cocanut had disappeared due to President TRUMAN's work. He said ROOSEVELT wanted to be president of the world and to accomplish this he started giving away everything and when ROOSEVELT came back from Yalta where he had given away everything, he could not face his own deeds and he broke under it. If there is to be a super state, SMITH said, the pagans will be in control.

Then followed more talk about \$1,000 discharge pay for the veterans. By then the ushers had finished collecting the envelopes which contained the donations. Rev. WESLEY SWIFT gave a short prayer and McCLANAHAN announced that the meeting was closed.

Ushers distributed an admission card reading as follows:

"SPECIAL MEETING"

"to be addressed by

GERALD L. K. SMITH

1204 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles  
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1945 --- 8:00 P. M.

In this meeting Mr. Smith will get down to brass tacks and discuss the unvarnished truth concerning the killers

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and character assassins who are attempting to curb Christian Nationalism in America.

To be admitted to this meeting, this card must be presented or the individual must be identified by one who carries this card.

CLOSED MEETING

This meeting is closed to the general public. Interlopers, curiosity seekers and snoopers, working in behalf of the enemy, will not be welcome."

[REDACTED] that a closed meeting was held by GERALD L. K. SMITH on Thursday, June 28, at 1204 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California. b7D

This meeting was to begin at 8 P. M., and it was noted as early as 7:15 P. M. that there was a line of pickets in front of this address. The pickets' placards were identical with those used Monday night, June 25, at the Philharmonic Auditorium, and the same people were noted to be carrying them on both occasions. The picket line consisted of approximately 25 at the start and numbered 45 at 10 P. M. These pickets were supposed to represent a labor party, although under just whose auspices they were acting is unknown to us at this time. There was considerable shouting and booing and reviling of GERALD SMITH. Just prior to the opening of the meeting it was noted that there were approximately 75 to 80 persons standing in groups on the corner and directly in front of the above address.

GERALD L. K. SMITH spoke on the third floor of this building, and had an audience of approximately eight hundred here while directly below on the second floor there was a loud speaker by which he addressed approximately three hundred more. The meeting was opened at 8:10 P. M. with the audience singing two verses of "America". SMITH's opening statement was that "Outside is an example of what we are up against." He went on to say that the people in front of the building were not the real enemies--that they were just screwballs. He said there was a deliberate attempt by high finances to upset this meeting, and said they had gone to the extent of printing 150 counterfeit tickets in order to have representatives at this meeting. He stated that most of these counterfeit tickets had been caught but he knew that several of the "rats" were in the audience and he wanted them to know that they were to cause absolutely no disturbance or he would see that they were bodily thrown out. He stated he was tired of being disturbed and annoyed by these "hook-nosed Russians". SMITH stated that the management of the Philharmonic Auditorium had been so coerced and threatened that they actually believed there would be mob riots, acid throwing, ripping of furniture, etc. He again stated the conditions that had been

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set down by the Philharmonic Auditorium management, saying that he wanted everyone to know that these conditions had all been met and further that the money put up under these conditions had been returned in full. He said the management, when returning the thousand dollars that had been placed to insure his reading directly from his script--although he did not stick entirely to his script--had said that the reason they had him put up this thousand dollars was because they had heard that he did a lot of swearing in his talks. SMITH, laughing at this, said, "I wonder if that is why they insisted five times before the Philharmonic meeting on a script of Rev. BOB SHULER's prayer--were they afraid he was going to swear in his prayer?"

SMITH said that all the pressure brought against him was not from the Communists but that the greater part was from the richest Jews in Los Angeles and Hollywood. He said he was going to reveal the name of the person responsible for the annoyance to him at his meeting-- that this person was Rabbi MAGNIN. He said he wanted to issue a word to Rabbi MAGNIN at this time that he was making a terrible mistake, that he intended to continue his meetings, and that in the very near future he was going to have a large meeting in an outdoor bowl and Rabbi MAGNIN had better not do anything to stop it. He stated that if he was annoyed any further he would issue a half million circulars exposing and telling the whole story.

He said on checking the records of the O.P.A. it was found that 92% of the violations of O.P.A. regulations were by Jews. He said his statements do not mean he hates all Jews, but that he believes that Jews should be American first and Jews second. He stated that on his arrival in Los Angeles he found out that the May Company Department Store went to the Los Angeles Time and told them not to publicize SMITH.

SMITH had on the platform G. ALLISON PHELPS, writer and commentator. He introduced Mr. PHELPS, and repeated again the story of his having been attacked and his career ruined. SMITH further stated that his organization was going to use PHELPS' pen and his tongue, and that PHELPS was going to be a great aid to their organization. He promised to send a story of G. ALLISON PHELPS to the members attending this meeting.

Mr. SMITH praised Brother JONATHAN PERKINS, who was also on the platform, for his splendid cooperation in helping with the routine work of holding all meetings. He said Brother PERKINS met him in San Francisco and has worked by his side ever since.

Mr. SMITH said that there would appear in the next morning's Examiner, June 29, an article by FRANK M. MURPHY, Supreme Court Justice, and that in this article MURPHY would criticize SMITH in regard to anti-Semitism. Mr. SMITH said he would tell an interesting story about MURPHY,--which was that he had

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been a good friend of his prior to this and that MURPHY is known personally by him not to be speaking at the present time to Supreme Court Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER; but while FRANK MURPHY won't speak to FRANKFURTER yet he comes out and criticizes him (SMITH) and takes a "holier than thou" attitude. (Justice FRANK M. MURPHY's article was noted in the Examiner for June 29, 1945, and is attached to this report.)

SMITH said the Communists and Jews are trying to get the negroes all "het up" so that when the fight comes they will have some one to throw out in front. This statement was in reference to the picket line in front of the building, there being two negroes in the line; and in discussing the placard "GERALD L. K. SMITH is Enemy of Labor" SMITH stated he had a letter from WILLIAM GREEN of the A.F. of L. congratulating him on his friendship towards labor. SMITH further stated he also had thirteen honorary memberships in various unions.

Mr. SMITH again praised Councilman MEADE McCLANAHAN for his fortitude in sticking by SMITH to see that he was allowed free speech.

Throughout this meeting there was considerable disturbance by loud shouting and booing coming from the street. SMITH stated at ten o'clock that this meeting had been disturbed from 7:30 P. M. until 10:00 P. M., with no police protection. He said it had taken them all this time to get the protection they needed for the safety of the members from the potential killers downstairs. SMITH asked every one to write the Los Angeles Police Department and protest the disturbance taking place. He said to tell in the letters only the truth—that there were 1600 people in attendance, that they were harassed, annoyed, disturbed and threatened with physical harm, and that from 7:30 to 10:30 there was no semblance of order. He said to write the Mayor, the City Council, the Police Department, or any of the officials.

The meeting closed at approximately 10:30 P. M., following the collection. No men in uniform were noted at this meeting. On leaving the building it was noted that there were an estimated 100 or more uniformed policemen keeping the people moving on the street.

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The June 29th issue of the Los Angeles Examiner carried an article stating that Supreme Court Justice FRANK M. MURPHY will speak at the Hollywood Bowl July 4. Justice MURPHY hates anti-Semitism. At a peace conference in the Ambassador Hotel the Justice warned "the unwary will stub their toes on their racial and religious conciets. But for every GERALD L. K. SMITH there are 1,000 Americans that stand for just the opposite."

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU

A copy of a speech submitted by GERALD L. K. SMITH to the officers of the Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles, prior to his scheduled appearance

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OFFICERS OF THE PHILHARMONIC AUDITORIUM, LOS ANGELES, PRIOR TO HIS  
SCHEDULED APPEARANCE FOR JUNE 25th, 1945.

The time has come when every citizen of America who believes in our Constitution, our way of life, and the Christian principles on which our Nation was founded, must be willing to stand up and be counted.

Christian Nationalism is easy to define. It represents that political philosophy which would maintain our America as a Christian nation. It will be recalled by all students of the history of jurisprudence that some years ago the Supreme Court of the United States declared officially that America is a Christian nation.

Ten years ago I dedicated myself to the task of building a dynamic crusade designed to counteract the menacing growth of foreign "isms" in the United States.

I was one of the first to form a committee which led the campaign resulting in the organization of the Congressional Committee for the Investigation of Un-American Activities (commonly known as the Dies Committee). The movement which

I lead now, as a spokesman for 21 Nationalist groups, numbers something over 3 million followers. Our headquarters is in Detroit, Michigan, where a large staff of my compatriots assist in the publication of our periodicals, the handling of our heavy mail, and in maintaining contacts with our committees, workers and followers in every State in the Union.

It is my profound conviction that the Communist Party has united forces with the Nazi underground of the Western Hemisphere. Recently in an address to a select audience in Detroit the Reverend Father Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen of Washington, D. C. revealed that he had laid his hand on a copy of the secret minutes

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of the Communist Party, which has recently set up its Western Hemispheric headquarters in Mexico City. Said the eminent Priest: "The Nazi underground and the Communist Party are definitely working together in the Western Hemisphere, according to these secret minutes."

These evil conspirators against our way of life have developed a terrible and awful technique for smearing the character, the patriotism and the integrity of those of us who lead these fights. Typical examples of vicious smear have been the way that they have dealt with men like Martin Dies, Burton K. Wheeler, Charles A. Lindbergh, Hamilton Fish, and others. It will be recalled that Congressman Fish was the first Congressman to lead in a bold investigation of Communist activities. In fact, I am informed that public officials who have sought by expose to stamp out Communism in California have been smeared and abused by the Red and pro-Red press of your State.

The favorite technique among the Red propagandists is to accuse men like myself of racism. They go to the Jews and say that we are anti-Semitic. They go to the Negroes and say that we are anti-Negro. Unfortunately, representatives of these minorities sometimes believe these lies and allow themselves to be used as the tools of these agitators. The fact is, however, that upon my arrival in Los Angeles I released a statement to the press concerning my convictions, and among the statements I made was the following sentence: "Racism is not a part of this program. Anyone who hates another man because of his race, creed or color is un-Christian and un-American."

I hesitate to make any personal remarks, but because my personality has been discussed so much in connection with this meeting, it seems important for me to make one or two observations having to do with my own personal life.

In the first place, I am willing to assert that every vicious statement against my character and patriotism can be traced eventually to the Red press. Like many Americans, I was opposed to war before Pearl Harbor. I agreed with your venerable and eminent fellow citizen, United States Senator Hiram Johnson that if we had had strong defenses and real statesmanship back in 1933, 1934 and 1935, this war might have been avoided. When war comes, however, there is only one way to end it, and that is to win it. The people associated with me, as well as my own personal family, have done all in their power to make the Stars and Stripes victorious in this conflict. My own son, Gerald Smith, Jr., has been a casualty twice in this war -- once by starvation and once by wounds. Incidentally, these casualties came after he had volunteered for suicide engagements in the Burma jungles. He wears the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, and other recognitions for his heroism as a Private soldier in the ground forces.

It will be said that my address tonight has been adjusted to meet and satisfy the criticism that has been levelled against me. May I say that my address tonight is on the same order and contains exactly the same subject matter as if I were speaking in any other city or under any other circumstances. Do you think if I had in mind anything except the most self-respecting conduct, would I call first on the ministers of Christ to be my advisors? One of the first persons with whom I conferred when I came to this city was an eminent priest, who not only encouraged me by complimenting me on leading this crusade in defense of Christian Americanism, but gave me much valuable information concerning the Catholic Church's attitude toward this program of atheistic politics -- Communism.

I have prayed and conferred and counseled with numerous ministers of all

denominations. One sterling example is the Reverend F. C. Woodworth. Reverend Woodworth presides over and helps to supervise the Christian labors of 535 pastors of his denomination. He holds the highest office to which these churches can elevate him, and this, the Southern California District, is the strongest district of his denomination. I desire to read a letter which I received from him, dated June 14, 1945. The letter reads as follows:

Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith  
Hotel Normandie  
6th and Normandie Sts.  
Los Angeles 5, California

Dear Brother Smith:

I wish to take this opportunity to write you and express my sincere appreciation for the very fine work that you are doing. I appreciate in the first place, your splendid Christian spirit and, in the second place, your thorough knowledge of world conditions and the fearlessness with which you attack the Communistic tide in America.

We are not all capable of doing what you can do but we want you to know we are behind you 100 per cent, and you will have our support in the work in which you are engaged. I have talked to a number of our ministers who attended your services at the Embassy Auditorium and without exception, they spoke highly of you and the way in which you handled the situation.

I need not tell you because I know you are aware that the West Coast is a "hot bed" for Communism, and with the tide of wickedness that is here, together with Communism, there is no wonder the Devil would oppose Christianity presented in its purity. I do feel it is our duty to stick together and hold together and if we can serve in the behind scenes, we shall try to be a foundation and a cornerstone in the building or the erection of Christ and America first.

Yours with best wishes,

/s/ F. C. Woodworth

Superintendent  
Assemblies of God, Inc.

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Between 600 and 700 Christian pastors requested invitations for this meeting. When the Pastors' Committee, sponsoring this rally, arranged for Councilman McClanahan to introduce me, I warned Mr. McClanahan that my enemies would bring every known type of pressure to bear upon him, and that in case he or any other prominent citizen in this city so desired, it would not offend me for them to investigate my conduct as a patriotic American, not through the smear sheets and libelous news stories that have been printed, but through such eminent citizens as United States Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, United States Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, and Mr. Ernest Liebold, for 34 years the personal private secretary of Mr. Henry Ford. I gave Mr. McClanahan the names of outstanding Protestant clergymen, including the Reverend Dr. Samuel Forrer, Pastor of Michigan's largest Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Father Murphy, co-Pastor of Michigan's largest Catholic Church, and many others.

Incidentally, some months ago I spoke in the City of Chicago. I addressed a great mass meeting in the Labor Temple of a local unit in the American Federation of Labor. Terrific pressure was brought to bear on this fine Labor Union and its officers by my enemies, pro-Reds, and certain misinformed groups. This pressure so agitated the Union that at great expense, running into something like \$2,000 or \$3,000, they made a complete survey of my life and my activities, and if there are any American Federation of Labor leaders here tonight and you want to know the results of that survey, I give you this name: Mr. Byron Dalton, Business Agent, 330 S. Marshfield, Chicago, Illinois -- in care of the Labor Temple. Not only did the leaders of this Labor Union find that the treatment I had received at the hands of my enemies was unfair and libelous, but they confirmed the fact that this, the

the most rapidly growing patriotic organization in America, was building for its leadership on nothing but the most self-respecting elements in our national life.

If Christ had been first in Germany there would have been no Hitler; if Christ had been first in Russia, there would have been no Communism; if Christ had been first in the world, there would have been no war. The time has come for us to develop the art of Christian statesmanship. We have made of the practice of medicine an honorable profession. We have challenged our sons to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, engineers, artists, but we have allowed politics to be classified as a mangy and disreputable occupation. Thus, too often we find that we have turned over the conduct of our communities, our states, and our Nation to rascals, scalawags, derelicts, ignoramuses, and common crooks.

I challenge the Christian people in this great audience tonight to adopt Christian statesmanship as a high and noble profession, to the end that we may rear sons and daughters dedicated to the task of manning the Ship of State.

Nearly 200 years ago a small group of God-guided men dedicated themselves to the noble and holy task of preserving that which they and their compatriots had found first on American soil. They dedicated themselves to the preservation of liberty and freedom. Freedom of speech. Freedom to worship. Freedom to assemble. Freedom to buy and sell and improve their lot by the application of their integrity and intelligence to the natural resources of the land. This freedom was so precious to these early fathers

that they determined that it should be preserved for their sons and daughters and for the generations yet unborn. They and their loved ones had come to this new land from the four corners of the earth. They had sailed the seven seas. They had risked death, pestilence, and slaughter by the savages, in order to find this spot on the earth where they might kneel down and worship God in freedom.

The document they chose to define their plan for freedom's preservation was the Constitution of the United States. Gladstone, the great logician and student, said, referring to the Constitution: "It is the greatest document ever to be struck off by the hand of man." Certain men of great Christian character whom I know insist that the Constitution of the United States is the handiwork of God Almighty.

In this document these founding fathers provided for the preservation of the liberty of every citizen, regardless of his station, his creed, or his color. They gave us a new conception of government based on a system of checks and balances, with the legislative, the judicial, and the executive branches check-mating the authority of each other, always in favor of the liberty of the individual. This Constitution provided and still provides that if a law be passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by the President, it shall not be permitted to operate if one citizen can demonstrate to the Supreme Court that his freedom has been violated according to the Constitution. The first 10 amendments to this Constitution constitute what we know as the Bill of Rights. Evidently there are some people in the City of Los Angeles and elsewhere who are unfamiliar with the Bill of Rights. In order that your memory may be refreshed, I call the First Amendment to the Constitution to your attention. It reads as

follows:

"Freedom of Religion, Speech, and the Press; Right of Assembly and Petition -- Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the Freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Attracted by the atmosphere of liberty which this Constitution breathed upon this new land, men and women and their families flocked to America to escape the tyranny of the old world where they had been crushed in peonage, regimented by the militarists, exploited by the users, and crucified on the cross of religious persecution.

Strengthened by this new found liberty, they proceeded to build a Garden of Eden. They cleared the forests, they drained the swamps, they invaded the prairies, they drove the ribboned steel of the great railroads through the mountains and across the deserts and redeemed for their people, even this, the Golden West, the dynamic Pacific Coast.

God was good in response to their prayers and their Christian faith. He filled this land with lowing herds of cattle, sheep and swine, grazing in ten thousand valleys and ten thousand emerald hills. He pointed out to these God-guided pioneers the mountains which bosomed gold, silver, lead, coal and other precious metals. He whitened the fields of the Sunny South with cotton and filled the prairies of the great Middlewest with gold and grain.

The men who built America invaded every community and founded every State under the shadow of not only the flag but the Cross -- not only the Constitution but the Book of God, the Holy Bible.

Regardless of the claims that may be made by the economists and the

philosophers, the theorists and the dreamers, no system has ever been invented by the mind of man that has produced one-tenth of the wealth per capita which was produced by this, the American way, commonly known as Free Enterprise. Not freedom to exploit; not freedom to enslave; not freedom to monopolize, but freedom to build, to pioneer, to produce, unhampered by the tyranny of a Kaiser, of a Czar, of a tyrant.

Today America is flooded with propagandists and agitators who would change our way of life. They would substitute the Red flag for the Stars and Stripes. They would abolish the Church and they would determine our daily activities by bureaucratic rulings over our personal lives. It has been well spoken, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The issues of the hour center in three great problems:

1. The Threat of Bureaucratic Tyranny.
2. The Menace of Communism.
3. The Super State.

When war was declared every patriotic American knew that it was necessary for us to grant to our Government extraordinary authorities in order that they might handle the supplies and the services necessary to win this war in the most efficient manner.

Certain bureaucrats, however, lived in the hope that they might be able to use these wartime powers to lay the foundation for a program of peacetime regimentation. The bureaucrats with this ambition were the same ones who attempted to establish a bureaucratic dictatorship in Washington long before America went to war. They founded their conduct and they built their

program for regimentation on the philosophy of a Marxist clique, known to the Nation as the 'New Deal Braintrust.' They destroyed one-third of our food; they shot down our cattle; they threw our pigs in the river; they plowed our cotton under.

When the great objective thinkers of another century dip their pens in the ink of historic and write the record of this lunatic decade, the one great question in their hearts will be, "Why didn't God laugh out loud at a nation so foolish as to destroy its resources in one period and ration them in another?"

We have a new President. He comes fresh from the soil and humble surroundings of a farmers' town in Missouri. I like President Truman. He acts like an American. He is surrounding himself with men from all over the great Middlewest and Far West, as well as from the East. Apparently President Truman believes that there are people who understand the spirit and will of America who do not necessarily live in New York City and its environs.

It would be unbecoming a self-respecting citizen to reach into the grave for a political controversy, but just as I might prefer the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln to the philosophy of Stephen Douglas, I am bound to say that I believe the biggest step that has been taken in twelve years away from the threat of bureaucratic tyranny was taken when Harry Truman became President of the United States.

This does not mean that the problem is solved. Harry Hopkins is still around. Harold Ickes, one of the super bureaucrats who loves to crack the whip, is still in Washington. Marxist-minded political jobholders still

hope that the wartime authorities given our Government shall be continued into the peacetime period. These international braintrusters, many of whom are more interested in foreign countries than they are their own country, have visions of rationing meat, sugar, butter and the rest long after the war is over, while they play politics with the food and resources siphoned away from our people by such methods.

That brings up the subject of America First. What is wrong with the words "America First"? If you ask me what the philosophy of American First is, I say it is the philosophy of George Washington. It embraces the foreign policy of George Washington, who said: "Friendship with all nations; trade with all nations; entangling alliances with none."

Concerning this, the founder of our country, it was said: "He was first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The Los Angeles press reveals that we are sending 40 million pounds of butter to Russia. A report taken from the Congressional Record reveals that we are packing 10 million pigs for Russia. No Christian with a Christian's impulse could deny the peoples of the world the necessities of life, but I am an old-fashioned American who believes that "He who careth not for his own is worse than an infidel." Furthermore, I assert without fear of contradiction from any fundamental American that we should not give, lend or lease one more penny or one more ounce to Russia until and unless she wholeheartedly, completely and enthusiastically helps us whip the Japs.

We must pray for Harry Truman. The rascals, conspirators and plotters of the world have moved in on Washington. They will do everything in this world to control him, and if they can't control him, they will try to kill

him.

The greatest compliment I can pay Harry Truman is -- he has inspired the animosity and the opposition of Earl Browder and his mangy Communist Party. His invitation to Herbert Hoover, Thomas Dewey, and other men of various political persuasions indicates that he recognizes the fact that there are some patriotic citizens in the United States who are not registered Democrats.

It does me good to see the new President thin out some of these European-minded screwballs who have been attempting to interfere with our way of life and replace them with men from Texas, Arizona, Iowa, California, etc.

The Communist Party was hatched in the same serpent's nest with Nazism and Fascism. In fact, these three forms of pagan tyranny represent the trinity of satanic politics. They were hatched from the snake nest of atheistic Marxism. They are predicated on the abolition of the church, the philosophy of the anti-Christ, and the reduction of the individual to regimented slavery and bureaucratic tyranny.

Yes, complete regimentation brings full employment and social security, but it must be remembered that prior to the Civil War Negro slavery in the South supplied social security and permanent employment. Everybody had a job. Everybody had a house. Everybody had plenty to eat. Slaves were fed rough, coarse food in abundance in order that they might be able to labor along with the mules.

After this war we want employment at the maximum. We want full employment, but I say to this Christian audience tonight beware! beware! -- don't allow the politicians to seduce you into full employment by asking you to

trade off your personal liberty. The Negro slave had full employment, but full employment is not all.

Of course, personally I have the conviction that if we could free our Nation from the bondage of the money changers and the International Bankers and re-establish the money system employed by Abraham Lincoln, which is the Constitutional plan, we could solve our problems of distribution, we could exploit our technical knowledge to the limit, and instead of being into a period of unemployment, hunger and chaos after this war, we could come into an era of complete abundance.

The patron saint of Communism is not only Karl Marx, but the arch conspirator Machiavelli. The Communist Party has no conscience as it relates to Americanism. When Stalin was pro-Hitler, they were pro-Hitler. When, by the consent of Stalin, Hitler invaded France and the Low Countries and menaced England, the American Communist Party was isolationist -- not because it was for America First, but because it was for Stalin first. When Stalin was in the same political bed with Hitler, the war was an Imperialistic war, according to the Reds, but when Hitler fell out with Stalin and invaded Russia, then the Communists cried out, "This is the people's war," and they began to beat the drums for war. They left the America First Committee and joined the Fight for Freedom Committee, and for months embarrassed the pro-war elements of America, just as they had recently embarrassed the America Firsters.

Stalin's newspaper in California is the PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD. In the East it is the DAILY WORKER. All over America, it is the NEW MASSES. These Journals, these editors, these Reds determine their policy, not according

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"Ruth McKinney, Minton's wife and a writer for NEW MASSES, told the audience how closely Molotov and the entire Soviet delegation to the Conference had worked with American Communists in San Francisco.

"Why, the entire American press was told that Molotov was living in a suite at the St. Francis Hotel,' she added, 'but all the while he had taken over a house on Nob Hill owned by my husband's cousin, so he (Molotov) could conduct his affairs without press interference.

"Molotov appeared in the luxurious red and gold appointed suite at the St. Francis when it was necessary to be seen there.'

"Miss McKinney then explained that the Communist Party arrived at its plan for indoctrinating American service men when hundreds of crippled veterans--guests of the San Francisco Conference at Opera House sessions--plainly demonstrated they were opposed to Russia and were blinded by the propoganda of anti-Soviet groups in this country.'

"Those boys must be won over. If it is too late to win the veterans in our hospitals, then we must enlist those who have not yet gone overseas and those who are yet to return here,' she concluded.

"And while we are on the subject of our future program, it might just as well be stated now that Communism has outgrown New York as its headquarters. Henceforth, our activities will evolve in Hollywood, where the prestige, influence and support of our comrades in the film industry will strengthen our ranks and carry our fight to people from every walk of life.'

"Groppe revealed to the audience how he, Miss McKinney, and her husband, Bruce Minton, had attended all important press conferences and two weeks of San Francisco Conference sessions at the Opera House as accredited members of the working press through 'credentials secured by some of our influential friends.'

"Before the meeting closed the audience contributed \$657 to the NEW MASSES' program, in addition to paying a dollar per person admission."

I ask this audience of Christian Americans, what are you going to do about this? Will we stand idly by? Will we permit these whose loyalty to the Red flag exceeds their loyalty to the Stars and Stripes to conspire against our way of life and subject us to a foreign power without resistance?

to the will of the Command in Chief of our Army and Navy or our State Department; they adopt, proclaim and fulfill policies according to Stalin's will. My slogan is: AMERICA FIRST. Their slogan is: STALIN FIRST.

For many years the center of intrigue for the Communist Party has been New York City, but during the later years, even with their headquarters in New York City, the Reds have turned to your fair city, and especially to a subdivision of your fair city for their largest contributions. This helps us to understand a story which appeared in one of your local papers, the LOS ANGELES EXAMINER on Sunday, June 10. It reads as follows:

"Communist infiltration in the United States and Red revolutionary militancy throughout the Western Hemisphere will establish its citadel of propaganda and action in Hollywood.

"The campaign already is under way with an immediate program supporting continued Lend Lease to Russia, now that her war in Europe is over, strengthening ties with the White House and indoctrinating service men and returning veterans and the Marxist viewpoint.

"Carefully blueprinted in New York City by Earl Browder and other American-Soviets, the program was revealed recently before 200 Hollywood and Los Angeles Communist sympathizers, many of whom occupy high places in the motion picture industry here.

#### Stake in China

"Those who attended were told by Joseph Foster, Hollywood film critic for a Red weekly, that 'at the right time' Russia would enter the war against Japan, 'but not out of altruism.'

"The Soviet Union has a big stake in the Pacific--more so in China,' he explained, 'and the Soviet Union will be in there to dictate the peace.'

"It had earlier been explained to the audience that part of this plan was to induce President Truman to aid in the rupture of United States relations with 'the China of Chiang Kai-shek.'

"A continued strong, reactionary government under the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek is opposed to our policy of ultimately Sovietizing all of Asia," the speaker added.

"We are strong in North China now. We must exert our power throughout that nation,' Foster declared.

### Other Speakers

"Spokesman for the party leaders in the East was Bruce Minton, associate editor of NEW MASSES, a Communist weekly that is nationally distributed and who, with his wife, Ruth McKinney, a writer for the same magazine, is one of the Marxist doctrine's most fiery advocates.

"Berating Secretary of State Stettinius, United States Senator Vandenberg and other members of the American delegation to the San Francisco Security Conference as 'betrayers of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's great dream of a permanent alliance with Soviet Russia,' Minton told his audience;

"Our salvation rests upon a close tie with Truman and the support of all members of our armed forces. We must infiltrate the ranks of these service men--the veterans returning from the wars and the GIs yet to be called into action,' Minton told his listeners. 'The thousands of pretty young girls in our Communist Youth Movement must volunteer as hostesses in U. S. O. canteen, churches, social groups--wherever these soldiers, sailors and marines seek recreation and are prone to a persuasive voice.'

"When President Truman assumed the high office vacated by F.D.R. almost two months ago, members of our group all over the world looked upon this act of Fate with grim foreboding, for we saw the Yalta Conference and all it promised for Russia totally crumble,' he added.

"But events in the past few weeks have taken a turn for the better. The way looks promising and our outlook again is hopeful. Truman's actions in delegating former Ambassador to Russia, Joseph E. Davies, to represent us at the Court of St. James, and his selection of Harry Hopkins as a special emissary to the Soviet Union, promise great things. These men, throughout F.D.R.'s 12 years in the White House, unquestioningly supported the New Deal in spite of everything and everyone.

"Through our actions, Truman can be won over. We can once again hope for closer and firmer ties with the White House.'

"William Gropper, NEW MASSES cartoonist, in whose honor the meeting in the Sorene Cartoonists' Auditorium in Hollywood was held, later told the 200 well-groomed members of the audience--known to party members as 'parlor pinks,'--that his magazine had sponsored a 'round robin letter,' signed by thousands of Communist sympathizers and members all over the Nation, petitioning Truman to continue Lend Lease to Russia indefinitely, despite the fact that the Soviets have 'temporarily put down their arms.'

"Nothing must be done by any of us to arouse the people of this country to protest against a continuance of Lend Lease to the Soviet Union,' he continued.

I came to Los Angeles from San Francisco where for three weeks I personally observed the United Nations Conference. Members of my staff were there before I arrived and are still there observing the activities of the official representatives of 46 nations, perhaps it is now 48. I observed that Conference as the spokesman for 21 Nationalist organizations and in behalf of six members of the United States Senate and seventeen members of the Lower House of Congress. I am making reports on my findings to between 80 and 100 periodicals.

Any good citizen favors meeting his neighbors around the Conference table to find ways and means for amicable solutions for national and international problems.

Those of us who believe in a Christian nation and are known as Christian Nationalists are alert to the San Francisco Conference because we oppose a Super State; we oppose sharing our sovereignty with any other nation on earth. We must under no circumstances delegate any of our governmental authority to anybody outside of the United States. The trick of the international politician in designing the Dumbarton Oaks Plan was to create a situation where a super governmental body could draw on our blood and our money without the direct consent of our Congress. This must never be. As long as there is blood in my veins and pulse in my wrist, I shall fight any attempt made by any politicians, anywhere, to share our sovereignty with savage Russia or the empires of the East and West. The destiny of our nation must move back into the hands of our people, rather than into the hands of the international financiers, who would exploit our blood and money at will for their own interests.

A Super State with a flag above our Flag, a constitution above our Constitution

and a congress above our Congress would make us a subject part of a World Organization, a majority of whose citizens are un-Christian, non-Christian and anti-Christian.

America is at the crossroads where she must decide between a destiny determined by her own people who love the word of God and a destiny determined by alien peoples who are un-Christian and anti-Christian. We must decide between atheistic Communism and Christian Americanism. The decision will be made by you and millions like you. I have the deep conviction, and to this Cause have I dedicated my life, that we will follow the Cross and the Flag, and in doing so, we shall preserve and safeguard America.

GERALD L. K. SMITH /s/

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