



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**GERALD L. K. SMITH**

**PART 18 OF 18**

**FILE NUMBER : 62-43818**

**FEDERAL BUREAU  
OF INVESTIGATION**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS  
RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** GERALD L.K. SMITH

**FILE:** 62-43818

**SUB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOL:** 46

**PAGES REVIEWED:** 81

**PAGES RELEASED:** 51

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET**

10 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-762-766

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-767

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

4

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-768+769

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: September 11, 1945

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: *Cashman*  
GERALD L. K. SMITH  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION  
(62-43818)

~~RECORDED & INDEXED~~  
*MMK*

[REDACTED]

b7D

The Cleveland Field Division is requested to cover this meeting by appropriate informant. It is deemed advisable to have this meeting covered by an informant rather than by Bureau personnel.

[REDACTED]

62-1126

cc: Cleveland

SEP 13 1945

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/13/82 BY SP-8 BTJ/mh

RECORDED & INDEXED  
223

162-43818-270  
B  
SEP 13 1945  
FBI

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-771

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Copy  
98  
10  
no*

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 7, 1945

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION  
(Bureau file 62-43818)

[REDACTED]

*b7c*

This information is furnished to the Bureau for informational purposes only. However, the Buffalo Field Division and the Cleveland Field Division are requested to endeavor to cover these meetings by appropriate Informants.

[REDACTED] *b7c*  
62-1126  
cc: Buffalo  
cc: Cleveland

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/13/82 BY SP-9 BT/ab

*T*

RECORDED  
&  
INDEXED

62-43818-972

*15*

3 SEP 13 1945

EX - 10

*FIVE 892*

60 SEP 24 1945

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-773

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

EPB:aop

78  
+  
20

Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle  
Criminal Division

September 12, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH, was  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SECURITY MATTER; SEDITION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11/13/82 BY SP8 BTJ/amy

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

Will you kindly examine these reports and materials and  
advise me whether you desire the Bureau to continue to follow Smith's  
activities for the purpose of developing a Federal violation.

RECORDED 62-43818-774  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SEP 17 1945  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

INSTRUCTIONS SECTION  
MAILED 15  
SEP 13 1945 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

52 SEP 9 1945

atk  
146  
E1 d2

EX-27

15 SEP 1945

JMI  
JH

EPB

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

4

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-775

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

4

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7c, b7d with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-776 & 777

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

3 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-778

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH, was  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G  
SECURITY MATTER; SEDITION

DATE: September 20, 1945

TLC:NTE:1

146-28-43

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 12, 1945, in the above case.

The Criminal Division does not request any further investigation for the purpose of developing a sedition violation on the part of this subject. However, it is requested that you continue to furnish the Criminal Division with any information which comes to your attention concerning Smith's activities.

HANDLED  
*[Signature]*

RECORDED

EX-27

162-43818

15 SEP 24 1945

*Sac Detroit*  
*10-11-45*  
*eph [initials]*

*778*  
*777*

*[Signature]*  
*Evan [Signature]*

EPB:RMB

62-43818 -779

SAC, Detroit

October 11, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EX-54

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

Reference is made to the investigative reports and materials submitted by your office and the other offices receiving copies of this letter in the above-captioned matter.

You are at this time advised that the Criminal Division of the Department, which has received all the reports and materials submitted in this case, recently corresponded with the Bureau, advising that no further investigation was being requested for the purpose of developing a sedition violation of the subject. However, it was requested that the Bureau continue to furnish the Criminal Division with any information it might receive concerning Smith's activities.

In view of the Criminal Division's expression of opinion, it is not desired that an active investigation be continued on the subject. However, you should continue to furnish the Bureau with any information you may receive relative to his activities.

cc-San Francisco  
Los Angeles

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/13/82 BY SP-8BTJ/mh

RECEIVED  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
OCT 12 10 27 AM '45

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

OCT 1 1945

NOV 2 1945

Swanick

Handwritten signatures and initials: "JEM", "SH", "SP-8", and other illegible marks.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SEP 19 1945  
TELETYPE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/13/82 BY SP-8/STJ

9-07PM

18

WASH FROM LOSA W2  
DIRECTOR ROUTINE

AMERICA FIRST PARTY, INTERNAL SECURITY - G. SEDITION. REF  
BUREAU TELETYPE DATED SEPT. EIGHTEEN, FORTY FIVE AND REPORT OF SA  
[REDACTED] DATED AUG. THIRTY, FORTY FIVE, LA. NO INFORMATION  
SET [REDACTED] OFF BY PARENTHESIS ON PAGES TEN TO FIFTEEN ON REF REPORT AS IS  
HOWEVER, THIS INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] INFORMATION  
REFLECTED IN LAST SENTENCE ON PAGE NINE  
PARAGRAPH PAGE THIRTY ONE WAS OBTAINED THROUGH A CHECK OF THE LA  
FIELD OFFICE INDICES.

HOOD  
[REDACTED]

PLS ACK ALL MSG.

- Mr Tolson
- Mr E A Tamm
- Mr Clegg
- Mr Coffey
- Mr Glavin
- Mr Ladd
- Mr Nichols
- Mr Rosen
- Mr Tracy
- Mr Carson
- Mr Egan
- Mr Gurnea
- Mr Hendon
- Mr Pennington
- Mr Quinn Tamm
- Mr Nease
- Miss Gandy

b7c  
b2D

RECORDED & INDEXED

EX-8  
30 SEP 21 1945

162-43818-780  
FBI

STOP  
FINEST

EPB:RMB  
62-43818

ROUTINE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1945

62-43818-780

SAC, LOS ANGELES

RECORDED

AMERICA FIRST PARTY; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SEDITION. REFERENCE REPORT SA [REDACTED] DATED AUGUST THIRTY, NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE, LOS ANGELES. ADVISE WHETHER INFORMATION SET OFF BY PARENTHESIS ON PAGES TEN TO FIFTEEN WAS FURNISHED BY INFORMANT OR BY REPORTING AGENT. ALSO ADVISE WHETHER INFORMANT OR REPORTING AGENT FURNISHED INFORMATION IN LAST PARAGRAPH PAGE THIRTY-ONE.

b7c

HOOVER

cc-Detroit

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/13/82 BY SP-8 BTJ/mh

COPIES DESTROYED  
205 OCT 15 1964

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SEP 17 1945

TELEMETER

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jancy \_\_\_\_\_

51 OCT 4 1945

*CAJ*  
*DJG*  
*EPB*

12-20 p cc

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 26, 1945

FROM : SAC, Detroit

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake City Offices are requested to endeavor to cover their respective meetings by informant coverage only.

The Los Angeles Field Division will endeavor to obtain coverage of SMITH's activities while on the West Coast and keep the Bureau advised of any pertinent activities and developments on the part of SMITH.

[REDACTED]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

62-1126

- cc - Chicago
- St. Paul
- St. Louis
- 204 - Kansas City (ALL COPIES AMSD)
- 570 - Denver
- Salt Lake City
- Los Angeles

DATE 10/13/82 BY SP-8 [signature]

RECORDED & INDEXED EX-73

162-43812-781

36 SEP 28 1945

b7d

b7

F

W  
b

b7c

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Detroit, Michigan  
September 5, 1945

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/08/82 BY SP-8 BTJ/mc

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

4913/2  
A-9-78

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

Dear Sir:

There is set forth below information obtained from [redacted] and [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, from the period August 1, 1945 to August 31, 1945. b7D

[redacted] that SMITH was not going to move to California, but was merely setting up a "Regional Office" in Los Angeles. b7C, b7D

After SMITH'S return to Detroit from the west coast, he contacted [redacted] at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and reiterated his experiences while on the coast. He also asked [redacted] advice as to the refusal of the management of the Detroit-Leland Hotel to allow him to speak. SMITH stated that he had a reservation, but it had been cancelled prior to the time the meeting was to be held. [redacted] told him that he could get an injunction against the hotel and compel them to use the room he had rented. It was subsequently ascertained that the management of the hotel contacted SMITH and permitted him to use the hall that he had rented. mmk b7C

SMITH received a letter from Senator BILBO enclosing a letter which BILBO had written to WALTER WINCHELL, which letter criticized WINCHELL for his broadcast and described him as a "notorious, scandalizing kike."

Officials of the Internal Revenue Department are presently auditing SMITH'S books for the purpose of setting up Social Security records. Prior to this time SMITH had made no arrangements for deduction of social security from his employees pay. U

SMITH has been in contact with RALPH BAERMAN of Washington, D.C. and FRED SPRINGER of Cleveland, Ohio, both of whom came to Detroit for the purpose of attending SMITH'S meeting held in the Jade Room of the Detroit-Leland Hotel, at which a reported five hundred people attended.



9-13-45  
EP Brown suggests that these [redacted] pending Dept. advice concerning further [redacted] det's

EX-10 INDEXED  
62-4379-782  
COPIES DESTROYED  
205 OCT 13 1964

5-2-10  
6-11-10

Letter to the Director  
September 5, 1945

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

SMITH was the only speaker at this meeting and gave a review of his activities while in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

At the present time SMITH is planning to hold a meeting in Celina, Ohio, and is endeavoring to obtain the fair grounds for his meeting. Temporary arrangements have been made to have the meeting on September 23, 1945.

The above information is all that was received from the above named informants for the above specified period.

For the purpose of evaluating the information that has been obtained from these informants, a review has been made of information received since January 1, 1945.

Reference is particularly made to letters from the Detroit Field Division to the Bureau dated January 9 and 26, 1945, February 10, 1945, March 2 and 17, 1945, April 7 and 23, 1945, May 8, 1945, June 4 and 30, 1945, and July 31, 1945, which letters comprise the justification of the services of these informants for the period from January 1, 1945, through July 31, 1945.

A review of these letters reflects that most of the information received from these informants is composed of contacts made by Subject SMITH with other known nationalist leaders in the United States. The information also concerns the future plans of SMITH which would include the time and place of his public meetings as well as his private meetings with individuals. The information so received forms rather a complete generalized picture of what is going on in SMITH'S office and of his local and out-state activities. However, it is noted that SMITH is reluctant to talk too freely and often fails to disclose the names of individuals and the time and place of his various meetings.

On April 21, 1945, SMITH left the Detroit Field Division for an extended trip on the west coast and did not return until August 1, 1945. During SMITH'S absence, very little information was received from these informants. It is evident that any information of value received from these informants is through Subject SMITH himself who makes all his own plans and important contacts.

Letter to the Director  
September 5, 1945

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

[REDACTED]

7  
b7D

In view of the information set forth above, the Bureau is requested to advise whether the services of [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] should be continued.

b7D

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Guerin*

R. A. Guerin  
Special Agent in Charge

ODS:CLH  
62-1126

3:TLB

RECORDED

62-43818-782

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

September 24, 1945

SAC, Detroit

EX-10

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH  
American First Party  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
SEDITION

b7D

*From  
X  
88/10  
w*

Reference is made to your letter dated September 5, 1945, in the above captioned matter in which you requested the Bureau to advise whether the services of [redacted] should be continued. For your information, the Bureau has requested the Department to advise the Bureau as to whether further investigation is desired concerning Gerald L. K. Smith. Pending the Department's reply to the Bureau's inquiry these confidential informants should be continued.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/13/82 BY SP-803/ma

DECLASSIFIED BY 4913/AP/ld  
DATE 1-9-78

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SEP 24 1945  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
*206*  
*NOV 2 1945*  
*208*

*Letter Detroit  
10/22/45  
ChE*

RECEIVED  
OCT 2 11 32 AM '45  
FBI  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*R*  
*10/20/45*

*WZ*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DETROIT

FILE NO. 100-7945

REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">LOS ANGELES</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">8/30/45</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">7/11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 28; 8/4, 18/45</p>	REPORT MADE BY <p style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED] 8532</p>
TITLE <p style="text-align: center;">GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases AMERICA FIRST PARTY</p>		CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">INTERNAL SECURITY - G; SECURITY MATTER; SEDITION</p>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED]

on SMITH's meetings in Los Angeles at Ham and Eggs Hall, 1204 South Hill Street, 7/6 and 7/16/45, Embassy Auditorium on 7/17/45, and Shrine Auditorium 7/20/45. SMITH's activities caused violent reaction among numerous groups, many of which are identified as Communist front organizations. SMITH departed from Los Angeles 7/27/45 enroute to Detroit, Michigan, and all meetings in Western cities were canceled.

- P -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, July 25, 1945

**DETAILS:**

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A letter from the Detroit Field Division to the Bureau dated June 28, 1945, a copy of which was received by this office, reflected that on June 27, 1945, [REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Field Division was requested to endeavor to verify the above information and advise the Bureau and the Detroit Field Division.

**INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/14/82 BY 88-10-104**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 3 - Detroit 1 - San Francisco (Information) 1 - San Diego (Information) 1 - SID, Los Angeles 1 - ZIO, Los Angeles	62-43818-1783 SEP 1945 INDEXED
	RECORDED 53

wire to [unclear] [unclear]  
 Detroit 9/19/45  
**COPIES DESTROYED  
295 OCT 12 1964**

LA 100-7945

[REDACTED] 7  
[REDACTED] b70  
[REDACTED] furnished this office with the following information: ]

A meeting was held at the "Ham and Eggs Hall", 1204 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, on Friday evening, July 6, 1945, at which Mr. GERALD L. K. SMITH was the speaker.

The meeting was opened by the singing of two verses of "America", the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, and a prayer by a Reverend Mr. GILLESPIE. SMITH talked in his usual rambling fashion, jumping from one subject to another and tying them together only by referring to the various things as being machinations of the "enemy". He started off by saying that there is to be a meeting held next week, for which cards will be sent to those who have previously left their names with the organization. There was the usual air of secrecy about the location of this meeting, but he indicated that it is to be held in the open air, and hinted that it might be the Hollywood Bowl.

SMITH predicted that there will be one million unemployed on the Pacific Coast after the war, and stated that this would be due to the desire of the international bankers, who are anxious to have California, particularly, become a center of unemployment, so that the Communists can have a fertile field in which to work. He stated that eight million workers fully employed could supply all the needs of the United States at peace. He based this on the fact that at the time of the capitulation of Germany four million people in the German factories were taking care of all civilian needs.

SMITH referred to the newspaper reports of the expected investigation by the Rankin Committee of a Communist plot centering in Hollywood. He approved very highly of the investigation, and had had prepared petitions which he had passed around through the audience for the purpose of obtaining names, to send in to Congressman RANKIN through the America First Committee.

SMITH told of an incident, which he claimed to have been verified, occurring in France since the defeat of Germany, wherein French Communist officers had clothed 15,000 Sengalese soldiers in American uniforms and then taken captive 5,000 German girls and had permitted the colored soldiers to have their will with these girls for several days in the subways of Paris.

LA 100-7945

He also mentioned a Mr. ~~McGINLEY~~, who he claims is not an American citizen and who had been invited to speak at the Church of the Open Door. ~~McGINLEY~~ is supposed to have said that he would rather see America under JOE STALIN than he would under GERALD SMITH. ~~McGINLEY~~ had left town prior to the date of this meeting, but SMITH claimed that Reverend LOUIS TALBOT, of the Church of the Open Door, had apologized for ~~McGINLEY~~'s words.

SMITH referred to the ceremonies at Hollywood Bowl on July 4, which were referred to as the "Interdependence Day Program". He stated that he had attended this meeting, and that fully ninety-eight per cent of those in attendance were Jews. In passing, SMITH said that he is one of those who believe that an American child should be allowed to shoot off firecrackers on the Fourth of July and that he did not approve of this thing of having fireworks only for public display. This remark did not receive much response from the audience, and SMITH therefore hastily went on to something else.

He stated that in the matter of organization there are some twelve to fifteen groups already organized in furtherance of the America First program, although the name America First or the name GERALD L. K. SMITH has not appeared in the organization plan. He stated that any group that would care to organize in furtherance of the program of America First would receive their support although the America First name would not need to appear in it.

SMITH stated that among other items, there have been sent to Russia some ten thousand bombers which have never been used against any of our enemies, and the inference was that Russia is holding them in reserve to use against us. He also stated that the products which we had sent to Russia under lend-lease should be now returned as Russia is not in any way assisting us in our present war effort.

Reference was also made to a printed letter from G. ALLISON ~~PHELPS~~, and copies of this letter were handed out to members of the audience as they left the auditorium.

After taking of the collection, and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer by the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

There were approximately five hundred persons present, only one of whom was noted to be a Negro, and none were seen in military or naval uniforms.

[REDACTED] bulletin which was distributed in Los Angeles by GERALD L. K. SMITH:

b7D

LA 100-7945

"The pot is really boiling. The enemies of Christian Americanism are becoming desperate. They are resorting to character assassination, underground methods, and cold-blooded threats.

"The enemy knows that if we hold this big dynamic sensational Shrine Auditorium Rally that it will be too late to checkmate this crusade.

"The word is spreading like a prairie fire. Thousands of people want to attend this rally, but do not know where to get the cards. I am sending you an extra quantity, which can be distributed as follows: (1) Church; (2) Work; (3) Labor meetings; (4) Clubs.

"Warning! Do not give these cards out on the street. Do not distribute them loosely among strangers. Make sure they are handed out to self-respecting Christian Americans who believe in decent things.

"The enclosed cards will have no value in your home or in your pocket. Make sure they are wisely distributed.

"Sensational developments are taking place. Some announcements will be made at the great Shrine Rally which will create news for every newspaper in America.

"Use your telephone. Talk the meeting. Spread the word. The newspapers have conspired to be silent because many of their masters are opposed to this crusade. Because of this, it is important that we exercise without restraint the grapevine method of broadcasting the truth by word of mouth.

G. L. K. S.

"Reminder: Don't forget the special Closed Meeting for those who are anxious to help extend this crusade, which is being held Monday night, July 16 at 1204 S. Hill St., Los Angeles - 8 p.m."

 of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office telephonically advised this office on July 16, 1945 that he had received a letter addressed to the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and District Attorney's Office by LAWRENCE W. ALLEN, attorney for SMITH. This letter pointed out that SMITH is to conduct three meetings in Los Angeles as follows:

b7c  
b7d

LA 100-7945

1204 South Hill Street, July 16, 1945  
Embassy Auditorium, 803 South Grand Avenue, July 17, 1945  
Shrine Auditorium, July 20, 1945

He stated the letter pointed out that for the past several meetings there has been considerable trouble with various groups trying to interrupt the meetings and that it was anticipated that there will be trouble at these three meetings. He advised the letter quotes a write-up from a local Jewish paper which calls on Hollywood and all sympathizers with minority groups to send twelve thousand pickets to the Shrine Auditorium July 20, 1945, to stop SMITH. [REDACTED] stated that at 2:00 P.M. on July 16, 1945 a group of colored people representing the NAACP called on District Attorney FRED HOWSER and objected to SMITH's appearances. b7c

[REDACTED] furnished this office with the following information: b7D

One investigator from this office attended a special meeting at the "Ham and Eggs" Headquarters, 1204 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, July 16, 1945. This meeting was called by GERALD SMITH, and was opened by him at 8:00 P.M.

As in all of SMITH's preceding meetings, he went over the Jewish and Communist hate propoganda brought against him and his followers since his last meeting. SMITH took up most of the meeting time reading a photostatic copy of an article from the "Jewish Voice" newspaper, the office of which is located at 406 South Main Street, Los Angeles. The article was written by one SAMUEL B. GACH and is entitled "City Councilman Lifts Hind Leg for 'Polecat' SMITH". The brief of this article was the calling of GERALD SMITH and Councilman MEADE McCLANAHAN Fascists and spiritual polecats and attempting to gather a large number of people to picket the Shrine Auditorium on Friday night, July 20, 1945, in an attempt to keep SMITH from holding his meeting, claiming a number of HOLLYWOOD personalities would be present for the picket line to demonstrate on the outside while the No. 1 Nazi-American GERALD L. K. SMITH was holding his seditionist discourse on the inside--action on the outside of the Shrine Auditorium to smother what goes on inside on Friday night, July 20, 1945.

SMITH made several comments on these remarks, principally that it was getting to be a fine Christian America when we stand for a bunch of money changing Communist rats' using such tactics to suppress Christian people from keeping America a Christian nation.

The speaker brought forth the fact that the Jewish people donate huge sums of money to sustain a Gestapo office, known as the Anti-Defamation League

LA 100-7945

of B'nai B'rith, its purpose being that if any person is heard to say anything against a Jew it is reported to their office and his name indexed in a file, and if this same person is reported again action is then taken to report him to the Police Department or Sheriff's Office for one reason or another. If this does not keep this person still, the organization then works through this person's employer to secure termination of his services in whatever job he is holding. This information created quite a demonstration among the audience.

SMITH then went into detail explaining his offer by letter to Mr. EARL C. CRAIG, Chairman of the Public Affairs Forum, to meet any comers for a debate to determine his Americanism, which debate is to be held at the Embassy Auditorium, Ninth and Grand, on Tuesday night, July 17, 1945. This meeting will be covered by our office.

The speaker then talked about the big rally he was holding on Friday night, July 20, 1945, at the Shrine Auditorium, stating that as before every effort was being made to stop this meeting, the Communist "rats" even going so far as to make plans to hold a Communist meeting at the Olympic Auditorium on the same night and bring down from the North the Communist-lover Attorney General ROBERT KENNY to act as the principal speaker, also getting WINCHELL to broadcast an announcement of the meeting on his program on Sunday, July 15, 1945. SMITH said that as one can see, every door is open to these Communist "rats" but most every door for the Christians is forced shut due to pressure. However, SMITH said not to get the idea that everyone agrees with these rats, as he (SMITH) has ears in homes, factories, offices, and police departments all over the country and knows what these rats are planning even before the plans are completed. He said we should fill the Shrine on Friday night--walk right through these rats and their lines and show them there are still Christian people in this country who dare them to try and change the right way of life. He stated there will be a great number of police on duty, so no one will attempt to use any force on anyone.

SMITH in closing his meeting brought out the expense incurred in holding the Shrine meeting would be \$1300.00 for rent, help, etc., and also that it had cost him about \$1,000.00 for his personal expenses during his month's stay in Los Angeles, consisting of hotel bill and meals, typists, etc., and he requested every person present to give as freely as possible to help defray the above expenses.

As a last minute note, SMITH praised Senator TENNEY for his fine work in flushing out the Communists and stated that some additional information uncovered by Senator TENNEY and in the records at Sacramento is the fact that

LA 100-7945

our own Attorney General ROBERT KENNY did make the statement that he would see that all anti-Communist groups in California were made to hunt their holes, which shows which side of the fence he is on.

The speaker also requested every person to carry two chairs downstairs with him to the ground floor, so trucks could pick them up next day. The meeting closed at 9:55 P.M. with approximately 500 persons present. The usual types of people were in attendance as had been observed in previous meetings. No Service personnel were observed. The meeting was very orderly, with no disturbances. There were four Los Angeles policemen on duty at the entrance to the hall. Apparently SMITH is not planning on using this hall any further for the present. His future plans will be discussed at his meeting on Friday night at the Shrine Auditorium.

The following article appeared in the "Daily World" on July 16, 1945:

"Sharp opposition to GERALD L. K. SMITH's Fascist activities is developing among Los Angeles citizens.

"When SMITH holds his next meeting, scheduled for the Shrine Auditorium, Friday July 20, anti-Smith forces will be having a counter-rally at the next larger Olympic Auditorium.

"The commercial press of Los Angeles has blocked off the silver shirt fuehrer with an almost complete wall of silence. Small radical groups which picketed his meetings have merely elicited cries of 'kike' and 'Christ killer' from SMITH, who like a typical Nazi, dotes on any kind of publicity, good or bad.

"Serious elements in the community, however, believe that rising American fascism must be combated by other means than a wall of silence and a protest picket line. They believe that if SMITH is allowed to speak as a 'Christian nationalist,' they have the obligation to be heard as democratic Americans.

"Groups drawn from labor, religious and liberal organizations are backing the Friday anti-Smith rally which will be presided over by Assemblyman AL DEKKER. The meeting at the Olympic Auditorium has already been indorsed by the Hollywood Independent Citizen's Committee, the CIO Council Executive Board, the Beverly-Westwood Democratic Committee, the National Citizens Political Action Committee, the American Youth Congress, the Southland Jewish organization and the committees of correspondents.

LA 100-7945

"Other groups are expected to come in at a special meeting of the Committee against Fascist Organization in Los Angeles, and which will be held Tuesday night at the Royal Palms Hotel.

"Many genuinely anti-Fascist groups have been debating the free speech issue as applied to the American Fascists. All are agreed, however, on a hard-hitting mass answer to the man whose Jew-baiting and Democracy-baiting stems from undefeated Hitlerism.

"URGENT!

"Tuesday, 8 p.m., July 17, Royal Palms Hotel, 360 South Westlake Avenue.

"It is urgent that all organizations send at least three representatives and all interested individuals to attend this meeting in order to coordinate Los Angeles' fight against GERALD L. K. SMITH. Plans will be completed for an Olympic Auditorium mass rally against Fascist organization in Los Angeles to be held Friday night, July 20.

"Emergency committee headquarters, room 1021, 458 South Spring street. Telephone: MI 9521."

The following article appeared in the Los Angeles "Daily News" on July 19, 1945:

"Democratic responsibility of wartime Los Angeles was underscored yesterday in a call by California Atty. Gen. ROBERT W. KENNY for a huge community mobilization in the Olympic Auditorium tomorrow night.

"KENNY said he would chair the meeting on behalf of several hundred civic, religious, labor and other groups which are cooperating in the rally with the Council for Civic Unity.

"Said the attorney general: 'You can almost see the pattern of community strife developing. California, with its enormous wartime industrial growth, has become one of the great danger spots in the country.'

"Citing that industrial dislocation caused by the war inevitably attracts to the community 'the political patent medicine men', KENNY

LA 100-7945

said the Olympic meeting will be an initial step in developing a broad, positive program for continuing democracy.

"He announced that support of the program has been voiced by both democratic and republican leaders, by united organized labor, by Hollywood and business leaders, religious and patriotic organizations.

"As a symbol of the 'dangerous doctrines' which create racial and class disunity and weaken the community, KENNY cited the local campaign of GERALD L. K. SMITH, ex-associate of HUBERT LONG and Silver Shirt leader WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, now in federal prison.

"SMITH is holding forth, with the support of Councilman MEADE McCLANAHAN, in a meeting at the Shrine auditorium on the night of the democratic rally in the Olympic.

"Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON has endorsed the democratic meeting, which opens at 8 p.m., and will send a speaker; a number of councilmen, supervisors, assemblymen and judges will attend also.

"KENNY's point that Los Angeles is a postwar danger spot was echoed yesterday by publisher MARSHALL FIELD III, member of the board of directors of the American Council on Race Relations.

"FIELD told a conference of 50 religious and minorities leaders that the Southland, like Chicago, must organize a 'coordinating group for effective action' of the entire community on behalf of democracy and unity and against racial and religious incitements."

On July 19, 1945, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Field Office and advised that he and a group of veterans from World War I were determined to stop GERALD L. K. SMITH from lecturing at the Shrine Auditorium. He stated they had talked to some "big shot", name unknown, at the Shrine Auditorium, who claimed to have checked GERALD L. K. SMITH's name with the F.B.I. and had been assured that he "had a clean bill of health". [REDACTED] declined to furnish any information about himself but said he had a large group of veterans with him and that he wondered why the F.B.I. had given an O.K. on SMITH. [REDACTED] was advised that no information was furnished from the files of the F.B.I. concerning SMITH and no approval or disapproval has been given. b7c

CONFIDENTIAL [REDACTED] b7D

LA 100-7945

This meeting was held in the auditorium of the Royal Palms Hotel and opened about 8:30 p.m. with about 200 people present (it seats around 300). Mr. ALBERT DEKKER, well-known actor and new California State Assemblyman, was on the platform as Chairman with Mr. GEORGE STILLER in charge of publicity.

Mr. DEKKER said this meeting tonight was to organize a Committee to fill the Olympic Auditorium to overflowing in protest against GERALD L. K. SMITH and he would like at least 12,000 people to be there. He then introduced Mr. G. RAYMOND BOOTH of the Council for Civic Unity.

Mr. G. RAYMOND BOOTH of the Council for Civic Unity of Los Angeles, who is described as white, American, about 55, 5' 10", 180 lbs, wears glasses, slightly bald headed, talked briefly. He asked the audience to help them in securing people to attend the Olympic mass meeting in their fight on Fascism.

The Chairman then read from a little paper, "IN FACT", (small four page national weekly which has followed the Communist Party propaganda line); this was supposed to be a reprint of a War Department instruction sheet on combating discrimination.

At 9:45 p.m. Mr. GEORGE STILLER of George Stiller & Associates, Room 1021, 458 South Spring Street, which raises funds for various Jewish groups in Los Angeles, made his talk. He resides at 167 North Mansfield Avenue and is described as typically Jewish, about 40, 5' 3", stocky build, around 160 pounds, smooth shaven, rather dark complexion. He explained what they have been doing and plan to do to combat SMITH and Fascism. He said that for weeks we have been worrying about what SMITH was going to do next and what we will do. He said he had decided to rent the Olympic Auditorium and he had paid the rent out of his own pocket and also paid the rent for this hall tonight. He said he is the head of the group in charge of filling the Olympic. He pointed out he is not a speaker but a publicity man. He said they had contacted the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee, the CIO Executive Board, and that last Sunday he had held a meeting in his home with CAREY McWILLIAMS as chairman. He said that tomorrow morning (Wednesday, July 18) there will be a newspaper press conference at the Ambassador Hotel with Attorney General BOYDEN as Chairman; that they had sent out 100 telegrams to different newspapers, etc., asking them to have representatives present and that they would discuss plans to fill the Olympic Friday night. He said at the Olympic they would have on the platform seven city councilmen, also MICHAEL FANNING, the new Los Angeles Postmaster, and a Dr. (sounded like CAREON); may be Dr. CAMILLE SERVINE of the Mexican Affairs Committee.

Mr. STILLER outlined among the things they needed was first communication and organization; he said they were organizing telephone

LA 100-7945

committees to call different people in the areas with the aim of distributing 50,000 copies of a circular they are getting out against GERALD L. K. SMITH and Fascism. He also said the A.Y.D. (American Youth for Democracy, successor organization to the Young Communist League) is to distribute at Hollywood Bowl, Thursday night, July 19, 10,000 of these circulars.

Then Mr. DEKKER asked for suggestions from the audience as to the best way of filling the Olympic and as to how best to eliminate GERALD SMITH and all the Fascists of SMITH's type there are or will be after him. He said he would recognize speakers from the audience for this purpose. Among those who responded were:

A Mr. GELHOUSING (?) who said he was with the Beverly-Westwood Democratic Committee. He said they had covered their area by telephone with good results and had collected considerable money to help defray expenses. He is a man about 55, tall, and wears glasses.

Then EMIL FREED (well-known Los Angeles Communist) who said he was from Local 311 of the International Machinists Union, A.F.L., described as Jewish, stocky build, about 37 years old, made a suggestion which the observer did not clearly understand.

Then LEE RABBITT who said he was of the American Veterans Committee, (a new organization which receives favorable publicity in the Communist press from time to time), said his Committee is in the fight against Fascism and they would do whatever they could to help out.

A Gentile woman who said she is a minority leader of the League of Women Voters, said her group met recently and voted to support this Committee in their plan to fill the Olympic. She said she had contacted the YWCA group but they have not yet decided whether to support this movement or not, but were to give her an answer on Wednesday. She expressed the belief the YWCA would support this Committee. Before she talked she said the head of the League of Women Voters, a Mrs. McMANNIS, was supposed to be here and talk. She called out her name but got no response, and then went ahead and made her short talk. This woman is white, American, about 50, 5' 4", 130 lbs, wears glasses, neat appearance, a good talker.

Then a man, name unknown, who said he was from the Free Italy Society (small local group of Italians or Italian-Americans which receives much favorable publicity in the Communist press), made his talk. He is described as

LA 100-7945

around 35, 5' 5", 140 lbs, Italian or Jewish appearance, and talked with an accent. He said they should go after SMITH and smash him now and not adopt a passive plan or just ignore him or laugh him off as a crackpot, because, he said, the Italians had made that same mistake with MUSSOLINI when he first appeared on the scene and they had lived to see him ruin Italy. He warned not to treat GERALD SMITH the same way.

A Jewish man, who said he works for the Douglas Company, described as swarthy, about 35, long nose, sharp featured, narrow face, about 5' 6", 130 lbs., the aggressive type, said he favored getting the Olympic meeting over as quickly as possible on Friday night before SMITH's meeting at the Shrine is over and then for them all to rush to the Shrine and completely ring it with pickets and protests. At least half the audience appeared to be against this plan of action and there were shouts of "no, no!" The lady from the League of Women Voters was very much against his plan.

THOMAS RANFORD, who said he is with the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, A.F.L., made a brief talk. He said he is against any action such as a mass picket line of the Shrine. He said they must conduct themselves in an orderly manner, and that they must recognize the right of free speech and free assemblage and the right to organize for their enemies as well as for themselves. About half the audience seemed to agree with his suggestions.

MYRA TANNER WEISS (local leader of the Socialist Workers Party, Trotskyite. She was a candidate for Mayor at the April primaries) spoke. She said she was in a Trotskyite group and that she was speaking for same. She said they have had many disagreements with this group but we are willing to forget all our disagreements for the time being and organize in a united front to combat GERALD SMITH and Fascism. She said her organization will abide by the decision of this committee in whatever plan they decide upon, but she thought the idea of going en mass to the Shrine Auditorium was the proper one. (NOTE: The Social Workers Party had a meeting at Embassy Auditorium Friday night July 6, 1945 regarding the best way of combatting SMITH's influence at which Mrs. WEISS talked at length and at that time she criticized the Workers Party, another small Trotskyite group in Los Angeles, for having picketed SMITH's meeting and saying that was really advertising him instead of hurting him).

WILLIAM (BILL) BIDNER of the CIO (appointed new Southern California War Relief Director for the CIO last year), is described as Jewish, about 35, 5' 10", 145 pounds. He said that while he wanted to get rid of SMITH, he wanted it done by using all legal means. He said there must be many legal angles the Committee would know of to run SMITH out.

LA 100-7945

AL DODGE, who said he represented the 54th A. D. Democratic Club, said his group had passed a resolution to run SMITH out of town.

EDWARD J. DAVENPORT, new councilman for the 12th District, arose and he was invited to the platform where he spoke. He said he wanted this program to be orderly and legal, and that he wished to be counted among the group to get rid of SMITH and fight Fascism but that he believed in the laws of the land and that everything must be orderly and legal and we must recognize SMITH's right to free speech and assembly and his right to organize. As an example of that he said he had served on the Committee to put SAM BALTER back on the air after he had been taken off, so, he said, he couldn't now do an about face and deprive another man of his rights. He said he wanted the protest to be legal and orderly. Get the job done, get the crowd out and show SMITH up by putting on bigger and better demonstrations. He said, "Make no mistake about this man SMITH. He has what it takes and he is formidable, so we must not underestimate him because he is just what his people want. You cannot ignore him. We must get all groups and organizations in the city and let them know what is going on and help eliminate SMITH." Mr. DAVENPORT then mentioned the Chamber of Commerce and said it really was a business union to foster trade and help Los Angeles. He said the Merchants and Manufacturers Association was a powerful group and is really a business union to further its aims and protect its members. He said this Committee should organize in the same way to fight SMITH and Fascism.

The next speaker from the floor was Reverend ERNEST CALDECOTT of the First Unitarian Church. He said he was for this program to fill the Olympic Auditorium and have SMITH leave town, but he wanted to do everything by legal and fair means. He said SMITH was entitled to freedom of speech and the right to assemble and organize, and the only way to defeat him was by getting larger crowds and a better organization and show that the majority are against SMITH.

The next speaker from the floor was Attorney LEO GALLAGHER (Nationally famous Communist defense attorney), who said in substance about the same as the preceding speaker ERNEST CALDECOTT, that he believed in freedom of speech, etc.

At 9:50 P.M. Mr. GEORGE STILLER resumed the speaker's stand and made some announcements, such as that BOB KENNY would be Chairman of the Press Conference at the Ambassador tomorrow morning. He said KENNY had planned to go to San Francisco then, but was staying over just to be at this press conference. He said that he would not take up time tonight to discuss money, but for them to have their money and friends ready for a big collection at the Olympic on Friday night. He said so far the obligations were \$3,500.00; that the only cash put out so far was the rent for these two auditoriums and some printing.

LA 100-7945

At 10:00 P.M. Mr. HY KRAFT (a screen writer [REDACTED]), who is described as Jewish, about 43 years old, 5' 7", 150 pounds, long nose, prominent ears, arose and announced from the platform the program for Friday night. He said among the speakers would be ALBERT DEKKER and that the main speaker would be a prominent motion picture actor who would talk along the lines of comparing HITLER and GERALD SMITH. He said this meeting will be in a prize ring and he is sure SMITH will be knocked out. He said he could not announce this actor's name as he did not know it as yet. b7c

The next speaker from the floor was KENNETH VEIT (?) who is from a CIO organization. He said they would have four sound trucks going around the city to advertise the Olympic mass meeting; that they had already put out 10,000 of the leaflets and expect to distribute another 50,000.

The next speaker was ex-Congressman THOMAS FORD who said we must fight this Fascist GERALD SMITH, but it must be in an orderly manner by getting the majority of the people against him and form a large organization and crowd SMITH out.

EMILY NORTON ([REDACTED]), who is described as Jewish, about 35 years old, expressed her willingness to help the Committee to eliminate SMITH from Los Angeles. b7c

Next was a person whose name sounded like ABRAHAM CHESLER (?). He said he represented the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. (NOTE: This is a group of men who fought against FRANCO in Spain during the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, and was recruited in the United States by the Communists). He is described as about 37 years old, Jewish, 5' 9", dark hair. He said the Abraham Lincoln Brigade of Spanish War Veterans had fought against FRANCO in Spain and that they had in their possession a Nazi flag which had been presented to them in recognition of their being the first organization to fight Fascism. He said this gift came from a flyer who had participated in fifty missions over Germany. He said he was sure his organization would back him in using this flag at the Olympic mass meeting to help further the program in any way the Committee thought best. There were suggestions from ALBERT DEKKER and others that it might be best to spread this captured Nazi flag out at the meeting and have donations thrown on same to help fight Fascism.

Then ALBERT DEKKER read the names of the Committee as follows:

LA 100-7945

~~ROBERT KENNY~~  
~~GEORGE STILLER~~  
~~W. J. BASSETT~~ of AFL  
~~FRANCIS SCULLY~~  
~~MARC CONNELLY~~ ✓  
~~J. RAYMOND BOOTH~~

~~ANNA POLLACK~~  
~~ELEANOR BOWITZ~~ [REDACTED] b7c  
~~LEONARD J. GRIFFITH~~  
~~CAREY McWILLIAMS~~  
~~LEO GALLAN~~ (whose name was added to  
the list on motion from the floor  
and was approved by the audience)

The last speaker was a Negro, who was either from Paris or his name sounded like Paris. He is described as real black skin, about 40 years old, 5' 9", 140 pounds, neatly dressed, and spoke with a French accent. He spoke from the floor and wanted to know what was the intention of this Committee after SMITH was ousted. Mr. DEKKER said that one of the things was that it would be a permanent F.E.P.C. (Fair Employment Practice Committee). This man then expressed his thanks for that and said he had intended to propose it be a permanent committee to fight discrimination and Fascism. This man appeared to be well educated and intelligent and seemed to be known to other people in the audience and his statements were listened to with respect.

The meeting ended at around 10:45 P.M.

[REDACTED] advised that GERALD L. K. SMITH is planning to leave Los Angeles approximately three days after his meeting at the Shrine Auditorium on July 20, 1945. He stated that SMITH plans to make a tour of the East for a period of six weeks for the purpose of raising money from anti-Smith interests, namely, Ford and other groups. [REDACTED] that while SMITH is on this tour the "Ham and Eggs" are booking him in twenty California cities and are planning a state-wide campaign on his return, which according to his present plans, will be about the middle of September. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that the CIO Ship Builders Union voted to picket the SMITH meeting on July 20, 1945. However, PATTINLEY and BILL SMITH of the Executive Committee advised they would fight the appropriation of any money for the picketing. [REDACTED] therefore, if the Union fails to appropriate any money through the Executive Committee the picketing will be impossible.

[REDACTED] related that EARL C. CRAIG, Chairman of the Public Affairs Forum, which meets each Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at the Embassy Auditorium, has arranged a debate concerning SMITH. The debate was to be held Tuesday night, July 17, 1945 at the Embassy Auditorium and was to have been between JONATHAN PERKINS and LEO GALLAGHER but by trickery or else secret pre-arrangement, SMITH is being substituted for PERKINS and all anti-Smith groups are being notified.

[REDACTED] furnished this office with the following information:

A meeting was held at the Embassy Auditorium, Ninth and Grand, Tuesday night, July 17, 1945. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by EARL C. CRAIG, who stated he was Chairman of the Public Affairs Forum, that the meeting was being held under their auspices, and that Mr. GERALD L. K. SMITH was a guest of this organization and the principal speaker of the evening. The meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance to the American flag and the singing of the first and the last verses of "America" by the audience. Mrs. VIVIAN DORE then sang two songs, after which Mr. CRAIG introduced SMITH.

SMITH began his speech by stating that this meeting was to be in the nature of a debate and that he had invited members of the City Council, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, Attorney LEO GALLAGHER, CHARLIE CHAPLIN, Rabbi MAGNIN, EDWARD G. ROBINSON, AL WAXMAN, MARY SILVER, and several others to speak as opponents but they had all failed to appear. However, at the last moment he was able to secure JAMES C. McLEAN, Chairman of the Towne Forum, located at 541 Towne Avenue, Los Angeles, and JOHN G. HONEYCOMB, who is chairman of an organization here in Los Angeles to restore the Republic of Spain.

Mr. SMITH then stated that they first wanted to take up a collection in order to secure the money for rent and other expenses incurred for the evening's meeting.

He said that the opposition, which he classed as the Russians from Hollywood, Communist and Jewish organizations, were going to hold a large meeting at the Olympic Auditorium on Friday night, July 20, which was to be quite an elaborate affair. It was said that State's Attorney General ROBERT KENNY was to preside at the meeting, that movie stars have been invited, and that the press was to be given a dinner preceding the meeting and everything was being done to make it a big success and draw the crowd from SMITH's meeting which is to be held at the Shrine Auditorium the same night.

Mr. McLEAN was introduced and compared SMITH to HITLER, stating that he was anti-Semitic and was trying to create race hatred, not only against the Jews but also among all classes of people. He also said that SMITH was a faker.

Mr. HONEYCOMB was given a few minutes to talk, and he tried to bring out SMITH's background, stating he was a member of the Pelley Silver Shirts, that both SMITH and his wife had membership cards in that organization, and that he was connected with HUEY LONG and tried to take LONG's place after his death

LA 100-7945

but was unable to do so, and later was a follower of Father COUGHLIN, also of Dr. TOWNSEND. He said that at the outbreak of the war SMITH joined an isolationist movement and attacked both lend-lease and President ROOSEVELT, also that he ran for United States Senator from Michigan, his platform being tires for everybody and free speech for COUGHLIN. HONEYCOMB stated that SMITH was unfrocked by the church and entered politics with HUEY LONG.

Mr. SMITH then took the floor again and attempted to deny the statements that the two speakers had made about him. He was able to clear himself to the satisfaction of the audience on each charge that they had made, although he did not give much of an explanation, for the majority of the audience was for him and it was not necessary for him to explain very much. The crowd was rather orderly although both his opponents made numerous derogatory statements about SMITH. Five police officers were present. They spent most of their time in the lobby of the auditorium. No one in uniform of the armed services was observed in the audience. The audience was composed mostly of elderly people, and from bits of conversation heard evidently most of them belong to the "Ham and Eggs" organization.

The meeting closed about 10:45 P.M.

The following article appeared in the "Daily World" on July 19, 1945:

"The people's ranks closed solidly today for a decisive all-out offensive to uproot Fascist organizations from Los Angeles.

"The offensive to be launched Friday night with a giant mass rally at the Olympic Auditorium, will deliver a body blow to GERALD L. K. SMITH, America Fascist leader, who had hoped to set up a permanent base in this war busy city.

"'Stop SMITH' strategy, worked out in complete detail at an emergency conference held at the Royal Palace Hotel Tuesday night, is based on the forces of organized labor joined by civic, religious, veterans, fraternal and women's groups and other community organizations.

"Present at the meeting were representatives of organizations with members numbering into the hundreds of thousands.

"Further plans will be set today at a special publicity luncheon called by Attorney General ROBERT KENNY, chairman of the rally.

"This will be followed later today by the meeting of the arrangements committee made up of KENNY, W. J. BASSETT, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Council; FRANK PELLET, chairman of the Railway Brotherhood's legislative council; PHILIP CONNELLY, secretary of the CIO Industrial Council; E. RAYMOND BOOTH, executive secretary of the Council for Civic Unity; THOMAS J. GRIFFITH, president of the NAACP; ELEANOR ABCOWITZ of the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee; ANDY POLLACK, chairman of the women's division of the Jewish Community Council; CAREY McWILLIAMS of the National Citizens PAC; and LEO GALLAN, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council.

"Other organizations co-sponsoring the Olympic rally include the American Veterans Committee, League of Women Voters, Hollywood Free World Association, Free Italy Society, Committee for Fair Play, Emergency Committee for KFI, Independent Voters of South Pasadena, Beverly-Westwood Democratic Club and scores of other democratic and non-partisan groups and AFL and CIO locals.

"Civic leaders and other individuals pledged to attend the rally and support its purposes, include: Councilmen J. WYNN AUSTIN, ED J. DAVENPORT, GEORGE P. CRONK, L. E. TIMBERLAKE, HAROLD HARDY, and PARLEY PARKER CHRISTENSON. Others unable to attend but endorsing the aims of the rally and pledged to send messages will be Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON, Supervisors JOHN ANSON FORD and ROGER JESSUP; JOHN BARCOMB, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, and scores of other dignitaries."

[REDACTED]

There were approximately 3500 people at the Shrine Auditorium. The Reverend Claypool Wilson gave the invocation. WILLIE ALLEN conducted the meeting. There were about 35 or 40 people on the platform, including Dr. LOVELL, who was introduced to the audience.

ALLEN introduced MEADE McCLANAHAN as the first speaker. McCLANAHAN appeared very much upset. He said that the reason the auditorium was not filled to capacity and a crowd outside trying to get in was that the people who were running the meeting at the Olympic Auditorium had sabotaged the street cars, packing them with people riding back and forth, throwing the trolleys off, and in other ways causing delays in transportation. He said he would say nothing further in that regard, but would leave it to SMITH, who could speak more forcibly.

LA 100-7945

McCLANAHAN reviewed his association with SMITH, saying that when he heard that the Mayor had told SMITH to leave town as soon as possible, he decided that SMITH would be a good man to look up. He mentioned the Councilmen who were speaking at the Olympic, and said that they were being paid for being there, while he wasn't getting a cent for speaking at the Shrine. He referred specifically to Councilman CHRISTIANSEN, who he said was 76 and had been to Russia four times, and he could understand his going to the Olympic. As for Councilman TIMBERLAKE - well, he was new and probably didn't know any better. He didn't know what other Councilmen were speaking there. He said that one of the Councilmen close to the Mayor told him that he could have had quite a sum if he had accepted the invitation to speak; however, he had turned it down.

McCLANAHAN then said that on the whole the Councilmen had been rather decent about the situation; that a number of resolutions had been brought up about him, but nothing had been done. Also, the Mayor had shown a little courage anyway by not responding to the pressure that had been brought against him concerning McCLANAHAN.

McCLANAHAN spoke of the attacks upon him by the Messenger and the Voice, referring particularly to SAMMY GACH.

WILLIS ALLEN introduced SMITH as the next speaker. SMITH took the same line about the street cars being sabotaged by the Communists and the Jews.

He claimed that there were 5,000 people present in the Shrine, good Christian Americans, while thirty-five per cent to ninety per cent of those at the Olympic were Jews. (McCLANAHAN made the same statement)

SMITH said that the American Legion Americanism Committee and the V.F.W. were not officially represented at the Olympic; that the A.F. of L. was dragged in by force, and that he was so informed by the A.F. of L. people. He praised the Catholic church, saying that their leadership is very understanding; that they were not officially represented at the Olympic, nor were the Fundamentalists. He mentioned that at a press conference the day before, he had informed the press that if HOMER CHAILLAUX and Senator TENNEY endorsed the meeting he would cancel his own meeting at the Shrine. However, he was sure that they could not, although he had not discussed the matter with those gentlemen.

He ranted against the Federal Council of Churches and against FARNHAM, stating that they did not believe in Christ. He spoke sneeringly of the Council

LA 100-7945

for Civic Unity. He had a copy of the 1945 TENNEY report in front of him, and said that the names of fourteen people listed on the letterhead of the Council for Civic Unity also appeared in the TENNEY report as Communists and that KENNY's name is also included therein.

He made a bid for sympathy by declaring that for the past six weeks his enemies have been trying to inspire some fanatic to shoot him. He said that there are twenty million Christians now in prison in Russia because they have refused to renounce Christ in favor of Communism; that he has proof that KENNY stated: "I propose to fight every organization that is opposed to Communism". He declared that KENNY should be impeached, which statement brought forth enthusiastic applause.

SMITH stated that by that night or in the next day or two he hoped to have 100,000 signatures on the RANKIN petition to investigate the "Babylonian cannaille of Hollywood"; that he is not anti-Semitic, but that the only reason that it is safe for the Jews to live here in America is that this is a Christian nation; that this is the only place where it is safe for them; that he believes in hospitality. However, he indicated that he would deny hospitality to the Jewish refugees. He intimated that many of them were here illegally, stating that they had sneaked in with their millions through Mexico and settled in Beverly Hills, and they can't even speak the American language; that they are not going to run him out of town.

He stated that the Jews had better get over their sensitiveness over the use of the word "Jew". He also stated that if a man comes here from Russia and wants to substitute the Russian constitution for the American constitution, and if he happens to be a Jew, he isn't supposed to mention the word, and if he uses the term "international bankers" he is considered to be criticizing the Jews. Those refugees who prefer the Russian government should be put in a boat and sent back to Russia. The Jews should make friends instead of enemies - instead of putting on a "hate Christ" campaign at the Olympic.

SMITH announced that he is opposed to any more immigration until our soldiers come home and get jobs. That's why they (the Jews) hate him. When the soldiers get back they will find their jobs taken by refugees while they were gone. He stated that he would fight immigration while there is breath left in his body, etc. etc.

He said that years ago G. ALLISON PHELPS (whose name brought forth applause from the audience), had warned about the refugees sneaking in from Mexico and that as a consequence he had been hounded and persecuted for telling the truth so that he cannot even get an ordinary job.

LA 100-7945

SMITH then announced that he had twenty-five speaking engagements in other large cities of this nation, and was leaving shortly; that this was the last large meeting he would have. However, he would be back in the fall and intends to establish a regional office here. (The news of his return was greeted by enthusiastic applause.)

Referring again to PHELPS, he said that the latter had written a letter to Congressman RANKIN and that he had asked him to read it at this meeting. He introduced PHELPS, stating that here is a man who has been crucified on the cross by Warner Brothers, the May Company, and the Reds of Hollywood. 83

PHELPS read his letter to RANKIN, which was a vicious thing. He ranted against Hollywood. He said that a bunch of alien-born perverts controlled a million dollar industry and in making his vicious remarks about the industry, he said he had specific reference to WALTER WINCHELL. The letter stated that CHARLES CHAPLIN had a fund set aside to be used to bring aliens into the United States, and that CHAPLIN was asking for a second front when we were losing the war so badly; that CHAPLIN sponsored STALIN's LION FEUCHTWANGER, a refugee now living in Southern California; that FEUCHTWANGER's name also appears in the TENNEY report; that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON also tendered a dinner to FEUCHTWANGER. He said that the Russian born hadn't forgotten their homeland; that HARRY WARNER was born in Russia. He mentioned PAULETTE GODDARD (whose name he said was LEVY), and ANATOLE LITVAK. He then referred to the "under cover boys" - the attorneys, LEON LEWIS, MENDEL SILBERBORG, and DAVID SOLEMAN, representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. They have medals, he said, for having exposed so-called subversives, many of whom are fine Americans. He asked RANKIN to make a real investigation of those attorneys. He then listed the following: HARRY WARNER was born in Russia; JOSEPH SCHENCK was born in Russia; NICHOLAS SCHENCK was born in Russia; ANATOLE LITVAK was born in Roumania; SAM KATZ was born in Russia, and "God only knows where HARRY JOHN was born"; AL LICHTMAN was born in Hungary; JOSEPH PASTERNAK, ALEXANDER KORDA, GREGORY RATOFF, LOUIS B. MAYER were all foreign born. "These are just a few of the joy boys".

He wound up his letter to RANKIN by urging him to investigate this alien cesspool of Hollywood.

*By a. l. ...*  
(The audience agreed with PHELPS in every respect.)

SMITH then spoke. He announced that PHELPS would be a guest of the Reverend LOVELL in his church on Sunday night. His subject would be: "The Hypocrisy of Hollywood".

LA 100-7945

He then began his plea for money, stating that he had spent a great deal of money on the meeting at the Shrine. The rent was \$500.00; incidentals, \$1,000.00; printing, \$400.00; postage, \$250.00; all in all, he had spent about \$2,250.00. He pleaded that the audience be generous with their contributions. He told them that copies of the letter that PHELPS had just read would be sent to all those who contributed.

He asked those who lived in the 13th District to raise their hands. (There were not very many.) He then asked them to so indicate on their envelopes. He also requested that the people indicate whether they would be willing to circulate cards for future meetings "whether here or at the Hollywood Bowl", suggesting that some take one hundred or thirty or twenty-five, and so on down the line. He spent a great deal of time urging them to contribute generously and prayed while the ushers were collecting the contributions.

The collection having been completed, SMITH announced he would discuss three great issues, the first being the threat of the super-state. He then made his usual speech about the international bankers being out to control the money of the world; that the international bankers gave us our depression; that we had plenty of food, but our people were starving to death; that last time we plowed under our crops, but this time we are going to plow under the international bankers; that the international bankers want to make it possible for foreign countries to tell us when we have to send our boys out to get killed.

He talked about the rubber tire situation, and that there was no necessity to be without tires; that he had gone to HENRY FORD and discussed the matter with the Chief Chemist at the Ford plant, and was told that they could have all the tires that would be needed in this country within six months. However, the rubber business is in the hands of the international bankers, consequently we have no tires. He also consulted with another chemist who told him the same thing; also that in Germany they were making synthetic tires and he was told that the Standard Oil Company owned the patent.

He said we should thank God that HENRY WALLACE is not President of the United States and that he thinks HARRY TRUMAN is a great President.

At the time he was investigating the rubber situation, BERNARD BARUCH had charge of that item. He said that BARUCH was a great international banker and that he refused to make tires.

He then told the audience that the Ford Tire Company was condemned by President ROOSEVELT and sent to Russia; that ROOSEVELT stole the factory from the American citizens.

LA 100-7945

He referred to the five thousand German girls who were supposed to have been raped by the Sengelose troops - five thousand Christian girls. This was the work of the Russians.

He repeated his story about HENRY WALLACE's speech at Madison Square Garden on the anniversary of the Russian revolution, and said that WALLACE should be sent to Moscow.

He had invited the press to his meeting at the Shrine, but they had not taken advantage of the tables he had prepared for them. He referred again to the Olympic Auditorium and said that the same type of people are there as those who picketed his meeting at the Philharmonic. He stated that if the Communists and left-wing Jews think the Russian system is much better than ours, they should be put on boats and sent to Russia. "These rascals are organized. They are prepared to take over America".

He announced that he would preach at Perkins' Peoples Church at the Friday Morning Club at 11:00 on Sunday, asking the people to give PERKINS a big hand; also that he would speak at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday at the Ham 'n' Eggs hall, and that he would be in the audience at LOVELL's church Sunday night when PHELPS would be the guest speaker.

SMITH was very bitter in speaking about the meeting at the Olympic and especially in referring to the Mayor. The Mayor had told him to leave as soon as possible, but he had sponsored the meeting at the Olympic by sending the "assistant Mayor" there as his representative.

SMITH said there is no such thing as sixty million jobs; that twenty million people can make everything we need with the use of machinery. He said that when he came here to Los Angeles the Ham 'n' Egg group offered him hospitality; that WILLIS ALLEN asked him to sponsor a program that will take us out of the hands of the international bankers; that there will be millions of unemployed turned loose on the streets.

He will return to California early this Fall and he wants WILLIS and LAWRENCE ALLEN to set up some twenty to thirty meetings. Petitions will be circulated to put Ham 'n' Eggs on the ballot.

SMITH remarked that he had sent his representative to the Ambassador to attend a press conference that was being held by the sponsors of the Olympic Auditorium program, but they threw him out.

Reverend SWIFT, Dr. BLANKENBURG, and Dr. SAHLI were also on the platform.

LA 100-7945

While SMITH was still ranting about Russia a number of people started to leave. There was a constant stream of people leaving after that, and finally SMITH asked the people to stand and sing. He kept them standing for the remainder of the program and finally told the people that he would be through shortly, asking them to stand still and pray.

[REDACTED] furnished this office with the following information:

A meeting was held by the anti-SMITH groups at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, on Friday night, July 20, 1945. The auditorium, capacity of which is 10,400, was packed and many people were unable to gain admission.

The meeting was opened by SAM BALTER, radio commentator. The audience was asked to stand and sing one verse of the "Star Spangled Banner". Following this, State's Attorney General ROBERT W. KENNY was introduced and spoke for some thirty minutes. After Mr. KENNY's speech, a message was read from Mayor BOWRON by Mr. EDMUND COOK, Assistant Mayor. GREGORY PECK, movie actor, then read a short speech which was composed largely of quotations and comparative statements made by ADOLF HITLER and GERALD L. K. SMITH.

From this point Mr. JOHN B. HUGHES, radio commentator, acted as master of ceremonies. He introduced Dr. E. C. FARNHAM, Executive Secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, who is also Chairman of the Los Angeles Council for Civic Unity, and Dr. FARNHAM gave a short talk. Rabbi EDGAR F. MAGNIN was then introduced and spoke for a few minutes. Among other things he said, "We are fighting for a principle", "There have always been seeds of Fascism here", and "It can happen here but it won't". There was then read a message from Chief Justice GIBSON of the California Supreme Court. Following this, Mrs. ALBERT QUON, a Chinese lady who was named as California State Mother of 1945 and who is also Secretary of the Council for Civic Unity, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes from a prepared speech.

HUGHES then introduced representatives of the two major Labor organizations, and in making his introduction stated that the strongest resistance to Fascism has always been organized labor. He introduced W. J. BASSETT, Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor, who said among other things that GERALD L. K. SMITH is the worst enemy of Labor today; that he is even worse than CECIL B. DEMILLE. PHIL CONNELLY, President of the Los Angeles Council of the C.I.O., spoke for a short time, saying, among other statements, that "Hitler is dead but

LA 100-7945

GERALD L. K. SMITH still spreads HITLER's venom", "SMITH is here to mobilize the returning war veterans against organized Labor", "SMITH is financed by reactionary Big Business interests - the same forces are bringing Congressman RANKIN here", and "Those who preach Fascism have no right to free speech".

Messages were read from VIERLING KIERSEY, Superintendent of the Los Angeles City Schools System, and C. C. TRILLINGHAM, Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Schools System.

The meeting was then taken over by State Assemblyman ALBERT DEKKER. He announced that another meeting is to be called and then started solicitation for funds. Women in the uniform of the W.A.D.C. passed through the audience, taking the collection. It was requested that checks be made payable to CAREY McWILLIAMS. Among the larger checks and pledges which were received and announced by Assemblyman DEKKER were the following: ~~Beverly-Westwood Democratic Club, \$625.00; ISAAC PACT, \$100.00; Sealey Mattress Company, \$250.00; Southland Jewish Organization, \$500.00; Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, \$500.00; Acme Hardware Company, \$100.00; Simon Lazarus, \$100.00; Pacific Sound Equipment Company, \$100.00; Composite Lodge #639, A.F. & A.M., \$100.00; Junction Drug Company, \$100.00; Newsboys Union, \$100.00; National Youth Congress, \$500.00; Campus Shop, \$100.00; MARTIN YOUNG, \$100.00; also \$25.00 each from City Councilmen HARBY, DAVENPORT, and TIMBERLAKE. In addition, there were many checks of \$25.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00, and a considerable collection of cash.~~

Following the collection there was a talk by BURGESS MEREDITH, movie actor, who devoted most of his time to vilifying Congressman RANKIN and ended up by saying: "We'll get RANKIN". Various state assemblymen were introduced by DEKKER, although not all seemed to be present. Among these were THOMAS J. DOYLE, JACK MAY, VERNON KILPATRICK, ERNEST W. DEBBS, AUGUSTUS P. HAWKINS, JOHN C. LYONS, EVERETT BURKHALTER, PHILIP DAVIS, WILLIAM ROSENTHAL, and RALPH DILLS. Messages were read from County Supervisor ROGER VESSUP, Councilmen GEORGE P. CRONK, HARRY CHRISTIANSEN, and J. WINAUSTIN, also from Judge GEORGIA BULLOCK. A telegram from U. S. Senator SHERIDAN DOWNEY was read. Various other individuals were then introduced, among whom were ALVIN WILDER, who was named as a veteran of the "Battle of KFI"; Mrs. SUMNER SPAULDING; BEN SCHENBERG of the American Legion; H. CLAUDE HUDSON, Vice-President of the N.A.A.C.P.; Mrs. RALPH E. VANDERVOOR, President of the Los Angeles League of Women Voters; ROLAND McNITT, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. A letter from JOHN BARTON was read, he being Chairman of the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee. Postmaster MICHAEL FANNING was introduced from the floor, as was CAREY McWILLIAMS. A talk by ORSON WELLES followed, and the meeting closed at 11:30 p.m., with repetition of the pledge of allegiance to the American flag led by Assemblyman DEKKER.

LA 100-7945

Of the entire audience the largest percentage appeared to be people of the Jewish race, with a sprinkling of Negroes. There were only a very few military uniforms noted.

The following article appeared in the Los Angeles Herald and Express on July 21, 1945:

"Twelve thousand men and women attended an overflow meeting of "An American City in Action" at the Olympic Auditorium last night, the first of a planned series designed to fight anti-democratic forces and intolerance.

"More than 100 civic, patriotic, labor and veterans' organizations sponsored the meeting.

"Chief speaker was Attorney General ROBERT W. KENNY, who warned against class and racial discrimination in California.

"Joblessness, insecurity and violence were breeding grounds of the now deceased Mussolini and the mysteriously vanished HITLER," he said. "Dispensers of disunity and demogogy have invaded California because our state's economy is in a state of transition due to the dislocations of war and V-E Day.

"In the task of maintaining social peace and economic health and eyes of America are upon us. We represent the decent citizens, the healthy citizens who have joined forces to demonstrate that the vultures are going to starve in California."

"Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON, en route to Philadelphia for the launching of the U. S. S. Los Angeles tomorrow, sent this telegram to the Olympic meeting: 'Rabble-rousers will never find a haven in Los Angeles.'

"Among other speakers with KENNY were Dr. E. C. FARNHAM of the Council for Civic Unity and the Church Federation; Rabbi EDGAR F. MAGNIN, ORSON WELLES, BURGESS MEREDITH, Assemblyman ALBERT DEKKER, W. J. BASSETT of the A.F.L., PHILIP M. DONNOLLY of the C.I.O. and representatives from the Y.W.C.A., veterans and minority groups.

"Communism in Hollywood was denounced last night by GERALD L. K. SMITH, America First leader, in a speech at the Shrine Auditorium.

LA 100-7945

"He upheld Rep. JOHN RANKIN's recently declared intention to investigate subversive activities in the film colony and charged that Hollywood 'is the center of Communism in America where plans are being made to overthrow our government after the war.'

"In his speech before a crowd of several thousand, SMITH also criticized lend-lease and 'the international bankers who control American money.'"

On July 21, 1945, [REDACTED] Military Order of the Purple Heart, 2406 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California, telephonically advised that in connection with SMITH's meeting on July 20, 1945, he, together with five other men, decided that their organization should know about SMITH's activities first-hand so they attended his meeting as observers. They had received complaints from a number of Purple Heart men. b7c, b7d

When they arrived at the auditorium, they found outside possibly one hundred people trying to get in but no one was admitted without a card. There was no disturbance whatever. After the meeting they found perhaps forty people outside and still no disturbance. They talked to the manager of the auditorium and found that it holds sixty-eight hundred people and according to his estimate there were perhaps twenty-five hundred to three thousand people in the auditorium. Most of them were men and women.

Two young men in uniform came onto the stage first and deposited brief-cases on the table and then SMITH entered the platform preceded by three young men and followed by three young men. During his remarks, he said people claim that he is accompanied by storm stoopers. He said it is true that he is accompanied by storm troopers and he introduced these six young men, saying that they were his storm troopers; they are men he is training for the ministry; that his life has been threatened and that if he is killed, these six young men and two thousand more like them will rise over his grave and carry on his crusade.

During his talk, SMITH defied anyone to say that the FBI has anything on him. He said he would continue, as long as he has blood in his veins and the strength to speak, to fight against kike-Jews, Communists and others. He made an attack on the Standard Oil Company and other big businesses, as well as against different manual groups.

b7c, b7d [REDACTED] said that his group took no particular offense against any of SMITH's statements during the evening, with the exception of the statement

LA 100-7945

quoted below which they copied verbatim; that just prior to the collection of the donations, SMITH said that after the donations he would give them the dynamite; that following the donations SMITH said "Now I will give you the inside information. The President was a sick man and everyone knew it; however, he died quicker than we expected because he did not have the nerve to tell the American people the inside of the deal that he made with STALIN at Yalta". [REDACTED] stated that his group objected seriously to this statement, particularly in view of the fact that approximately one hundred servicemen were in the audience. He said if this is not a subversive statement undermining the Commander in Chief of the United States, he does not know what subversiveness is.

According to [REDACTED] SMITH glorified Congressman RANKIN and said that everyone should support him and uphold his honor. [REDACTED] pointed to the fact that SMITH definitely can sway individuals; that he and his group personally were greatly moved by SMITH's oration and [REDACTED] said that had they not known who SMITH is, and the nature of the man, they could easily have been led to follow everything that he said. For example, in connection with the RANKIN matter, SMITH asked all those in favor of supporting RANKIN in his investigation of the Jews in Hollywood to say "eye". [REDACTED] said there was a general chorus of "eyes" in the audience. SMITH said "are you really in support of RANKIN - say 'eye' again", whereupon there was a very loud chorus of "eyes", considerable shouting and yelling in the audience. Then SMITH said "I really want to find out how many of you will support RANKIN - all in favor of him stand up". [REDACTED] stated that his group did not stand up but that practically everyone else in the audience did; however, there were six sailors directly in front of [REDACTED] who did not stand up. After the crowd sat down, SMITH said, "all those not in favor of RANKIN now stand up", whereupon approximately thirty people stood up, including these six sailors. SMITH then said, "well, I know there are thirty or forty Communists in this group tonight, therefore I won't count them and I shall report that this group is unanimous in the support of RANKIN".

SMITH in his remarks attributed the poor attendance at his meeting to a Jewish conspiracy with the Los Angeles Railway. He said the Jews got together and crowded all the street cars so much that no one else could get on the street cars to come towards the Shrine Auditorium and those who wanted to get there would have to walk twenty blocks in view of this conspiracy. [REDACTED] said that the allegation was so ridiculous that the people in the audience believed it.

[REDACTED] stated that his group does not want to fight against the rights of free speech but that they do feel that SMITH is dangerous. He definitely can sway people to do and think as he does; therefore, at the next meeting of

LA 100-7945

the Order of the Purple Heart on August 2, 1945, a resolution may be passed requesting an investigation of SMITH in view of the one sentence quoted above with respect to the dying of the President.

SMITH said he was leaving in a few days on his tour to make twenty speeches, starting in Salt Lake City, Denver, etc.

The following newspaper article appeared in the Los Angeles Herald and Express, July 23, 1945:

"Attorney JOHN E. WHEELER in a letter today to GERALD L. K. SMITH advised him that he had no right to make public appearances under the America First Committee label.

"As you are undoubtedly aware', WHEELER wrote, 'General ROBERT E. WOOD, chairman of the national committee of the America First Committee, publicly advised you that you were not authorized to use the name of the committee or to appear to act under the sponsorship of the many outstanding leaders of this country who were members of this committee.

"You may not be familiar with the fact that the America First Committee in California is a non-profit corporation and that such corporation is still in existence. That corporation has the exclusive right to the use of the name in the state of California, and you are therefore not authorized to use the name in any way'".

A letter was received from the San Francisco Field Division dated July 26, 1945, stating that on July 23, 1945, [REDACTED] personally advised the San Francisco Field Division that [REDACTED] was a member of the organization of GERALD L. K. SMITH. 7

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was a friend of his son, whom he had seen at his home on very many occasions while he was a growing boy. [REDACTED] now age 19, had been in the Navy until he received a medical discharge. [REDACTED] is now a resident of the Hollywood area, being a writer for the movies. He is reported to have been employed at MGM, Fox, and Republic Studios. His address in that area was given phonetically as the Peyton Arms, Beverly Hills. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] claimed that the organization would take over the Government after the post-war unemployment gave them a chance to stir things up with the

LA 100-7945

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 weapons for the organization. ]

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] was contacted on July 25, 1945, and it was ascertained that GERALD L. K. SMITH was presently residing at the Normandie Hotel, 605 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED] that SMITH makes his headquarters at the hotel, where he resides with his wife and secretary. None of SMITH's activities or plans were known to [REDACTED]. However, informant stated if any information was received as to SMITH's plans for leaving Los Angeles, the reporting agent would be notified. ] b7D

[REDACTED] telephonically contacted the reporting agent on July 27, 1945, and advised that SMITH checked out of the Normandie Hotel at 10:45 A.M. on that date. He stated SMITH left his forwarding address as c/o Blackstone Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. ]

On July 28, 1945, the writer telephonically contacted [REDACTED] Ham and Eggs Hall, 1204 South Hill Street, under pretext, and was advised that SMITH left Los Angeles on July 27, 1945 and was en route to Detroit, Michigan and that he planned to stop over in Chicago, Illinois for one day. He stated that SMITH's address in Detroit is post office box 451, Detroit 31, Michigan. [REDACTED] further advised that SMITH plans to return to Los Angeles in approximately six weeks when he will make a lecture tour of approximately twenty California cities. [REDACTED] further stated that SMITH made arrangements for the Ham and Eggs Hall to handle any of his local business for him while he was in Detroit. ] b7c b7D

[REDACTED] was contacted on August 4, 1945 and it was ascertained that SMITH left California from Pasadena aboard the Santa Fe Chief on July 27, 1945. [REDACTED] that SMITH was going directly to Detroit, Michigan, and all meetings previously arranged in the Western cities had been canceled. [REDACTED] that according to SMITH's present plans, he intends to return to Los Angeles about the middle of September. ] b7E

~~CONF. INFO.~~ [REDACTED]

LA 100-7945

It has been reliably reported that subject, who has been in the Los Angeles area since May 27, 1945, departed Los Angeles at 12:01 P.M., July 27, 1945, on the Chief for Chicago, accompanied by his wife and secretary. His forwarding address is reported to be the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

During recent mass meetings conducted by subject in Los Angeles, he stated he intended to return to Los Angeles in the Fall to assist the Ham and Eggs group in their campaign to place their plan on the ballot; that he was not setting up national headquarters for the America First Committee in Los Angeles, but they would remain in Detroit.

SMITH's activities in the Los Angeles area have caused violent reaction among leftist elements in this area, culminating in an anti-SMITH mass meeting of 12,000 persons, held July 20, 1945 at the Olympic Auditorium, under the sponsorship of numerous organizations, many of which have been identified as Communist front groups.

The following individuals were active in the anti-SMITH meetings in Los Angeles and have been identified as being Communist Party members or sympathizers thereof, or individuals who are known to follow the party line:

[REDACTED]

b7c

- P E N D I N G -

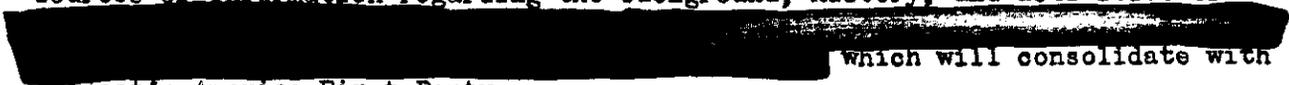
LA 100-7945

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Lancaster, California

\*Will conduct discreet investigation through informants and other sources of information regarding the background, history, and activities of

 which will consolidate with subject's America First Party. b7c

At Los Angeles, California

Will maintain contact with informants and report SMITH's activities upon his return to Los Angeles in the near future.

One copy of instant report is being designated for the San Francisco Field Division and one copy for the San Diego Field Division for information purposes inasmuch as it is believed subject may include these Field Divisions in his speaking tour in the near future.

LA 100-7945

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

b7c, b7d

The above individuals request anonymity.

INDEX GUIDE

TITLE: GERALD L. K. SMITH, WITH ALIASES  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY

CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY G  
SECURITY MATTER;  
SEDITION

SA: [REDACTED] b7c

DATE: AUGUST 30, 1945.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

NAME	PAGES
ABOWITZ, ELEANOR	15, 18 [REDACTED]
ACME HARDWARE COMPANY	25,
ALLEN, LAWRENCE	23;
[REDACTED]	18, 19, 23, 30;
AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY	11;
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF THE B'NAI B'RITH	21;
AUSTIN, J. WIN	25;
AUSTIN, J. WYNN	18;
BABBITT, LEE	11;
BARCOMB, JOHN	18;
BALTER, SAM	13, 24, [REDACTED]
BARTON, JOHN	25;
BASSETT, W. J.	15, 18, 24, 26;
BEVERLY-WESTWOOD DEMOCRATIC CLUB	25;
BIDNER, BILL	12;
BIDNER, WILLIAM	12;
BLANKENBURG, ONE	23;
BOOTH, E. RAYMOND	18;
BOOTH, G. RAYMOND	10;
BOOTH, J. RAYMOND	15;
BOWRON, FLETCHER	18, 24, 26;
BULLOCK, GEORGIA	25;
BURKHALTER, EVERETT	25;
CALDECOTT, ERNEST	13;
CAMPUS SHOP	25;
CHAILLAUX, HOMER	19;
CHAPLIN, CHARLES	21;
CHAPLIN, CHARLIE	16;
CHESLER, ABRAHAM	14, [REDACTED]
CHRISTIANSEN, HARRY	25;
CHRISTENSON, PARLEY PARKER	18, 19;
CHURCH FEDERATION OF LOS ANGELES	24;
COHN, HARRY	21;

AV  
b7c

NAMES	PAGES
COLEMAN, DAVID	21;
COMPOSITE LODGE	25;
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND LA 21	1,3,9,18;
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ND LA 28	1;
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT LA 10-2	30;
CONNELLY, MARC	15;
CONNELLY, PHIL	24;
CONNELLY, PHILIP	18; [REDACTED]
CONNOLLY, PHILIP M.	26;
COOK, EDMUND	24;
COUGHLIN, CHARLES E.	17;
COUNCIL FOR CIVIC UNITY OF LOS ANGELES	10;
CRAIG, EARL C.	16; [REDACTED]
CRONK, GEORGE P.	18,25;
DAVENPORT, ED J.	18;
DAVENPORT, EDWARD J.	13;
DAVENPORT, ONE	25;
DAVIS, PHILIP	25;
DEBBS, ERNEST V.	25;
DEKKER, ALBERT	10,14,25,26; [REDACTED]
DE MILLE, CECIL B.	24;
DILLIS, RALPH	25;
DODGE, AL	13;
DORE, VIVIAN	16;
DOMLEY, SHERIDAN	25;
DOYLE, THOMAS J.	25;
FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE COMMITTEE	15;
FANNING, MICHAEL	10,25;
FARNHAM, E. C.	24,26; [REDACTED]
FEUCHTWANGER	21;
FIELD, MARSHALL	9;
FINLEY, PAT	15;
FORD, JOHN ANSON	18;
FREE ITALY SOCIETY	11;
FREED, EMIL	11;
GALLAGHER, LEO	13,15,16;
GALLAN, LEO	15,18;
[REDACTED]	29;
GELHOUSING, ONE	11;
GIBSON, ONE	24;
GILLESPIE, ONE	2;
GODDARD, PAULETTE	21;
GRIFFITH, LEONARD J.	15;
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
GRIFFITH, THOMAS J.	18;
HAM AND EGGS HALL	2,23;
HARBY, ONE	25;
HARDY, HAROLD	18;
HAWKINS, AUGUSTUS F.	25;
[REDACTED]	27,28;

ALL  
b7c

NAMES	PAGES
HOLLYWOOD INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE	25;
HOLLYWOOD FREE WORLD ASSOCIATION	31;
HONEYCOLB, JOHN G.	16,17;
HUDSON, H. CLAUDE	25;
HUGHES, JOHN B.	24,31;
IN FACT	10;
INTERNATIONAL MACHINISTS UNION	11;
JESSUP, ROGER	18,25;
JUNCTION DRUG COMPANY	25;
KATZ, SAM	21;
KENNY, BOB	10,13;
KENNY, ROBERT	6,7,15,17;
KENNY, ROBERT W.	24,26, [REDACTED]
KENNY, ONE	9;
KIERSEY, VIERLING	25;
KILPATRICK, VERNON	25;
KORDA, ALEXANDER	21;
KRAFT, HY	14, [REDACTED]
LAWSON, JOHN HOWARD	21;
LAZARUS, SIMON	25;
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS	11;
LEVY, PAULETTE	21;
LEWIS, LEON	21;
LICHTMAN, AL	21;
LITVAK, ANATOLE	21;
LONG, HUEY	9,16;
LOS ANGELES COUNCIL OF THE C. I. O.	24;
LOS ANGELES HERALD AND EXPRESS	26;
LOVELL, ONE	18;
LYONS, JOHN C.	25;
MARGININ, EDGAR F.	16,24,26, [REDACTED]
MAY, JACK	25;
MAYER, LOUIS B.	21;
MCCLANAHAN, MEADE	9,18,19;
MCGINLEY, ONE	3;
MCLEAN, JAMES C.	16;
MCMANNIS, ONE	11;
MCNITT, ROLAND	25;
MCNITT, ROLLIN	31;
[REDACTED]	1,2;
MCPHERSON, ROLF K.	2;
MCWILLIAMS, CAREY	10,15,18,25, [REDACTED]
MEREDITH, BURGESS	25,26, [REDACTED]
MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART	27;
MILLE, CECIL B.	24;
[REDACTED]	9;

ALL  
DTC

NAMES	PAGES
NATIONAL CITIZENS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	31;
NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS	25;
NEWSBOYS UNION	25;
NORTON, EMILY	25;
ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART	29;
PACHT, ISAAC	25, [REDACTED]
PACIFIC SOUND EQUIPMENT COMPANY	25;
PASTERNAK, JOSEPH	21;
PELLET, FRANK	18;
PELLEY, WILLIAM DUDLEY	9;
PERKINS, JONATHAN	15,23;
PHELPS, G. ALLISON	3,21;
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
POLLACK, ANNA	15;
QUON, ALBERT MRS.	24;
RANFORD, THOMAS	12;
RANKIN, JACK	28;
RANKIN, JOHN E.	25,27;
[REDACTED]	1,21,28;
RATOFF, GREGORY	21;
ROBINSON, EDWARD G.	16;
ROSENTHAL, WILLIAM	25;
SAHLI, ONE	23;
SCHENBERG, BEN	25;
SCHENCK, JOSEPH	21;
SCHENCK, NICHOLAS	21;
SCHULLY, FRANCIS	15;
SEALEY MATTRESS COMPANY	25;
SERVINE, CAMILO	10;
SILBERBORG, MENDEL	21;
SILVER, MAX	16;
SILVER SHIRT	9,16;
SMITH, BILL	15;
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, TROTSKYITE	12;
SOUTHLAND JEWISH ORGANIZATION	25;
SPAULDING, SUMMER MRS.	25;
STILLER, GEORGE	10,13,15, [REDACTED]
SWIFT, WESLEY	23, [REDACTED]
TALBOT, LOUIS	3;
[REDACTED]	33;
TIEBERLAKE, L. E.	18,25;
TOWNE FORUM	16;
TOWNSEND, F. E.	17;
TRILLINGHAM, C. C.	25;
VANDERVOOR, RALPH E. MRS	25;
VEIT, KENNETH	14;

ALV  
27C

NAMES	PAGES
WALLACE, HENRY	22,23;
WARNER, HARRY	21;
WAXMAN, AL	16;
WEISS, MYRA TANNER	12;
[REDACTED]	29;
WELLS, ORSON	25,26 [REDACTED]
WHEELER, JOHN L.	29;
WILDER, ALVIN	25;
[REDACTED]	1;
WINCHELL, WALTER	21;
WOOD, ROBERT E.	29;
YOUTH COMMUNIST LEAGUE	11;
YOUNG, MARTIN	25;

ALL  
b7c

RECEIVED  
EFS: aop  
62-43818

Assistant Attorney General T. L. Gaudin  
Criminal Division  
John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

September 26, 1945

GERALD L. K. SMITH, was  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
SECURITY MATTER  
SECTION

Enclosed for your further information in the captioned matter is a copy of the investigative report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] dated August 30, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

8531

Enclosure *HP*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/14/72 BY SP-8 BTJ/MLC

*b7c*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*95*  
21 1546

RECEIVED  
DATE 10/28/57  
4

*J. Edgar Hoover*

13

**FEDERAL BUREAU  
OF INVESTIGATION**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS  
RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** GERALD L.K. SMITH

**FILE:** 62-43818

**SUB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOL:** 47

**PAGES REVIEWED:** 89

**PAGES RELEASED:** 75

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

59314

## Gerald Smith, Heavily Laden With Plans, Visits Capital

Gerald L. K. Smith of Detroit, leader of the Isolationist America First group, came to town yesterday.

The former organizer for Huey Long's "Every Man a King" movement, whose America First literature and organization figured in testimony at the famous sedition trials came heavily laden. He had a bundle under his arm, a load on his mind and a dream lurking beneath his shaggy eyebrows.

The bundle: a 150-foot petition signed by Californians urging Representative John M. Rankin (D. Miss.) to launch an immediate congressional investigation of communistic exploitation of the movie industry.

### Father Coughlin Backer

The load: plans for an ocean-to-ocean speaking tour on which he would (1) promote the force and fortunes of America First as well as those of the Nationalist Party headed by former Senator Robert R. Reynolds, and 58 other nationalist groups; (2) push a movement to bring Father Coughlin back to radio broadcasting; and (3), fight the growing influence of reds, communists, fascists, reactionaries, labor radicals, Wall Street, Orson Welles, and racists including "racketeering Jews who are exploiting their own race."

The dream: to consolidate all nationalist groups into a force strong enough to elect a solid ticket to

Congress in 1946 and to control the balance of power in the presidential elections of 1948.

### What He Approves 59314

In passing, Smith told reporters at a Statler Hotel press conference that he approved: President Harry Truman ("although we don't know what he'll do next week"); current trends within the Democratic Party; the returning veteran; Representative John Rankin; Jews who believe in being Americans first and Jews second; cancellation of lend-lease to the British and other Allies; his own plan for "constitutional money," and a \$1000 cash bonus for each discharged service man and woman.

He opposed: Feeding hungry men copies of the Constitution or on the American flag dipped in cream and sugar; "Hitler-happy" newspapers; a hush-up of any part of Pearl Harbor; the Henry Wallace plan for 80 million jobs, and the candidacy of Richard Frankenstein, vice president of UAW, for mayor of Detroit.

Highlights: "Truman is a biological nationalist," Smith said. "He's from Missouri and raised on our kind of milk. He has the hand of Esau and the voice of Jacob. We don't know what he'll do next week but we're for Harry Truman today . . . the nationalist movement will become so strong that the old political parties will bid for its support . . . some Jewish racketeers would drop dead if anything happened to me . . . I'm not anti-Semitic but they make a living saying I am."

*R/S*  
 [Redacted]  
 b7c

*mmk*  
*file*  
 284

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 DATE 10/14/82 BY SP-7/BJ/ML

NOT RECORDED  
 87 SEP 27 1945

62-43818-784

RECEIVED

WASHINGTON POST

AMERICAN FIRST PARTY  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Dear Sirs:

How does it happen that the American First Party is still going on in America?

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/14/82 BY SP8BJT/mc

*md*

*ll*

*attached*  
ENC 1-2

EX-10

RECORDED

62-43818-795

32 OCT 2 1945

EX-13

*EB*

56 OCT 9 - 1945

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 29, 1945

DATE 10/24/82 BY SP-0575/MLC

# TRUMAN RULES OUT FENWICK

## President Truman May Appeal To Oil Strikers

ng  
ed To  
k

9 (AP)—Presi-  
ported con-  
sonal appeal  
Workers and  
fort to halt

ment confer-  
g factions it  
he President  
ereed to the  
fort to settle

ESS  
workers and  
hose six-day  
a vital part  
ess and cost  
re ordered to  
diately today  
omplied with  
nas E. Dewey  
be mediated.  
led by David  
f Local 32-B  
Service Em-  
Union, and  
lent of Local  
on.

ik-out because  
on over a  
oard directive  
ly wages but  
f hours in the  
ion contended  
lash in "take

al oil industry  
oward a show-  
disputes across  
e than 420,000

lmax  
y dispute also  
and the auto-  
electrical ap-  
vere hard hit

International  
r to shoulder  
bumper to  
shutdown  
huge  
1,500



**INJURED MAN CARRIED AWAY BY PROTESTING FRIENDS**—One of two men injured when 500 pickets clashed with police before Northern High School in Detroit, Mich., is carried away by two friends who protest vigorously to

policeman at right. Pickets protested meeting of America First Party. — (AP Wirephoto).

## Braden and Acheson Huddle On Argentine Situation

Washington, Sept. 29 (AP) — Ambassador Spruille Braden went into conference with Acting Secretary of State Acheson today on the Argentine situation.

There was some indication that the purpose was to determine the extent to which Argentina has fulfilled to fulfill—her obligation of stamping out Fascism and promoting democratic govern-

by the Senate he remains ambassador to Argentina.

With him in the meeting with Acheson were Leo Pasvolosky, the department's ranking expert on commitments made by the American nations at the Mexico City conference, and Ellis O. Briggs, a veteran of Latin America diplomacy who is expected to become

## Deal Offered Big-5 Snarl

London, Sept. 29 (AP)—The United States was reliably reported today to have presented a compromise proposal in an effort to break the deadlock of the Foreign Ministers Council over who should write the Balkan peace treaties.

Members of several delegations said the Balkan policy decision would have to be made this end and expressed hope that the decision would enable the negotia-

## M'Arthur Ends Censorship By Japanese

### Attempt To Keep People News of Hiro Visit Irks Command

Tokyo, Sept. 29. (AP)—General MacArthur commanded the Japanese government to keep its radio off Japan's press and radio to ceasing all censorship, suppression or control—after the Home Ministry tried to ban Emperor Hirohito's interviews and stories pictures of the Hirohito visit to MacArthur.

The ministry had submitted Tokyo and Osaka newspapers an effort to keep the news from the Japanese people.

Nippon's war department while reported to the command that 1,833,634, or 60 percent of all Japanese soldiers in their homeland on August 15, were demobilized by Sept. 15. Allied headquarters in Tokyo had approved disarming 16,000 Nipponese soldiers from Tsushima Island, and between Kyushu and Honshu.

Other new

To Change F  
The Japan  
establishment  
by Premier  
to revise  
the Japan

The Al  
that the  
sion w  
Luxon  
96th D  
which  
96th  
beco  
wh  
Ja

## Air Line to Link Cincinnati With Norfolk Is Urged

Among 15 new Southeastern air routes recommended by the Civil Aeronautic Board's public counsel in Washington late Friday was one affecting Norfolk. The counsel, V. R. Grundman, recommended that State Airlines, Inc., be granted permission to operate a line between Cincinnati, O., and Roanoke, Va., with the line extending from Roanoke to Norfolk.

William S. Harney, manager of the Norfolk Association of Commerce, said today that the company, headed by H. K. Gilbert, Jr., president, operates out of Charlotte, N. C., and that the association has been keeping in close touch with the firm since negotiations were first opened for the line into Norfolk.

Mr. Harney stated that he attended a hearing on the application held by the CAB in Greensboro, N. C., and that the association submitted briefs at that time. The organization, he explained, does not favor any one airline over another, but states the advantages to Norfolk of various kinds of air service. He said that as yet he had no information as to when the new route will be opened.

PCA which has been operating between Norfolk and Washington throughout the war was represented in the list of new routes recommended. It was proposed that PCA be allowed to extend Route 51 from Knoxville, Tenn., to a new terminal at Memphis and add Charlotte and Winston-Salem, N. C., to its stops. PCA will also extend Route 55 from the Birmingham terminal to a new terminal at Mobile, Ala.

## Two Automobile Thefts Reported To Police Here

Two auto thefts have been reported at police headquarters, one today and one Friday.

R. S. Bendell, of the Norfolk Radiator Works, of 733 Monticello Avenue, told police that a black coach valued at \$300 was taken from the garage at the Monticello Avenue address by someone who apparently broke the glass of a side window, entered the place, and drove out through a rear door some time Thursday night.

Thomas Morris, of 1469 Dundee Street, told police that a 1940 Sedan valued at \$900 and belonging to Ethel Whitehurst, of 1451 Chapel Street, was stolen from East Princess Anne Road and Chicazola Street between 8:30 and 10 p. m. Friday.

Detectives P. W. Adams and T. L. Mayo are investigating both cases.

In addition to the car thefts listed headquarters, Nellie Lapping, of 9 Church Street, reported to police that a tire tube and wheel were taken from an unlocked auto while the car was parked at \_\_\_\_\_ Street some time \_\_\_\_\_



COMMODORE MERLIN O'NEILL

## Two-Day Session Opened Here By Guard Auxiliary

With Commodore Merlin O'Neill, USCG, district Coast Guard officer, as host, visiting members of the district board of the Fifth Naval District Coast Guard Auxiliary opened a two-day session today at the Little Creek Lifeboat Station. Commodore O'Neill was the first director of the auxiliary and laid the foundation for the present expansion of the non-military organization.

Among visiting officials was Capt. Chester Jones, USCG, now chief director of the auxiliary, who flew to Norfolk from Washington to lead a discussion of new and elaborate plans for auxiliary participation in post-war Coast Guard activities.

A simulated Air-Sea Rescue will be staged late today at Little Creek with airplanes and surface craft from the Norfolk Task Unit participating. Lieut. J. V. Valliant, USCGR, director of the district auxiliary, is training and boat officer for the task unit.

The district board is made up of commanding and executive officers of the six divisions in the district, headed by Commodore Gordon B. Ambler, former mayor of Richmond. Other members attending the meetings were E. E. Warren and George J. Flentje, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Frank L. Teuton, Washington, D. C.; Gracille J. LeCompte, Jr., Cambridge, Md.; Charles R. Law, Berlin, Md.; Fred L. Savage, Chincoteague, Va.; Henry D. Lowry, Richmond; Richard D. Elliott, Jr., Morehead City, and Roy P. Mayo, of Washington, N. C.

Tomorrow's program includes the election of new commanding and executive officers.

Throughout the war the auxiliaries, most of whom were in the Temporary Reserve, served without pay on a part-time volunteer basis. Commodore O'Neill announced today that as a mark of appreciation for their work...

## Electric Power From Windmills Seen by Engineer

Electrical power from the wind, the dream for years of engineers, already is a reality, according to Percy H. Thomas, senior engineer of the Federal Power Commission in Washington, who spoke last night at the Pythian Castle to a combined gathering of the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads and the Virginia Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Thomas described in detail his idea for such a unit, which would include giant twin windmills 200 feet in diameter, mounted on 475-foot towers, and delivering 6,500 to 7,000 KWs of power from a 20-mile-an-hour wind. This power would be distributed over a wide area and would be connected by a system of steam and water generators, he said.

A 1,000 KW outfit of this same general type already is in operation in Vermont, Mr. Thomas told the group.

The engineer already has constructed a scale model of the tower and turbine and has drawn complete plans for such installations. Because of variation in wind, he explained, it would be necessary to generate direct current, using a synchronous converter to change it into ordinary 60-cycle alternating current.

J. A. Rawls was named last night as chairman of the Virginia Chapter of the A. I. E. E.

## Sergeant Cooper Passes Physical For Police Force

Former Police Sergeant A. D. Cooper has been found physically fit for reinstatement to the Norfolk Police Division, Chief of Police John Fulton Woods, announced today.

Chief Woods added that the actual time of Cooper's return to the force depended upon the former sergeant. He explained that Cooper will return to duty with the rank of sergeant.

In July of this year Cooper resigned to run against City Sergeant Lee F. Lawler. He was defeated in the August Democratic primary.

Considerable controversy arose over Cooper's return to the division, the Greater Norfolk Citizens Forum issuing a statement that its membership had been informed that Cooper was denied a chance to reinstate himself. This brought a prompt denial by the Chief of Police who said that Cooper had refused to stand a physical examination as required by civil service rules. Cooper admitted that he had said he would not stand the examination, but several days ago changed his mind and went before examining physicians and the tests given him.

THEODORE

## Sergeant Gets Sil Wife Li

Staff Sgt. Company G, 2 Mrs. H. Hayn and husband win Spith, of has been awarded Medal for gallantry by the War Department, August 21.

The former has been in the service for nearly a year.

His citation reads: "When a prior foe launched a tank, Sergeant (rate first class) artillery, cannon barrage, fearless exposed vantage, rarely informed disposition of elements. He moved across pe hostile armored with a well-planned successfully ret lines."

## ETTC To Western C On Octob

Announcement by the Langley Technical Office which Langley absorb the October 16.

The Washington Denver head M-

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

This Case Originated at **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**      **DETROIT** File No. **62-1126**

Report Made At <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	Date Made <b>10/12/45</b>	Period Made <b>7/19-21, 23, 24; 8/1-3, 8, 15, 20-22, 30, 31; 9/3-6, 10, 11/45</b>	Report Made By <b>[REDACTED]</b>
Title <b>GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases; AMERICA FIRST PARTY</b>			Character of Case <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G; SEDITION</b>

Synopsis:

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10/14/82 BY SP8 [REDACTED]**

SMITH arrived in Detroit August 1, 1945, from his tour of the west coast. He held a meeting of his Detroit followers on August 10, 1945, attended by approximately five hundred constituents, at which time he gave a resume of his west coast activities. On August 19, 1945, he held a small meeting at the Barlum Hotel in Detroit composed of the participants of the "Monetary Congress" which was held in Detroit August 17 to 19, 1945, and was composed of numerous nationalist sympathizers. On August 30, 1945, SMITH sponsored KENNETH GOFF in a rally of two hundred at Hotel Webster Hall in Detroit, having as its purpose the indoctrination of veterans into the nationalist movement. SMITH's publications continue to follow the anti-Communist and anti-Jewish line. He plans to hold meetings in Buffalo, New York; Cleveland, Ohio, and Celina, Ohio, on September 16, 18 and 23, 1945, respectively, and expects to leave for Los Angeles approximately September 30, 1945.

DECLASSIFIED BY **608/LED** ON **8/1/77**

ENC. 58

DECLASSIFIED BY **[REDACTED]** ON **11/17/77**

COPIES DESTROYED 37 OCT 20 1964

- P -

INDEXED IN PUBLICATION FILES

Appr'd & Forw'd **R. A. Linn** SAC

Copies  
 5 - Bureau (Enc.)  
 2 - Buffalo  
 2 - Cleveland  
 2 - Los Angeles  
 1 - Chicago (info)  
 3 - Detroit

cc - [REDACTED] 11-14-45

COPIES DESTROYED

Do Not Write in These Spaces

**62-43818-786**

**FBI**

**25 OCT 15 1945**

RECORDED & INDEXED BY **58**

(De 62-1126)

REFERENCE: (61-7055; 62-43818) Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 23, 1945, at Detroit, Michigan. b7c

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 30, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS: [REDACTED] b7c

According to an article published in the Detroit Free Press, August 6, 1945, SMITH stated that he is planning a "mass expansion" of AMERICA FIRST activity as soon as the war is over, with operations centered in Detroit and Los Angeles. SMITH described these two cities as the "two most critical cities in America."

[REDACTED] b7c

An article in the Jewish Voice of July 13, 1945, was reprinted by Subject SMITH and sent out under cover letter to his various followers. The article in substance ridiculed SMITH and criticized him for his various anti-semitic speeches. SMITH by the cover letter advised his various constituents that this was an example of what the various Communists in and about the west coast area were doing to deprive him of the right of free speech. He further stated in the letter that the Communists were using hysterical and left-wing Jews in an attempt to incite riot.

It is to be noted that this article in the Jewish Voice was written just prior to his July 20 meeting which was held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles and was reported in the reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED]. One copy of the printed article as distributed by SMITH is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure to this report and another is being retained in the Detroit Field Division file. b7c

According to [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, and [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]

b7D

On August 10, 1945, SMITH held a meeting of his followers in the Jade room of the Detroit Leland Hotel. Prior to the actual meeting, SMITH had considerable difficulty in obtaining the room, inasmuch as after it had been reserved by a member of his office, the management of the hotel found out that SMITH was going to talk and subsequently canceled the reservation.

After the cancellation, according to [REDACTED] SMITH contacted ROGER BALDWIN at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, seeking advice as to his rights against the hotel. He was advised that inasmuch as he had obtained the reservation and had a contract for the hotel, that he could seek an injunction against the management compelling them to allow him to use the hall. However, subsequently, the management of the hotel contacted SMITH and advised him if he would pay the one hundred dollars for the room he could have the reservation as it had previously been made. In preparation for the meeting, SMITH contacted RALPH BAERMAN, the editor of the Washington Newsletter, which is published in Washington, D. C.

b7D

[REDACTED]

b7C

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(De 62-1126)

On August 17, 18 and 19, 1945, Mrs. BLANCHE WINTERS, head of the various mothers' organizations in the Detroit area, held a meeting of the "Monetary Congress" at her home, 8127 East Jefferson Street, Detroit, Michigan. Those in attendance at this meeting were various nationalist leaders throughout the United States and various "money cliques." The exact details concerning this meeting will be reported in the case of [REDACTED] b7  
[REDACTED] et al; SECURITY MATTER - G," Bureau file [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

Although SMITH did not attend the Congress, on August 19, 1945, at approximately 5:00 p.m. he held a meeting in the Barlum Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, at which time he invited the various participants of the Monetary Congress to attend. At this time he praised Mrs. DAVID STANLEY, leader of the various mothers' groups in Cleveland, Ohio, and likewise acknowledged Mrs. LYRL VAN HYNING of "We, the Mothers Mobilized for America" of Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] was also in attendance at this meeting, b7C  
as well as other well known nationalist leaders. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

On August 30, 1945, SMITH sponsored KENNETH GOFF, head of the "Christian Youth for America." There were approximately two hundred in attendance at this meeting composed, according to informant, of people approximately fifty years of age and over. Informant further advised that GOFF merely gave a resume of his life, which included the story of his conversion from Communism to the nationalist point of view. GOFF thoroughly denounced Communism and especially named CLAUD WILLIAMS, Director of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, an alleged Communist front organization in Detroit.

According to Informant [REDACTED] WILLIAMS has published a book entitled "A Faith to Free People," in which book WILLIAMS gives a review of his life and his connections with the CP. According to informant, SMITH's name is mentioned in the book in several places in a derogatory manner and SMITH is planning to use this book in furtherance of his nationalist policy, pointing out the obscene nature of the book as well as various other defects in it.

[REDACTED]

A copy of the "Bulletin" distributed by SMITH prior to the meeting conducted by GOFF is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure to this report.

HARRY FAINARU, writer for "The Worker," Communist publication, for the week of August 12, 1945, wrote an article in which CLAUD WILLIAMS is quoted as saying that the Youth for Christ Movement is connected with SMITH and is "Aimed at converting children to racial hatred and prejudice. It is anti-semitic and anti-union. It is another HITLER youth movement."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In these letters SMITH generally follows an anti-Communist, anti-Jewish attitude wherein he is constantly chiding the Communists for their unpatriotic attitude and warning the American people against the "Red Menace."

In the July 11, 1945, issue SMITH states that the Russian Army is occupying the eastern half of Germany and the Communists are systematically murdering in cold blood the entire middle class people just as they did in Russia and have done in any country they have taken over.

The July 25, 1945, issue contains a statement to the effect that EARL BROWDER is being "ditched" as head of the CP and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER will take the lead. He further states that the CP is organizing its underground cells in every county, township and precinct in order to be ready for revolution if the postwar chaos begins to develop.

SMITH in his publications continues to oppose the FEPC and the United States as far as her international connections are concerned. He is generous in his praise for CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, CARL H. MOSE and Senator VANDENBERG of Michigan, whom he describes as "nationalist leaders."

After the surrender of Japan he stated in his August 22, 1945, issue that Russia knew of Japan's early plan to surrender and got in "just before the kill" to get Korea. SMITH throughout his literature praises President TRUMAN in his dealings with Russia and STALIN. He states, however, that now that hostilities have ceased TRUMAN's great task will be in saying no to the "Red Czar."

Copies of SMITH's monthly letter for July and August, 1945, and the July issue of his monthly publication, "The Cross and the Flag," are also being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures to this report.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ALL  
b7D

ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau:

- One copy of reprint of the "Jewish Voice" for July 13, 1945.
- One-page publication captioned "AMERICA FIRST PARTY," dated August 6, 1945.
- One copy of a four-page publication captioned "Christian Veterans, Awake!"

(De 62-1126)

Enclosures to Bureau (Cont.)

Mimeographed "Bulletin" advertising meeting of August 30, 1945.

Copies of "The Letter" from July 4, 1945, through August 29, 1945.

One copy of the monthly letter for July 19, 1945, captioned "The Battle of Babylon."

One copy of the monthly letter for August, 1945, captioned "Kill Him! Kill Him! Kill Him!"

One copy of July, 1945, issue of "The Cross and the Flag."

To the Chicago Field Division:

One copy of a four-page publication captioned "Christian Veterans Awake!"

- P E N D I N G -

(De 62-1126)

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

At Buffalo, New York:

Will, by appropriate informant coverage, cover the meeting at Kleinhaus Music Hall on September 16, 1945 (this lead was previously set out by letter to the Bureau dated September 7, 1945.)

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At Cleveland, Ohio:

Will, by appropriate informant coverage, cover the meeting at the municipal auditorium to be held September 18, 1945. (This lead was previously set out by letter to the Bureau dated September 7, 1945.)

At Celina, Ohio:

Will endeavor to cover the meeting at the fair grounds by proper informants. (This lead was previously set out by letter to the Bureau dated September 11, 1945.)

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

\* At Lancaster, California:

Will conduct discreet investigation through informants and other sources of information regarding the background, history, and activities of [REDACTED] which will consolidate with Subject's America First Party.

\* At Los Angeles, California:

Will maintain contact with informants and report SMITH's activities upon his return to Los Angeles in the near future.

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will continue to follow Subject's activities and upon receipt of information relative to SMITH's trip to the west coast, advise the appropriate offices so that his meetings may be properly covered.

(De 62-1126)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Chicago Field Division for their information because of the close relationship between ~~FRANK [REDACTED]~~ and HOMER MAERTZ with Subject SMITH.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, investigative reports submitted in this particular case are not to be distributed to other governmental agencies.

- P E N D I N G -

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) \_\_\_\_\_ with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: Per your March 18, 1982 letter this enclosure was not xeroxed for release.

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818 - 786 Enclosure

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

4

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.

Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

62-43818-787

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

# GERALD L. K. SMITH

WILL SPEAK AT

## NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

9026 Woodward at Clairmount, Detroit, Michigan

**Thursday, Sept. 27, 1945 : 8 P. M.**

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/14/92 BY SP 8875/huk

Other Speakers will include Wesley A. Swift, West Coast Leader of Los Angeles, California



GERALD L. K. SMITH

Subject of Mr. Smith's Address:

### The Postwar Crisis: Can it be Solved the American Way?

Among the Topics which Mr. Smith will discuss will be:

- The Problem of Unemployment
- The Threat of World Communism
- A Square Deal for the Veterans
- The Future of Nationalism
- The Mystery of Pearl Harbor
- Is Harry Truman a Nationalist?
- Will Sidney Hillman and the Communists help Henry Wallace organize a new Party?

For the first time in Detroit Mr. Smith will outline the program of the PRC (Post War Recovery Commission) which, under the direction of 15,000 key men, is organizing the Nation, seeking to embrace the best in monetary reform, the Townsend Plan, Father Coughlin's Union for Social Justice, the GI Bill of Rights, and other sensational reforms, based on the slogan & "Drive the money changers out."

RECORDED & INDEXED  
EX-68  
162-4202-788  
FBI  
OCT 25 1945

This will be one of the most sensational meetings ever held in Detroit. Mr. Smith is just embarking on an ocean-to-ocean nationwide speaking and conference tour. This will be his last meeting in Detroit before December. Mr. Swift's subject will be: Christian Nationalism, America's Hope.

53 OCT 25 1945 (PUT THIS CIRCULAR IN A PUBLIC PLACE)

Handwritten signature

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. 100-7744

REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-18-45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-28,30; 10-3, 5,10,12-45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>GERALD L. E. SMITH, with aliases; AMERICA FIRST PARTY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

Subject staged two meetings at Chicago 9-30-45, LaSalle Hotel. Approximate attendance, 300 at each session. Afternoon session confined to repetitious address and made promises and threats against the Communists and Jews. Threatened to expose TYLER KENT case in evening session. Reiterated his San Francisco events and berated Marshall Field and "Chicago Sun" newspaper. Most of his achievements with National Congressmen and Catholic Clergymen. Evening session devoted to his conferences with TYLER KENT's mother and claimed she had photostatic copies of reports from British State Department revealing all facts of the TYLER KENT case and the Roosevelt-Churchill negotiations. Promised an expose of the KENT case when documents came into his possession. Introduced a new economic system for the American people, whereby an annual income of \$5,000 would be assured for each family with \$50 per week minimum. Promised to present this bill to Congress personally. Unable to determine amount of collection. However, liberal supply of bills were placed in envelopes distributed as the crowd entered the meeting hall. MAXIMILIAN ST. GEORGE, Chicago Attorney, on the platform and introduced to the audience which incorporated a liberal sprinkling of Germans.

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

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-96 D/m  
ON 10/4/92

- RUC -

HANDLED BY  
[Signature]

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 21, 1945, at Chicago, Illinois; b7c

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 3 - Detroit 2 - Chicago	100-43818-789 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>10/4/92</u> BY <u>[Signature]</u>

COPIES DESTROYED  
205 OCT 18 1964

Chicago file No. 100-7744

Letter from Detroit to the Bureau, dated 9-26-45.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ALL  
670

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-789 pgs 3&4

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2

Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818-790

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. **100-7463**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/16/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/18, 20, 23/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <i>b7c</i> mh
TITLE <b>GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G SECURITY MATTER - SEDITION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mass rally held in Cleveland Public Auditorium Ballroom on September 18, 1945 by GERALD L. K. SMITH. Approximately seven hundred people attended. Speakers were GERALD L. K. SMITH; Mrs. DAVID STANLEY, head of the United Mothers in Cleveland; and Rev. WESLEY A. SWIFT of California. SMITH devoted his speech to berating EUGENE SEGAL, reporter with the "Cleveland Press", and WALTER WINCHELL; demanded return of TYLER KENT from England; called for a complete investigation of the Pearl Harbor affair; berated Communist activity; and outlined his Post-War Recovery Commission Plan. Mrs. STANLEY berated the number of Jewish people in the government, and Rev. SWIFT told of West Coast meetings held by SMITH. Closed meeting held on September 20, 1945 at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland. Admittance was by card only. Approximately two hundred persons attended. SMITH spoke and covered the same subjects as in the mass rally. On September 23, 1945, mass rally was held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio. Approximately four thousand people attended. Speakers were SMITH; FREDERICK KISTER of Chicago, Illinois, National Chairman of the Christian Veterans; CARL H. MOTE, Indiana utilities' owner and President, National Farmers' Guild; KENNETH GOFF of Lansing, Michigan; HARRY A. ROMER, Saint Henry, Ohio, America First vice presidential candidate in 1944. The rally was held to aid in the organization of the Christian Veterans organization and to outline the Post-War Recovery Com-

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/11/82 BY SP-10/ML**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 3 - Detroit (Enc.) 2 - Cleveland 56 NOV 20 1945	62-543848-791 11 56 2 OCT 19 1945 OCT 13 1964 COPIES DESTROYED
	RECORDED & INDEXED 121

CV. F. O.  
100-7463

mission Plan.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-43818.

Detroit letters to the Bureau dated September 7  
and September 11, 1945.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the following transpired at the meeting:

At 8:00 p.m., GERAID L. K. SMITH opened the meeting by the singing of "America". Following this song, Reverend WESLEY A. SWIFT led the meeting in a group prayer. SMITH went on to speak, outlining generally his nation-wide tour. He advised that they were to hold a closed meeting on September 20, 1945 in Cleveland and on September 23, 1945, they were to have a mass rally at the Mercer County Fairgrounds, Celina, Ohio. SMITH went on to berate EUGENE SEGAL, a reporter for the "Cleveland Press", for his attacking SMITH, The America First Party, Christian Veterans, and other nationalistic organizations. SMITH pointed out that SEGAL never attacked any Jews in his column. He pointed out that SEGAL's reason for writing such articles was to obtain good money for his writing. SMITH also berated FRIEDA SIEGWORTH, another reporter for the "Cleveland Press", for her articles on the United Mothers. SMITH also berated WALTER WINCHELL, the New York columnist, for his articles. SMITH stated that the nationalistic motto should be "WINCHELL in the gutter and LINDBERGH on top." He pointed out to the assembled people that the war is now over and free speech had returned; that they should no longer worry as to what they said, and should feel free to say what they thought.

SMITH stated that they were circulating ten thousand petitions in the United States to have Father COUGHLIN return to the radio. SMITH stated that now that the war is over, he expects a great mass expansion of the nationalistic movement to begin. They will soon be having big mass rallies all over. They have spent the past three-four years suffering persecution, and the leaders have barely missed being sent to prison. He now wants the Christian Veterans to organize and carry the torch. He hopes that the time will come when he can step down and the Veterans' organization can carry on.

SMITH then called on Mrs. DAVID STANLEY of Cleveland, Ohio, who is the local leader of the United Mothers, and pointed her out as one of his very

faithful aids. He stated that the type of people of Mrs. STANLEY's character have made him able to continue his work. He reiterated that he had nothing of a financial nature of his own, and in the event he should die, his wife would have but a modest insurance policy. He then introduced Mrs. DAVID STANLEY.

Mrs. STANLEY decried the advances which Communism was making in this country and in the whole world. She pointed out that World War III was in the making. She then went on to list the names of many Jewish people who are presently in the government service. She made no further comment, beyond giving their name and their position. Following that, she pointed out that the nationalists would have to put pressure on Washington because the Communists have put pressure on Washington and TRUMAN has veered to the left. She read a letter which she was sending to Senators LANGER and WALSH, who are on the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee. She called for the return of TYLER KENT to this country and an investigation of Pearl Harbor.

Following Mrs. STANLEY, Rev. WESLEY A. SWIFT of California spoke. SWIFT decried a Communist influence in California and especially in the motion picture industry. He pointed out that the issue of racism had been injected not by the nationalists, but rather by the left-wing Jews and Communists in California. SWIFT went on to give an account of the meeting at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California.

At 9:15 p.m., GERAUD L. K. SMITH again took the floor. He pointed out that he had been in San Francisco during the San Francisco Conference and while there, he had represented twenty-one nationalistic organizations at the conference. While there, they had established a California headquarters at 1204 South Hill Street in Los Angeles. He then went on to explain some of the disturbances which he had created at the conference, and especially at the hotels where the Russian and British delegates had stayed. He had attempted to have rallies at these hotels during the conference; however, the hotels had turned him down, but he had held meetings right in the lobby of the hotels regardless. He described being followed by Russian Secret Police, British Secret Police, FBI Agents, Military Policy, Military Intelligence, and Naval Intelligence, and as a result of being followed by so many people, he added that he had been the best-protected man at the conference. He stated that the whole San Francisco Conference was a phony, but that he thought there were some victories won. He went on to berate the Russian Communist and Jewish Communist influence in California, and particularly in the motion picture industry. He pointed out that we had won the war and got rid of Italy, but presented the victory on a silver platter to JOSEPH STALIN. He berated the fact that JOSEPH STALIN wants a loan of \$6,000,000,000 and that the government appears to be in agreement on this point; but when he advocates giving each serviceman \$1,000 in lieu of loaning Russia money, the people call him a demagog. He then went on to expound some of his economic theories whereby money was to be given to returning soldiers and very liberal payments to be

CV. F. O.  
100-7463

made to the aged and otherwise disabled workers, which money was not to be obtained by taxation, but rather through "a matching of payments with the productive capacity of this country". At this point, SMITH interrupted the meeting to take a collection for the benefit of his organization. Various pieces of literature were distributed at the same time.

Following the collection, SMITH stated he had been in Washington for the following reasons:

The first one was to present an American plan for post-war recovery. He pointed out that you cannot beat the Communists with words, and you must have a plan. There are three ways out of the post-war period, either the way of the "big shots", of the Communists, or the American way, which is against both Wall Street and the Communists. He pointed out that action must be taken or within one year there will be twenty million people without jobs. A sixty-million-job slogan is a hoax.

The Federal Reserve Bank and International Bank must be done away with. Money must be put into the hands of the people. His plan, known as the "Post-War Recovery Plan" has taken the best portions of the Townsend Plan, the Huey Long Plan, and the Father Coughlin Plan.

The second reason for going to Washington was to circulate petitions and present petitions for the investigation of Communist activities in the film industry.

His third reason to be in Washington was to register a request that there be no whitewash of the Pearl Harbor incident. He stated he wants the whole "lowdown" on the matter brought to light, and that FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT and his wife expected the attack on Pearl Harbor hours before it came, but that they refused to let the high command know. SMITH stated, "I'm not saying that Pearl Harbor was not a sneak attack. It was. But ROOSEVELT needed an attack." He pointed out that he had recently received information that long before Pearl Harbor, ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL had had a number of meetings, and following one of these, Lloyds of London had cancelled all insurance on Pearl Harbor. SMITH called for a return of TYLER KENT from London and called for KENT's testimony at the Pearl Harbor investigation.

SMITH then went on to elaborate on his Post-War Recovery Plan. He said that he wanted to take the control of money out of the Federal Reserve Banks and put it back in the hands of Congress and the hands of the people. He outlined the salient points of the Post-War Recovery Commission's Plan and the economy involved. He wanted all members present to take copies of the plan and organize small neighborhood groups to discuss it. These groups should be small so that they could always meet in homes and consist of no more than three or four families. The hope is to organize thousands of such small societies and after thoroughly

CV. F. O.  
100-7463

organized, they want to hold a national convention. The plan will take much discussing and organizing, but it will be an answer to the Communists.

He then invited the assembled people to attend the Thursday night's meeting, which was to be held in downtown Cleveland, although he refused to state the place, adding that the place was marked on the tickets. All persons desiring to attend this meeting had to call at the front of the hall and obtain tickets from one of the persons seated on the stage.

Reverend SWIFT closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he attended a mass rally held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds at Celina, Ohio on September 23, 1945. This rally was held under the auspices of the Farmers' Guild. At this rally, speakers were, besides SMITH, FREDERICK KISTER of Chicago, Illinois, National Chairman of the Christian Veterans; CARL H. MOTE of Indiana, Indiana utilities' owner and President, National Farmers' Guild; KENNETH GOFF of Lansing, Michigan; and HARRY ROMER of Saint Henry, Ohio, America First Party vice presidential candidate in 1944. [REDACTED] stated that the rally devoted itself primarily to aid the organization of the nationalist Christian Veterans organization and SMITH's outline of the plan of the Post-War Recovery Commission.

The ~~the~~ "Daily Standard" of Celina, Ohio, dated September 24, 1945, contained an article concerning the mass rally, from which the following information was obtained:

GERAID L. K. SMITH declared that America faced the immediate threat of being overrun by Communists, and urged the organization of the Christian Veterans and the Christian Youth for America. He also spoke on his Post-War Recovery Commission. Approximately four thousand persons attended the America First Party anniversary rally. SMITH proposed a \$2,500 payment to all veterans. He called the labor-sponsored full employment bill now in Congress "slavery", and denounced its sponsors as Communists. SMITH planned for the uniting of the Townsend Clubs, Coughlinites, and HUEY LONG followers. A part of their plan will be a campaign against the payment of any interest on the national debt. SMITH called Pearl Harbor and the TYLER KENT affair the greatest scandals in the nation's history.

CV. F. O.  
100-7463

HARRY ROMER of Saint Henry, Ohio presided at the opening of the meeting and defied the enemies to put him on the spot. CARL NOTE, Indianapolis telephone company operator and President, Farmers' Guild, received a loud handclap when he expressed joy at the death of President ROOSEVELT and praised President TRUMAN. Throughout the meeting, speakers attacked the Jewish people.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION —

1. Two tickets to the closed meeting at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio on September 20, 1945. \*
2. One post card announcing the meeting at the Cleveland Public Auditorium Ballroom on Tuesday, September 18, 1945 at 8:00 p.m.
3. Mimeographed circular with envelope entitled "The ~~Curtain Rises~~" consisting of four pages and dated September, 1945 at Detroit, Michigan.
4. Two-page circular entitled "The ~~Letter~~" dated September 6, 1945.
5. Printed sheet entitled "Rads Open New U. S. Drive; Hollywood Citadel". \* *United States*
6. Flyer announcing a meeting at the Cleveland Public Auditorium Ballroom on September 18, 1945.
7. Folder entitled "~~Christian Veterans Awake~~" \*
8. Blank petition for getting Father COUGHLIN back on the radio. \*
9. Sheet containing four pictures of GERAID L. K. SMITH. \*
10. One copy of the magazine "The Cross and the Flag" dated August, 1945. \*
11. Two copies of the magazine "The Cross and the Flag" dated September, 1945. \*

  
Items marked with an asterisk were obtained at the rally at the Cleveland Public Auditorium.)

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

CV. F. O.  
100-7463

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

[REDACTED]

b7c, b7d

59302

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

ST. P FILE NO. 100-4156

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/18/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/1,2/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <i>b7c</i>
TITLE <b>GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was, et al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY, - SEDITION</b>	

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information obtained that SMITH spoke at Truth & Liberty Temple, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 1 and 2, 1945, and that both meetings were well attended with approximately 750 in attendance at each meeting. Meetings were picketed by CIO, AFL, as well as AYD, CP and the SWP, but no evidence of violence. Meeting sponsored by Rev. C. O. STADSKLEV, pastor of Truth & Liberty Temple, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and allegedly editor Truth & Liberty magazine.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
 AND FIELD OFFICES  
 ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF  
 DATE *11/13/51*

- RUC -

~~CLASSIFIED BY SP-807/MS~~

DATE OF REVIEW 12/11 *10/1/82*

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Detroit to Bureau dated September 26, 1945.

**DETAILS:**



APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. G. Rhodes</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <i>62-45618-792</i>	RECORDED INDEXED <i>76</i>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5--Bureau (Enc. 1) 2--Detroit 3--St. Paul	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE	
COPIES DESTROYED 205 1964	<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	

59303

St. # 100-4256

CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

attended the meeting on Tuesday night, October 2, and noted a number of members of the SWP in the

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

St. P 100-4156

Confidential Information

picket line in front of the Liberty and Truth Temple at 26th and Second Avenue South. A number of known Stalinites were also noted in the picket line and in addition GEORGE PHILLIPS of the AFL and BOB WISHART of the CIO were observed carrying banners. Three pamphlets were being distributed at the meeting one by Friends of Democracy Inc., entitled "A Report on Minneapolis", which detailed the activities of four Minneapolis clergymen, W. D. HERRSTROM, a fundamentalist minister who is editor of the Bible News Flashes; C. O. STADSKLEV, a fundamentalist minister who is editor of Ruth & Liberty Magazine; W. B. RILEY, founder of the World's Christian Fundamentals Association, and LUKE RADER, pastor of the River Lake Gospel Tabernacle and publisher of the Sunshine News. A copy of this pamphlet is being transmitted to the Bureau with this report.

Likewise a pamphlet was issued by GEORGE PHILLIPS, WISHART, COVEY, JOHN KYKYRI, Editor of MINNESOTA Labor, a known Communist, JAMES MARKHAM, Editor of Hennepin County Review, MRS. MARIAN LEJUEUR, County Chairman of the Democratic Farmer-Labor Party, whose daughter MERIDEL is one of the more prominent Communists, DR. W. J. LOYTEN, Professor, University of Minnesota, and Alderman OSCAR CLEVE.

The SWP pamphlet was entitled "Labor is Opposed to Smith" and called upon the workers to rally to the SWP cause and build a labor party. In effect, the pamphlet was an advertisement for the SWP group.

It was likewise noted that MINNESOTA LABOR, Communist dominated CIO paper for the State of Minnesota, had a newspaper photographer present who took a number of photographs of the picketers, which later appeared in MINNESOTA LABOR for October 5, 1945. In addition to those previously mentioned, Sergeant GEORGE ACKO, a veteran of the United States Army who was wounded in Germany, paraded with his sister in behalf of the AYD.

[REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU: Pamphlet entitled "A Report on Minneapolis".

---REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE---

OR ORIGIN

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

59305

St. P 100-4156

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

[REDACTED]

b7c  
b7D

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) \_\_\_\_\_ with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); \_\_\_\_\_ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

\_\_\_\_\_ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For your information: Per your March 18, 1982 letter this enclosure was not xeroxed for release.

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  
62-43818 - 792 Enclosure

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X DELETED PAGE(S) X  
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X  
X FOR THIS PAGE X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Detroit, Michigan  
October 1, 1945

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: <sup>0</sup>GERALD L. K. SMITH  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF dellos  
DATE 9/4/53

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-8 BTJ/nrh  
ON 10/19/82

Dear Sir:

There is set forth below information obtained from [redacted] and [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, for the period from September 1, 1945 through September 28, 1945. b7D

It was ascertained that Subject SMITH planned to have 12,500 copies of his monthly "Letter" published for the month of September. It is further noted that this is a decrease of 1,000 copies from the previous month.

After SMITH's return from the west coast, he held several small meetings in Detroit, Michigan, and immediately began to plan another trip to Los Angeles, California. In the meantime he was in contact with Dr. HARVEY SPRINGER of Cleveland, Ohio, at which time there was a discussion concerning the book of CLAUDE WILLIAMS, Director of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, an alleged Communist front organization. The book, the title of which is "A Faith to Free the People" was published by DRYDEN PRESS and could be procured from any CIO Book Store. At the same time, SPRINGER told SMITH that the Jews had organized to such an extent that they had at their disposal several million dollars to wipe SMITH and others (Nationalists) off the map.

SMITH was also in contact with EARL SOUTHARD of Chicago, Illinois, a well-known Nationalist follower, at which time SMITH discussed the case of TYLER KENT. SMITH advised SOUTHARD that three lawyers, namely: [redacted] and [redacted] were in Washington at the present time working on the KENT case. SMITH told SOUTHARD that KENT is now in the custody of the London Police, who are doing nothing for him. b7C

On September 9, 1945, SMITH contacted FRED KISTER, a leader of the Nationalist Youth Movement in Chicago, Illinois, at which time they had a discussion concerning SMITH's proposed trip to the west coast. At this time SMITH told KISTER that on his way to the coast he would plan to give a talk in Chicago, Illinois on September 30, 1945. SMITH was also in contact with RALPH



NOV 2 1945

COPIES DESTROYED  
OCT 18 1964

RECORDED  
&  
INDEXED

162-378-1793  
F B I  
OCT 28 1945

*dellos*  
*W...*

Director, FBI  
October 1, 1945

Re: GERARD L. K. SMITH  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

BAERMAN, his representative in Washington, D. C. SMITH told BAERMAN that he would speak in Buffalo, New York on September 16, 1945; in Cleveland, Ohio on September 18, 1945; in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 19, 1945, and also told BAERMAN that he was going to Los Angeles, California where he planned to conduct a series of approximately twenty meetings.

SMITH has recently been in contact with several of the "Mothers' Groups" and especially has been in touch with Mrs. DAVID STANLEY of Cleveland, Ohio, who was arranging to rent a hall for SMITH, when he appeared in Cleveland. Mrs. STANLEY is a well-known leader of mothers' organizations in Cleveland, Ohio.

On September 27, 1945, SMITH planned to hold a meeting at the Northern High School in Detroit, Michigan. He succeeded in renting the hall for the meeting from the Board of Education and after this was made public, protests began to pour into the Board of Education from the Communist Party at Detroit, Michigan, and from other anti-SMITH organizations. However, after SMITH obtained knowledge of the proposed plans to picket his meeting, he immediately sent a postcard to all the people on his mailing list, pointing out that the Communists and their "ilk" would try to break up their meeting and urged each and everyone of them to attend. He stated that he would have plenty of police protection and that he would make a sensational announcement.

SMITH endeavored to have the Detroit newspapers print publicity concerning CLAUDE WILLIAMS, above described, but was not successful in obtaining any paper to publish what SMITH wanted.

In view of the above information, it is suggested that the services of instant Informants be continued.

Very truly yours,

*R. A. Guerin*

R. A. Guerin  
Special Agent in Charge

meg  
62-1126

b7c

COM-4

Rec'd 2:15 AM  
[redacted] No action  
[redacted] [redacted]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# F.B.I. TELETYPE

app [redacted]

[redacted] c b1

FBI DETROIT [redacted] c 8-35 PM EST WEA  
DIRECTOR U R G E N T  
ZERO

GERALD L. K. SMITH, IS-G. [redacted]  
[redacted] DISCONTINUED 4-30 P.M. INSTANT DATE. LETTER OF  
EXPLANATION FOLLOWS.

8-34 PM OK FBI WA DC SK  
RECEIVED [redacted] c 9-08 P.M. EST MMK

GUERIN

HAN [redacted] BI  
BT

CLASS. BY SP-8BTS/mh  
DATE OF REVIEW 10/14/92

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF [redacted]  
DATE 4/9/83

RECORDED  
&  
INDEXED  
30  
EX-11

cc - Mr. Donohue

102-43818-71  
3 [redacted] b1

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

(5) [redacted]

[redacted] c b1

70

*pc*  
*86-1*  
*H/11/11*

*8 + sl*  
*20*  
*9*

TELETYPE

OCT 24 1945

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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

FBI SAN FRANCISCO 10-24-45 3-25 PM CMS

DIRECTOR AND SAC DETROIT DEFERRED

ADO. GERALD L. K. SMITH, AMERICA FIRST PARTY, I. S., SEDITION. RE  
DETROIT LETTER OCTOBER SIXTEEN LAST REQUESTING COVERAGE OF SUBJECTS  
MEETINGS IN THIS FIELD DIVISION. ALSO RE BULET OCTOBER ELEVEN LAST  
STATING NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION DESIRED. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY  
NO COVERAGE WILL BE MAINTAINED OF SUBJECTS MEETINGS.

RECORDED

ACK IN ORDER

WASH 625 PM OK FBI WASH DC DLR

DE OK FBI DE DJS

DISC PLSMM

76 NOV 1 1945 367

VINCENT

EX-23 / 62-43818-995  
FBI  
32 OCT 25 1945

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/14/82 BY SP-7BJ/h/c

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 25, 1945

FROM : SAC, Detroit

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION  
(Bureau File 62-43818)

DATE 10/14/82 BY SP8BTJ/mc

Reference is made to your memorandum dated October 11, 1945, advising that in view of the Criminal Division's opinion an active investigation of the Subject should not be continued. However, a request is made that any information relative to his activities should be forwarded to the Bureau.

This office, by letter dated August 31, 1945, asked that the pay of [redacted] be increased from thirty-five dollars to fifty dollars per month. By a memorandum dated September 24, 1945, the Bureau advised that consideration would be given to the increase after a decision had been rendered by the Criminal Division of the Department.

It is requested that the Bureau advise as to what extent SMITH should be investigated and whether the services of [redacted] should be continued as an informant in this case. If informant coverage is desired, consideration should also be given to the increase in pay for [redacted]

It is believed that SMITH's activities could be adequately covered by [redacted] and that the services of this Informant would warrant the recommended increase.

In giving consideration to the above matter, it is to be noted that the services of [redacted] were discontinued on October 19, 1945. In connection with the discontinuance of these Informants, please refer to the letter from the Detroit Field Division dated October 19, 1945.

62-1126 b7c

sets Detroit 11-7-45 [initials]

RECORDED  
&  
INDEXED  
EX-50

62-43818-796  
F B I  
25 OCT 29 1945

b7D

b7D

1

JED:JAR

62-43818 - 796

SAC, Detroit

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF *declass*  
DATE *4/4/83*

November 7, 1945

~~RECORDED~~ John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH  
AMERICA FIRST PARTY  
EX - 5 INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION  
Your file 62-1126

DECLASSIFIED BY *SP-8BTJ/WK*  
ON *10/14/82*

Reference is made to your letter dated October 25, 1945, requesting advice from the Bureau concerning the extent to which Smith should be investigated and whether the services of [redacted] should be continued. It was also stated in referenced letter that if informant coverage were desired consideration should also be given to the increase in pay for [redacted]

As you were advised in Bureau memorandum of October 11, 1945, an active investigation of the subject is not desired. The Department desires, however, any information concerning Smith's activities which may come to the Bureau's attention. It is evident, therefore, that no active investigation is desired in this matter by the Criminal Division. The services of paid informants, accordingly, do not appear necessary and under separate communication you are being advised concerning the discontinuance of [redacted]

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

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

By a previous communication dated October 22, 1945, you were informed that the services of [redacted] should be discontinued.

★ NOV 7 1945

1945  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Handwritten notes:*  
M. [redacted]  
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

*Handwritten signature:*  
[redacted]

b7c  
b7c

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

JJK:l

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : J. C. Stoughton

SUBJECT: AMERICA FIRST PARTY, et al  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
STATE DEPARTMENT

DATE: October 12, 1945

*Road*

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the attached copy of a State Department interoffice memorandum from [redacted] to [redacted] containing a request that the Bureau supply for the use of the State Department information on the above named and ten other organizations.

b7c

A review of the Bureau's files reflects no pertinent information regarding the American National Patriotic Society. Blind summary memoranda have been prepared for transmittal to the State Department by our Liaison Section regarding the other organizations which are described as follows:

- ~~America First Party - Summary~~
- ~~American Defense Society, Inc. - Summary~~
- ~~National Civic Federation - Summary~~  
112 Park Avenue, New York, New York
- ~~National Security League - Summary~~  
45 W. 45th Street, New York, New York
- ~~Mothers of Sons Forum, Cincinnati, Ohio - Summary~~
- ~~Regular Veterans Association - Summary~~  
1115 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
- ~~We, the Mothers Mobilize for America - Summary~~
- ~~United Mothers of America - Summary~~
- ~~Allied Patriotic Societies, Inc. - Summary~~
- ~~Order of the Founders and Patriots of America - Summary~~

*M*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/1/82 BY SP-8 BT/STW

Attachment

RECORDED & INDEXED

27

162-43818-999

OCT 24 1945

*[Signature]*

56 NOV 30 1945

*[Handwritten marks]*

ESB:cg  
10/12/45

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/14/82 BY SP.8BTS/ah

WE, THE MOTHERS, MOBILIZE FOR AMERICA, INC.

According to available information, Mrs. Barbara Winthrop, Evanston, Illinois, met with a group of women at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago on February 16, 1941, for the purpose of organizing a coordinated movement of all mothers groups. The records of the Secretary of the State of Illinois reflect that Certificate #10945, Articles of Incorporation, was issued to "We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc." at Springfield on March 27, 1941.

Shortly after its organization, this mothers group maintained an office at 37 West Van Buren Street, Room 335, Chicago, and operated under the leadership of the following officers:

- Mrs. Lyril Clark Van Hyning, 6210 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago - President
- Mrs. Lucy Palermo, 10406 South Leavitt Street, Chicago - Vice-President
- Mrs. Grace Keefe, 6209 South LaFlin Avenue, Chicago - Secretary
- Mrs. Helene Johnson, 2324 West 111th Street, Chicago - Chairman of the Committee for Patriotic Action

In the early part of 1942, information was received to the effect that this organization claimed a membership of 35,000 persons throughout the United States of which 10,000 reportedly resided in Chicago, Illinois. It was stated, however, that 1,000 women members in Chicago was more nearly correct. Reportedly five or six volunteer workers were engaged in distributing literature from the organization's headquarters at 37 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois.

An election of officers was held on April 12, 1945, at which time Mrs. Van Hyning was retained as President. According to available information, Mrs. Van Hyning, Mrs. Grace Keefe, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling and Mrs. Barbara Winthrop, representing the subject organization in the middle of July, 1941, made a trip to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of protesting against the Administration's measures regarding foreign affairs. Reportedly, Mrs. Dilling, who was later indicted in the District of Columbia for conspiracy to violate the Sedition statutes, and members of the subject organization were active in picketing the White House while in Washington. In addition, members of this organization reportedly, on May 15, 1941, picketed a hotel in Chicago where Lord Halifax was staying. This picketing allegedly was in protest of the Administration's policy of all out aid to England.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

62-43818-797  
ENCLOSURE ESC

Following the entrance of the United States into the war, this organization held weekly meetings usually in the homes of various members of the group. Reportedly, at a meeting held on February 24, 1942, in the basement of the Masonic Temple at 7832 South Union Avenue, Mrs. Agnes Waters of Washington, D. C., was the principal speaker. Mrs. Waters allegedly stated that a Secret Service man had told her in June, 1941, that there was to be a massacre at Pearl Harbor. According to Mrs. Waters, she tried to visit all the Congressmen and warn them of Pearl Harbor but no one would do anything about it. She also reportedly stated in her talk that inasmuch as the United States was at war, former President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, could be court-martialed for the crime of stripping our country of its defenses to assist foreign nations.

On March 20, 1942, Mrs. Van Hyning and Mrs. Keefe reportedly addressed the group making remarks against the purchase of defense bonds, indicating that the continued purchase of bonds would prolong the war. They also reportedly opposed sugar rationing and drew up a resolution protesting such rationing.

The subject organization during March and April of 1944 reportedly held meetings every two weeks with attendance ranging from 23 to 125 persons. The speeches at these meetings generally urged a negotiated peace and were extremely anti-British and anti-Administration in nature. During the succeeding months, the meetings of the organization were attended by from 20 to 25 persons. Available information indicates that the same type of program was still being used. Mrs. Van Hyning spoke at each of the meetings. Her remarks usually touched on local politics and condemned the National Administration for its foreign policy. A negotiated peace reportedly was still advocated by the group. In the fall of 1944, weekly meetings of the organization brought out an attendance of approximately 20 persons. Allegedly, the meetings were directed primarily at getting out the vote for the Republicans in order to defeat the Democratic Administration which Mrs. Van Hyning accused of planning to destroy America. In the early part of 1945, similar meetings of the organization were continued. However, it was reported that the membership of the organization had fallen off due to adverse publicity given the organization by newspapers and magazines.

The organization held a Peace Convention in Chicago, Illinois, on June 12 and 13, 1944. Reportedly, there were in attendance approximately 150 women from forty states. Available information indicates that a number of speeches were given in favor of a negotiated peace and that the following resolutions were drawn up:

1. Impeach the President now
2. Pass legislation to prevent measures whereby the returning soldiers will have to pay taxes to support the United Nations Rehabilitation Association program.

3. Demand of Congress what our war aims are
4. Demand of the President and Congress why Germany is at fault in the present war

In the early part of April, 1945, information was received to the effect that Mrs. Van Hynning intended to be present at the San Francisco Conference. Mrs. Van Hynning along with leaders of several other similar mothers organizations were reportedly attending the San Francisco Conference so that the beliefs of their respective organizations could be made known. It was reported that the organization was interested in the following points:

1. They desired to register their objection to the war aims and causes of the war.
2. To object to the un-American concessions made by former President Roosevelt.
3. To object to secret commitments made by former President Roosevelt.
4. To present a resolution that persons eighteen years of age and over be allowed to vote and that only those who advocate and sponsor war be drafted for service.

The organization reportedly began issuing a paper called the "Women's Voice" in August, 1942. This paper has been published monthly since that time. The first issue of the paper contained four pages and reportedly 1,000 copies were printed. In succeeding months, the paper is stated to have grown in size, on some occasions containing as many as eight pages. In February, 1943, it was reported that 22,500 copies of the paper had been printed and in September, 1943, 15,000 copies were printed. Usually, however, around 2,000 copies were printed each month. According to available information, the paper is dedicated to "wholesome political administration, just and early peace, betterment for our boys in service, and continuation of Government as a Republic on democratic principles". The paper is reported to have consistently maintained a strong anti-Administration policy and opposed an international police system as well as international bankers.

ESB:cg  
10/12/45

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

AMERICA FIRST PARTY

DATE 10/24/92 BY SP-9873/mc

During the year of 1938 in Detroit, Gerald L. K. Smith founded an organization known as the "Committee of One Million". In this connection he distributed a considerable amount of literature designating the purposes of "The Committee of One Million" as follows:

1. To rebuild the spirit of America
2. To wipe out the last vestiges of Communism, Nazism and Fascism in all forms
3. The redefinition of the American National character
4. The installation of a new spirit in American youth, dedicated to the maintenance of American institutions
5. To issue a call to farmers and laborers to resist what is now known as an international plot to involve them in a world revolution
6. To rededicate the citizenry of America to the family altar and to the spirit of the church
7. To secure the maintenance of a well defined standard of American living

Other literature of "The Committee of One Million" sought particularly to stress the activities of this organization in combating Communist influences.

With the coming of the European war in 1939, Smith shifted the policy of "The Committee of One Million" to that of promoting the cause of isolationism. In various pieces of literature distributed during 1939, 1940 and 1941, he was reportedly especially critical of the Government's policy of rendering assistance to the Allied Governments.

Since the involvement of the United States in the war, Smith reportedly again shifted his policy as well as that of "The Committee of One Million" to the direction of criticism against the Government's efforts in prosecuting the war. He has not questioned the necessity of winning the war, but on the other hand, in various of his publications, as well as his public utterances, has been careful to lay stress on the necessity of the people's aiding and assisting in every way in defeating America's foes.

However, he has advanced contentions that the Government is using the war as an excuse for depriving the public of its just liberties.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

62-43818-797

ENCLOSURE

*mark*

*gib*

He has also freely voiced criticism against what he has been disposed to characterize as the Government's efforts to reduce the United States to a mere entity in a great international state dominated by Great Britain.

During the summer of 1942, Smith sought the Republican nomination for the position of United States Senator from the State of Michigan. He made a number of speeches and conducted quite an active campaign and in the primary election received approximately 120,000 votes. Although this was not sufficient for nomination, political observers were reportedly of the opinion that Smith had made an unusually good showing. Even after this defeat, Smith continued his candidacy in the general election in November, 1942, when he projected himself as a write-in candidate. He was badly defeated in the general election, his following being less than that in the primary campaign.

Late in 1942, Smith publicly announced the intention of forming a third political party on a national scale. The proposed platform for this party, as announced, was said to be somewhat similar to that advanced by Smith in connection with "The Committee of One Million" and it has further been reported that Smith was hoping to gain support for his new party from members of a former group, the "America First Committee".

In recent months, Smith has been touring the country making public addresses on behalf of this party which he calls the "America First Party". In connection with his public appearances, Smith always reportedly professes loyalty in connection with the war effort but frequently condemns the methods being employed by the Government in prosecuting the war and asserts that the Government is not representing "true American interests" in that it is allegedly seeking to set up some sort of world state dominated by Great Britain. Smith also continues to publish his magazine "The Cross and the Flag" which is reported to be devoted primarily to promoting the "America First Party".

October 12, 1945

THE AMERICAN DEFENSE SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

This organization was incorporated under the Membership Laws of the State of New York on August 3, 1915. Its office is located at 255 Fifth Avenue in New York City. Its officers include Robert Appleton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Lealie J. Tompkins, Vice-Chairman, Clarence M. Penfield, Executive Secretary.

PURPOSE

The Society operates as a non-profit national patriotic organization, having for its purpose the education of the citizens of the United States in the need and importance of National Defense. It also conducts special studies concerning Immigration and Naturalization. Throughout the years it has strongly opposed Communism. It is non-political and non-sectarian. There are no stipulated dues, and contributions are entirely voluntary although associate memberships may be purchased for \$100 yearly, sustaining memberships for \$30, and active memberships for \$25.

ACTIVITIES

The Society has published and distributed a number of pamphlets in the interest of "Americanism". Among these are "The Reds in America", by R. M. Whitney; "National Defense", by General John J. Pershing; "The Constitution of the United States of America".

In 1927 a number of pamphlets were published on the subject of Communist activities in the United States. Among these were: "Is There a Moscow Myth?", which outlined Communist activities throughout the world; "Is the Completion of Pacifism Bed?", which named organizations opposed to preparedness; "Idioms of Revolution", which was a glossary of words and phrases commonly used by Communist organizations; and "What is Treason?", which dealt with the curbing of disloyal propagandists.

In 1928 the organization advocated immigration restrictions in the United States, and adopted resolutions favoring registration of all aliens, and deportation of those illegally in the country. A strong Navy was also advocated.

In 1932 the "National Action Committee" was consolidated with the American Defense Society. The National Action Committee was organized by Richard Washburn Child, a former Ambassador to Italy, and had for its purpose the submission to industrial and other organizations

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

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE

DATE 10/11/82 BY SP-3 BTJ/ab 62-43818-797

*Bob per 4*