

Radio address by Gerald L. K. Smith - National Chairman Committee of 1,000,000 - Radio Station WJR- Detroit and others - every Wednesday night 10:15 P. M. - Every Sunday night 7:15 P. M.

The Most outspoken promotor of war in the United States Senate is Mr. Claude Pepper from Florida. He is considered the spokesman of President Roosevelt. The other day Senator Pepper said, "This war will last 10 years. It will cost one hundred billion dollars per year." These brief words are enough to make the blood of every American boil. First, because they tell us what the war party have in mind for us, and second, these words should inspire in us a resentment and a new determination to see to it that we keep our boys out of this program of organized slaughter. Benedict Arnold became the traditional traitor because he attempted to turn over to the British the army of the United States. If he were to come back to life and visit Washington, D. C. he would find some politicians in the capitol City and public officials that would make him feel like a patriot.

If those of us who love America most, best, and first, do not fight, we have a set of men in Washington who will not only turn our army over to the British but will give them the navy, our money, our resources, and the blood of our twenty-one million American boys of military age.

We are in the hands of a set of politicians who seem to think that the patriotic thing to do is to put some foreign countries ahead of the United States. Just the other day the President announced that he wanted another seven billion dollars for national defense. That sounds all right, but the report reveals that much of this, in fact several billions of it, is likely to be set aside for communistic Russia. Millions of our people are hungry tonight, - can't pay their rent, - can't get a job. In the City of Detroit, we have what is known as the Old Newsboys organization. It is a marvellous organization of outstanding citizens who were once newsboys. Between now and Christmas these men will beg and borrow and campaign to get enough money to see that every child in Detroit is visited by Santa Claus. Similar organizations are in every great city. Our People beg and pass the hat. Our women stand on the corner in the cold in order to get a few nickels, dimes and dollars for the hungry and poor, but we give billions to Britain, Russia, China.

The day our President gave Russia a billion dollars, they threw a celebration at Stalin's Washington headquarters which cost from forty to sixty thousand dollars for one night. They drank at least 2000 bottles of champagne at \$10.00 a bottle, up. I have before me a letter from a widow with four children. She is on relief. She is living in a two room apartment. Her husband was a veteran of the last war. This widow and her children are half-starving in a land that sends billions of dollars to foreign countries.

Within a few weeks one hundred fifty thousand workers in Detroit will be on the street, out of work because the factories in which they work will not be permitted to have the necessary materials. The theory is that these materials are being saved for national defense, but I have a dispatch which quotes Senator John A. Danaher to the effect that there is no limitation whatever on exportation of these strategic metals to Canada and as a result Canada can buy in America anything she wants and British companies in Canada don't even have to buy it, they get it free. You can buy anything you want in Canada, from a hairpin to an automobile whether it is made of aluminum, steel, copper, or brass, but while this is going on, more than one hundred thousand little manufacturers and businessmen in the United States are being driven into bankruptcy. The men who have been working for them are being turned out on the street, unemployed, because our Government refuses to let American businessmen buy copper, aluminum, steel. I have here a dispatch sent out of Columbus, Ohio, relative to a meeting of 400 little businessmen who were trying to figure ways and means to prevent the cutting of their throats by this America second program that has been inaugurated in Washington, D. C. At this conference, Mr. Clarence E. Karst, vice-president and treasurer of the Brunkoff Mfg Co., of Cincinnati, spoke: (Quote of dispatch) "After revealing how his firm which manufactures advertising specialties, had been unable to obtain sheet metal, Karst said he subscribed to a British magazine, the British Export Gazette - which advertised for sale and for delivery "NOW" the very things he

needed, the advertisement adding a guarantee of delivery because of the British navy's existence. "Our company has sent to England for five cars of steel on the strength of these advertisements", he asserted. Then addressing others in the crowd, he added: "Why don't the rest of you fellows write these people? You can get it easier than you can here." The Advertisement, which Karst handed to newspaper men for examination said: The best British goods can be delivered now. The British navy is guarantee of delivery." Items advertised included steel, cables, wires, copper and aluminum which Great Britain supposedly is importing from the United States.

It looks like someone has conspired to destroy American business, rob us of our natural resources, crucify the little business man on the cross of bankruptcy and turn all the business of the world over to the international monopolies. This all strikes me as a super-super game of treason played by the big monopolies and the big politicians.

The American toy manufacturers have been told they cannot even make toys for American children, but American children will have toys this year, not made by Americans, of course, but made by the British and sold by the British to us while our toy manufacturers are driven to the wall in bankruptcy.

Unless you regular Americans wake up and put on your fighting clothes, we won't have any clothes to put on. These foreign slickers, will have our shirts, our sons, our money, our blood, our Government. In fact, one of the biggest things they are trying to put over right now for which they have raised one million dollars for propaganda is a scheme to get America back into the British Empire. I hate Nazism and I have fought it to a standstill. I hate communism and I have fought it the same way, but by the Grace of God and the spirit of George Washington, I will fight the imperialists who conspire with the covetous eyes and watery mouths to take this Garden of Eden, this Valley of Peace, this glorious America back into the bondage of the British Empire from whence our fighting and bleeding founding fathers sought and won escape in 1776.

We have a set of diplomats and politicians in Washington who operate on the America Last principle which summarizes about as follows: Billions for Russia, Bones for America, - Champagne for the Reds, Crumbs for American children, - Billions for Britain, Bankruptcy for America's little business, No conscription for Canada, - Conscription for America. \$40.00, \$75.00 and \$100.00 a month for Canadian Soldiers, \$21.00 a month for American Soldier throat-cutting taxes for Americans but British property in America by special arrangement of Mr. Roosevelt is tax free.

A Sweet ~~xx~~ old lady came to me the other night at a meeting and said: "Mr. Smith, do you think that the Townsend Plan will ever go through?" and I answered by saying: "Why my dear woman, the Townsend Plan has already gone through, but the British and Russians are on it instead of us. If we had the money we are sending foreign countries, millions of old people could be paid a pension commensurate with their needs. The thing we Americans need to do is to pray and fight and work to see to it that our public officials in Washington have enough nerve and courage and patriotism to look after our own soldiers, our own people and our own business men and our own old people before they exhaust our resources, bankrupt our treasury and bleed us white."

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February 28, 1942

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Dear [Redacted]

I am in receipt of your recent letter with which you enclosed a copy of a circular bulletin which had been received by a soldier stationed at Fort Meade, South Dakota.

In view of the fact that this matter may be of interest to the censorship establishment I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the office of Mr. Byron Price, Director of Censorship, Washington, D. C.

I wish to thank you for your interest and cooperation in furnishing such information at this time.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

B.F.I.
Washington

Gentlemen:

The enclosed pamphlet was sent the writer some days ago, and since I am not in sympathy with such activities and pan-handlers at this crucial moment in our history, am sending same on to you for your inspection and action.

~~C.P.~~

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY

CLASS. BY *SP-8 BTJ*

DATE OF REVIEW *9/28/82*

Dear Sir:

For your information only there is set forth
below information which was received at the Bureau on
~~MARCH 4, 1942~~ from Office of Naval Intelligence:
"SMITH, Gerald L. K.
Detroit, Michigan



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OTHERWISE

Very truly yours,

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J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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GERALD L. K. SMITH

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New York, N. Y.,

February 21, 1942.

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DATE 9/28/82 BY SP8 BTJ/MLC

The Hour reports:

Former Silver Shirts, Key Appeaser and Agent
of U. S. Cliveden Set, Launching New Campaign
to Obstruct U. S. War Effort.

Gerald L. K. Smith, former lieutenant of the late Huey Long and now national chairman of the fascist Committee of One Million, is forming in Detroit, a secret group called The Inner Circle. This group is to serve as a brain trust for the anti-democratic disruptive program with which Fifth Columnist Smith seeks to undermine American morale and hamper the war effort of this country. The slogan of The Inner Circle will be "Christ First!"

We have in our possession a letter, sent out by Gerald L. K. Smith from his Detroit headquarters on January 24 to a select number of his followers, which tells of creation of this Inner Circle. The recipients of the letter are invited to join the new organized cabal. Smith writes,

"...after much thought and planning, I have decided to establish what we shall call 'THE INNER CIRCLE.' Let us visualize the Committee of One Million as a gigantic wheel. Then, let us think of 'The Inner Circle' as a wheel, within a wheel. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to become a close consistent co-worker, and be listed as a member of my personal inner circle. By filling out the blank at the bottom of this letter and mailing it to me at once, your name will be recorded on this special list. Kindly consider this invitation a personal matter."

The Detroit fascist mentions in his letter that he has discussed the formation of The Inner Circle with certain of his "friends" in Washington, D. C.

3 MAR 1942 (85) 94...These words are being written at a time when I have just returned from Washington. While there, I had conferences with several leaders, men who understand the power and potency of the 'Committee of One Million.' I was given a cordial reception.

"I spent four hours with one particular Senator, an outstanding figure in American public life, and gleaned from him certain unpublished

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information, most of which I expect to pass on to my Inner Circle of friends in the near future.

"Among other things, this man gave me his reasons for believing that a 'conspiracy' has been worked out behind the scenes, for destroying the Sovereignty of the United States, by making us an organic part of the British Empire. ... I shuddered instinctively at the thought of having the sins, weaknesses, economic and geographical handicaps of a foreign government saddled upon us."

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In the light of President Roosevelt's recent reference to a U. S. Cliveden Set, Smith's boast of assistance from Washington has particular significance.

It is not an idle boast. The Hour can reveal that among the congressmen with whom Gerald L. K. Smith has been in close touch are Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs; Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan; Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana; ex-Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia (currently accused of having cooperated with the paid Nazi agent, George Sylvester Viereck); and Representative Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan.

For a number of years Smith has played a key role in the anti-democratic movement in the United States. His fifth column activities have not always brought him into circles as eminent as those he frequents today. On August 5, 1938, H. E. Martin, executive director of the Silver Shirts of America, sent to Dr. L. M. Birkhead, director of the Friends of Democracy, a letter which stated;

"Answering your letter of the 3rd regarding Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith's connection with the Silver Shirts, which you say he denies, we have on file certain letters and telegrams received from him.... The letters are all written on Silver Shirts of America letterheads and signed by him. His registration number as a member of the Silver Shirts was 3223 and his wife's number was 3220."

Smith's important function in this subversive band is indicated in the following passage from one of his many communications to Silver Shirt Chief William Dudley Pelley, who is now in jail in North Carolina; "...by the time you receive this letter I shall be on the road to St. Louis and parts north with a uniformed squad of young men composing what I believe will be the first Silver Shirt storm troop in America."

Smith, an expert rabble-rouser, was not content to remain for long in Pelley's service. He began organizing vigilante groups of his own. He traveled about the country spreading anti-Semitic propaganda. On August 5, 1938, the press in Cleveland, Ohio, described Smith's disruptive technique in these words;

"In his recent speedy tour of Ohio, Reverend Smith has spoken in both urban and rural communities. In the urban communities he has made no reference to racial groups but in the rural communities, he has decried the sinister influence of Jews and Catholics.

In 1939 Smith came to Detroit, Michigan. He won the support of influential backers and began a weekly radio program over WJR, the city's largest and most expensive station. He established in the auto city, headquarters for the Committee of One Million.

The Committee has a secret membership which, according to Smith, is active in every state in the country, and which has specialized in disseminating anti-New Deal, anti-labor and appeasement propaganda. In its "anti-war" machinations, Smith's group closely cooperated with the Nazi-endorsed America First Committee; and, although America Firsters denied Smith was one of their members, it was commonly known that he supervised their operations in the Michigan area.

Every Sunday evening at 7:15, Gerald L. K. Smith now broadcasts from station WJR in Detroit. He speaks in the name of the Committee of One Million. His radio programs are aimed, none too subtly, at creating disunity among Americans by stirring up race hatred. He constantly harps on the Coughlinite theme of "Christ First in America." He also attempts to undermine confidence in the war leadership of the Roosevelt Administration. Periodically, his speeches are re-broadcast by transcription over Station WOL in Washington, D. C.

The Hour asks; how much longer will Gerald L. K. Smith be permitted to maintain his anti-democratic band and to continue his work of undermining morale and hampering the war effort of this country?

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WB-NL-BGL

146-28-43

February 20, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Re:

GERALD L. K. SMITH;

Re:

COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION;

Re:

THE INNER CIRCLE

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
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Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum dated February 11, 1942, enclosing copies of a circular entitled "The Undelivered Speech", which appears over the mimeographed signature of the subject.

We have examined the circular with a view to Smith's liability for seditious utterances, and it is our opinion that its contents do not constitute a violation of the applicable statutes.

It is noted that the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith have been reported to Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief, Special Defense Unit, under date of February 9, 1942. It is requested that a copy of this report be transmitted to the Criminal Division.

It is further requested that the Division be kept fully advised of the results of the investigation which you state is now pending to determine the subject's possible affiliation with subversive organizations.

Respectfully,

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Wendell Berge

WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

WERDELL BERGE

Re: Gerald L. K. Smith;
Committee of One Million;
Internal Security.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 20, 1942, requesting a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 20, 1941 at Detroit, Michigan concerning the above captioned. b7c

Pursuant to your request there is enclosed herewith a copy of the above mentioned report.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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March 18, 1942

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. Byron Price
Director of Censorship
Room 772, Federal Trade
Commission Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

There is attached hereto for your information a copy of a letter dated January 27, 1942, from [redacted] together with a copy of his enclosure. [redacted] has been advised of this reference.

Sincerely yours,

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Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs

I am enclosing a letter that I just read and firmly believe that your bureau should investigate Gerald L. K. Smith. Even if Mr. Smith is sincere in his beliefs, his letters which are sent to thousands of Americans (most of us are gullible and believe everything we read) tend to disrupt the unity that now exists, and God knows that we have to have unity if we are to defeat our enemies. Mr. Smith has no confidence in our government and is willing during these crucial days to spread this propaganda to thousands of other Americans, who will fall for it, hook, line and sinker. We are at war and we should be 100% united....we don't want any Quislings or Coughlinites or traitors in our midst, who are trying to creat_ in our minds that our allies are treacherous.

If I have erred, I am willing to apologize, but as an average, voting American citizen, I believe, that no real American should, in time of war, creat_ havoc and disunity, as our enemies, who are in our midst (fifth columnists), are doing their darndest to disrupt us.

May I hear from you?

Thank you.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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BYRON PRICE
DIRECTOR

THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1942.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓

[REDACTED]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Naturally I have examined with deep interest the letter from [REDACTED] and his enclosure which you sent me under confidential cover on March 18.

I note that you have advised [REDACTED] that his communication has been referred to the Office of Censorship. I assume this was a routine reference, but I am wondering whether you have any suggestion as to what action the Office of Censorship might take.

Sincerely yours,

Byron Price
Byron Price,
Director.

Gerald L. B. Smith

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March 30, 1942

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Mr. Byron Price
Director of Censorship
Room 772, Federal Trade
Commission Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

I have your letter of March 19th, in which you refer to my letter to you of March 18th concerning a communication addressed to this Bureau by [redacted]. A copy of [redacted] communication was referred to you for your information only. Naturally, if there are any steps which need to be taken from the standpoint of internal security investigations, this Bureau will take all necessary and possible action.

[redacted] communication was forwarded to you with the thought in mind that in connection with the voluntary censorship of radio, the officials of your office might desire to have the views of [redacted] for their consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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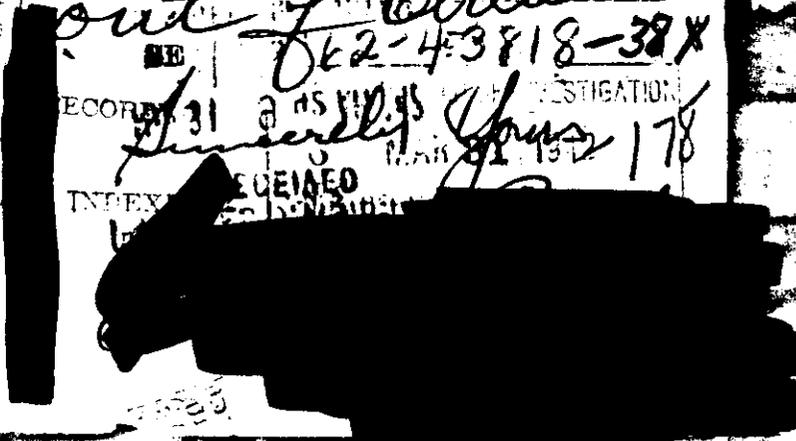
Dear Mr. Biddle

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For gods sake
Will you please
take Gerald Smith
out of circulation

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Dear [Redacted]

I wish to advise that your letter of recent date, has been received at this Bureau by reference from the office of the Attorney General.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this matter to the attention of the Department of Justice are indeed appreciated. You may be assured that the content of your letter has been noted and will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 10, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Gerald L. K. Smith;
Committee of One Million";
"The Inner Circle";
Sedition

The Criminal Division is in receipt of a photostatic copy of a news clipping from the "New York Herald Tribune" dated March 27, 1942, with reference to the subjects, which states that Smith a short time prior thereto brought out the first issue of a monthly magazine entitled "The Cross and the Flag". It is requested that a copy of this issue and of all future issues of the publication be made available to the Division.

Reference is made to the statement by the reporter in the above-mentioned clipping that "Detroiters contribute by the thousands to support him, in dribbles of less than \$5.00 at a time." It is also noted that in the same report Smith declares that he derives \$75,000 yearly from his various "constituents" to pay for his living expenses and propaganda activities. It is requested that copies of the federal income tax returns of Smith for the years 1938 through 1941 be obtained, or information as to why none were filed.

On page 5 of the Bureau report by [redacted] relating to Smith and dated May 20, 1941 at Detroit, Michigan it appears that the Bureau has a copy of an article appearing in the September 1940 issue of the "Michigan Democrat" entitled "An expose of Gerald L. K. Smith" by Edward L. Marshall. On pages 7 and 8 of this Bureau report are statements that Smith is the author of two pamphlets, "Dangerous Enemies" and "Too Much Roosevelt", and that a copy of the first mentioned pamphlet is in the files of the Detroit office of the Bureau. It is requested that copies of the expose and of the two pamphlets by Smith be transmitted to the Division.

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On page 5 of the Bureau report dated May 20, 1941 it is noted that Smith, as of the date of the report, was living at the Detroit-Leland Hotel.

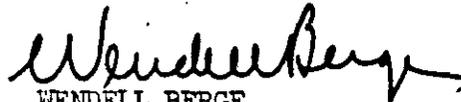


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Reference is further made to a report in "The Hour", number 128, dated February 21, 1942, that Smith makes weekly radio broadcasts over Station W J R in Detroit and that his speeches are periodically re-broadcast over Station W O L in Washington, D. C. It is requested that transcripts of his talks since December 7, 1941 be procured, if possible, and made available to this Division. It is likewise requested that the Bureau obtain transcripts of any future radio talks by Smith and forward them to the Division.

Reference is finally made to your memorandum to this Division dated February 11, 1942, wherein you stated that the Bureau was conducting an investigation of Smith to determine his possible affiliation with any subversive organizations. It is requested that you advise as to the current status of such investigation.

Respectfully,



WENDELL BERGE

Assistant Attorney General

**Smith Will Speak
In-Coughlin's Behalf**

Detroit, April 21 (AP)—Gerald L. K. Smith, national chairman of the isolationist "Committee of One Million," announced today he would address a rally here Friday night on the subject, "Will We Permit the Reds to Jail Father Coughlin?" The Coughlin magazine, Social Justice, has been barred from the mails, pending a hearing on Attorney General Biddle's finding that it is "clearly seditious."

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April 26, 1942

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the activities of one Gerald L. K. Smith, whose address is believed to be the Detroit-Island Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, it will be appreciated if you will furnish photostatic copies of the Federal income tax returns for Smith for the years 1938 through 1941, or advise as to the reason why none were filed.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Francis Biddle
Attorney General.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Papers not cancelled.
Please file.

Probably you already have this same
spy day surveillance
Don't know how they got my name on list

Moreover, through my years of public service, traveling in all parts of the Nation, appearing before every conceivable type of public audience, enjoying the personal friendship of a large number of United States Senators, Representatives and other prominent government officials in Washington, there comes to me a constant flow of priceless INSIDE INFORMATION, not available to the general public. Much of this material is of such a nature that propriety forbids its use over radio. And yet, it should be placed in the hands of key people, like yourself, for judicious patriotic handling and dissemination.

Thus, through frequent Inner Circle letters, there will come into your home, important facts -- facts of vital concern to the welfare of our Nation, which you will want to share with friends and neighbors. By this means, vital truth, not available through press and radio will seep through to countless thousands, perhaps millions of people, as we go on working together, IN UNISON, expanding our labors.

Hours are precious in the present crisis, and I am hoping, believing, praying that you will use the blank at the bottom of the last page of this letter and let me hear from you without delay. If you live a considerable distance from Detroit, please answer by airmail.

For instance, these words are being written at a time when I have just returned from Washington. While there, I had conferences with several leaders, men who understand the power and potency of the "Committee of One Million". I was given a cordial reception.

I spent four hours with one particular Senator, an outstanding figure in American public life, and gleaned from him certain unpublished information, most of which I expect to pass on to my Inner Circle of friends in the near future.

Among other things, this man gave me his reasons for believing that a "conspiracy" has been worked out behind the scenes, for destroying the Sovereignty of the United States, by making us an organic part of the British Empire. As we talked together, with measured words and sober countenance, I shuddered instinctively at the thought of having the sins, weaknesses, economic and geographical handicaps of a foreign government saddled upon us.

I have prepared, exclusively for you friends of the Inner Circle, a special brochure, entitled "THE UNDELIVERED SPEECH" -- which contains a chapter devoted to this matter. The Senator referred to above, knows about the activities of certain international politicians, operating under the name of the "Federal Union Inc.," who hope to consummate this treasonable plan within six months, while we Americans are occupied with our emergency. This is an issue concerning which you, and millions of other patriots should be informed with all possible haste.

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And now, a further word about this new book, "The Undelivered Speech". Let me say, FIRST, that this treatise is not being offered to the general public and cannot be purchased. It will be released solely through the Inner Circle. I feel that the startling facts which it contains, should be placed only at the disposal of persons whose thinking along these lines has reached maturity.

SECOND, some days ago I was invited to deliver an address before a large number of people. Those in charge insisted that they see an advance copy of the message. Accordingly, I submitted the manuscript.

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- THE UNDELIVERED SPEECH -

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Detroit, Michigan
January 24th, 1942.

My dear Friend:

DATE 8/25/82 BY SP-8BJJ/mc

Please consider this a personal letter from Gerald L. K. Smith. Do me the kindness of getting a quiet comfortable chair and sifting every sentence with utmost care. I feel, in view of the tragic crisis now engulfing our beloved country, that I must today unburden my soul to you friends who have stood so loyally with me.

I regard this as the most important letter I have ever written. The entire future, of our Christian and patriotic work -- work, precious to your heart and mine, will depend upon YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE to certain suggestions that I shall outline below. There are so many important matters to be presented for your consideration, that I shall try to boil down my thoughts to a minimum of words.

You are no doubt aware that a very large amount of mail reaches me from week to week. Letters pour in constantly from all parts of the Nation. Without such correspondence, it would be impossible for the "Committee of One Million" to function. We have demonstrated the correctness of the old axiom, IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH.

No other organization in the United States is duplicating the work in which we are engaged. Our influence for moral, religious, economic and political righteousness is nation wide. Good people love us, while the international agents of destruction, hate and fear us.

I have gone through a large accumulation of mail and chosen what I regard as my "preferred list" of friends and supporters across the Continent. You are in this group. Hence, the present communication.

Because of the unprecedented peril which our Country is now facing.. and considering that the American people will be obliged to make grave decisions in the days just ahead ... and the further fact of your responsibility and mine, in helping to produce an aroused, informed, enlightened public opinion, animated by righteous impulses -- it is now imperative that a large group of us shall work together, in closer collaboration, than at any previous time.

So, after much thought and planning, I have decided to establish what we shall call "THE INNER CIRCLE". Let us visualize the Committee of One Million as a gigantic wheel. Then, let us think of "The Inner Circle" as a wheel, within a wheel. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to become a close consistent co-worker, and be listed as a member of my personal inner circle. By filling out the blank at the bottom of this letter and mailing it to me at once, your name will be recorded on this special list. Kindly consider this invitation a personal matter.

I want to feel free at all times to write to you ... to seek your prayerful counsel when I have important decisions to make ... to learn from you, how our patriotic labors can be especially useful, from time to time, in your community. I want to be able to bring the problems and needs of the program before you, as occasions may demand.

After scrutinizing same, they forbade me to deliver the speech. It is probable that the message would have been heard by radio, and quoted in far away Russia. My exposure would have been of such a character, that those in charge feared it might have antagonized the Reds against us.

In the present state of affairs, there are some things that no longer can be said over radio, and yet we are faced with the stubborn fact that Communist propagandists within our own borders, are opportunizing on present collaboration between Washington and Moscow, by pushing toward their objective of PHYSICAL REVOLUTION AND BLOODSHED in the United States.

Because of certain things I cannot say over the radio, I must find a way for filtering the truth through to straight-thinking Americans like yourself. And so, we are ready to release the complete text of "The Undelivered Speech", to those who use the blank below.

THIRD, as indicated above, this book also contains the latest inside facts about the international deal, to destroy the individualism, and governmental integrity of the United States, by tying us politically to the tail of the British lion.

We want you to know us better. And we want to know you better. Accordingly, Mrs. Smith and I have prepared a family calendar, bearing our photographs, for 1942. This item, a token of appreciation for your help, will serve as a daily reminder that we are standing together in defense of the principles and ideals of the American founding fathers.

And now, before closing, a personal word of utmost importance: With the declaration of war, made by the Congress, on December 8, 1941, the importance of our work was incalculably increased. It seemed that our past efforts were all directed toward this particular peak. Now that the hour has come, when the destinies of our Country are being shaped, we must not falter in accepting responsibility thrust upon us by virtue of our knowledge and advance preparation.

During recent weeks, inducements and threats have been made to silence us. Enemies of our Country, emissaries of Satan, are doing everything in their power to retard our efforts. But, until the present hour, we have moved steadily forward, as a great constructive force. Under the slogan "Christ First" we propose to continue these labors which have been Divinely preserved. With your help, with your consistent, unfaltering, prayerful cooperation, I shall continue leading this movement for God, Home and Country.

I would be less than honest, if I did not say that we are NOW faced with urgent financial needs. The only thing that could hold us back at this time, would be lack of money to continue the radio work, great public mass meetings, distribution of literature, and the multiple lines of work which go out from the central hub here in Detroit. We must not fail for want of



financial support. Should our movement go down in defeat, there is nothing else on the American horizon to take its place. I REPEAT, WE MUST NOT FAIL!

Week after week, we are reaching millions of people through broadcasts from both Detroit and Washington. As you know, we are helpless except as loyal supporters like yourself, come to our rescue. I am frank to say, that these words are written out of a heavy heart, with a certain degree of anxiety, because of pressing obligations now facing us.

UNLESS I HAVE FINANCIAL HELP AT ONCE, MY VOICE WILL BE SILENCED.

In supporting this work, you are not performing an act of charity. On the contrary, you are making an investment. With this premise in the background, I do not hesitate to suggest that you send, without delay, a contribution of the largest amount possible, so that we can proceed with the work unhindered.

It is probable that this letter will reach some friends who can contribute as much as \$100. Others \$50. or possibly \$20. While a large number of gifts will fall automatically into the \$5 and \$10 brackets ... yet, I want you to know that your offering, no matter the amount, be it one dollar, or two dollars, will be thankfully received. In fact, our work has been carried on these years, for most part by a large number of small contributions -- one, two and three dollar amounts.

Let us make it a unanimous offering, in which everyone shall participate. I have faith to believe that somehow, these obligations with which we are faced, will be met, so that the work will be able to continue. Without fail, fill out the blank below and send the largest amount possible. Kindly let me hear from you right away.

Sincerely yours for God and Country.

Gerald L. K. Smith
GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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Write!

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed find my voluntary contribution of \$ _____ to help meet the present, pressing needs of the work. You may enter my name, so that I will receive your Inner Circle Letters from time to time. Yes, send me one of the 1942 calendars bearing the photograph of you and Mrs. Smith, also the book. "The Undelivered Speech".

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

APRIL 18, 1942

Transmit the following message to:

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Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Walter Winchell
N.Y. Daily Mirror
New York, New York.

To Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell -
Knowing of your splendid crusade
for what is right and just, it occurred
to me that from the Chicago Daily
News of February 14th I would interest you
I have always been most proud of
this great metropolis in which I
live, but this sort of thing appals
me when it is allowed to occur
without incident.

Frankly it "smells" of treasonable
intent — just the kind of
"Americanism" which Hitler so
much admires.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

February 14, 1942

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APPEASERS BOO F. D. R. AND ALLIES IN MEETING HERE

Cheer McCormick, Huey
Long and Lindbergh;
Laugh at 1st Lady.

BY FRANK SMOTHERS.

Britain and Russia were booed last night, China's war supply needs made a subject for laughter and America's commander in chief ridiculed at a meeting of William G. Grace's revamped Citizens' Committee, in session at 32 West Randolph street.

Before Pearl Harbor it was the Citizens' Keep America Out of War Committee. Grace now has reorganized with the shorter name.

As principal speaker the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit spell-binder, chairman of what he calls the Committee of a Million, cajoled the crowd for almost two hours. A crowd of some 500 filled the 12th-floor meeting hall.

The crowd cheered and applauded the names of Charles A. Lindbergh, Col. Robert R. McCormick, the Chicago Tribune, Senator C. Wayland Brooks, the late Senator Huey P. Long, Senator Gerald P. Nye, Representative Clarence Day, and "America First."

Hit Treason Charges.

A great chorus of enthusiastic "ayes" adopted a resolution that attacked Representative Raymond S. McKeough's charge in Congress of treason against McCormick. The resolution endorsed "most heartily" the Tribune and its "editorial policy," and paid tribute to the "patriotism" of McCormick.

All but a few in the audience were middle-aged or elderly. Faces of most were stern as they entered. No men in uniform were seen.

As in similar meetings before Pearl Harbor Lindbergh's name above all was magic with the crowd. Its first mention by Smith brought the house down with cheers, high shrieks of women, long hand-clapping. To that Smith came back:

"Give him a real hand!"

Respond with Ovation.

The crowd responded with a rising, cheering ovation. Lindbergh's name was tumultuously cheered again when Smith said that for real "unity" Nye should be brought into the cabinet, Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina made Secretary of War and Lindbergh appointed head of a new air arm.

"Frank Knox should resign before midnight," shouted Smith, waving his arms. He is a stocky, dark-haired orator, whose gestures range from arm-swinging to squatting in midsentence.

First titters at the President's expense came when Southard, who spoke before Smith, declared that Washington and Lincoln were "isolationists" and that Lincoln made his position clear "again and again and again." Smith repeatedly brought similar titters with slurring references to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. There were appreciative giggles, too, when Southard read a reference to China's dissatisfaction because she is not getting what she wants in lend-lease aid.

Audience Ends a Sentence.

In one of many attacks on Britain Smith said: "The dagger that's sharp enough for the kidneys of Australia is sharp enough to pass through the kidneys of—and women in the audience finished it with him—"of America."

The house came down when Smith said America First should not have disbanded and when he extolled his old intimate, Huey Long, as "the Lincoln of the South."

Smith declared he was for "victory" in the war, but that "victory" meant different things to different people. He didn't want a "victory" that would "make Eleanor president," said the preacher.

"The only defeat for America would be that which destroyed the independent destiny of America," he proclaimed. "The only victory would be that which preserved it."

Throughout his speech Smith reiterated that what he wanted was victory for a "Christian America," nor did the cheering crowd misunderstand his implication regarding the Jewish citizens of America.

He painted the horrors of the war and said that if his "6-foot son comes back to his beautiful mother and myself in a wheelchair or blind or in a casket I pray to God let it be a victory for us, not Russia, not Britain, not the international bankers." The Reds and "Union Now" he chastised repeatedly.

Smith said he favored "using" Britain and Russia in the war, he affirmed, and, with the war over, giving them 24 hours' notice to "get out."

Nominating petitions were circulated in the anteroom of the hall and many signatures secured for Brooks and for Grace as a congressional aspirant. Social Justice was on sale in the anteroom.

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United States Department of Justice

New York, N. Y.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a communication received from [redacted] of the law firm of Delafield, Marsh, Porter and Hope, 20 Exchange Place, New York City, together with the enclosures which [redacted] forwarded with his letter. These enclosures refer to "The Committee of 1,000,000."

It is believed that the Bureau will desire to call this material to the attention of the Department.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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April 15, 1942

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
 Federal Building,
 Foley Square,
 New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

I am enclosing herewith a letter and contents received by me from an organization entitled "The Committee of 1,000,000". I don't suppose that this not very subtle type of propoganda can do great harm, but I am sending it along to you for whatever it is worth.

If nothing else can be done to suppress this type of thing (and off-hand I don't see that this material constitutes either libel or a mail fraud) it might be that local religious authorities could prevent these gentlemen from making use of the surface religious veneer which is apparent in these papers.

Yours very sincerely,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

April 20, 1942.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH;
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

Dear Sir:

There is forwarded herewith various papers including a re-print of a sheet from the Congressional Record which relates to GERALD L. K. SMITH, which were furnished to me by [redacted]

Copies of these papers are not being retained here.

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Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director.

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We Take Our Stand

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
HON. ROY O. WOODRUFF
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 26, 1942

EDITORIAL BY GERALD L. K. SMITH

Mr. WOODRUFF of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following editorial by Gerald L. K. Smith from the magazine *The Cross and the Flag* for April 1942:

[From the *Cross and the Flag* for April 1942]

WE TAKE OUR STAND

(By Gerald L. K. Smith)

We have named this magazine *The Cross and the Flag* because we want it to symbolize the highest and most dynamic ideals. This is a patriotic, crusading journal which recognizes the fact that the ethical, moral, and spiritual teachings of Christ constitute the fountainhead of all worth while modern civilization.

We expect the worst from our foes, because we propose to use this magazine as a weapon with which to deal blows to the enemies of our traditional American way of life.

The reader may not be able to find in this editorial the symbol and name of everything we shall fight for, but if you keep right on reading, by the time you have finished this you will have a pretty fair idea of what we propose to support and oppose.

In the first place, we are 100 percent for an American victory and every sacrifice necessary to win that victory for America. We invite you to read our war platform on page 14. We have a very definite definition of victory, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Cross and the Flag will never say nor do anything to lend aid and comfort to the enemies of America, whether they be on the battlefield, outside America, or among the agents of subversion inside America. America's attitude toward the Nazis, the Fascists, and the Japs is a fixed military policy which has been approved by the overwhelming majority of our Congress.

Now that we have made these facts clear, for the record, we assert that even though America is at war we old-fashioned Americans do not propose to be city-licked by boondoggling bureaucratic politicians, Communists, British imperialists (the Union Now gang), and a thousand and one other porch climbers, confidence men, and snake-oil salesmen who are working day and night on conspiracies designed to compel us to swallow a hundred poison pills in the name of wartime emergencies.

We are not complaining about blood, taxes, or any of the sacrifices that go along with the legitimate conduct of a war to save and defend America. We are talking about bureaucratic fakers, brain-trust screwballs and political mechanics whose conscience and self-respect are about as calloused as the operator of a French guillotine. We are talking about ruthless political racketeers, propagandists, and character assassins who never hesitate to translate blood into ballots and defense bonds into boondoggling. *The Cross and the Flag* knows that many of these fakers and political confidence men are right on the pay roll of the United States Government. Some of them are awfully close to the White House, and many are in both Houses of Congress. The editors expect the worst from these people. We expect to be called appeasers, turtles, copperheads, Fascists, anti-Semites, racketeers, fifth columnists, rumor mongers, and even candidates for the Cliveden set.

A fraternity of smear artists has sprung up in America which has mastered the science of character assassination. The moment we old-fashioned Americans assert ourselves over the air or by the publication of a magazine these character killers turn on the heat. They issue bulletins, they bark over the air and suddenly the plain old-fashioned American, whether he be Charles Lindbergh or Gerald Smith, is aware of the fact that 10,000 mysterious enemies have descended upon him with scandalizing persecution, physical threats, editorial scorn, picket lines, and protest meetings. His patriotism is impugned and his Americanism is questioned.

We see a man like Walter Winchell monopolize an international radio network for a given period of time each week presuming to interpret Americanism at the rate of five thousand luscious "lotion" dollars per week. Walter Winchell has a background of scandal mongering, underworld gossiping, and now steps up to assume the role of a superpatriot. Political pull and White House favoritism make it possible for him to become a commissioned officer in the United States Navy, although to this date he continues to draw from the Jergens Lotion Corporation, the motion-picture industry, and others, a salary estimated at from \$250,000 per year up. This man is no special evil in himself; he merely typifies the matter festering of an evil element within our borders. Let Mr. Winchell, the great patriot, explain to us over the air some night why he presented, some months ago, to every Member of Congress a book written by the notorious Red, John Spivak. Let Mr. Winchell explain why he recommended the works of this Red propagandist de-luxe to the elected Representatives of the United States. We agree with Congressman VINSON, chairman of the

Naval Affairs Committee of Congress, who said in effect, "Let Winchell put on the uniform and enter the Navy or take off the uniform and get out of the Navy."

We don't like the idea of the President of the United States playing politics with a wartime Cabinet. We think he should demonstrate a willingness to fill his Cabinet with men representing all the major political elements in our Nation. We agree with the American Legion of Michigan, which, by resolution, called on the President to remove five of the impotent, ineffective members of his Cabinet. We don't like the idea of Harry Hopkins being so powerful that every high official in the United States has to siphon his ideas through this ailing Pink.

We are impressed with the editorial challenge of men like David Lawrence, editor of the United States News, who accuses Donald Nelson of toying with Soviet technique—in setting up industrial committees. If David Lawrence is wrong, he should be rebuked. If David Lawrence is right, then Nelson should be curbed or dismissed.

We don't like the way the administration has ignored the sensational findings of Congressman MARTIN DIX, in his exposure of Reds, Pinks, and Communists on the pay roll of our wartime Government. We are opposed to the theory that America must flatter and cajole the Communists in America merely because we are military allies of Russia.

We recognize the priorities emergency, but because we know something of the background of Leon Henderson we think that some place in this set-up there are certain Marxists who are getting a real thrill out of seeing the great middle class crucified in the name of this emergency. Every day we see creative minds being nailed upon the cross. *Forty-four thousand automobile dealers, with an average of 12 dependent employees each, totaling over 500,000 men, are virtually in the bread line. Add to these 100,000 little manufacturers making nondefense material: who have been closed up; add to these tire dealers, advertising agencies, and 10,000 correlated business enterprises, and you witness a crucifixion of middle-class individuals surpassing even the liquidation of similar groups during and following the Russian Revolution.*

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The Cross and the Flag admits the necessity of radical adjustments due to a shortage of war materials, labor, and factory facilities, but we are bold to assert that the most serious thing about this crucifixion of the middle class is not only the fact that our bureaucrats apparently don't care what happens to these people but they actually appear to delight in their annihilation. Thousands upon thousands of these people are friends of the crusade represented by this magazine.

Over 50,000 members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations in Detroit alone, are affiliated with our committee. There are still millions of Bible-reading, church-going prayerful workers in America, who don't like the idea of being led around by the nose by a former playmate of Nikolai Lenin—Sidney Hillman; and there are still millions of American workers who don't fall for this Walter Reuther bunk (it is to be remembered that Victor and Walter Reuther took a 2-year intensive course on industrial organization at Lenin University in Moscow).

If we are to be governed by a long-term President, we hold the conviction that the people should have a chance to express themselves concerning his administrative policies oftener than once every 4 years.

We don't like the idea of Madam Litvinoff and Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff running around over the country addressing a series of Red-sponsored rallies under the guise of Russian relief. Our Congress has appropriated nearly \$50,000,000,000 to be used by the President of the United States for foreign countries in the prosecution of this war. That should be enough to give them all the relief they need without conducting these propaganda rallies under the guise of relief.

We want a "he-man" civilian defense program.

We will get along without sugar, we will eat sorghum molasses, we'll jack up the car, we'll send our sons off to battle for America, but we are not afraid or ashamed of the words "America First" whether we are at war or at peace. We hate Nazi-Jam, fascism, communism, shintoism, and imperialism.

The state of mind, represented by this journal, is just too old-fashioned to understand why the Agricultural Adjustment Administration proposes to burn and plow under this year 2,000,000 acres of Kansas wheat.

We know that a set of h'ghbinders in Washington are trying to sneak us back into the British Empire in the name of this so-called new world program, and we know that a similar outfit is going to try to get Earl Browder out of the Federal penitentiary and elect him to Congress while another set of Red stooges, and propagandists work on a scheme to make us part of an international imperialistic empire to include Russia—Communist Russia.

We won't swallow that stuff; in fact the Cross and the Flag holds the conviction that if our President and his coordinates and the administration in Washington don't put a stop to such tricks our beautiful America will be made the victim of a paralyzing disunity which is exactly what we do not need in this awful hour.

Of course, we old-fashioned Americans expect to be made the victims of a highly organized smear campaign. We expect certain political strategists in Washington and elsewhere to put the finger on us. We expect to be made the scapegoats, because when the American people really wake up to what is going on in this country, the bureaucratic politicians, in an attempt to deflect and sidetrack the scorn of an indignant people, will attempt to make us the goats in a desperate effort to save their own hides. Well, it won't work. Bring on your housewrecking crew and your character assassins, you who operate the political torture chambers of America, and give us the works; and for every Gerald Smith you annihilate and smear and cripple, 10,000 will rise up to take his place.

America is on the march. Protest is in the hearts of the people, not against our Government; we are devoted to the America of Washington and Lincoln, but we are against treason, waste, profligacy, bureaucratic arrogance, stupidity, and military defeats which have been the outgrowth of short-sightedness. We believe that the convictions expressed in this editorial are so universally accepted by the American people, that if the congressional elections were today we would send to Washington a Congress whose majority would O. K. this statement. God bless you until next month.

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April 20, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

In his broadcast last night Walter Winchell started out by addressing his first remark to the attention of the editors of the Middle West, stating that Federal Agents would strike this week at a notorious subversive gang in the Middle West. Winchell intimated that it would be at Omaha, Wichita or Kansas City.

Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the following individuals: Charles B. Hudson of Omaha, Nebraska, who is publisher of "America in Danger", and Reverend Gerald Winrod of Wichita, Kansas, publisher of "Defender". His reference to Kansas City may be an attorney at law, who formerly contributed to the "Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter" and the "Free American", which was formerly issued by the German-American Bund in New York City.

Winchell stated Attorney General Biddle has ruled that wartime powers against subversive publications are not limited to the mails. They can be prohibited from going across state lines. Patriotic express companies can refuse to carry same.

Winchell gave the city for his next remark as Detroit, Michigan. He stated that an intimate friend of Father Coughlin and William Dudley Pelley is Gerald L. K. Smith. He is carrying on similar pro-Axis propaganda as a former member of Pelley's Silver Shirts. In spite of this, Smith attracts the support of Congressman Woodruff of Michigan. Recently he reprinted Smith's "rabble rousing" in the Congressional Record. Senator Clegg also sent him a message of support. Winchell said that the most shocking of all is that this pro-Hitler propagandist receives the written support of the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, Senator Reynolds of North Carolina.

Gerald L. K. Smith has been under investigation by the Bureau and information concerning him has been transmitted to the Department.

Winchell stated that William Kullgren is another who saves Hitler the trouble of spreading Axis propaganda in the United States. He publishes a newspaper which peddles double talk and cross blood thirsty ideas such as sudden death for President Roosevelt. He stated that Kullgren publishes his propaganda and editions written near Camp Roberts, California, the largest Army reservation in the United States.



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Kullgren is publisher of "Beacon Light".

His writings are being checked for
sedition.

Winchell related that Joe McWilliams, who was run out of New York because his activities add up to one big swastika, is now making speeches in the city of Chicago. Winchell said that McWilliams spreads the same sort of propaganda that resulted in the arrest of William Dudley Pelley and others. He then went on to state that if Pelley's writings are rated as sedition, why aren't McWilliams's. Winchell answered his own inquiry by stating that perhaps William Power Maloney is not down to the McW's as yet.

This is the individual who Winchell also sometimes refers to as "Joe McNazi".

Winchell addressed his next remark to the attention of Governor Lehman of New York. He stated that the American-Irish Defense Association is a patriotic organization. Winchell stated this Association has just sent Governor Lehman a letter which has not been made public to the press. He stated it concerns one John F. Cassidy, the leader of a "front" which once defiled the name Christian. He said that Cassidy and fellow members were once accused of trying to overthrow the Government but all were acquitted. To this Winchell stated that sometimes justice acts in a very strange way. He stated nevertheless that Cassidy has been trying to become a lawyer in New York. Some how, Winchell said, it seems that the Bar Association in New York has been stalling for the past two years on his application. In this regard, Winchell stated that it is to be remarked that Cassidy once "screamed" that President Roosevelt could not be impeached and that the only possible way to get rid of him was by violence. Winchell then intimated that Cassidy has been drafted into the armed forces. This conclusion is reached by his remark which is addressed to Governor Lehman and Secretary of War Stimson as follows: "As a drafted soldier this Cassidy has a gun in his hand and poison in his heart".

The next remark of Winchell is directed to the Baltimore Evening Sun regarding his reference last week to the woman of Nazi sympathies

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Memo for Mr. Ladd

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(Winchell no doubt is referring to Mrs. Mary Uzzell whose son, Rudyard S. Uzzell, Jr., was said by Winchell to be a member of G-2 in the Third Corps Area). Winchell then stated that it is to be recalled that he credited this item to New York newspapers and then went on to state that the reason why he gave it such a wide circulation was because of the fact that when "P. M." (a New York newspaper) telephoned the Army at Baltimore for the purpose of trying to check on it, the attitude was "so what".

You will recall that I mentioned Mrs. Uzzell and her son in my memorandum to you of last week regarding the Winchell broadcast.

Winchell in his next statement thanked the Commander of the American Legion at Colton, California, for stating that the Legion would check on David Barter following Winchell's remark concerning him during this broadcast last week. Winchell then went on to state that Barter had been called before the Grand Jury in Washington this last week and that he was scared "stiff".

You will recall that I mentioned David Barter and his organization, known as the Social Republic Society, in my memorandum to you relative to Winchell's broadcast last week, setting forth that she was being actively investigated by the Bureau.

Winchell also stated that he had remarked in one of his broadcasts several weeks ago that Lindbergh was in Washington, D. C., at the President's request. Winchell stated that he distinctly said that this was so reported by the Boston Globe and then went on to say that the story has proved to be a hoax.

Respectfully,

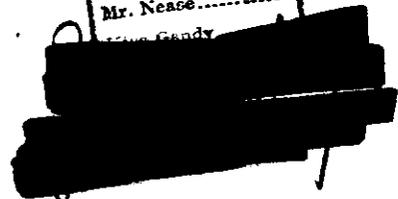
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LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RUN FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
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PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED FOR COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION. PROMISES THAT HE
WILL PERSISTENTLY CRITICIZE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT
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To: Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH; COMMITTEE
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There is attached hereto the April, 1942 copy of "The Cross
and the Flag" which is Volume 1 and Number 1.

This publication is edited by the above captioned individual
and was contained in an envelope addressed to the Attorney General which
is also attached hereto.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
Sedition

For your information, this is to advise that on the night of April 24, 1942 Gerald L. K. Smith announced his intention to run for the office of United States Senator for the State of Michigan, and that he would use the platform as previously outlined for the Committee of One Million. It is reported that he is running on the Republican ticket.

It is also reported that Smith said he would campaign as a "champion" of Father Charles E. Coughlin, and that his platform would have the following four points:

1. One hundred per cent loyalty to the war effort;
2. One hundred dollars a month for every soldier;
3. An honest hearing in the Senate for the Townsend Plan;
4. Tires for everybody.

It is reported that he also promises that he will persistently criticize the present Administration of Government in a constructive way, and that the Daily Worker and other alleged Communist propagandists are responsible for getting you to "persecute" Father Coughlin and Smith himself.

Immediately upon the receipt of additional data in this regard, you will be furnished with the same.

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Respectfully,

(S) J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge

GERALD L. K. SMITH; COMMITTEE
OF ONE MILLION; INTERNAL
SECURITY; SEDITION.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 10, 1942, wherein certain requests were made concerning the investigation of the above captioned.

The Field service of this Bureau has been requested to comply with your requests and a letter has been directed to the Secretary of the Treasury in order that copies of the Federal income tax returns for Smith for the years of 1938 through 1941 may be obtained or information as to why none were filed.

For your information the Detroit Office has been directed to have a detailed report submitted in this matter not later than April 30, 1942.

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DRIVE. GERALD L. K. SMITH, INTERNAL SECURITY, SEDITION.

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR::

PROSECUTE FATHER COUGHLIN ON CHARGE OF LUNACY
THIS WOULD DESTROY HIS FOWLING AND HIS PAPER.

EVEN IF YOU COULD NOT CONVICT AS A LUNATIC YOU COULD STILL
PROSECUTE HIM FOR SEDITION.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE THAT WILL SWEAR THAT HE IS CRAZY

THIS WOULD RELEASE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY

FOR HIM AND SET THEM TO LAUGHING AT HIM.

ALSO TRY IT ON GERALD SMITH.

YOURS VERY TRULY.

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Dear [Redacted]

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Subject is national chairman of "Committee of 1,000,000" claiming 3,000,000 constituents and has recently organized "The Inner Circle" as nucleus of "Committee of 1,000,000." 26,400 circulars mailed from Detroit during April, 1942. Incoming mail also voluminous. Monthly magazine entitled "The Cross and the Flag" started April, 1942, by GERALD L. K. SMITH and contains various criticisms against administration of Federal Government and persecution of the war. Editorial, "We Take Our Stand," placed in Congressional record of 77th Congress, second session, by Representative ROY O. WOODRUFF. Speech by Subject in Detroit on April 24, 1942, summarized. In that speech Subject announced intention to run for United States Senate and to use platform as previously outlined for "Committee of 1,000,000." Promised to persistently criticize constructively present administration of Government. Claimed that Communist agents were responsible for getting Attorney General BIDDLE to persecute Father COUGHLIN and SMITH himself.

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- Bureau letter dated February 9, 1942. 62-43218-24
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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

On May 1, 1941, Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent (A) [REDACTED], attended a meeting of the "Committee of 1,000,000" held at the Maccabees Building auditorium, Detroit, Michigan, GERALD L. K. SMITH presided. The hall, which seated at least 350 persons, was completely filled and numerous persons stood throughout the meeting. Approximately 200 persons were turned away. b7c

All present were urged to sign a Petition to Congress:

1. To outlaw the Nazi-Communist Party and to remove alien agents from the United States payroll. (SMITH alleged that 2,700 Communists were in the employ of the Government.)
2. To outlaw all organizations which permit the membership of subversive alien agents.
3. To take whatever steps are necessary to prevent alien agents from hindering the building of an adequate national defense.

All present were urged to sign a petition setting forth their opposition to involvement in foreign wars.

Patriotic songs were sung to begin the meeting. Two books by SMITH entitled "~~Too Much ROOSEVELT~~" and "~~War Mongers and the Threat of War~~" were offered for sale @ 25¢ each. The text of SMITH'S last six radio addresses was sold for 50¢.

A document bearing and explaining the seal of the "Committee of 1,000,000" was distributed to all. Gold pins or buttons bearing this seal can be purchased for a nominal sum.

SMITH is apparently hard pressed for money to continue his campaign and enumerated the various expenses necessary to keep his organization functioning. He quoted \$200.00 as the cost of 15 minutes of radio time. He gives addresses at least once and sometimes twice a week. Each is fifteen minutes in length. SMITH made an appeal early in the meeting for contributions. The collection was made during the meeting. A copy of the envelope distributed for this purpose was secured. Later in the meeting cards were distributed and those present were asked to pledge a certain monthly contribution, note the amount on the card and return for filing.

Generally speaking, SMITH is an extremely zealous American patriot who does not hesitate to take issue with President ROOSEVELT and his actions which appear to be leading us toward war. While he is not opposed to England as a power, he is vigorously opposed to the present

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course being followed by the Government (instituted by British propagandists) which will make it necessary for us to slaughter millions of American boys and go into economic bankruptcy in order to "save England." Rather, he urged, we should all get behind the Government of the United States, bend our entire efforts to development of an impregnable national defense. He says our program should exclude English interests and needs if they interfere with our immediate problem, that of defense for the United States.

He said that "the Committee must continue to demonstrate its desire to keep out of foreign wars so that no Congressman in Washington will dare to take another step toward involvement."

He alleged that the United States would have been in the war last January, had not the sentiment of the people been so strongly opposed to it.

He alleged that Ambassador WILLIAM T. BULLITT had promised England that if Germany invaded France the United States would be in the war within eight days, opposing Germany.

He impressed his audience with the fact that in order to pay for the cost of a war an increase in taxes would be necessitated, and that this increase would raise taxes to a figure where the people would be unable to pay. When this occurred, the United States would go into bankruptcy, revolution and general collapse. He warned that we were well on this road at present and placed all on notice that the big jump in taxes would come either this year or next, "whenever they can slip it in without too much publicity."

SMITH warned that Congress was waiting only for summer when folks would be on vacation and too warm to object strenuously before taking action that would be sure to involve us in the present war.

He berated President ROOSEVELT for designating LINDBERG as a "copperhead" when he was in fact a shining example of American youth and manhood. He charged that following LINDBERG'S visit to Germany he warned all of the large powers of Germany's tremendous air force, but that his words were unkindly received because every country, or at least France and England had made numerous expenditures of an extravagant nature and rather than heed LINDBERG 'S warning they preferred to get into the war in order to advise their peoples that these expenditures had been made in building a national defense. He said that this is America's position today and cited many of the numerous extravagances of the Government during the NRA, citing also the payment of farmers to destroy their produce and then importing similar goods from another nation. He pointed out the course

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this nation is presently pursuing which will eventually involve us in this war, unless Congress is "made" to realize that the overwhelming majority of American citizens desire only an impregnable defense and are thoroughly opposed to fighting in order to save England.

He also advised his listeners of a plan that is presently afoot to unite England and the United States into a common democracy. He said that membership of this group which is known as "Union Now" runs high into the thousands and warned his audience to beware of such a course.

SMITH is a former minister of the Gospel and an impressive speaker. Many times during his talk he drew exclamations of approval from members of his audience who were somewhat deficient in emotional control. Middle-class people of all ages, both sexes and colors were in attendance and were obviously and heartily in accord with SMITH and his views.

Tickets to admit four persons were obtained by the writer to the next Thursday meeting of the group on May 8, 1941. SMITH said that at this meeting he would dwell at length on LINDBERG and his unappreciated service to this country, for which he is being derided by Congress and the British propagandists.

A circular entitled "History of the United States" was passed around at the above meeting. It consisted of a series of five cartoons:

1. The Indian in possession of the United States with Uncle Sam in the background.
2. Uncle Sam throwing the Indian over the precipice.
3. Uncle Sam in possession of the United States with a caricature of a bearded Jew wearing a derby in the background.
4. The caricature of the bearded Jew throwing Uncle Sam off the precipice.
5. Caricature of the bearded Jew with the symbolic three balls in the background in possession of the United States.

On the reverse side is the following language:

"ATTENTION PATRIOTIC AMERICANS

"This circular is to introduce DISPATCH, a militant organ dedicated to the dissemination of factual material dealing with the subversive and un-American activities of international Jewry and such other

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forces as are at work undermining our Christian civilization. In DISPATCH, published every two weeks and edited by Homer H. Maerz, you will find uncensored news and documented data no other newspaper or periodical dare print.

"The co-operation and support of every patriotic Gentile is earnestly solicited by the Pioneer News Service. Do your part: Send us 10¢ for your sample copy of DISPATCH. Become one of our subscribers and, if possible, one of our distributors.

"On the reverse side of the circular the Pioneer News Service presents a composite history of the United States in pictures. Should you care for additional copies of this circular and similar cartoons to distribute to your friends, they can be procured from the Pioneer News Service by sending 25¢ in coins or stamps.

"Please send to the Pioneer News Service any data or material that you may discover relative to any Jewish Fifth Column or subversive acts. Report all cases of Americans who have lost their employment to make room for Refuse Jews. If the material can be checked and documented, the Pioneer News Service will publish it in DISPATCH.

BY ALL MEANS SEND YOUR DIME FOR YOUR SAMPLE COPY OF DISPATCH.

ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO -

~~X~~ PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
OLD POST OFFICE BOX 435
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

"This "History" cartoon is available in 100 lots at \$1.00 per hundred."

It was not known by Agents [redacted] and [redacted] whether SMITH and his group had anything at all to do with the distribution of this circular; however, it was distributed by persons at the above meeting. b7c

On April 17, 1941, [redacted] telephonically advised that GERALD L. K. SMITH spoke over radio station WJR on April 16, 1941, and read what was described as a secret document obtained from the Communist Party. SMITH took 20 minutes to read this document which gave detailed instructions as to how to sabotage defense plants. Informant explained his belief that these instructions were given in detail by broadcast in order, not to expose the Communists, but rather to instruct Subject's own adherents as to modern methods of sabotage. b7

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On October 22, 1941, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted], that she had been listening to GERALD L. K. SMITH over the radio for years and she had learned that SMITH is extremely disrespectful of the President and his family and refers to them as ROSENVELD. Informant said that SMITH was anti-Semitic and uses as the theme of all his talks the fact that the present war is being fostered and encouraged by Jewish bankers. b7
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On January 19, 1942, GERALD L. K. SMITH telephoned the Detroit Field Office and informed Special Agent [redacted] that apparently through a mistake an envelope containing a communication directed to Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Detroit, Michigan, from an enlisted man at Fort Benning, Georgia, was included in his mail which his clerk picked up at the main post office that morning. It was "opened by mistake" along with SMITH'S other mail. Thereafter Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, and obtained the letter. b7
SMITH'S post office box number is 459 while the post office box of the Detroit Field Office is 2118. This matter was called to the attention of post office inspector [redacted] who later reported to the writer that he was unable to find the cause of the mistake, but that other mistakes that were also unexplained were made the same week end. b7

By letter dated October 27, 1941, addressed to Director HOOVER [redacted] gave the following information: b7

"Last evening, I listened to the regular Sunday broadcast of Mr. Gerald K. Smith and his emphasis upon the fact that his program is financed by "The Committee of One Million" brought to mind an incident that may be of interest to the F. B. I.

"In October, 1935, I had a visit from an old friend--a French priest who for many years had been an American citizen. Nine years prior to 1935, however, he had returned to France where he lived near the Italian border--at Cannes. During that period, of course, he made frequent visits to Italy and it seems he was thoroughly imbued with the facistic form of government. He insisted that it typified what he called "order." No amount of argument could convince him that it was not superior to the democratic form of government which he had lived under and prospered for many years.

"One of the first things this man asked us was: "What do you know about this Gerald K. Smith?"

"Keep in mind that this man had just landed in New York from France after an absence of nine years--and all we knew about Gerald K. Smith at that time

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was that he had been a henchman of Huey Long. What reason had this man, who had been living in retirement in France for years, to be making inquiry about Gerald K. Smith?"

[redacted] telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] on August 22, 1941, that he had been investigating the activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH and had ascertained that SMITH has had recent contact with [redacted] formerly connected with the German Embassy in Washington, D. C. [redacted] communication to SMITH was mailed from New York City, New York. b7 b7

It is noted that the publication entitled "The Hour" for February 21, 1942, devotes 2½ pages to an article entitled "GERALD L. K. SMITH Forms 'The Inner Circle'" but this information is not being reproduced here inasmuch as it is believed that the Bureau is already in possession of this article. By letter dated February 28, 1942, the Bureau sent the Detroit Field Office two photostatic copies of a letter dated January 10, 1942, addressed to Honorable FRANK KNOX, secretary of the navy, by [redacted] Informant therein stated that he challenged SMITH to a debate, but SMITH did not accept the challenge. Instead Informant received a family tree of the ROOSEVELT family and his cabinet classing them all as Jews. b

A hand-bill announcing the "Dynamic Rally" under the auspices of the "Committee of 1,000,000" on April 9, 1942, at Cass Technical High School Auditorium, Detroit, Michigan, sets forth the following burning issues as outlined by GERALD L. K. SMITH, who wrote:

"It is my opinion that these Burning Issues must be settled if America is to develop the strength which MacArthur and our boys in the battlefield must have in order to win.

1. The truth behind the rubber shortage.
2. Why is sugar rationed?
3. Why is it that our soldiers are paid \$21. per month while the private secretaries of war profiteers are being paid \$40,000.00 per year.
4. Will we permit the Communists to take our country while our boys are at the battlefield?
5. What is Victory? Are we out to conquer the world or save America -which?
6. Why did the Communist Party in New York City take a vow on the 24th of March that they propose to see to it that my magazine THE CROSS AND THE FLAG should be completely destroyed?
7. Does our military collaboration with Britain compel us to agree with the scheme to take us back into the British Empire?

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8. Because we are military allies with Russia, do we have to swallow Communist propaganda?
9. Why did the state conference of the Michigan American Legion recommend a sensational shake-up in President Roosevelt's Cabinet?
10. How can patriotic Americans be loyal to the war effort and disagree with bureaucratic politics?
11. Should the movie stars be exempt from the draft?
12. Can we elect a Congress this fall that will really represent the will of the people concerning boondoggling, profiteering, waste, inefficiency and bureaucratic arrogance?"

At this meeting the audience, which numbered about 1,000, called upon GERALD L. K. SMITH to run for the office of United States Senator for the State of Michigan and defeat the present Senator, PRENTISS M. BROWN.

A hand-bill advertising a meeting of the "Committee of 1,000,000" on April 24, 1942, was inscribed in the margin with "Give me liberty or give me death," and read as follows:

"Lock Father Charles E. Coughlin in jail!
Put Gerald L. K. Smith in a concentration camp!
Sentence Charles A. Lindbergh to the Federal Penitentiary!
Drive U. S. Senator Robert R. Reynolds from Public Life!
Impeach and imprison Cong. Martin Dies!

"The above quotations are just a few lines out of recent copies of the DAILY WORKER, the official daily paper of the Communist party in the United States. These quotations give you a little idea of what certain un-American conspirators are attempting to do.

"I don't need to tell you that the moment your leaders are killed, imprisoned or, in other ways, liquidated by this Red gang, that you will be next.

"While all loyal and patriotic Americans fight and pay taxes and sacrifice to protect the 'Four Freedoms' all over the world - it is up to us to guard the 'Four Freedoms' in Michigan and in America, as well.

"On this coming Friday night, April 24, I am going to expose the deep and well worked-out conspiracy which has been inaugurated by the Communists in America for the purpose of liquidating and destroying

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all patriotic and fearless leadership.

"This meeting will be held at the Maccabees Auditorium in the Maccabees Building on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. This will not be a public meeting and only those who have tickets, such as I enclose herewith, will be admitted.

"This will be one of the most sensational and fearless addresses to which you have ever listened. The subject will be:

WILL WE PERMIT THE REDS TO JAIL FATHER COUGLIN?

Of course, I will discuss many other topics besides the Coughlin issue.

VERY SPECIAL NOTICE

"On the 9th of April, about 1,000 leaders of the Committee of 1,000,000 met and by written note urged me to seek the nomination for the United States Senate to oppose Senator Prentiss M. Brown for re-election. I told these people on that night that I would have to take time for my answer. I will give my answer to this invitation this coming Friday night at the Rally.

"I enclose a ticket for you and some extra ones for distribution among your trusted and most reliable friends.

Sincerely yours for God and Country,

/s/ Gerald L. K. Smith

GERALD L. K. SMITH, Nat'l Chairman
"Committee of 1,000,000"
P. O. Box 459, Detroit, Michigan

GLKS/U

P. S. The State of Illinois has just held its Congressional Primaries. All candidates supported by the Committee of 1,000,000 won by a landslide. Never forget that there are millions of Americans that feel just like you and I about the issues of this hour.

"Slogan - 'Christ First in America!'"

 stated that post office box 459, Detroit, Michigan, was rented on May 9, 1939, for \$7 to GERALD L. K. b71

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SMITH who gave as his home address the Detroit Leland Hotel and as his business address 2002 Industrial Bank Building. References appearing on his application for rental were [REDACTED], Detroit, Michigan, and [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan. Informant said that he would estimate that Subject receives at least 150 pieces of mail matter each day in this box and that most of it comes in printed envelopes not bearing any return address. b7

Subject has permit number 3432 for sending non-metered mail through the Detroit, Michigan, post office. He pays in cash at the rate of 1¢ for each circular letter mailed. In January, 1942, there were 5,465 pieces mailed; in February, 1942, there were 11,076 pieces mailed; in March, 1942, there were 5,372 pieces mailed, and on the first day of April, 1942, there were 26,400 pieces mailed. Payments were made by cash. Application has been made to the postmaster at Detroit, Michigan, to enter the monthly magazine, "The Cross and the Flag," as second-class matter. The application is still pending. The Postmaster General has requested the postmaster of Detroit, Michigan, to submit a copy of the May, 1942, edition of "The Cross and the Flag" in order to ascertain if this is proper material for a second-class permit.

The writer visually observed that the 20th floor of the Industrial Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan, is presently occupied but there is no lettering on the doors. The building directory reflects that room 2002 is occupied by the Federation for Americanization of Michigan, Incorporated. It was ascertained that the Industrial Bank Building is presently operated by the Book Estate.

The writer attended the meeting of the "Committee of 1,000,000" held in Maccabees Auditorium, Detroit, Michigan, at 8:00 p.m. on April 24, 1942, and took full notes of the proceedings which are being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office. At the entrance to the building and at the entrance to the auditorium copies of the April, 1942, issue of the "Cross and the Flag" were sold and two copies of this publication are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau. Also at the entrance to the auditorium were distributed a reprint of the Congressional record of the 77th Congress, second session, extension of remarks of Representative WOODRUFF, of Michigan, in the House of Representatives on Thursday, March 26, 1942. The remarks of Representative WOODRUFF consist of the editorial of GERALD L. K. SMITH entitled "We Take our Stand" in the "Cross and the Flag" for April, 1942. Two copies of this hand-bill are also being transmitted to the Bureau. A contribution envelope was also distributed which contained the statement, "As a believer in God and Country I desire to be counted among the millions who are now enlisted in a vast crusade to re-consecrate Americans to America."

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Reverend MERION, of Christian Temple in Pontiac, Michigan, introduced GERALD L. K. SMITH as the speaker of the evening and shortly after the meeting was opened the audience sang America. SMITH announced that the meeting was not an open meeting because it was originally intended that admission should be only by tickets which were distributed to the "Inner Circle" of about 1,000 leaders of the "Committee of 1,000,000." On the other hand, he stated, it was not a secret meeting because there are no secret meetings of the "Committee of 1,000,000." He said that the Communists have vowed that they would put Father COUGHLIN in jail, would banish Colonel CHARLES A. LINDBERG and would impeach Senator NYE, Senator REYNOLDS and Representative WOODRUFF. As each name was mentioned the audience shouted "no" in protest and also booed and made numerous remarks such as, "Kill the Communists." SMITH then said that we are now suffering the greatest danger to our liberty since the Boston Tea Party. He said that Americans should refuse to be Hitlerized in the United States while American boys are licking Hitler in Berlin. He announced that the "Committee of 1,000,000" now has 3,000,000 constituents and that he broke all records in a recent 15-minute Sunday night broadcast over radio station WJR by receiving 31,000 fan letters. He said that the "Committee of 1,000,000" is undoubtedly the greatest people's movement in the United States. He said that the movement is founded upon seven basic principles which are set forth on page 2 of the "Cross and the Flag", April, 1942, edition. In elaborating upon principle 1 (to re-build the spirit of America) he stated that there is something rotten in America when some Government officials are prevailed upon to put Father COUGHLIN in jail and to free EARL BROWDER from jail.

Principle 2 is "To wipe out to the last vestige Communism, Nazism and Fascism in all forms. (In view of the attempt now being made to join us in a political union with foreign countries, we express our bitter objections to all such schemes to compromise the sovereignty of America, such as 'union now with Britain,' Federal Union, Inc., etc.)" In elaborating on this principle SMITH said that he has a son approaching 19 years of age who has already had seven years of military training and when his time comes he will be inducted into the army to fight, but SMITH said that that does not mean that anyone will ever get him to rub his nose in the Red flag of Russia. He stated that during the persecution of a war he believes that military alliances are all right, but he is firmly in favor of keeping all propaganda out of the United States even though it is issued by a foreign country bound with the United States by military alliance. SMITH reproached WALTER WINCHELL for calling him pro-Nazi. He stated that WINCHELL forgets that SMITH openly condemns all foreign "isms."

He then proceeded to praise Congressman WOODRUFF who favors the "Committee of 1,000,000" and incorporated the editorial, "We Take our Stand," into the Congressional record. SMITH then said that he is all out for war, but first he wants to make sure that he is fighting the war for America. He then read the third principle, "To re-define

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the American National Character."

The fourth principle - "To instill a new spirit in American youth, dedicated intellectually and physically to the maintenance of American institutions;" the fifth principle - "To issue a call to farmers and laborers to resist what is known to be an international plot to make them part of a world revolution;" the sixth principle - "To re-dedicate the citizenry of America to the family altar and to the spirit of the Church."

Elaborating on this sixth principle, SMITH stated that the Reds are persecuting Father COUGHLIN and SMITH himself and are urging Attorney General BIDDLE through "New Masses," official organ of the Communist Party, and through other mediate to put COUGHLIN and SMITH in jail. SMITH said that it is all right with him if the authorities put him in jail tomorrow just so they let him speak the truth tonight. SMITH thereupon resumed his personal criticism of WALTER WINCHELL whom he termed "a lousy gutter snipe." He says that at least he can boast that his own name has always been SMITH (followed by boos and jeers), (directed at WALTER WINCHELL)

SMITH never got to the seventh principle which is set forth in the "Cross and the Flag" as, "To secure the maintenance of a well defined standard of living." He then went on to what he considered the three issues before the American people. He read these from page 3 of the "Cross and the Flag" as follows:

"1. The danger of losing the war because of boondoggling and bureaucratic politicians who put their political machine above America."

SMITH warned "We are now facing the danger of losing this war because of stupidity, bureaucracy and New Deal politics. We have a set of men in Washington who are more concerned about the Congressional election this fall than they are the winning of the war. These same men are attempting to change our form of Government while our minds are concentrated on the war."

"2. Internationalists who are working day and night to get us to some form of world imperialistic government thus surrendering our independence and sacrificing our sovereignty."

"3. Communist propagandists who are taking advantage of our military collaboration with Russia publicized atheistic Communism in American and promoting a Red revolution."

SMITH then invited the listeners to pay careful attention to articles which he would read without announcing their authors and then he would ask his audience to tell him who wrote the articles. He said: "Listen carefully because I may be put in jail for reading this."

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The first article was a caustic criticism of the present administration saying that the people know and accept and are taking the war seriously, but that confusion and inefficiency is all that the people get from cabinet members PERKINS, ICKES, KNOX, STIMSON and HOPKINS. The article continued that people are not complacent, they are merely waiting for leadership. About 15 persons in the audience guessed that this article appeared in the Detroit Free Press on April 6, 1942, written by MALCOLM BINGAY. SMITH then rewarded the lucky guessers with autographed copies of the April issue of "The Cross and the Flag." Later he remarked that he never published any criticism of the Government stronger than these words by MALCOLM BINGAY.

He then read another article which said that Russia is doing well in this war, -- for Russia. The article attacked the Russians as being inherently selfish and advised that the United States should not send all its arms to Russia because it may need arms if the Russians reverse their present policy again and join Japan in its attack on the United States. About 25 members guessed that this article was written by WILLIAM RANDOLPH HURST and published in the Detroit Times. To the lucky guessers SMITH awarded autographed copies of the "Cross and the Flag" for April, 1942. He then commented that his audience, which he termed as having been called "a lunatic fringe" by some members of the press, was merely exceptionally intelligent for being able to name the authors of these articles. SMITH then said that if the Federal authorities are going to arrest COUGHLIN and himself for publishing seditious comments they would have to stop on their way and get BINGAY and HURST.

SMITH then explained that criticism is the soul of democratic government. He said that he was not going to speak in defense of Father COUGHLIN because Father COUGHLIN needs no defense. He stated that he was merely speaking in defense of liberty. He said that he had many eminent Americans on his side including DAVID WALSH and Senator REYNOLDS. He said that many of these eminent Americans including himself are being subjected to a smear campaign and it is a similar campaign such as is characteristic of the methods used by the present administration. He said that HUEY LONG was smeared years before anyone knew what a smear campaign really was and SMITH boasted that he is the only man alive who knows that the secret smear campaign against HUEY LONG was hatched not in Louisiana but in Washington, D. C.

He stated that ROOSEVELT spoke to seven political leaders from the state of Louisiana and proposed that \$100,000,000 of Federal funds would be spent in Louisiana within six months if he could have his way. SMITH then said dramatically that all but one of Louisiana's politicians agreed to ROOSEVELT'S proposition and he said that one who disagreed and refused to accept the proposition was GERALD L. K. SMITH. He

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said therefore the man who was then Attorney General and other people in Washington know that SMITH is above intimidation and bribery.

SMITH then said that he is entirely in favor of a Grand Jury investigation at this time, but he really wants three Grand Jury investigations - one into the assassination of HUEY LONG, a second into the "Second Louisiana Purchase" and a third into the present distribution of alien propaganda in the United States. He stated that if called upon in this third Grand Jury investigation he will reveal the secret information in his possession that the Communists now have a death grip on all war industries in Detroit, Michigan, and that if STALIN ever turns against the United States there will not be a single wheel turned in the industries of Detroit. SMITH said he would welcome an opportunity to present this evidence. At the time SMITH reminded his audience that it was his custom to take up a collection before starting his speech and explained that he had not yet started his speech because everything that he had previously said was merely an introduction.

SMITH promised all contributors that they would receive an autographed copy of the May, 1942, edition of "The Cross and the Flag" and he commented that this copy would be worth \$5 if the Federal authorities throw him in jail. When the collection was completed SMITH picked up a two-page salmon-colored mimeographed article and said that this was his press release relating to his address tonight and that he would be very careful to read from it so that the press release would be accurate.

SMITH said that he would intersperse remarks wherever necessary for elaboration. He then said that the United States must at all costs preserve freedom of speech and the press just as England has done. He stated that a prerequisite is a representative government. He then accused Senator PRENTISS M. BROWN of Michigan of failing to represent the people of Michigan for the last six years. He explained that at a meeting held at Cass Technical High School on April 9, 1942, the audience, consisting of members of the "Committee of 1,000,000," nominated nine people who would be desirable opponents for PRENTISS BROWN at the coming Senatorial election. SMITH stated that among the nine were LOUIS B. WARD, Congressman WOODRUFF, SMITH himself and others whom he could not remember. SMITH stated that by the end of that meeting all but 41 of the 1,000 people present called upon SMITH to oppose PRENTISS BROWN. SMITH then said that he is for America first in war and peace and that while he believes that the military alliance is a contract which must be fulfilled in time of war he would never consent to salute any flag but the stars and stripes. He then stated that he wishes there were 100 GERALD L. K. SMITHS who were seeking the same things in the 48 states. He said that at this time when the people need leadership the administration remains silent and this clearly shows sheer cowardice on the part of Government officials.

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He stated that the people are accused of being indifferent to the war effort. He stated that their indifference was nothing new - that it was created when they watched Congress become a rubber stamp and when they watched the Supreme Court packed by President ROOSEVELT. He said the people were also indifferent when they watched "an ailing pink," HARRY HOPKINS who was confined to his room because of illness oust FARLEY and corrupt the democratic political convention. SMITH then made a dramatic plea in approximately the following language: "Let the politicians take our money, our property, our sugar, our rubber and our sons, but please don't let them take our liberty."

SMITH then said that with the Government the way it is mothers shouldn't be blamed for crying when their sons are inducted into the army. He said of course they are sad, but underneath they know their sons have to fight for their country. He said that if the authorities are to cure the sadness of such a mother the best way to do it is to take the gold braid off the four ROOSEVELT sons who never have earned their commissions or anything else in life (followed by a long cheer). SMITH then stated that he promised his dear mother that he would never turn his gifts toward making financial gain, but he said that he recently consulted his mother again and she told him that it was all right for him to run for the United States Senate since he was a crusader. SMITH then announced he was accepting the call of the people to run for the United States Senate, in opposition to Senator PRENTISS M. BROWN. His announcement was followed by loud cheers and SMITH then conducted three hurrahs for himself.

When he resumed his talk he displayed a copy of "The New Masses," official organ of the Communist Party, and showed on the cover what he termed a distorted picture of Father COUGHLIN and himself with an inscription on the cover, "Lock 'em up, Mr. BIDDLE." SMITH then openly accused the Communists of being responsible for getting Attorney General BIDDLE to persecute Father COUGHLIN and SMITH himself. SMITH then displayed Communistic propoganda which had been circulating the United States for at least ten years. One hand-bill he held up showed a large red "V" and at the top of the "V" was the emblem of the hammer and the sickle. The large letter "V" was crushing beneath it caricatures of Jehovah, God and Jesus Christ.

Another item of Communistic propoganda which SMITH displayed was a burlesque of the popular painting, The Lord's Supper, and showed Jesus and all the Apostles drunk. SMITH stated that the Federal authorities have been permitting the Communistic propoganda to circulate freely in the United States for more than ten years and even now there is no attempt to put an end to it. SMITH vowed that on the day that Father COUGHLIN and SMITH himself are loaded onto a train to be taken away by the Federal authorities, on that day there won't be a Communist paper or news

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stand left in America. He said that if Communists are powerful enough to carry out their campaign to send BROWDER to Congress then he believes that he himself ought to go to jail.

SMITH then announced that he would read an article appearing in the Washington Herald concerning Supreme Court Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER. At the mention of Justice FRANKFURTER'S name, the audience emitted a long and sustained hiss and boo. At a meeting in Washington, D. C., according to the article, it was urged upon Justice FRANKFURTER and other Government officials that the criticism of the administration by members of the United States Senate must be stopped and Senators be forced to follow the dictates of the administration.

Next SMITH suggested that one year hence he would be in one of three places - first, he said he may be dead. He said this would be all right with him because he would know at least that he died fighting for the truth. Second, he said he may be in prison. He said this was all right, too, because he would then know at least that there were good men on earth like NIEMULLER (priest jailed by Hitler), COUGHLIN and SMITH. Third, he said he may be in the United States Senate. He said that if this were the case that he could guarantee the Government would not then be silent but that he would use every fiber of his being to bring forth the truth and thereby attain national unity for all the people of the United States. SMITH then read from the press release in his hand the following: "GERALD L. K. SMITH consents to run for the United States Senate tonight in a rally of leaders at the Maccabees Auditorium in Detroit. GERALD L. K. SMITH, national chairman of the "Committee of 1,000,000", announced that a poll of his followers all over the United States demonstrated that they were 99-1 in favor of his seeking the nomination for the United States Senate to oppose the re-election of PRENTISS M. BROWN, junior Senator from Michigan. 1,000 picked leaders admitted by ticket only cheered to the echo the name of Father COUGHLIN when SMITH said during his acceptance address, 'While our sons die all over the world on 31 battle fronts to preserve the four freedoms, people in America and Michigan, including Father CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, are in danger of losing their four freedoms. We must not lose our freedom in Michigan while fighting for freedom in China, Australia and North Africa. The editorial poll of the Social Justice is not the issue. The question is 'Has the time come when a priest in good standing can be imprisoned for his opinions in America?' If Father COUGHLIN is locked in jail he will become the NIEMULLER of America. Certain tyrannical bureaucrats in Washington hate Father COUGHLIN just as Hitler hates NIEMULLER.

SMITH announced that he would discuss his platform at another time, but among other things he would stand for the following: 100% loyalty to the United States and its war effort; \$100 for each soldier per month. He said that certainly if we can spend \$72,000,000,000 for the

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war effort and send billions of dollars for use in India, China and Russia we can certainly afford to give \$2,000,000,000 to our soldiers. He said the payment would not have to be in cash, that it could be in non-negotiable bonds so that they would not have to beg and parade the streets as paupers like they did after the last war.

An honest hearing in the Senate Committee for the Townsend Old Age Plan. He said this plan had never received a fair hearing. There was great applause after this remark inasmuch as the audience consisted almost entirely of aged persons.

Tires for everybody. Said SMITH, "I am convinced that the greed of the Dutch and British rubber monopoly has something to do with our tire shortage. Take the rubber situation away from bureaucrats, international bankers and the rubber trust, turn it over to HENRY FORD and I am willing to wager that we'll have tires by New Year's and not later than Easter.

SMITH continued that a Government employee was so successful in recently creating a substitute for rubber by processing alcohol that he was dismissed and now has to depend upon private capital for the continuance of his research. SMITH then read from an unnamed expert on rubber testified before a Senate investigation committee that there is an ample rubber supply in the Western Hemisphere to meet all our needs. SMITH then directed an oath to LEON HENDERSON and JESSE JONES, "If we ever discover that there aint no shortage of rubber but that the recent scare is just the result of bureaucrats designing a monopolistic scheme, God help the bureaucrats." (Followed by loud, enthusiastic shouts from the audience)

SMITH said he favored the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively and has frequently made this known to labor unions provided they would oust Communists from their employ. He stated that he has always been a friend of labor and has been made an honorary member of numerous labor unions. He said that he favored a farm program in harmony with sound Americanism and in opposition to those individuals who are attempting to make Communistic guinea pigs out of the American farmers.

SMITH stated that in 1941 the Department of Agriculture ordered great quantities of sugar crops to be wasted while in 1942, when all the world is crying to the United States for food, there will be approximately 2,000,000 acres of wheat destroyed in 1942 in the state of Kansas alone. SMITH said, "I oppose unearned commissions in the Army and Navy for men who have not been real soldiers or taken training which makes them worthy of those commissions. Two of the most alarming examples of this abuse are the sons of our President and WALTER WINCHELL. I

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believe that the four sons of our President should turn in their gold braid and line up behind the conscription desk like the rest of our American boys. It is known that WALTER WINCHELL earns approximately one-half a million dollars a year while holding a commission in the United States Navy. Such men as WINCHELL should sacrifice their incomes and get into the Army and the Navy or take off their uniforms and get out of the Army and the Navy. He compared WINCHELL with CHARLES A. LINDBERG who recently was called upon by HENRY FORD to name his own salary and LINDBERG replied that he wanted only \$3500 a year which he would have earned as a colonel in the army. He also criticized General KNUDSEN for being awarded the rank of General with no previous experience when it took General MAC ARTHUR a lifetime of devotion to the military service.

SMITH resumed reading from his press release, "My very campaign will be a fight for liberty. It is my conviction that certain revengeful politicians in Washington are determined to imprison, liquidate and, in other ways, persecute and eliminate all political opposition. To so conspire against our liberty is treason. I propose to expose such individuals and ask for their removal from the Government."

"Outlaw Communism. Our very war effort commits us to the destruction of Naziism and Fascism in the world. Until only a few months ago, the Communists in America were boosting Hitler, hindering the defense program and sabotaging our industry. Now they pose as patriots, merely because we are military allies with Russia. They seek the imprisonment of men like COUGHLIN, LINDBERGH, SENATOR REYNOLDS and myself, while asking for the release of EARL BROWDER, the Number 1 traitor of America. They seek to destroy the magazine of which I am the editor, "The Cross and the Flag," and other Christian publications, while they flaunt in our faces their official journals, the Daily Worker, the New Masses and the Russian Constitution."

"I shall oppose all propaganda schemes being promoted in America which, if carried out, will destroy our independence. I am an isolationist who believes that after we have won this war, we should come home, mind our own business and defend our own shores, and I am one American who will never be ashamed to put my country first in war as well as in peace. A military alliance with England and Russia is a contract which must be honorably kept, but my loyalty to that contract does not compel me to salute any flag except the Stars and the Stripes."

SMITH continued to read from his press release the following: "SMITH concluded his remarks by saying he would rather lose standing for something, than to win standing for nothing - and the highest honor that could befall me during the campaign would be for WENDELL L.

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WILLKIE to make a statement against me and, better still, come into the State of Michigan and make a speech against me. WENDELL WILLKIE is a New Deal Fifth Columnist within the Republican Party. My nomination to the United States Senate on the Republican ticket in Michigan can well be construed as the repudiation of WENDELL L. WILLKIE Fifth Columnism.

"Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, I give my hand and my heart to this case and, 'Give me Liberty or give me Death.'"

At the conclusion of SMITH'S speech Reverend MERION suggested that the campaign slogan should be "Mr. SMITH goes to Washington." Whereupon Mr. SMITH took up another collection to finance his political campaign and said that every contributor would be made a member of the GERALD L. K. SMITH Campaign Committee. SMITH also encouraged the audience to circulate nominating petitions and to solicit further contributions for his political campaign. He then proposed that a huge mass meeting of the "Committee of 1,000,000" be held at the Olympia on a day to be designated as General Mac ARTHUR Day at the suggestion of Congressman WOODRUFF and that Father COUGHLIN be invited to speak at that assembly on any subject that is nearest his heart. This suggestion was very acceptable to the audience. After the collection and the other details were completed, SMITH encouraged the audience to aid the war effort of the United States with all their ability and he condemned anybody who interferes with the war effort as a traitor to his country. This was followed by ten seconds of silent prayer for the boys fighting for the United States.

ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU:

Two copies of "The Cross and the Flag" for April, 1942.

One copy of press release dated April 24, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan, entitled, "GERALD L. K. SMITH Consents to Run for the United States Senate."

Two copies of Congressional record, 77th Congress, second session, extension of remarks of Honorable ROY O. WOODRUFF of Michigan in the House of Representatives on Thursday, March 26, 1942, entitled, "We Take our Stand," editorial by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

One copy Anti-Jewish hand-bill entitled, "History of the United States."

One copy of bulletin entitled, "Too Much ROOSEVELT" by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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One copy of bulleting entitled, "War Mongers and the Threat of War," by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

A portfolio of speeches by GERALD L. K. SMITH delivered over radio station WJR prior to April 27, 1941.

One copy of bulletin entitled, ~~"~~Dangerous Enemies,~~"~~ by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

Two copies of mimeographed four-page letter entitled, "The ~~Undelivered~~ Speech," dated at Detroit, Michigan, January 24, 1942, signed by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

At New Orleans, Louisiana: Will ascertain background and activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH who is said to have been a body guard and close friend of HUEY LONG, with particular reference to any activities which may have been in concert with present enemies of the United States.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan: Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to ascertain information concerning associations and subversive activities of Subject. b7c

Will interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] concerning further information about Subject's use of the mails. b7c

Will obtain transcripts of radio speeches made by Subject over radio station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, since December 7, 1941, as well as transcripts of all radio speeches to be made in the future.

Will obtain information concerning financial transactions in which Subject may be involved, especially those indicating the receipt of money from un-American sources.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

RE: GERALD L. E. SMITH
"COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000"
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated April 27, 1942, in the above entitled matter.

It is noted from a review of this report that practically the entire details were taken up with recording speeches made by subject and literature disseminated at meetings of his group. Practically no information is contained in this report concerning subject's background during his residence in Detroit, and no information whatever is set forth concerning his financial status although it is noted that a lead was set forth to obtain this information.

It is my desire that the investigation of this matter proceed without interruption and that during the course of the investigation an effort should be made to obtain credit reports, together with data concerning the organizations records of his Committee. Every effort should be made to locate and secure the records of the printer of subject's literature and, if deemed advisable, the printer should be interviewed to determine if the printed articles are true reproductions of the material submitted to the printer. It is important to ascertain whether or not subject endeavors to reach a particular stratum of society or a particular group such as persons engaged in national defense industries. This inquiry should also seek to establish whether subject has made any special effort to distribute his material among members of the armed forces or persons having obligations under the Selective Training and Service Act.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

As you have previously been advised, the Department has requested this matter be thoroughly investigated, and in view of the request of the Department, the investigation should receive the undivided attention of some of your office and every effort should be set forth to insure that a report be submitted on or before May 23, 1942.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Meeting of the Combs of one Million:
Mass Technical High school. 3/9/42 at
6.00 P.M.

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About seven hundred people attended this meeting. After a fiery speech by Gerald L.K. Smith the nominations were opened for candidates for U.S. Senator in the District in which Prentis Brown is the incumbent.

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During Smith's speech the audience boomed everytime Pres. Roosevelt's name was mentioned.

At the voting 40 votes were distributed amongst six other candidates, including Rep. Clare Hoffman. 450 votes for Smith with about 200 refraining from voting.

After the speech and nominations Smith announced as a part of his program a demand that every soldier and sailor be paid \$100.00 per month.

Smith is now putting out "The Cross and the Flag" which is a monthly magazine that is anti-British, Anti-New deal and Anti-Communist.

The communists now demand that his head fall and the New Masses issue April 14, 1942 in its front page carried a picture of Smith and Court with the caption, "Lock them up Mr. Biddle".

Smith is walking a dangerous road and may be locked up or suppressed

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United States Department of Justice
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April 29, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *PLK*

Re: Gerald L. K. Smith

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

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SA [redacted] called from the Detroit Office and advised that a letter had been received from the Bureau requesting that [redacted] He advised that [redacted]

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I suggested to [redacted] that an Agent who had any background might [redacted]

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[redacted] to see what he can work out along the lines suggested and to advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. P. Kramer
R. P. Kramer

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United States Department of Justice
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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April 28, 1942

Call Received: 12:30 P.M.
Dictated: 12:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
Sedition

SA [redacted] called from Detroit at this time and requested that approval be secured and given that office for the placing of technical surveillances on the following telephones. He pointed out that these are the two phones which have been identified to date as being used principally by this subject's group.

Clifford 1582: This is an unlisted pay station phone in the name of Bernard Doman, 2006 Industrial Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan. Doman is believed to be Smith's agent and associate although SA [redacted] states he is not positive or fully identified as yet.

Randolph 9547: This is a regularly listed telephone and is in the name of B. A. Namod at the same address as the above, this being Smith's office. It should be noted that the name "Namod" indicated here is merely a reversal of the letters in the name "Doman" for which the telephone above is registered.

I advised SA [redacted] he would be appropriately instructed by the Bureau in this matter.

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford
J. K. Mumford

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with our investigation of Gerald L. K. Smith of Detroit, Michigan who, you will recall, has been very active in the Committee of One Million as well as in The Inner Circle, I believe it is highly desirable to establish technical surveillances on telephones Clifford 1582 and Randolph 9547 in Detroit, Michigan. I believe that through the establishment of these surveillances we will derive such valuable information concerning Smith's seditious activities. The first of the aforementioned telephones is an unlisted pay station telephone in the name of Bernard Doman, 2006 Industrial Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan. Doman is believed to be Smith's direct assistant and associate. The second telephone is a regularly listed line and is in the name of W. A. Hanod, which is also at 2006 Industrial Bank Building, and which is Smith's office. It is significant that the name "Hanod" indicated here is merely a reversal of the name "Doman".

It is recommended that you give your early approval for the establishment of these technical surveillances.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

April 23, 1942 **PERSONAL ATTENTION**
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Re: Gerald L. K. Smith; Committee
of One Million; Internal
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Dear Sir:

It is desired that all issues of the publication, "The Cross and the Flag", which is edited by the subject, be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau in order that the same may be made available to the Criminal Division of the Department.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent *[redacted]* dated May 20, 1941 at Detroit, Michigan, relating to Smith, wherein it is mentioned that a copy of an article appearing in the September, 1940 issue of the "Michigan Democrat" entitled, "An Expose of Gerald L. K. Smith" by Edward L. Marshall and on Pages 7 and 8 of this report that Smith is the author of two pamphlets entitled, "Dangerous Enemies" and "Too Much Roosevelt", and that a copy of the first mentioned pamphlet is in the files of the Detroit Office. It is desired that copies of the expose and the two pamphlets be submitted to the Bureau so that the same may be made available to the Criminal Division of the Department which has requested copies of the same.



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Your attention is directed to a report in "The Hour", No. 228, dated February 21, 1942, which contains information to the effect that Smith makes weekly radio broadcasts over station WJR, in Detroit, Michigan and that these speeches are periodically rebroadcast over station WOL, in Washington, D. C.

It is desired that transcripts of Smith's radio speeches since December 7, 1941, be obtained, if possible, so the same may be made available to the Criminal Division. It is also desired that you obtain transcript of any future COMMUNICATIONS SECTION to be made by Smith and forward the same to the Bureau for retransmittal to the Criminal Division.

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The Bureau has received information that Smith is to address a rally at Detroit, Michigan on the night of April 24, 1942 and the subject of his rally will be "Will We Permit the Reds to Jail Father Coughlin?" It is desired that you have appropriate witnesses present at this meeting who will be competent to testify in the event Smith makes any seditious statements during the course of this meeting.

It is also desired that an appropriate coverage be made of all future meetings held by Smith.

The Washington Field Office is requested to make inquiry at radio station WOL, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of obtaining transcripts of any radio talks delivered by Smith since December 7, 1941, which have allegedly been rebroadcast over the facilities of Station WOL.

The Bureau will not tolerate a further delay in this matter, and a report must be submitted not later than April 27, 1942.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Washington, D. C.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

4058 U. S. Court House
Philadelphia, Pa.
April 28, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are additional unaltered reports received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. b7D

You will be furnished with any further material received from this source.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Meeting of the "Committee of One Million" held at Cass Tech High School on March 9th there were approximately an hundred people in attendance.

Gerald L.K. Smith made a fiery speech, during which the audience boomed every time President Roosevelt's name was mentioned.

Nominations were opened for candidates for United States Senator in the District in which Prentiss Brown is the incumbent. Forty votes were distributed amongst six other candidates including Representative Clare Hoffman, 450 votes were cast for Smith and about 200 did not vote.

Smith announced as part of his program a demand that every soldier and sailor be paid \$100.00 per month. Smith is now putting out a monthly magazine "The Cross and the Flag", which is Anti-British, Anti-New Deal and Anti-Communist.

The Communists are demanding that Smith's head fall, and the front page of the Communist publication "New Masses", issue of April 14th, 1942, carries a picture of Smith and Coughlin with the caption, "Lock them up, Mr. Biddle". Smith is walking a dangerous road.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies
of the income tax return filed by the above-named subject for
the years 1939 and 1940.

In making these returns available to the Bureau, the
Treasury Department advised that it has been found necessary to
communicate with the Collector of Internal Revenue, Detroit,
Michigan, with respect to the income tax returns of subject for
the years 1938 and 1941, and that upon receipt of a reply, the
data would be made available to this Bureau.

With reference to my letter directed to you under date
of May 6, 1942, I expect an early reply outlining the results
of the interview with [redacted]

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As was previously called to your attention, the
Department is greatly interested in this particular investigation
and it is my desire that the investigation in this matter proceed
without interruption in your office, and that a report reflecting
investigations be submitted at least once every three weeks.

Very truly yours,

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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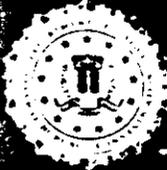
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with our investigation of Gerald L. K. Smith of Detroit, Michigan who, you will recall, has been very active in the Committee of One Million as well as in The Inner Circle, I believe it is highly desirable to establish technical surveillances on telephones Clifford 1582 and Randolph 9547 in Detroit, Michigan. I believe that through the establishment of these surveillances we will derive much valuable information concerning Smith's seditious activities. The first of the aforementioned telephones is an unlisted pay station telephone in the name of _____, 2006 Industrial Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan. Doman is believed to be Smith's direct _____ The second telephone is a regularly listed line and is in the name of _____, which is also at 2006 Industrial Bank Building, and which is Smith's office. It is significant that the name _____ indicated here is merely a reversal of the name _____.

It is recommended that you give your early approval for the establishment of these technical surveillances.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AIR MAIL
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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telephone conversation this evening between Mr. J. E. Mumford of the Bureau and Special Agent [redacted] of your office concerning the interview reportedly planned by agents of your office with [redacted] Detroit, Michigan.

It will be recalled this man, [redacted] is supposed to have furnished information to [redacted] an investigator for the Tolan Committee, to the effect that he had affiliated himself with Smith for the purpose of fighting the Communists but had withdrawn subsequently when he became of the opinion Smith's organization was more detrimental to this country.

I am attaching herewith a photostatic copy of a chart and a copy of each of two memoranda reportedly prepared by [redacted] based on information furnished him by [redacted] concerning the activities of Smith. These are made available to you for your confidential information and the guidance of your agents in interviewing [redacted] if such an interview can be effected.

You will note that the attached material alleges that Smith is financed by and connected with the I. G. Farben interests of Germany, Henry and Edsel Ford, and several other prominent individuals including ones holding high government positions. If [redacted] confirms these data, the facts should be promptly called to the Bureau's attention before further action is taken, based upon them, by your office.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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To:

Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ Subject:
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Supplementing the report of Special Agent [Redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated April 27, 1942, in the above matter, there is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of a press release of the Committee of 1,000,000, dated at Detroit, Michigan, April 26, 1942, and a portfolio of speeches by Gerald L. K. Smith, delivered over Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, prior to April 27, 1942. There is also enclosed a copy of Volume Number 1, of the April 1942 issue of "The Cross and the Flag".

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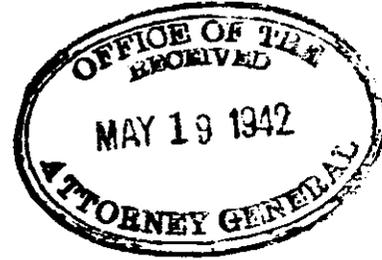
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

On May 1, 1942 you authorized the establishment of technical surveillances to cover the office telephones of Gerald L. K. Smith of Detroit, Michigan, who has been involved in seditious activities in connection with The Inner Circle and The Committee of One Million. The Special Agent in Charge at Detroit, Michigan has now advised that he considers it essential that we also include coverage of Smith's residence, telephone Fitzroy 8264, which is located at 1753 Seyburn Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. This procedure is considered necessary if we are to have complete information as to Smith's activities and contacts.

I, therefore, recommend that you approve the extension of our present coverage to include Smith's residence telephone.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC Bugas notified
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 16, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Gerald L. K. Smith

Call: 9:45 a.m.
Dictated: 10:25 a.m.

SAC Bugas of Detroit advised that the technical surveillance which had been authorized by the Attorney General on May 1, 1942 had been installed at noon May 15, 1942 to cover the two office telephones of this subject. The lines now covered are Randolph 9547 [redacted] and Clifford 1582 [redacted]. The surveillance is covered by the plant in the Union Guardian Trust Building.

Mr. Bugas further advised that he considers it essential that we extend our coverage to include Smith's residence at 1753 Seyburn Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, at which location the telephone is Fitzroy 8264. This phone is listed to E. N. Smith, and if covered will be designated by the symbol [redacted].

ACTION: Mr. Bugas was advised that this matter would be referred to the Attorney General for the necessary authority to extend our coverage. A memorandum requesting the Attorney General's approval for this procedure is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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Jim Rowe of the Department called and asked me to drop by his office. He stated that, in connection with the investigation of Gerald Smith for sedition, he had received information some six months ago from [redacted] an investigator for the Tolan Committee, that [redacted] of Detroit knew the whole picture with reference to Gerald Smith; that [redacted] had just gotten in with Smith for the purpose of fighting the Communists and then had found that he was in something worse than the Communist activities. [redacted]

Rowe stated that [redacted] has in the past stated that he would not talk to the FBI. However, [redacted] has apparently now gotten him in the mood to talk to the Bureau Agents and he allegedly is to be interviewed in the next few days by the Detroit Office.

Mr. Rowe furnished me with the attached chart and memorandum which had been prepared for him by [redacted] based on information furnished to him by [redacted] concerning the activities of Smith. It is noted from the attached material that [redacted] claims that Smith is financed and connected with the I. G. Farben Company, Henry and Edsel Ford, Senators Wheeler, Nye, Reynolds, and other prominent individuals.

Mr. Rowe stated that he wanted the Bureau to know of this so that the Detroit Office would have the background at the time they talk to [redacted]

Copies of the material furnished by Rowe were made and I am personally returning the original memorandum and original penciled chart to him.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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