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TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases: Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald L. K. Schmidt; THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject addressed meeting at Curtis Hall, Fine Arts Building, 410 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, on October 17, 1945, between 5:25 and 5:40 p.m. Approximately 250 people in attendance. Announced purpose of meeting was to raise funds to help cover expenses of large meeting in Chicago in November to answer speech to be made in Chicago on November 3, 1945, by CARLSON, author of "Under Cover." SMITH'S remarks dealt principally with experiences and recent meetings in Minneapolis and Denver. Remarks made by subject concerning ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL, WINCHELL and PEARSON set out. Subject stated if ROOSEVELT elected to fourth term, this country would see a dynasty and dictatorship which would make those of HITLER, STALIN and TONO look like puppets as they did not have money to spend that ROOSEVELT did. Charged ROOSEVELT with using United States Treasury to buy control of countries in Western hemisphere.

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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

By reference teletype the Detroit Field Division advised that the subject was making a speech in Chicago on Sunday, October 17, 1943, at 8:00 p.m. at the Chicago Fine Arts Auditorium, 410 South Michigan Avenue. b?

On October 17, 1943, Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer covered the meeting conducted by the subject in Curtis Hall, 10th floor, Fine Arts Building, 410 South Wabash Avenue.

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by SMITH with approximately 250 people in attendance. It was opened with the singing of The Star and Spangled Banner, followed by the salute to the flag and the Lord's Prayer.

SMITH announced during the course of his talk that the sole purpose of the meeting was to raise funds for a big meeting to be held in Chicago by SMITH about one week after November 3, 1943, on which date Smith stated that a man named CARLSON, whom he stated was the author of "UNDER COVER" and to whom he referred to as an "Armenian Communist" was scheduled to speak in Chicago. SMITH said his talk was to be in answer to CARLSON'S speech and also to discuss the speech recently made in St Louis, Missouri, by WENDELL WILLKIE. During the course of the meeting SMITH did not disclose any plans for future talks to be made by him prior to his meeting planned for Chicago following the address by CARLSON.

SMITH spoke from 8:25 p.m. to 8:40 p.m., with the last half hour of his talk devoted to explaining the purpose of the meeting and making his plea for donations. He had previously passed out envelopes by which one could obtain a subscription to his publication and explained the manner in which he wanted his contributions submitted. He advised the audience that those who were nonsubscribers to the "CROSS and the FLAG" would get a subscription if they contributed \$2.00 or more and for each new subscription he would send to the new subscriber a free copy of J. EDWARD JONES' book, "So I Was Indicted." He explained that the money received from donations would be used for the rent on the hall for the present meeting as well as the rent on the hall for the coming meeting in November. SMITH advised subscribers that they also could get a copy of JONES' book by contributing at least \$2.00 to the rental fund.

During the course of his speech SMITH had discussed briefly the contents of the book written by JONES and had indicated that at the end of his meeting he would explain how the people might obtain a copy as set out above.

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SMITH began his talk by mention the meetings held by him at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Denver, Colorado, following his meeting at Kimball Hall, Chicago, Illinois, on September 8, 1943, which meeting was previously covered and reported by the reporting Agent. He mentioned the success of the meetings and the problems met in connection therewith. He pointed out that four days before the meeting in Denver, the Rocky Mountain News stated that the Communists and Jews were endeavoring to have the contract signed by the SMITH group for the city auditorium cancelled. He also disclosed that at a meeting of the City Commission on a night before the meeting in the city auditorium, a proposal submitted by Commissioner ROSENTHAL resulted in its unanimous adoption and provided cancellation of the contract. SMITH said that ROSENTHAL was a Jew and that following a publication in the paper that the meeting was cancelled since numerous protests were received by the Mayor and he repudiated the cancellation of the contract and permitted the meeting to be held.

SMITH said he had been called anti-Semitic, but asserted that he did not advocate the persecution of any group and was, in fact, opposed to it. He said that he believed there were Jewish operatives in the audience and that if they were there he wanted to tell them that it would be that "kind of stuff" as pulled in Denver and elsewhere as it was such tactics as that which were making him and the American people anti-Semitic.

SMITH attacked the New Dealers and their international policies. He also attacked Sir WALTER BENNING, British Lend Lease Administrator in the United States, for telling a press club meeting in Washington that the British had developed a system on lend lease on which they did not keep any books and that they weren't going to be troubled again on how much they owed the United States. He said he hoped this system would continue after the war. SMITH charged that this statement by BENNING was semi-official as shown by CHURCHILL'S Harvard speech in which he advocated a common citizenship and congress.

SMITH also attacked CHURCHILL'S alleged statements concerning "it would be a calamity not to elect ROOSEVELT to a 4th term or greater still if a Republican Congress were elected." SMITH alleged that the British were prepared to sink \$100,000,000.00 to elect ROOSEVELT and asked why they shouldn't be prepared to do so when ROOSEVELT was giving them \$2,000,000.00 every hour.

SMITH asserted that he actually believed that the ROOSEVELTS were working to make ROOSEVELT the President of the World. He said that he believed if ROOSEVELT were elected to a 4th term, this country would see a dynasty and dictatorship that would make the dictatorships of STALIN, HITLER and TOJO look like puppets as they did not have money at their disposal to spend like ROOSEVELT did.

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SMITH attacked the "Union Now" Plan and said the Western Hemisphere countries were a good example of how countries could live together in peace without union and a Hemisphere Congress. He charged that ROOSEVELT as President of the United States had dipped into the Treasury of the United States and endeavored to buy control of the other countries of the Western Hemisphere.

SMITH asserted that Mrs. ROOSEVELT had used the White House to net herself \$2,000,000.00. He did not explain in detail, but mentioned a specific case in Johnson City, Tennessee, stating that her press agent had contacted a Government Official there and put on pressure to get the "Optimist Club" of Johnson City to sign a contract to pay Mrs. ROOSEVELT \$1,000.00 for speaking. SMITH pointed out that expenses were high and that the Club told Mrs. ROOSEVELT on the afternoon of the evening that she was to speak that they had only about \$400.00 and she said that she wouldn't speak then as her contract prevented her talking for less than \$1,000.00. SMITH related that it was then necessary for the Optimist Club to sign a note at the bank to make up the \$1,000.00 and they had considerable trouble in paying that debt. He suggested that the Queen of England would never go among miners and take \$1,000.00 from them and that after all there might be some reason for paying \$1,000.00 to the Queen of England as she was a 'pretty nice looking woman.' SMITH said he admired CHURCHILL because CHURCHILL was working for the British Empire which was more than could be said of ROOSEVELT working for America. He gave his definition of a political victory as "retiring the ROOSEVELTS from public life, sending WENDELL WILLKIE to Moscow and to make HENRY WALLACE a milkman in China." He said he had given this definition in his address in Minneapolis.

SMITH repeated his act performed in the meeting of September 8, 1945, in Kimball Hall in which he stamped on the flag of the Internationalists and stated that he intended to perform that act at every meeting. He again bitterly denounced WINCHELL and PEARSON and said that WINCHELL was doing more to create anti-Semitism in the United States than any other ten men. He again mentioned the administration, denunciation of PEARSON and stated as it was his last meeting in Kimball Hall that "ROOSEVELT ought to know a liar if anyone would."

In connection with his meeting in Denver, Colorado, SMITH stated that the Communists tried to break up his meeting by distributing literature and said the Communists told people awaiting in front of the auditorium that if they didn't believe the things set out in the literature, to ask EARL BROWDER about them. He also stated that his Minneapolis meeting was said by political leaders to have had the largest attendance of any political meeting in the state for ten years.

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SMITH mentioned the recent attack of the five Senators who returned from a tour of the world battle fronts and stated that the fact that ROOSEVELT showed so little interest in their return and hadn't had a meeting with them showed how little the administration regarded the legislative body.

SMITH pointed out that he had a son in the United States Army and 48 hours before had received word his son was going over seas in charge of a mule pack. He then stated that his son had had six years of military training before going into the Army and 'a man with his experience certainly should be qualified to obtain a commission' but because of the unfavorable publicity heaped on SMITH by WALTER WINCHELL his son received no consideration. He then asserted that if the United States had not been so degraded and dissipated it would have stopped WINCHELL a long time ago. He charged WINCHELL with prying into the private and very personal lives of expectant mothers and making it a public issue. He then stated that if the United States had not been so degraded and dissipated they would never have elected ROOSEVELT.

At the conclusion of the meeting Captain EARL SOUTHWARD announced that DEAN SMITH would complete his series of lectures for the USA Committee on October 22, 1945, in Engineer's Hall, Chicago, and would thereafter go to Detroit to deliver an address for SMITH.

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Wallace Fears Mortal Blow To Internationalism Believes Synthetic Rubber May Lead To Another War

Additional Light Upon the So-called "New Isolationism" Which Vice-President Henry A. Wallace Appears to Oppose More Vigorously Than a Military Defeat.

By CARL E. ROTE

Three years ago, in 1939, Dr. William J. Hale, research consultant of the Dow Chemical Company for 25 years, wrote in a book he called "Farmward March" about the fruits of internationalism.

Medieval politics have proved astounding, he said. "Economic soothsayers and internationalists have gained the upper hand that they may bleed both the rich and the poor into pauperism and poverty." There is ample evidence that Dr. Hale wrote the truth.

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace acknowledged to be one of the so-called "economic soothsayers" of the New Deal. Just now he is "vicariously" disturbed. He fears that the production of vast quantities of alcohol for rubber and for power in America is about to strike a mortal blow at internationalism and terminate our dependence upon the British and Dutch rubber monopoly. Whether Mr. Wallace seeks to avoid a mortal blow at internationalism because he is a Socialist or because he wants to preserve a large volume of foreign trade for the benefit of international bankers is unimportant. The international bankers are deeply concerned because their profits from the manipulation of foreign exchange depend somewhat upon foreign trade.

Wallace argued in the New York Times Magazine of June 12, 1942, that the United States must not undertake permanently to make itself self-contained and self-sufficient in a rubber because, if it does, it will give us to fight a World War No. 3. If the time has come when this country must consult the British and Dutch before it may engage in the production of any commodity needed in our domestic economy to void the threat of war our armed forces at home and abroad should have that information now. Such information might have a far-reaching influence upon the course of future events.

Wallace's Definition

Mr. Wallace identified the production of alcohol for rubber and power from wheat, corn, sugar cane, sugar beets and potatoes with what he called a "new isolationism." Mr. Wallace is frightened because apparently he realizes that Socialism, internationalism and the foreign-side fetish are threatened by the fifty necessities of 130,000,000 people educated to the use of the motor car and by the urgent demands of our war economy. He said the "new isolationism" threatens "collective security for the world" and we do insist on playing a lone and, we shall not only hasten the world war No. 3 but we shall have a "cold war" of "know it." Most Americans would admit that a present interest is more in winning World War No. 3 than it is in "collective security for the world" or in preparing for World War No. 3. Moreover, it is admitted that an adequate supply of alcohol is necessary to win World War No. 3. How can it be maintained that such a supply would endanger us in preparing for World War No. 3?

Concluding Ideas

It would appear that Mr. Wallace means that his ideologies are in conflict, not only with the necessities of our war economy, but also

with the imperatives of scientific discovery and invention which offer a bedeviled America, within a few months, all the rubber it needs. An American may very well wonder whether Mr. Wallace prefers to lose the rubber which yields some of the most important scientific, international and foreign trade under the International New Deal. This is what Mr. Wallace said of the "new isolationism."

"This new isolationism is beginning to show its head for the first time in a very human and plausible way, using rubber as its cloak. From the long-run point of view, it is more dangerous than the old isolationism. Under the plan that the United States must produce everything at home in order to be prepared in time of war, this new isolationism would not only destroy the export market of the United States, but would cause great hardship among the producing populace of countries which normally export to the United States. This new isolationism would of necessity develop many points of economic friction with the Germany of 1939 to 1940."

American Self-Sufficiency

First, why shouldn't the United States, so far as it can, produce everything at home? Why shouldn't the United States be self-contained and self-sufficient? To the extent we become self-contained and self-sufficient, naturally we shall lose interest in foreign trade which, its history for the past 25 years plainly shows, has been a delusion and a snare. Unfortunately, the American people have only a vague understanding of their own continuing sacrifices in blood, sweat and tears to preserve foreign trade.

Secondly, those Americans who do understand what we have paid and are still paying to preserve foreign trade can hardly be depended upon to weep over the "great hardship," as Mr. Wallace called it, to the British and Dutch rubber monopolies of natural rubber and synthetic rubber. That act of sympathy probably will have to be performed by Mr. Wallace and the plutocracy for whom he speaks. The British and Dutch were unable to defend our sources of natural rubber in the Malay and the East Indies and there is no assurance presently that they will recover the monopoly. If the job is done it very likely will be done by our own army and navy. So, if we have to forget the twenties when the British and Dutch ran up the price of rubber to us to more than a dollar a pound.

Finally, it is unnecessary to say anything in behalf of Hitler's political order to recognize Germany's great economic progress between 1933 and 1939 when, in America, there were increasing national deficits from providing the "more abundant life."

Accents on Misstatements

The Wallace essay on synthetic rubber, as might have been expected, was accented by many misstatements of fact.

It is not surprising, therefore, that prior to May 1, 1942, said the vice-president, "all of this country's experts in rubber believed that the practical source of synthetic rubber was petroleum." Is it possible that the secretary of agriculture, between 1933 and 1940, never saw Dr. J. H. Hale or Dr. Lee M. Christensen? The former invented synthetic gas during World War No. 1 and is known as the "Father of Chemistry" in America. He wrote "Chemistry of the Future" in 1919. Dr. Christensen, a former inventor of synthetic gas during World War No. 1 and is known as the "Father of Chemistry" in America. He wrote "Chemistry of the Future" in 1919. Dr. Christensen, a former inventor of synthetic gas during World War No. 1 and is known as the "Father of Chemistry" in America. He wrote "Chemistry of the Future" in 1919.

The Truth

The sad truth is that while such noted chemists were performing chemical processes were performing

Henry A. Wallace, as secretary of agriculture, was developing 5,000,000 bushels of synthetic rubber under more than 15,000,000 acres of cotton. In 1942, the first year of the "more abundant life," the cotton farmers received \$12,000,000 for producing nothing whatever. Each grandiose head-out was founded upon the illusion that steadily is a synonym of wealth. They were led by example by the late Dr. William A. Wirt in 1934 when he sold a congressional committee that the farmers were to be corrupted and regimented in return for putting them on the dole.

Neither Dr. Hale nor Dr. Christensen ever advocated petroleum as a basic material for rubber, and if Mr. Wallace ever consulted an "expert" he must have been employed by the oil companies.

Mr. Wallace should be required to explain the loss of our export trade in cotton between 1933 and 1935. In 1933 we exported 5,610,000 bales and in 1935 we exported 1,000,000 bales, although world cotton consumption increased during the period. There is something Mr. Wallace omitted from his New York Times essay. Mr. Wallace omitted to state that in the interval between 1931 and 1934 the international bankers manipulated foreign exchange so that an ounce of gold in London would buy 130 times as much as it would buy in New York. New Orleans, Mobile and Galveston. Mr. Wallace neglected to state that in the same interval the international bankers manipulated foreign exchange so that an ounce of gold in the British colonies and Argentina would buy 130 times as much as it would buy in any American market.

It is a miracle that the American farmer had any foreign trade left in consequence of currency manipulation in the early thirties by the international bankers. The net effect of the policy advocated by Mr. Wallace is to impede the processing and consumption of farm surplus at home. The further effect is to put the farmer again at the mercy of the international banker. When Mr. Wallace thus attempts to block the production of alcohol from farm crops he thereby arranges himself against the American farmer, and he thereby reveals himself as an enemy of the American farmer.

Another Misstatement

Mr. Wallace made a gross misstatement of fact when he said, "It was not until the first week in May that qualified chemists were able to assure Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, that sufficient power had been made in the art of converting alcohol into butadiene."

Mr. Wallace should have known that Germany had 20,000 plants for the distribution of alcohol in operation in 1939. That they were then producing five billion gallons a year. All the time stupid Americans have been wishfully believing Germany was about to run out of power and rubber that could be used for producing an abundant supply of alcohol for power and butadiene for rubber.

Federal Subsidies

In contracts now being made for the production of rubber, Wallace relies upon provisions for government ownership at the end of the contract. He also makes a statement of a new domestic industry. His apparent hope is that the government will subsidize these plants even if a private owner would not. He also makes a statement of a new domestic industry. His apparent hope is that the government will subsidize these plants even if a private owner would not.

After eight months of war we are still bickering about whether we shall produce rubber from alcohol or petroleum; whether the government shall acquire synthetic rubber plants built during the war after the war is ended; whether plants not acquired by the government shall be protected by a tariff. Another manifestation of the backwardness of a few commissions and

boards and committees. Meantime, we are not winning any war. Suppose the new industry does demand and receive tariff protection after the war? What of it?

Overcoming Shortages

When we engaged in World War I we found ourselves greatly handicapped for want of dynamite. It was the protection guaranteed for three years immediately succeeding the war-war embargo on dynamite which gave us our present chemical industry, now so helpful in our war effort.

As early as 1938—nearly four years ago—Dr. William J. Hale warned: "Unless quick ridance is made of restrictions affecting agricultural alcohol as a supplier of power, there will be smooth sailing for an enemy that would exploit us."

The restriction to which Dr. Hale referred in 1938 were those applying to alcohol as a beverage. The war added new restrictions in priorities, preferences and allocations of material for plant construction which were not removed, and then only partially, until near the end of July, 1942. Our enemies have had "smooth sailing" for eight months just as Dr. Hale predicted in 1938. If the reign of what Dr. Hale called "economic soothsayers" is not ended quickly our enemies should continue to enjoy "smooth sailing" until we have lost the war.

A Modern Agreement

In July, 1942, we agreed to purchase the entire exportable surplus of alcohol from Mexico up to the end of 1943 at 40 cents a gallon, f. o. b. Laredo, Texas. The domestic price, f. o. b. Baltimore, is less than half the price we agreed to pay Mexico. Unless we provide Mexico with raw material for the manufacture of alcohol we'll not get enough alcohol from that country for a pair of bicycle tires. Of course, if we sell Mexico some of our government-owned wheat and corn at bargain prices we may get some alcohol. Such transactions as the Mexican alcohol contract were once called "dollar diplomacy," but they now have a fresh label given them by the New Deal, and it is called "our good neighbor policy." Such transactions have a foul odor in spite of fresh labels.

False Theory

Messrs. Roosevelt, Wallace, Willkie, Wickard, Hull, Morgenthau and Biddle—to name only a few—according to the doctrine the protection trade is essential to our well-being although the scientific discoveries of Hale, Christensen and Herty (the pioneer in producing neoprene from southern pine) have exploded the doctrine in their faces. Chemistry, which is the chemical processing of organic matter, not only will dispose of the problem of farm surplus, but it offers the only real hope of discarding the dole and ending the power of corrupt politics.

Dr. Hale wrote this all-inclusive polemic in 1939 and it appears on page 181 of his last book, "Farmward March."

"In no way are foreign affairs a concern of ours. Our wealth and prosperity lie in our output and consumption thereof at home. Scientifically, it is forbidden a stateless nation to permit the purchase of the goods which are equally well produced at home. Thus self-sufficiency becomes the by-product of a rising generation and the foundation for a modern world empire."

Still Another Misstatement

Dr. Hale made one more rather serious statement at isolation, in his essay.

"Last time, at the end of World War No. 1," he said, "the choice was for isolation. The choice led up to the present war, so quickly that many men who fought in the first World War have had to take up arms again in the second."

Mr. Wallace did not say "isolation" caused World War No. 1, but he did say that it "led up to" present war. He used several words in an obvious attempt to lead his readers.

"Isolation" did not lead up to the present war or cause the present war for the simple reason that we have had no isolation since World War No. 1. Wallace became president of the United States. Although we did not formally join the League of Nations after World War No. 1, our foreign policy thereafter was fashioned through we had behind the bars and were, in fact, members. During the twenties we involved our selves in the affairs of nearly every country in the world that could write an I. O. U. (except all of which have been disbanded) and, until the beginning of World War No. 2 we never departed from that policy, tragic though it was.

Wallace's Strategy

In the Wallace essay, there were the usual references to the airplane, the radio and "modern technology" as implied obstacles to isolation, nationalism, self-containment and self-sufficiency. This is a very common bit of strategy among "economic soothsayers," although no one has yet pointed out exactly where in they are irreconcilable. The "economic soothsayers" suggest the airplane, the radio and "modern technology" as phases of contemporary civilization and have them denied before the imagination of stupid Americans in the hope that stupid Americans will visualize an irreconcilable conflict. "Modern technology" so-called, is a phony idea at which any reputable scientist, on someone's payroll as a "public expert," will lightly scoff and sneer. Perhaps the country needs a tonic for domestic radio propaganda, but a return to nationalism would eliminate the need of a tonic. Land based air power in the Coral Sea and at Midway exploded the prophecy that the British navy is our first line of defense.

Realism is Required

When we have begun to practice some of the realism suggested by the Founding Fathers, we will have lost our ambition to eliminate the need of a tonic. Land based air power in the Coral Sea and at Midway exploded the prophecy that the British navy is our first line of defense.

New Objectives

The surrender of any part of national sovereignty involved in "Union Now" with Britain, a "new world order," a world superstate, an international monetary standard, international corporations, or the pooling of foreign aggressors, all imply an existing "dissatisfaction with our existing form of government." Otherwise, the agitation for the objectives is meaningless. Anyone who pursues these objectives, then, is "promoting subtle disunity and dissimulation with our existing form of government" and is enemy of our form of government and is anticipating the desire of foreign enemies to "penetrate our nation within" our own borders.

Paul Mallon's Blueprint

In describing the threatened blueprint, Paul Mallon provides the propaganda and strategy of the "New Deal." The blueprint shows clearly the Communist Daily Worker, New York Post, the Washington Post, the New York Herald Tribune, the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Washington Post. The blueprint shows clearly the Communist Daily Worker, New York Post, the Washington Post, the New York Herald Tribune, the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Washington Post.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SMITH spoke to audience of approximately 800 persons at America First Rally 11-10-43 at Carnegie Lecture Hall, North Side, Pgh. Pa. SMITH presided over meeting and introduced other speakers on program, who were Dr. L. L. MARION, of Pontiac, Michigan, and MARIE I. LOHLE and CHARLES A. MADDEN, leaders of Defenders of George Washington's Principles, Pgh. Pa. SMITH denounced internationalism, the New Deal, President ROOSEVELT, WENDELL WILKIE, and HENRY WALLACE. Violently criticized communists and the book "UNDERCOVER", defending Father COUGHLIN and HENRY FORD against accusations contained in book.

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On Wednesday, November 10, 1943 GERALD L. K. SMITH spoke before an audience of approximately 800 persons at an America First Rally at the Carnegie Lecture Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Circulars advertising the Rally, together with tickets thereto, were mailed to various persons in the City of Pittsburgh several days prior to November 10, 1943. These printed circulars, approximately 10" x 8" in size, bore the pictures of GERALD L. K. SMITH and Dr. L. L. MARION. The circulars announced that Dr. MARION would speak on the subject "The Agents of the Anti-Christ" and would discuss the following topics:

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1. The Bible of the Anti-Christ.
2. Evil plan for world government.
3. The atheistic plan of the internationalists.
4. Will exhibit sensational 2000 page book which outlines destruction of Christianity."

These circulars also announced GERALD L. K. SMITH as "the most hated and loved man in America, hated by the internationalists - loved by the nationalists. Hated by the Nazis- Communists - loved by real Americans" and advertized that his subjects would be "Let's Take Off the Lid" and that he would discuss among other topics "CPA", The Book "Undercover", WILLKIE's speech, the Fourth Term, Bureaucratic Fascism, New Deal Communism, the Conspiracy of World Government, Report of Five Senators Just Returned from the Battle-Fronts." It was further announced that others participating in the program would be Mrs. MARIE LOHLE, reporting on her recent visit to Washington, and CHARLES A. MADDEN, American Legion leader.

It is to be noted that MADDEN is president and Mrs. LOHLE is secretary of an organization known as the Defenders of George Washington's Principles, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which organization has sponsored SMITH on previous speaking engagements in the City of Pittsburgh and which organization at one of its meetings during the month of October 1943 at which Congressman CLAIRE HOFFMAN of Michigan was the featured speaker, distributed to all in attendance tickets advertising SMITH's speaking engagement on November 10, 1943. The wording of these tickets and the advertising matter thereon was similar to that set out in the aforementioned circulars, but in addition thereto it was stated on the ticket that the Rally was under the auspices of the America First Party.

The Rally at the North Side Carnegie Lecture Hall on November 10, 1943 was attended by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Pittsburgh Office. b7c

The audience of approximately 800 persons consisted chiefly of men and women past middle age.

At the entrance of the lecture hall, Mrs. GERALD L. K. SMITH sold literature which included "The Cross and The Flag" and a pamphlet written by Congressman CLAIRE HOEEMAN entitled "Why Surrender Our Independence?".

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Father ALOYSIUS, a priest who has pronounced the invocation on previous occasions when SMITH has addressed audiences in Pittsburgh and whose church is located in Emsworth, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. LOHLE next introduced SMITH who after a few remarks of his own, called upon Mrs. LOHLE to make a few remarks. Mrs. LOHLE told of her recent visit to Washington, D. C. at which time she called upon various members of Congress to commend or criticize them in connection with their action on the Fullbright and Connolly Resolutions. Mrs. LOHLE stated that such a great amount of pressure was brought on Congressmen by the factions favoring these bills that many of them were afraid to vote against the bills. She urged those in attendance to back a movement to oppose this type of legislation and to put as much pressure on the members of Congress as those factions favoring these two bills had done.

CHARLES A. MADDEN was next introduced by SMITH as a member of the American Legion who had fought in World War I and who was a defender of real American democracy. SMITH in the course of his introduction of MADDEN stated that MADDEN would be one of the speakers at an America First Rally in Detroit in the near future and that Mrs. LOHLE would also participate in this rally.

MADDEN in a short talk criticized and denounced what he termed an "International Clique" whose plan it was to have this country join in some form of world government after the close of the present war. He attacked the communists and stated that STALIN planned to take over the world. His entire talk was an attack upon the communists, the New Deal, and exponents of world government.

SMITH next introduced Dr. L. L. MARION, pastor of a church in Pontiac, Michigan, as a member of the National Association of Christian Temperance. MARION then took the platform and after thanking SMITH for his introduction stated that in his 25 years of close association with SMITH he had never heard of or seen SMITH do anything other than the right thing. He stated that SMITH was America's

No. 1 Christian statesman. MARION stated that this country had strayed away from the daily religious principles of our forefathers and that in so doing we had lost the outstanding virtue of this country. He stated that if America was not saved soon, it would not be worth defending. In a violent attack upon communists and Russia's atheistic government, he stated that he would not believe STALIN "on a stack of Bibles". He talked of religious persecution in Russia and stated that communists had been known to have murdered whole families of persons who were found to have the Bible of Christ in their possession during the Spanish War. He next dwelled at length upon a book which he termed "The Bible of the Anti-Christ" which he stated was a volume entitled "The Bible in the Hands of Its Creator" written by one MOSES GUBBORY. He stated that the communist and atheist internationalists were working in this country to destroy religion, since only in that manner could they destroy the democracy created by our forefathers.

SMITH, who had introduced each of the foregoing speakers, next proceeded with a talk of his own. He stated that if as many as 10,000 priests and preachers in this country would devote only one Sunday in presenting to their congregations the principles of America First and would denounce internationalism they could almost entirely annihilate the evil forces presently at work in the United States. He stated that if all ministers could follow the example of Dr. MARION, the future greatness of America would be assured. He spoke of his recent western tour which took him to Minneapolis and Denver and stated that an attempt had been made at Denver by communists and Jews to keep him from speaking. He quoted a Scripps-Howard newspaper in Denver as authority for the statement that this attempt had been made by communists and Jews. He stated that the America First Party was gaining in strength everywhere as evidenced by the recent victory of JEFFERIES in the campaign for Mayor in Detroit, Michigan. He stated that the negroes in Detroit had been misled into voting against Jefferies through the efforts of the Communist Party. He stated that the ROOSEVELTS should be taken out of the public life of this country; that WENDELL WILLKIE should be deported to Moscow and that HENRY WALLACE should be sent to China. He violently denounced what he termed the communist leanings of the New Deal and its bureaucrats and internationalist conspirators. He stated that the internationalists who were backed by the international bankers and financiers, were planning to have us become a party to an international world order based on representation in a world legislative body where each country would have a vote based upon its population.

He then asked the audience if they wished to be ruled by legislation imposed upon them by the votes of millions of Chinese and Indians.

SMITH praised a book written by one J. EDWARD JONES, a former official of the Office of Price Administration, whom he stated resigned from the OPA and was then prosecuted on framed-up charges but was finally vindicated when he carried his case to the Supreme Court. SMITH stated that this book entitled "SO THEY INDICTED ME" would be given free to all persons in the audience who contributed \$2.00 or more toward defraying SMITH's expenses.

SMITH, in attacking the communists, stated that the communists were seeking to gain control of this country by revolution. He stated that the Young Communist League had recently changed its name to "Youth For Democracy" and that the Communist Party would undoubtedly attempt to change its name in the immediate future.

SMITH violently criticized and condemned the book "Under Cover", and he defended Father COUGHLIN and HENRY FORD against the accusations made against them in this book. He stated that there was a plot presently taking place to make this book required reading of the soldiers in all of the camps in the United States. He stated that such a book which branded persons high in our government as Nazis would break down the moral of the soldiers on the fighting fronts which we have tried so hard to build up. He predicted that there would be a Federal investigation of "Under Cover".

A collection of donations from the audience was taken up to defray the expenses of the meeting, and the meeting was closed with a prayer by Dr. L. L. MARION.

Copies of the circular and ticket distributed prior to the meeting advertising the same are being retained in the files of the Pittsburgh Field Division.

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Date:

To: Assistant Attorney General Tom Clark

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

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH, was.; THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION;
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

For your further information in connection with your consideration of this case there are transmitted herewith copies of additional reports submitted as follows:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 27, 1943, at Washington, D. C.; and

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 20, 1943, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Director, FBI

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH,
with aliases, Gerald L. K. Smith,
Gerald L. K. Schmidt;
THE COMMITTEE OF 1,000,000;
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 18, 1943, in which letter the Bureau requested that the report prepared in this case by Special Agent [redacted] dated October 1, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan, be re-written in accordance with Bureau instructions.

In line with the Bureau's instructions there is being transmitted herewith the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 1, 1943 at Detroit, Michigan, in compliance with Bureau letter. There are also being enclosed herewith the three copies of the report dated October 1, 1943, which are being returned in accordance with Bureau instructions.

The offices receiving copies of this report have been advised to destroy the copies of the report dated October 1, 1943 and substitute instant report.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
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GERALD L. K. SMITH, WAS, ETAL, INTERNAL SECURITY - G, SEDITION.
USA JOHN C. LEHR ADVISED THIS OFFICE TODAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION OF
DETROIT, MICHIGAN HAD TODAY FORWARDED A LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO REVEREND
HARVEY SPRINGER WHO IS PRESENTLY IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN. LEHR.

ADVISED FURTHER THAT A DELEGATION ALLEGEDLY REPRESENTING THE CIO
UNION FROM PONTIAC, MICHIGAN HAD TODAY VISITED LEHR-S OFFICE AND
DEMANDED AN INVESTIGATION OF SPRINGER. IT IS BEING NOTED THAT
SPRINGER HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT SMITH FOR SOME-
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December 3, 1943

MR. LADD

RE: AVEELIS DEBROUNIAN aka John Roy
Carlson, etc.;
Author of the book, "Under Cover."

As a matter of information I thought you would be interested to know that according to information received from a technical surveillance at Detroit in connection with the Gerald L. K. Smith sedition investigation, Senator Gerald P. Nye's attorney recently reviewed the book, "Under Cover," and advised Smith that "nothing could be done about the book in the way of legal action by Smith."

Smith is, of course, mentioned a number of times throughout the book in a rather derogatory fashion and it would appear from the information received that Smith requested Senator Nye's attorney (name not revealed) to review those passages and advise him as to whether any basis appeared to exist for a libel action. It is noted, of course, that the attorney's alleged opinion, set forth in the first paragraph, apparently pertained solely to the remarks made in the book concerning Smith.

Respectfully,

F. L. Welch

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Director, FBI

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH, was, et al.
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ON 10/6/82

Dear Sir:

There is being set forth below the substance of information obtained from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, during the period from November 8, through November 28, 1943. b7D

Informant advised under date of November 9, to the effect that Father COUGHLIN was allegedly entertaining a bishop from China, and that Father COUGHLIN was to make an important announcement concerning this matter. H. J. [unclear]

On November 10, Informant advised that SMITH had received a communication from J. EDWARD JONES of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and that JONES inclosed a check for \$650 for the alleged purpose of defraying the expenses of publishing JONES' book, "And So They Indicted Me."

It was ascertained through Informant that on approximately November 17 that the use of a hall in Buffalo, New York, had been denied to JOSEPH STOFFEL, SMITH's representative in Buffalo.

It was ascertained that Reverend HARVEY SPRINGER of Colorado came to Detroit on about the 19th of November for the purpose of conducting revival meetings in this area for a period of some time.

On that same date it was ascertained that Mrs. PATRICK KNOWLES, representing the mothers groups in this area had recently returned from Washington and advised SMITH that while in Washington she had various conferences with individuals who were going to investigate the book, "Undercover". DEFERRED [unclear]

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November 30, 1943

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH was, et al
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It was ascertained that HARVEY SPRINGER was to address a city-wide rally in Pontiac on November 30. It was further ascertained that both SPRINGER and SMITH were attempting to organize the youth in this district and suggested the name "Youth for Christ" to combat the organization "Youth for Communists". SMITH made various calls to the local newspapers advising these local papers of the recent change of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE to its new organizational name, and at that time these calls were made, SMITH and other members of his group used various aliases and advised the newspapers that they were respectable citizens and that they were greatly perturbed over the new change made by the COMMUNISTS and as a result of this, the "Detroit Times" later came out with several articles allegedly exposing the plan of the YCL in their reorganization. It also pointed out to the people the fact that the new organization was nothing more than a substitute for the YCL.

It was ascertained through Informant that Dr. ~~MARION~~ of Pontiac, a long-time follower of SMITH, was apparently having some trouble with the OPA office in Pontiac, with regard to the number of gas coupons allotted to him by the OPA. At SMITH's instigation, Dr. MARION set up a picket line outside the offices of the OPA in Pontiac, said picket line allegedly being formed to expose the OPA's attitude toward the church. MARION claimed through the newspapers, that he was the head of the largest church group in Pontiac, Michigan, and that he had been advised by the local rationing official that the churches did not need the gas coupons; that the gas coupons could be used to better advantage by the war workers, et cetera. As a result of this picket line, the "Detroit Times" and other Detroit newspapers carried several feature articles with regard to the alleged discrimination shown by the OPA against the churches.

The picketing of the OPA took place on November 26, 1943, and at that time, although there was quite a great deal of publicity, no unusual incidents took place.

It was ascertained on November 25, 1943, that SMITH had allegedly enlisted the aid of ~~ROGEE BALDWIN~~, head of the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, with reference to the refusal of the Buffalo authorities to grant space for SMITH's meeting in Buffalo.

Informant related that Senator NYE's attorney had allegedly reviewed the Book, ~~"Undercover"~~ and had advised SMITH that nothing could

Letter to the Director
November 30, 1943

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, was, et al
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be done about the book in the way of legal action by SMITH.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
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Date:

To: Assistant Attorney General Tom G. Clark

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

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
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For your further information in connection with your consideration of this case, there are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of a press release dated November 3, 1943, written by Smith, and a letter dated November 1, 1943, written by Smith and addressed to the New York publication, "PM."

Smith is reportedly distributing copies of this press release and letter to his friends and other persons thought to be among his followers.

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Assistant Attorney General Fox C. Clark

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: **GERALD L. E. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION**

Reference is made to our previous correspondence concerning subject Smith and to the several reports heretofore submitted to you.

For your additional information there are attached copies of further reports submitted by Special Agent [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on November 5, 1943, and Special Agent [redacted] dated at Detroit, Michigan, on November 1, 1943.

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For your information, there is attached a photostatic copy of a letter dated October, 1943, which has recently been distributed by subject Smith. You will note that this letter pertains principally to Smith's efforts toward selling a book, "And So They Indicted Me," written by J. Edward Jones of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. You will recall that data concerning Jones has previously been made available to the Criminal Division under the caption, [REDACTED]

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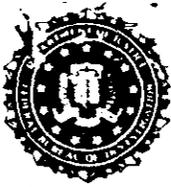
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Director, FBI

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH,
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION;
INTERNAL SECURITY;
SEDITION.
(Bureau File 62-43818)

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 1, 1943, and a letter from the Detroit Office to the Bureau dated November 9, 1943, in connection with the above-entitled matter.

Reference letter from the Bureau requested information relative to a certain book, which Subject SMITH was alleged to be selling at the time of his America First Meetings. In this connection there is being transmitted herewith a mimeographed article by Subject dated October 15, 1943, said article having been written on the letter-head "The Cross And The Flag." In view of the fact this particular communication refers to the book, which the Bureau was inquiring about and which book, in all probability, is a book by J. EDWARD JONES entitled "And So They Indicted Me," this communication is being forwarded to the Bureau at this time as a matter of possible interest to the Bureau. It is being pointed out at this time also that this particular communication allegedly went to all of the subscribers to Subject SMITH'S publication "The Cross And The Flag."

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject addressed meeting sponsored by Mrs. JOHN BROWN and Mrs. LILLIAN PARKS, of the National Blue Star Mothers on November 12, 1943 at the Bellevue-Stratford. The speech was anti-Administration, anti-Semitic, anti-international cooperation, and pro-COUGHLINITE.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Detroit to Philadelphia dated 11/3/43.

DETAILS:

The following report on the meeting addressed by subject at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, November 12, 1943, was submitted to this office by [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, who, in turn, received the report from [REDACTED]

Meeting--Bellevue Stratford Hotel
 Cover Room--Friday eve. 8:15 P.M. Nov. 12, 1943
 Sponsored by Blue Star Mothers of Penna.
 Pres. Mrs. Catherine Brown. Sec. Mrs. Lillian Parks
 1113 S. 54th St. Phila.
 Description of Audience--Approx- number-550-Ages from 40 to 65--80% women--
 20% men.
 Predominated--Catholic.
 Room held--Clover--seats--arranged for 450--balance of the people were standing.
 Arrangements made by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Parks, with [REDACTED] Promotion Mgr. of Hotel.

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Rental—\$100.00 plus \$5.00 for microphone paid in advance. Cash.
Chairman of the Meeting - CHARLES EDWIN WALLINGTON, Attorney.

Speakers: Mr. WALLINGTON
Mrs. PARKS
Mrs. BROWN
Mr. GERALD SMITH, Detroit, Mich.

Organizations and individuals present:

Mothers and Daughters of Penna., headed by [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

National Legion of Mothers, - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] former agent for Social Justice, [REDACTED]

Seated on platform:

Mr. and Mrs. GERALD L. SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. BROWN, Mrs. LILLIAN PARKS
and Mr. WALLINGTON.

WALLINGTON opened the meeting by telling of the good work the women in the Blue Star Mothers and the Crusading Mothers were doing and the interest they took in politics. He said that it was due to their efforts that such an outstanding man as GERALD L. K. SMITH was able to make a personal appearance in Philadelphia.

He said these women were donating their time and working hard for the cause of America First which meant the American Flag and the American way of life. He said they needed money to carry on their work which should include a lobby in Washington. Girls took up the collection through the audience. Mrs. PARKS left the platform to keep an eye on the collections and then returned.

The audience was then asked to stand and a boy about 16 years of age was called to the platform. His name was announced as EDWARD CONNORS. The audience was asked to give the pledge of allegiance to the flag under CONNORS' leadership.

Small postcards bearing the text of the Star Spangled Banner were lying on the chairs and WALLINGTON asked the audience to remain standing while they sang the first verse of the song. A soloist, a girl about 16,

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introduced as ELAINE DELVECCHIO, led the singing with a piano accompanist. She later sang a solo "Morning".

The chairman WALLINGTON then introduced Mrs. PARKS. She recounted the difficulties which the Blue Star Mothers were faced with in their fight to perpetuate the liberties which were being stolen from us by the Internationalist minded and bureaucratic people in Washington.

She violently denounced the proposed draft of women saying it would break up homes. She opposed any draft of mothers and any effort of the state to supply institutions where children would be cared for. She said this sort of thing would break down family morale.

She also opposed rationing and said it would be inflicted upon us for years after the war unless Congressmen were prodded by their constituents and forced to do what the people wanted. She also said that at the present time we were losing at home exactly the same things as our boys were fighting for on foreign battlefields. She predicted that our present foreign policy was leading to a situation of internationalism which would require an international police force with our boys being the policemen. This ended Mrs. Parks' speech.

The chairman then introduced Mrs. CATHERINE BROWN.

"Mr. Chairman and Fellow Americans:

Everyone present this evening is, I hope, one hundred per cent patriotic American who will, each according to his or her ability and opportunity, aid in defending our Republic and Constitution against all of our enemies, either within or outside of our national boundaries.

Your main line of defense is the Congress of these United States, the members of which are our public representatives to make or unmake your laws, who will abide by your wishes if you adopt measures and a plan of action to enforce those wishes. If you fail to do so, we and the millions of unsuspecting citizens outside of this hall will richly deserve all the punishment the neglect of our public duties will involve.

It has been repeatedly said, many, many, times, that "Eternal Vigilance is the price of Liberty", and today we have reached the most critical period in the history of our Republic through being forced into a global folly of huge dimensions. WE MUST FIND OUT THE TRUTH and as patriotic citizens force our Congress to act accordingly.

The Philadelphia Branch of the Crusading Mothers of Pennsylvania, of which I have the honor to be President, is keenly interested in seeking the truth underlying our national and international problems and earnestly

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asks for your substantial and practical support in our patriotic work. Our members volunteer their services and receive no compensation other than a sense of public duty to their fellow citizens.

A friendly Congressman told me while I was in Washington recently that we should maintain a lobby at Capitol Hill as being the most effective way to enforce demands upon Congress. Representatives are mostly just ordinary politicians, and are interested in votes. We do have a few real patriots in Congress who need your active support and who courageously act and speak as true Americans interested solely in the protection of our Republic and the high standards of its citizens. But as the lobby costs money it is up to you and your fellow patriots to finance it. We, the Crusading Mothers, will donate our services free if you will cover the unavoidable expenses. As an organization we insist that our Republic be protected from all enemies; that Congress and every public official of our government obey the Constitutional law and that offenders against our Constitution be suitably punished.

We are opposed to "Union Now", "World Federation", and World Bank, or any name or scheme which may be invented or proposed by the Internationalists which will in any way infringe upon the complete sovereignty of our Congress, Republic or our Constitution. We are opposed to Bureaucratic Government and its rationing menace. We are opposed to Senate Bill 666 which proposed to draft all men and women under the command of our global-minded President and we are opposed to any law under the excuse of a foreign emergency which infringes upon our Constitutional rights as free American citizens. The freedom we enjoyed before the New Deal started its war mongering we intend to regain and keep.

Yes; We are willing to help others as far as may be possible, but Not by sacrificing a single vestige of our sovereign authority as a republic or by the loss of our individual freedom as citizens, or by accepting the low standard of other nations which Mr. Roosevelt has told us is a part of our foreign policy.

You must see to it, THAT THE PRESIDENT REMAINS YOUR PUBLIC SERVANT, AND NOT YOUR DICTATORIAL MASTER. If you agree, then WHOLEHEARTEDLY and without fear, use a portion of your defense money, solicit money from other real Americans to fight to a finish for these patriotic purposes.

There are more than 30 million homes in this nation and at the door of every one stands a woman. The time has arrived when you must organize America's Womanhood against war and the things that pertain to war.

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Modern wars are not fought for the welfare of womanhood. Modern wars are fought to pierce hearts with swords of sorrow. Statesmen not politicians recognize that women are the guardians of the home - guardians of its morality, of its goodness and its purse. You women of America can bring peace to this continent if you realize your strength and utilize it to its best advantage, because sometime in the days to come we are going to fight second war of independence from British domination. I take courage in the fact that in the coming revolt we are shackled only by gold bracelets that are already tarnished and worn thin by economic jangling. The Tories with their long noses, branded the patriots with the word "Fascist" until it came to mean something despised and dishonorable. We patriots today, remembering how our Colonial ancestors died at Bunker Hill, froze at Valley Forge, resent the way our hard won independence has been handed back to the British Bankers on a gold platter through foreign entanglements and international money-lenders. But if we do redeem America from the International to make our country once again the sweet land of liberty, we must carry the stigmata of "Fascist" we will bear it with the same spirit that lead Patric Henry to cry, "If this be treason, make the most of it."

Now that the veneer is wearing off, we see our future lies not in a military invasion by Hitler, but in ridding ourselves of the international bondage in which we have been kept unsuspecting prisoners for over a hundred years.

When these shackles have been broken; when the money control has been taken out of the hands of thirteen families and returned to the United States Congress, when all the military pacts with Britain have been abolished and replaced with trade treaties of the world, then again we patriots can raise our hearts as the venerable bell rings out the words inscribed around its base, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants thereof".

Let us recognize that we patriotic Americans are a distinct nationality of which every American, whatever his station or shade of belief is necessarily a member--ORGANIZE, ORGANIZE, ORGANIZE until every American must stand up and be counted--counted with us--or prove himself wittingly or unwittingly, of the few who are AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE, Thank you.

Mrs. BROWN then introduced GERALD L. E. SMITH as the outstanding American Firster in the country a man who was not afraid to stand up and speak his views despite any criticism that was leveled at him.

SMITH'S speech lasted approximately 2 hours and 24 minutes including his sales talk at the end when he solicited money and subscriptions for the Cross and Flag.

His remarks drew prolonged applause. He finally asked the audience to stop applauding but they continued just the same after a short while.

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At the first mention of Father Coughlin's name in the speech they almost brought the roof down. At the end he asked for a show of hands as to whether the truth had been told at the meeting and all hands went in the air. He then asked for the audience to say "Yes" and then asked for a louder "Yes" vote.

SMITH started his speech with compliments to Mrs. BROWN and Mrs. PARKS. He commended their patriotic activities and said that certain classes of people held them up to censure. I have been attacked by radio commentators and columnists like Walter Lipschitz Winchell. It is an honor to be condemned or criticized by a man like that. A man who was brought forth in the journalistic world by the racketeers of New York City. How such a man could become a member of President Roosevelt's staff is something I could not stomach. I started a lower house investigation. I then forced the naval affairs committee of the House to investigate Winchell's commission, he was making \$50,000 a year while commissioned, and retire him. (The audience laughed and roared approval) We are going to have a lot of fun here tonight and I am going to give you a lot of raw meat, right off the griddle.

Then he picked up a copy of "Under Cover". I want to tell you some things about this book, it's tripe that's what I call it. I never thought I would see the day when an old-fashioned Christian American from four generations of preachers of the gospel like myself would be held up for ridicule by people who cannot speak our native tongue without an accent. Not a day goes by when I am not faced with being forced to prove my Americanism to some one who can't speak decent English.

My father and mother are still living and have just celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. When everything goes bad and I am being investigated by the FBI, OGPU, GIN and others I have one friend in whom I can always place confidence. She is the woman sitting on the platform with me, Mrs. SMITH and we have been married 21 years.

In a recent address in the City of Detroit this sly CARLSON, a foreigner in the country only a short while, using seven aliases opened his speech with an attack on our first citizen of Detroit, Henry Ford. This man attacks men of the caliber of Ford who make it possible for such vermin to come to this country and get jobs to support themselves. Men like Mr. Ford who have made America a safe place for them to come to. I'd like to round up about a million of these rats put them on a boat and send them back where they came from. (A lot of applause and remarks from the audience about sending them half way back and on a sinking ship). I'm going to tell you the truth tonight and we are going to have a lot of fun. If you don't like it just get up and leave, but I know that some of you have to go to work at different hours so when you leave I will think that is what is making you go.

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I am going to talk a long time. At the end if we have time I will be glad to answer any intelligent questions from the floor. I do not like to talk politics when we are at war but our globe-girdling President with ideas of a super-state with him at the helm forces me to do so if I am going to defend the precious heritage of liberty which was fought for by our ancestors. Victory is in the air, we can feel it all around us and what happened all over the United States a week ago last Tuesday looks good to me.

With the present set of Internationalists and bureaucrats in power in Washington we must learn to love America all over again, the America which our forefathers designed and the sacred flag which is an undying symbol of our rights and heritages. I would have been against a third term for Abraham Lincoln, I was against a third term for Roosevelt and will be opposed to a fourth term if he should try to continue to usurp the office. Our forefathers, instilled with a spirit which no one can describe when they wrote the Constitution set up a system whereby the rights of the people were protected by a set of checks and balances. They designed the executive branch, the legislative branch and the judicial branch each one to check the other if one became too strong. If a President remains in office for three terms, the time arrives when he controls the Supreme Court. The men appointed are his friends and will interpret the laws passed by Congress the way he wants them to be interpreted and will favor any kind of international and bureaucratic schemes which he can prevail upon his subservient Congress to pass. This same dictatorial tyrant is looting the public treasury to further his control of your life, my life and that of every American through the system of bureaucratic government set up in Washington.

I would to God that there was no need for a third political party in the United States but when you have a family perpetuating a dynasty out of the U. S. treasury it is time we took drastic action.

This family whose sons are commissioned captains and colonels in the armed forces. If the President wanted to do something the American way his sons would line up at an induction center, take serial numbers like other American boys do, and earn any promotions which they could.

My son is on the high seas tonight. He is in the Army. God only knows where. He is 19 years old and I don't know what ocean he is on. But I do know that he knows that he is not fighting to elect Franklin Roosevelt to a fourth term. (Applause)

Now I do not like to talk politics in war time but if the time comes when we have to destroy all local tax collecting agencies and all state and county set-ups of local government and depend upon centralized form of government in Washington, it is a day of tyranny.

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We don't need any streamlined government in America. Hitler, Mussolini, Hirohito and Stalin have streamlined governments. If they get mad at you at 6 A.M. off comes your head at 6.15. In this country if the President gets mad at you, the displeasure comes down through Congress, the state government, the local government and the Sheriff who must pass you on the way to the barber shop every day and solicit your support at the polls every two or four years, just take the first step.

By that time the man at the head, the President may have cooled off or he may be dead or out of office. One of the most dangerous trends in America today is that towns and communities throughout the country are becoming more dependent on the Federal Treasury to get back some of the money they pay in. It is necessary to send some one who knew some one who knew some one to Washington to get a street paved in front of the post office. If Franklin Roosevelt is beaten and the tide turned back in November 1944 you can tell your children that you lived under Fascism in America in war time. You will know victory has come when the Roosevelt's are out of power and there is an end to rationing.

A meeting was recently being addressed by that card sharp ~~ELY GILBERTSON~~, who developed his ability as a card player in jail, he had nothing else to do with his time. He is now using his contacts with wealthy wives of influential men who know what is going on in the nation to sponsor a world union plan. In addressing a meeting in New York recently he said, "My nomination for President of the world is Franklin D. Roosevelt."

My sentiment and honest belief is that he is echoing the ambitions of the President of the United States who wants to set up a super, super, duper government with him at the head and a super-duper Congress which could pass laws for the world. I am opposed to anyone other than an American having anything to say about any law which Americans must live under.

Now I don't like to talk politics but I have demanded an investigation of the use of a bomber to carry Eleanor to the Pacific. I don't know anything about the psychology of a wounded soldier. I never was wounded. But if I were wounded lying on my back on a cot on an island in the Pacific ocean and saw Eleanor's puss hovering over me I'm sure I would never get well.

We are dealing with a hard-boiled smart gal. If she doesn't like you she calls up and has your income tax investigated for the past ten years. We are dealing with a family that is introducing the element and technique of royalty into America. If President Roosevelt wanted to do something

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why didn't his sons stand in line at an induction center instead of being commissioned. My boy is a handsome 6 footer with six years of military training but since his name is Gerald L. K. Smith, Jr., he will never get to be a private first class, no matter how long he stays in the Army. Tonight he is leading a mule somewhere.

With such people as Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson telling their stories to the public anything may happen. I know that if I go down today or tomorrow I will leave a hot flame that will not die until Bureaucracy and tyranny have been put out of America.

Here in the City of Philadelphia men like Washington and Jefferson and Franklin and Adams charted the course of this country 150 years ago. I always thought people on the eastern seaboard kept your eyes on national politics and were active. I thought you were as active as my friends on the West coast. I have been confining my activity to the Middle West and West Coast. I have more than 3 million signed followers. I have toured the area bounded by Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Rochester, St. Louis, Minneapolis, and Cincinnati.

Some time ago when I was in New York a westerner in high-heeled boots and high hat called and asked to talk to me. He said he wanted me to come to Denver and tell the people the truth about what was going on in the nation. They planned to hold the meeting in the City Hall and the rent was paid. I arrived the day before and got up early the next morning and ordered a paper.

On the front page was a story saying that the City Council had passed a resolution barring the use of the Hall. My backers got busy to counteract the poison of the Jews and the Communists who were trying to stop the meeting and it was finally held. After the meeting several members of the council came to me, congratulated me on my speech and the Mayor said he had never signed the resolution and was glad he didn't.

We America Firsters are the balance of power between the old parties. We are the balance in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Neither party can win without us and we will give our votes to the GOP if they do not give us another fake like Wilkie. If they do we will run a third party candidate.

Wilkie was glamorized by Hollywood, brought out by Wall Street and financed by the whisky trust. I could be satisfied with almost any old Republican for President. What we need is less President and more Congress. I hope there won't have to be any America First party. But if they try to foist Wilkie or something that looks or smells like him on us again, Father Charles E. Coughlin and I will call a convention and nominate some man like Reynolds, Nye, Wheeler or Lindberg.

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I am going to Washington tomorrow and I will ask Senator Bob Reynolds to take the stump across the country and I hope you have an opportunity to hear him in Philadelphia.

We won't be caught without a spare tire this time. We have an organization in 34 states and are completing arrangements in the others. The ground work will be laid and if necessary we will be the spare party. I say to you tonight that Gerald L. K. Smith has no political ambitions. I am like an engineer in the Army who goes in front to test for bobby traps. If nothing happens to me it is all right for the others to come on.

I can only see the sweet consolation that only a true crusader can feel. I am a crusader and as long as there is a pulse in my wrist spirit in my breast a beat in my heart, I will fight to the death against any citizen of a foreign country who can make a law that my children will have to obey.

Roosevelt and Churchill met on the Atlantic Ocean and spawned the Atlantic Charter and four freedoms. I don't consider them one half as sacred as the Declaration of Independence written in this cradle of Liberty, Philadelphia, by Thomas Jefferson. Any deals they may have made may be considered as a military alliance and strictly a business deal like lend-lease. Listen, Mr. Churchill, we are going to win the war but we are not going back with your empire. In a speech at Harvard sponsored by educators and Rhodes Scholars, Mr. Churchill had the effrontery and boldness to suggest common citizenship in the British empire. We don't like it. (Applause)

This bureaucratic form of government with the internationalist minded people at the head of it have been responsible for war time rationing. Under this system I will give you some authentic happenings which most newspapers did not touch. Courageous papers like the Chicago Tribune, New York News, and Washington Times did print them.

When Harry Hopkins was married to a very rich lady and I saw him with a swelled eye and one foot in the grave which made me think he would never get married, after the honeymoon he came back to the White House and was having dinner with two-steak Bernie Baruch. You all know Baruch. He is always hanging around the White House. There is one thing I would like to know about Baruch and if anyone here can tell me I would welcome the information. How did he make his money? I have tried to find out but no one seems to know.

Mrs. Hopkins was sitting around the fireside chatting with the group. Mrs. Hopkins asked Baruch: "When are you going to give me that party?" And Mr. Hopkins was there.

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"Right away", said Bernie. So in a few days the party was arranged at Washington's most swank hotel, the Carlton, where it costs you \$10 a day for a room and you aren't allowed inside unless you have a reservation. Well they had this party at which 23 kinds of food were served, including 7 kinds of meat, with the country rationed. Favors consisted of perfume which sold for \$40 an ounce. There were 40 people at the party which cost \$110 a plate.

Leon Henderson drank champagne, ate and danced until 4 A.M. despite the fact that he has just given up his job with the OPA because of a bad back, and poor health. I don't know much about champagne but I do know that they had champagne of the 1926 vintage which is the best in the country and you couldn't get it in Paris. I guess the Nazis drank it all. They had \$2,500 worth of it.

All this in honor of a man who had written a magazine article a few days before in which he told us that we must tighten our belts. Unless we throw these rascals out and we must do it quickly, the quicker the better, our standard of living will go lower than that of the countries which we now despise.

That is only one man in the President's cabinet. Let me tell you about another the mid-wife of rationing. Let me tell you about Mr. WICKARD, that farmer who interpreted rationing for us. An enterprising reporter for the Chicago Tribune, an honorable paper, went out to Wickard's farm in Indiana and asked for the Secretary. An old man met the reporter and told him Wickard was in Washington.

This old man was Wickard's father, raised in a different school where you were taught to tell the truth. The father showed the reporter around the farm, then took him to the deep freezer where he showed him 800 pounds of meat, 500 pounds of lard, and 500 pounds of butter. They were certainly ready for rationing, why shouldn't they be, Secretary Wickard had advance information.

I have counted that hoard in terms of the stamps in my ration book and believe it or not it would take all of my stamps for the next 7 years to acquire that amount of food. I know I speak a dangerous language and take my safety in my hands but I say that men like that should be serving time in a penitentiary.

This is not the only type of person which have swarmed around the New Deal in Washington. Communists have infested all branches of the government as well as industry. You find them in every federal bureau. These termites are in every high place as well as in factories. They are like an air

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bubble in your system. In a leg and arm or in a body and it only requires one to reach the heart and stop it. They boast that they have people in every factory in Detroit and could stop work in any or all of the factories any time they want to.

This condition exists at home while the war goes on with a steadily rising casualty rate. If the war continues another year we can expect a casualty list of a million and a half men. When those men return some without an arm some without legs and find no work with idle factories, the communists will tell them the war was caused by capitalism, recruit them into street mobs and supply them the rest of the slogans.

But don't think that the ground swell of reaction has not set in. Let me tell you about the election we had in Detroit. We didn't have a messy affair like you had here in Philadelphia. In Detroit it was fought strictly on one issue.

SIDNEY HILLMAN, that New Deal favorite and leg-man for the fourth term, moved into Detroit and mapped the campaign against Mayor Jefferies. He had the so-called support of the liberal New Deal elements, the CIO and AFL. They applied the whip-lash of unionism to union members to force them to vote for this ticket but the members rebelled joined with the self respecting people and rolled up a huge majority. I am glad to speak for the forces of reaction which helped roll up this majority and it was not confined to the silk stocking wards.

What do you call that clothes line section of Philadelphia? Audience said "Main Line" and Smith said: "Oh Yes, the Main Line." The people on the main line sections throughout the country particularly in this section think it is cute to crawl in bed with the Communists and play their little game. Just because a man is making \$50,000 a year doesn't say he is intelligent or has sense enough to join the right party. Oh No. I have 123,000 followers signed up in Detroit alone. The outcome of the elections in Detroit and elsewhere may be a prophecy. I say to Franklin D. Roosevelt you had better not run.

Then picked up a copy of "Under Cover".

This book is a great example of overstatement. It is such a great overstatement that it is unconvincing. If you say John Jones' wife stayed out all night you can convince some people and smear her but if you say she stayed out all night, held up a bank and robbed it on the way home and killed a policeman nobody will pay much attention to your statement.

I count it an honor to be smeared in the same book with these men who are vilified in this tripe. Henry Ford, Father Coughlin, Senator Bob Reynolds, Clare Hoffman, Gerald Nye, Burton K. Wheeler, Senator Lundeen, David I. Walsh

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and Senator Hiram Johnson. I have heard from military men in Washington that this book has been ordered into the library of every military post in the country. (Audience shouted Oh No.)

I am going to say a word now and not appeal to any racial tendencies or loyalties. But I say to the Jewish observers present tell your rabbis to stop praising this book and urging their people to read it and there will be less trouble.

PM and Walter Winchell will make more Jew baiters and create more anti-semitism than any other organization in America. I can criticize a Methodist minister and he takes it in a friendly spirit, I can criticize a Baptist Minister and he takes it in a friendly spirit, I can criticize a Catholic priest and he takes it in a friendly spirit but if I say one word about Jew, I am anti-semitic and a cry of persecution is raised immediately.

Look at this tripe (he flared the pages) it does not contain the name of one Jew from cover to cover. There are 5 million of them in the United States. Are they all perfect, is there not one imperfect one among them?

There is bible rationing because of the shortage of paper but there is no shortage of this tripe to lure our children into delinquency. If you want to turn the tide of anti-semitism I can tell you one thing among lots of things that will help, do not circulate this book.

Let me read a passage from the book. This alien of 7 aliases with a foreign accent has this to say of Father Coughlin and the Shrine of the Little Flower and it looked like Coney Island on a Sunday with Father Coughlin taking the roll of a barker. Does this slimy creature who went around among good citizens trying to make them commit some seditious act realize that when he criticizes a priest he criticizes the whole Catholic Hierarchy. One word from them and the priest can be unfrocked and reduced to a non-entity.

In January we formed a spare tire party. In 1940 they gave me the horse laugh but I think the horse had long ears. (He spent 15 minutes on an article by James M. Wechsler on the Macinac conference) referred to Wechsler as the correspondent of internationalism. Said Chairman Spangler of the Republican party had his ear to the ground and nose in the dirt. He hears the trend knows what is coming and can smell our power. There are 50,000,000 people in the United States who think like me but will not speak out loud.

We deliver lend-lease goods to Britain under the arrangements of our internationally minded President. They take off the labels and send the

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goods to other countries. The best America First speech made this year was delivered by the five senators who visited 64 battlefields on their world tour. Made up of two veteran New Dealers rubber stamp Mead, and a man from Georgia.

Tell you the aims of the America First committee are to retire to Roosevelt dynasty, send Wilkie to Moscow, and make Wallace a milkman in China. My name is Hot Paker Smith. I keep a hot poker on the backs of politicians and congressmen who forget you when the sun rises the day after the votes are counted. I tell them I am a tattler and I always have a big group of listeners in their districts back home.

Just as it is impossible to keep Congressmen on the job without prodding so it is impossible to get the truth from the editorial pages of your Philadelphia papers. No truth can be found on the editorial pages of the Inquirer, the Bulletin or the Record, but the truth can be found in the hearts of real Americans who are working without citizens.

When rats start to desert a sinking ship they do it because they can see disaster coming and they start for a better ship. They are like a lot of people who are deserting the New Deal and trying to get aboard our ship. Our problem is to prevent these mangy rascals from stealing the election getting aboard our ship and robbing the people of the victory again as they did in 1932. There are more conspirators and more underground techniques than any one man can anticipate.

I was a member of the clergy. I had a church where everybody was my friend but when this inner call to serve America came to me I decided to go out and set myself against these politicians and character assassins, knowing that only faith would work in the fight. "Faith like that of a little child, who looks into its mother's eyes expectantly and knows he will get the truth".

I have no desire to set any man against his belief or non-belief but no man has the right to close the Shrine of the Little Flower or silence Gerald L. K. Smith who puts Christ first and has the America nations interest at heart.

The New Deal communists and the internationalists have a way of controlling our way of life. They try to pull wool over our eyes. I quote from the remarks of Mark A. May, professor at Yale University printed in the public press that America must be prepared to see the flag of an international nature fly above the American flag. No flag representing any organization concoction of nations or any world union will ever go higher than old Glory if I have the power to tear it down.

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I know there was a meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York where such a flag was designed. It bore the Union Jack, Hammer and Sickle and a yellow star. I jumped on this rag in Buffalo and Winchell accused me of trampling on the American Flag. A woman who was present and heard about it sent me a hand crocheted American flag. He produced the flag from his pocket. My wife estimated that it contains over 250,000 stitches.

Now do you want to take time out. How many would stay till midnight to hear the truth spoken. Everybody said yes so in about two seconds he was off again.

He picked up a book called "So they Indicted me", author Edward Jones of Scarsdale, N. Y. He told the people the edition of the book was limited and he had secured quite a number of copies from Jones. Jones had a great deal of trouble getting it published after writing it. He had to start his own publishing company. It is just the book that true Americans should read.

This man was called to Washington to take some job under the NRA. He was a successful business man and told the New Dealers that the plan would not work and wanted to get out. In return he began to have a lot of trouble including some income tax investigations.

A man who said he was Colonel Miles Lascar, front man for Mrs. Roosevelt's business ventures including her column, came to his hotel and Jones asked him what it was all about. Jones pressed a little button and took a recording of the talk. Lascar volunteered to stop the investigation if \$25,000 were paid immediately. It might take more but that much at least to start.

Jones refused, later he was visited by a man who had gone over his books and this man said he could stop the investigation for \$10,000. The button was pressed on this conversation. Jones went home was indicted dragged through the courts and broke, but he has since recovered and is a successful business man.

What is America coming to when people like this are subjected to such treatment by those in power. Why your own Mrs. Brown was maligned viciously by Carlson the author of "Under Cover" when he spoke at the Book Fair in this city. This woman had no newspaper or radio to defend herself. Such remarks must have tortured her soul and made her suffer as the Blessed Christ suffered when the crowd shouted "Crucify him, Crucify him".

But things are different now. Those of us who did not know a year ago whether we faced victory or a concentration camp know after last Tuesday a week ago that we are going forward to a glorious victory. We must continue this work in Philadelphia. Hold more meetings and have such speakers as

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Mrs. Lundeen, Senator Reynolds, Clare Hoffman, Gerald Nye and Burton K. Wheeler address them. The next one must fill the Grand Ballroom of this hotel, the next the Academy of Music and the last one Convention Hall.

He then asked every one who thought the truth had been spoken to say Yes then say it louder, then raise their right hand. All hands went up.

He then proceeded to sell his magazine saying that many meetings just ended and the people went home and did not know what to do. Now I will tell you. He called the girls and had them pass out envelopes. On the back of the envelope if you wanted invitations to the next meeting you wrote your name and the number of invitations which you wanted. They were to be passed out wisely.

On the front you again wrote your name and subscribed to Cross and Flag for 6 months for \$1 a year for \$2. If you took it for a year you got Jones book "So they indicted me" for a premium absolutely free. Subscribers were cautioned not to worry about the magazine it was sometimes delayed due to the fact that the postmaster read it first. The government was always interested in anything he did.

Any other contribution which you wanted to make to further the work of America First you were asked to place in the envelope and then seal it. The envelopes were then passed to the aisle and collected by the girls.

He then held up a bundle of Cross and Flag magazines. Announced that he only had this limited number of copies with him but they would be at the door and anyone who wanted a copy could have it for whatever donation they left in the basket. He would stay on the platform and shake hands with everybody in the audience who wished to meet him. By the time I got to the door the copies were exhausted but the people were still dropping donations in the basket. Mrs. Parks presided over the money as quickly as she could make the table.

The following comments were made by [REDACTED] b

SMITH himself is potentially a dangerous man. He is a rabble-rouser and can sway a crowd. He has no regard for the truth as witnessed by the fact at one time he said his son was on the ocean, another time leading a m

He plays on emotions and is very careful at the start to see that he has his feet on the ground. At the start he groped around a bit told one story about a tri-weekly train schedule in Kentucky. You got to a town and then tried to get away from it. It didn't go so big. Then he made the remark about Eleanor's puss hovering over wounded men and the crowd roared.

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A minute later he told them to stop applauding practically took over the meeting for he now knew what they wanted despite the fact there were many older women present. After that he would say something and in a cocksure way say "Now you can applaud that if you want to" and he never failed to get a big hand. He knew he had them with him.

Many of the people who attended were almost fanatical in their applause and other displays of emotion. This was true particularly among the men who were near me.

I was surprised at this crowd. They are not a lot of riff-raff as I expected. They are mostly older people, well-dressed and apparently of some means. Badly misled by this crowd who are supposed to be looking after their interests."

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[REDACTED], advised that on the morning before the meeting, [REDACTED] came to him with some tickets for the meeting saying that with these tickets, [REDACTED] would be able to send one of his detectives in to listen to the speech. According to [REDACTED] also took tickets to the Pennsylvania State Police for the same purpose.

[REDACTED]

The Detroit Office is advised that [REDACTED] has long been known to the Philadelphia Field Division as a "hanger on" to the fringes of law enforcement and a notorious "double dealer". b7c

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On November 11, 1943, [redacted] of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, advised the writer that he had been called upon by a committee that day who demanded that the hotel revoke its agreement with Mrs. BROWN for the use of a room for subject's address. [redacted] advised that he had refused to talk with this committee and had suggested that they should take the matter up with the Philadelphia Police Department. The writer was advised by [redacted] mentioned herein above, that this committee, [redacted]

[redacted] who is known by this office to have Communistic tendencies, presented themselves at the office of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Police Department. They stated that [redacted] was hostile to the United States Government and alleged that he is anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, and anti-Negro and requested that the police prevent SMITH from speaking in this City. The names of the various members of this committee were submitted to this office by the Philadelphia Police and a review of the indices indicates that all have been active in Communist enterprises and organizations. The Philadelphia Police Department declined to act in this matter and referred the committee to the Courts.

It was learned from [redacted] that while in Philadelphia, SMITH made the following telephone calls: The United Press, Philadelphia Daily News, Associated Press, Philadelphia Record, [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.; Adams 0088, Washington, D. C.; [redacted] 8920 Detroit, Michigan; Executive 1000, Wash., D. C.; and Mrs. JOHN BROWN, Darby, Pennsylvania.

The calls made to the newspapers and press associations were for the purpose of giving a press release, a copy of which was furnished to this office by [redacted] of the Philadelphia Daily News and is as follows:

GERALD L. K. SMITH, National Director of the "America First Party" and Editor of the magazine, "The Cross and Flag" visited Philadelphia today. Purpose: To address 400 of his leaders in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The National Headquarters of Mr. SMITH'S activities is Detroit, Michigan where a staff of 25 Assistants handles his mail and public activities.

SMITH announced today that committees have been formed in 34 states and ground work has been formed in every State of the Union. "We hope", said SMITH, "We can support the Republican Party in the coming election, but if the Party follows (?)-----leadership, our Party will be on the ballot with the candidate. BOB REYNOLDS would suit me."

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SMITH stated in his address in Philadelphia tonight he would expose the atrocities in the book "Under Cover". He stated he would go from Philadelphia to prepare for a Senate investigation of the force behind "this diabolical book."

A permanent "America First Party Committee" is being formed in Philadelphia.

1. We support the War Effort 100%
2. We oppose World Government
3. We fight political Facism
4. We fight New Deal Communism.

I have instructed my leaders over all the United States to cooperate with me on all "Stop-Wilkie" movements."

The indices of the Philadelphia Office are negative as to [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE:

TO THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

Two newspaper clippings dated 11/13/43, concerning speech given by subject on 11/12/43, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will ascertain the identity of the subscribers for telephone numbers Adams 0088 and Executive 1000 and will advise the Detroit Field Division thereon.

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Date:

To: Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

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

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
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For your additional information in connection with your consideration of the investigation of this subject there is attached a copy of a further report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 1, 1943.

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FILE NO. **100-8486**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/27/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/28; 11/22, 23/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] js
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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He stated that SMITH was anti-Communist, anti-C.I.O. and anti-New deal, but thought he was not pro-Fascist. He advised SMITH was a good rabble-rouser, but favored neither German nor Italians. He furnished a copy of a pamphlet of the Committee of One Million, and a copy of a speech of subject SMITH.

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REFERENCE:

(62-43818) Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 14, 1943, at New York, New York. b7c

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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[REDACTED] at which time subject was head of the Committee of One Million, with offices in the Pennsylvania Hotel. [REDACTED], subject was continuously looking for a financial backing. He advised that in this regard subject was helped by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], of whose whereabouts [REDACTED] is not presently aware. [REDACTED] advised that these men made contacts for SMITH and arranged for him to meet people. b7c
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[redacted] stated that at one time arrangements were made for SMITH to meet [redacted] of the German-American Bund, but that the meeting never took place to his knowledge. He stated that SMITH bought and used part of Father COUGHLIN's radio time, [redacted]

[redacted] In connection with the Committee for One Million, he stated that the purpose of the Committee was to bring American feeling to the American people. It is noted that [redacted] was rather bitter towards SMITH. [redacted]

[redacted] to his recollection he advised that SMITH gave speeches to labor unions in Akron, Ohio, and for the Seiberling Rubber Company. He stated that subject was definitely anti-Communist, anti-C.I.O., and also anti-New Deal. However, he advised that to his knowledge he was not anti-Semitic nor pro-Fascist and favored neither the Germans nor Italians. [redacted] stated that, in fact, subject SMITH favored only himself. He stated that to a certain extent SMITH attempted to follow the principles of HUEY LONG, but advised that at best SMITH was a good rabble-rouser. He advised that he last heard of subject SMITH as being in Detroit, Michigan, and he has no idea what happened to The Committee of One Million.

[redacted] advised that [redacted], was a heavy contributor to SMITH's enterprises, and that the American Petroleum Institute, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, also contributed funds to SMITH. He advised that to his recollection, [redacted] was the go-between for SMITH and the American Petroleum Institute. He stated that he believed [redacted] to be connected with the Petroleum Institute as a public relations employee.

[redacted] stated that although there was no question in his mind as to the ability of the subject to sway and arouse large crowds, however, he advised, that to the best of his recollection SMITH was pro-American and had never left himself open to criticism in this regard. [redacted] made available a copy of a small pamphlet put out by The Committee of One Million, which solicited membership, and he also made available a copy of a radio address entitled "America, Awake!" This material is being transmitted with instant report to the Detroit Field Division.

ENCLOSURES to the Detroit Field Division:

- 1 copy of a pamphlet of The Committee of One Million
- 1 copy of a speech of subject SMITH.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will, if deemed advisable, contact [REDACTED] b7

[REDACTED], it being noted that [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] contributed to subject SMITH's enterprises.

Will ascertain if subject SMITH received payment for speeches on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, 30 Rockefeller Center, New York City.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-15-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-9-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c :BGW
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was; ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - G SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Listings of telephone number ADams 0088 and EXecutive 1000 set forth.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated December 1, 1943 at Philadelphia, Pa. b7c

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

The telephone directory lists EXecutive 1000 to the Statler Hotel, 16th and K Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.; and ADams 0088 is listed to [REDACTED]. It is noted that [REDACTED] is also known as [REDACTED] and is a socially prominent person in Washington, D.C. b7c

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Detroit, Michigan
December 16, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH,
with aliases et al.
INTERNAL SECURITY - G, et al.
Bureau file 62-43818.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith the enclosures mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 13, 1943 at Detroit, Michigan in the above entitled case. *b7c*

These enclosures were inadvertently omitted when the Bureau's copies of instant report were mailed and are, therefore, being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature: John S. Bugas

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REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 12-13-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-1-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c DQ
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with alias Gerald L. K. Schmidt The Committee of 1,000,000			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G SECURITY MATTER SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On 12-1-43 at Hotel Secor, Toledo, Ohio, SMITH addressed approximately 400 persons. SMITH related the New Deal defeats in November 1943, adding that the America First Party was to a great extent responsible. SMITH attacked WINCHELL and CHURCHILL as meddling in U.S. politics and denounced WILKIE and ROOSEVELT as bureaucratic and international politicians. Guest speaker HARVEY H. SPRINGER of Denver, Colorado condemned Communism, world government and the changing of quotations in the Bible which depict the Jews in an unfavorable light. SPRINGER belittled the operation of the rationing programs, opposed lend lease aid and condemned England and Russia for their world domination aspirations.

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Reference: Bureau file 62-43818.

Details: This investigation is predicated upon information received from [REDACTED] that the America Front Party under the leadership of GERALD L. K. SMITH would hold a rally at the Secor Hotel, Toledo, Ohio on December 1, 1943.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

At 8:15 P.M. on December 1, 1943 GERALD L. K. SMITH, National Director of the America First Party, addressed an audience of approximately 400 persons in the Wedgewood Room of the Hotel Secor located at Jefferson and Superior

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Streets in Toledo, Ohio. To gain admission to the hall, it was necessary to present a card of admission. An extra admission card was obtained and is being placed in the 1A envelope of instant file in the Cleveland Field Office.

On the platform, in addition to Mr. SMITH, was Rev. ~~HARVEY H. SPRINGER~~, Pastor of the First Baptist Church and Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado and editor of "Western Voice", who was a speaker at the meeting. Mrs. SPRINGER also sat with her husband on the platform.

SMITH opened the meeting with a few words outlining the program. He then entered directly into his speech. During the course of his speech, the Lord's Prayer was recited and two stanzas of "America" were sung. At the conclusion of the meeting SMITH asked all to stand and pledge allegiance to the United States flag. He stated that of the three conventional methods in saluting the flag he uses the hand over the heart method. He said that another method is the military salute, and still another is extending one's arm the full length with the palm upward. However, Mr. SMITH stated that he would never use this latter method because his enemies would accuse him of saluting in the Fascist manner with the palm turned downward.

SMITH reviewed the New Deal defeats in the November 2nd elections and stated that he felt the America First Party was largely responsible for these. He passed out mimeograph copies of the November 15, 1943 article of Mr. ~~RAY TUCKER~~, noted Washington, D.C. news correspondent, which praised SMITH as a spectacular orator, a strong political power, and a vigorous anti-New Deal campaigner who has been reaching every class of the electorate during the past year. A copy of this mimeograph article was obtained and is being maintained in the 1A envelope of instant file.

SMITH then attacked ~~WALTER WINCHELL~~ stating that WINCHELL's real name was ~~WALTER LIPSHITZ~~ which drew a great response from the audience. He stated that men like WINCHELL were really responsible for the rising tide of anti-Semitism in the U.S. and that he, along with several others, were responsible for the Navy Department's action in taking WINCHELL out of uniform and placing him in a retired status.

SMITH then went into a long attack on CHURCHILL and England, reviewing America's fight to be free from England and the vicious attacks that England has made on this country in the past. He repeated CHURCHILL's statements that England owes America no war debts, that if America would have stayed out of the last war England would have won it sooner and with the loss of fewer men, and that England is keeping no lend lease books, that they have

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done away with that "nasty business" of keeping lend lease books reflecting how much England owes the U.S. and hopes to continue on the same basis after the war. He opposed the World Government plan as a tool of England and the international bankers with whom ROOSEVELT and WILKIE are affiliated. SMITH constantly referred to the latter two men as "TWEEDLE-DEE WILKIE" and "TWEEDLE-DUM ROOSEVELT."

SMITH criticized the ROOSEVELT family as being over ambitious and attempting to set up a "Roosevelt Dynasty" in the U.S. He also criticized WINSTON CHURCHILL for entering politics in the U.S. and referred specifically to his speech at Cambridge, Mass. and also the speech made by CHURCHILL in England on November 9, 1943 in which SMITH alleged CHURCHILL told the people that if ROOSEVELT was not re-elected, it would be a calamity.

SMITH advised all Jews to stop their vicious attacks and to commence to create good will or suffer the consequences. He then introduced HARVEY H. SPRINGER, Editor of the "Western Voice" and Baptist Minister.

Mr. SPRINGER, a 6' 6" Westerner, who claimed to be a cowboy, ranchman, preacher and editor, started out by stating that he was not interested in politics, knew nothing about politics and was not going to mention politics in his speech, then proceeded to give an hour and half entirely political talk.

SPRINGER belittled the rationing program as being mishandled, unnecessary and a punishment of the American people. He stated that oilwells out his way were only allowed to produce 20 barrels of oil per day when they could produce a 1000 barrels a day for the next 1000 years. He stated that several years ago, Mr. ROOSEVELT had bought the best cattle on his ranch and ordered them shot in their tracks, allowed no one to remove any meat and decreed that they should just lay until they rotted away. He accused the rich and the bureaucrats of having plenty of all rationed goods and stated that there was in reality no shortage of anything in America but that the Bureaucrats were using the rationing program as a sword over the heads of the people.

SPRINGER condemned the world government plan and stated that one reason for his opposition to it was "because England is for it". He stated that England has never done one thing for the U.S. in the past except cheat us out of everything but our skins and that anything involving England and the U.S. which England favored would be much more to her benefit than the benefit of the United States. He opposed the replacement of the American flag by the flag of the "Internationalists" which contains a yellow star, the union jack and American red and white stripes and stated that as long as he breathes no flag will supplant "Old Glory".

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SPRINGER opposed the changing of the Bible by the Jews, such as he alleged was being done, to remove all anti-Semitic passages. He quoted a number of Bible passages which he alleged had recently, due to Jewish pressure, been removed from the several million new Bibles recently printed for distribution to American service men.

SPRINGER condemned Fascism, Communism, and all other "isms" and rebuked England and Russia for their policies of World Domination stating that today in this country Russia is preparing for the day of a revolution at which time the U.S. will be converted to Communism. He opposed any lend lease aid as long as MACARTHUR wants for a single bullet. He stated that if England and Russia considered themselves such great nations with immense wealth and the best forms of government, why then not let them foot the bill for the present war instead of America.

SMITH again took the stand and belittled the administration for about 5 minutes during which time he had envelopes for the subscriptions to his magazine "The Cross and the Flag" passed out. SMITH also passed out contribution envelopes and announced that all should contribute to the utmost for his patriotic crusade. He announced that in the near future he intended to have Rep. CLARE HOFFMAN accompany him on a tour. SMITH also stated that at the door all could obtain, for a nominal sum, copies of the latest issue of the "Cross and the Flag" and copies of the newspaper of HARVEY H. SPRINGER, "The Western Voice". Copies of both these publications were obtained by the writer and are being maintained in the files of the Cleveland office.

The morning after the meeting the writer was contacted by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who stated that he just that day received an invitation to the SMITH meeting, and on his admission card was specially typed, "Come and hear about the perfidy of England". [REDACTED] stated that SMITH should be barred from all hotels in Toledo and should be tried for treason against England. The admission card received by [REDACTED] was obtained and is being maintained in the files of the Cleveland Field Office.

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To: Assistant Attorney General
Tom C. Clark

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

Subject: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

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Reference is made to our previous correspondence concerning subject Smith and to the several reports heretofore made available to you.

For your further information there are attached to this memorandum copies of the following additional reports submitted concerning Smith:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 13, 1943, at Cleveland, Ohio, entitled "GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with alias, Gerald L. K. Schmidt, The Committee of 1,000,000 INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SECURITY MATTER; SEDITION." b7c

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 13, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan, entitled "GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, was; AMERICA FIRST PARTY INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SECURITY MATTER; SEDITION." b7c

Also attached are copies of the following enclosures referred to in Special Agent Wolf's report:

1. Photostatic copy of a "Release" headed "OPA DENIES GASOLINE TO MINISTER."
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In compliance with previous Bureau instructions as to the supplanting of the caption "Custodial Detention" with the term "Security Matter" it is desired that all Offices receiving copies of this letter appropriately amend the character of Special Agent [redacted] report to read "Internal Security - C; Security Matter; Sedition."

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Information received from [REDACTED] to the effect that SMITH was making arrangements with J. E. JONES of Louisiana for SMITH to handle publication of JONES' book "And So They Indicted Me" in Detroit. Informant also states SMITH assisted [REDACTED] of Pontiac, Michigan, in picketing OPA office at Pontiac after [REDACTED] had been refused gas ration coupons. Reverend HARVEY SPRINGER of Colorado came to Detroit about November 19, 1943, for purpose of addressing various revival meetings and may possibly still be in Detroit. SPRINGER addressed a protest meeting in Pontiac, Michigan, for MARION and at that time more or less ridiculed OPA for alleged discrimination against MARION. SPRINGER also claims he has been persecuted by OPA in Colorado. [REDACTED] advises SPRINGER'S speeches anti-administration and anti-Semitic and details of his speeches set forth hereinafter.

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report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 1, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed to delete "The Committee of One Million" as it is dissolved and to add the "AMERICA FIRST PARTY."

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[REDACTED] submitted to the Detroit Office reports reflecting his observations while in attendance at these meetings. These reports are being set forth verbatim in so far as they pertain to the instant case. [REDACTED]

"America First Meeting, Maccabees Building,
September 28, 8:15 p.m.

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"Smith appeared on the stage amid applause and announced that he just wanted to test the microphone. The meeting began shortly afterward with the singing of the first and last stanzas of 'America'. This was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

"Smith began his evening's talk with the assertion that America had become a decadent nation, that we had lost our fundamental morality. That the church was dominated by weak-kneed modernists who were scared of everything but the collection plate. Our morals, he asserted, were dictated by 60 Jews on the PBX Board in Hollywood, who advised young people on how to kiss, how to have sexual intercourse out of wedlock, how to embezzle bank funds and get away with it. He said the movies could be a wholesome form of entertainment and education, but the men in control made this impossible.

"We are confronted with a conspiracy to take Christ away from us. With the Christmas season coming up, from the Boulevard down to the river, we could not find a store carrying Christmas cards with the name of Christ on it. 'They' had conspired to substitute the X for Christ, a sleigh for the manger, reindeer for the humble donkey, and Santa Claus for the person of Christ. Dr. Meyer, pastor of one of the largest congregations in America in St. Louis and conductor of the Lutheran Hour over the radio had been visiting Smith in his home, and Smith had told him that if he would urge the people over the radio and if every priest and preacher would join him in this - to refuse to buy these cards, they could soon put Christ back in Christmas.

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"He spoke again of a committee of Communists and Jews who had tried and succeeded in getting the government to exclude certain parts of the New Testament from the testaments going to the soldiers.

"He quoted from a copy of the Washington Post (saying that if he hadn't seen it in black and white, he wouldn't have believed it) to the effect that Mrs. Roosevelt had been invited to speak before the Optimist Club in Johnson City, Tennessee. They guaranteed her \$1,000.00 to speak and spent \$500.00 to advertise the meeting. But they could not sell the tickets and up to the time of the meeting had raised only \$300.00. It was necessary to raise \$1,200.00 more to pay for the advertising and Mrs. Roosevelt's fee. They told their problem to Mrs. Roosevelt, and she said she could not speak unless she received the amount guaranteed. So they got the money from a local bank and signed a note for thirty days for the money. They were unable to raise enough to meet it, and had to get permission to hold a lottery for a car. So the postman got a car for \$1.00, and the natives of Johnson City call it Eleanor's car.

"Smith said he was not an admirer of royalty, but could his audience imagine the Queen of England demanding \$1,000.00 to address the poor people of some English mining town,

"But this incident, he said, was typical of the Roosevelt dynasty, of New Deal Communism, bureaucratic fascism and materialistic nazism of the present administration.

"Smith said that by next summer we would be experiencing starvation, that there would be many days when we would know what it was to go to bed hungry. While the communists of Russia and other aliens were eating butter, we would have oleo. Our boys were not depriving us of one mouthful of food. They were getting no more than was necessary themselves.

"The shortage was due to the New Dealers defying the laws of God, the laws of nature, the natural law of supply and demand. If we were governed by natural law there would be no shortages. During the years of plenty, the New Deal plowed under our surpluses, killed the little pigs and limited acreage.

"He repeated events of his visit with the governor of Louisiana on the train during his last western trip, reported previously. He then began the prelude to the Waltz of the Dollars.

"He spoke of having met J. Edward Jones at the airport in Detroit where the latter stopped briefly during a recent trip. He reminded the audience of his last speech in the Crystal Ballroom of the Book-Cadillac where he had previously mentioned Jones. He repeated the story of the efforts of Harold

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Ickes to 'get' Jones after he (Jones) had resigned as oil co-ordinator for the independent oil producers under NRA. The name of Mrs. Roosevelt's personal secretary who attempted to 'shake down' Jones to 'fix' his indictment was Col. Miles Lasker.

"Ickes is still holding the grudge, his latest deviltry being to call Jones to Washington to explain using several 'bullets' without priority to bring in a well of high octane gas so vitally needed for our air force, and in which Mr. Jones Louisiana oil fields abound.

"He said that Ed had told him he could have all the copies of his book, "And So They Indicted Me" that were left. Tonight, Smith said, all donors of five dollars or more would receive a copy of that book. Jones could not find a publisher fearless enough to publish the book, nor a printer to print it; so he had to set up a printing press of his own to run it off. Then the New Dealers banned it from the bookstands.

"On the envelope provided, contributors were to mark down the number of tickets they wanted for the next meeting in the Maccabees Building on October 7 when the Hon. John Loughman of Chicago would discuss "International Intrigue in the Light of Current Events."

"Before introducing the speaker of the evening, Dr. Harvey H. Springer of Denver, Smith cautioned the audience that the meeting did not end with the message of the evening. This was for the benefit of strangers as the 'regulars' knew enough not to start out until the meeting was formally closed.

"We were fortunate, said Smith, in having such a dynamic representative of America First principles in the west as Dr. Springer. Mr. Smith has taken Springer into some of the best hotels and restaurants in the country and what he liked about the doctor was that no matter where they were, he was not ashamed to bow his head and thank his God before each meal.

"Dr. Springer had personally underwritten the entire expense of the Denver meeting, and Smith wanted every person in the auditorium to show his appreciation by subscribing to Springer's weekly, 'The Western Voice.' 'He does not chisel on his subscribers like I do,' Smith said; 'He gets out his paper every week; while mine is published only once a month.'

"Acknowledging Smith's introduction, Springer stated that he feared he had been over-advertised, that he was only 5' 17" tall and weighed 195 pounds. He was just a Bible-believin', God-fearin', gospel-preachin', rootin'-tootin' son of a backwoods bowboy preacher. He was substantially correct in his physical appraisal of himself. He is loose-jointed, lanky-limbed with enormous hands that swing loosely from long arms. Speaking, he sometimes bends at the knees, body tilted slightly backward, right hand cocked in the air

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pointing upward; in this stance he is the conventional cowboy letting loose with a 'yipee-ki-yi-yo.' His face is oval with olive complexion, smooth black hair. When he approached the microphone, he cocked his head to one side next to it as if he were going to dance with it cheek to cheek. He smiled a half-moon smile, displaying a good set of white teeth. At that moment he looked like the best of the photographs which were exhibited at the previous meeting advertising his coming. He is an effective poseur.

"He told his audience that before he spoke he always asked God to bless the sermon to His best ends. He hoped that his audience would pardon this if some of them were not believers. And so he prayed for the blessing of God on the evening's proceedings. He thanked God for such 'Christian statesmen' as 'Doctor' Smith. His prayer, in effect, was that of the Pharisee. Substantially, he thanked God he and 'Doctor' Smith were not as other men were, Democrats and sinners.

"Following the prayer, he thanked the unbelieving portion of his audience for their indulgence. He too reviewed the meeting in Denver, which the communistic City Council, headed by Rosenthal, had tried to stop. Then he gave something of his political background. He said he had never believed in mixing politics with religion, that he had never tried to influence the vote of his congregation. He had voted against Roosevelt because he had brought liquor back, but not until the last two years had he engaged actively in politics.

"Later in his address, Springer stated, 'You can take anything I've got, but don't mess around with my wife or my religion.' But his reasons for entering politics were: 1. He couldn't get gas for his car when he had eight new tires. 2. After turning in the extra four of his new tires and one of the others had blown out, all he got after waiting four weeks was 'one little old measly recap that wouldn't last five miles.' 3. His wife couldn't get thirty pounds of sugar for canning. He was in Old Mexico when the tire rationing program went into effect. He bought four new tires there, not because he was a hoarder but because he always made a habit of having a reserve as he was used to driving fast to get from one place to another in the wide open spaces. When gas rationing went into effect, his local board wouldn't let him have gas, saying he wouldn't be in business more than four weeks. Then his wife applied for thirty pounds of sugar for canning, but they said, 'No sugar for Harvey Springer.' He assured his audience that the time was coming when people would be refused food unless they voted 'right.'

"He related his experience in trying to build a tabernacle in Denver. The communist council (whom Springer resolved to put out of office at the next election) refused him a permit. So he built the tabernacle just outside the city limits. Then he asked the city for lighting facilities. All that was needed was a forty foot extension from the nearest pole. But that was refused. But a member of his congregation donated a special unit of the

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type used on farms; so they were supplied with lighting. That was enough for Harvey Springer. He was convinced there was a conspiracy to undermine the preaching of the gospel of Christ. So he told his wife he was going to fight, he was going to get into politics. The first thing he did to acquire a political education was to spend \$9.00 for the Congressional Record.

"That was the introduction to his speech. During it he indulged in a two-minute epithetical description in quaint coined words (supposedly of cowboy origin) of his anti-Christian adversaries. He spoke at the top of his voice and did not take a single breath until he was finished; and he was not winded.

"The subject of his talk was 'The Internationalists and the Wide Open Spaces', and his Biblical text was from the Old Testament, 'Remove not the ancient landmarks thy fathers have set up.' Both subject and text were never again referred to. The main topic was well-organized, however, and was undisguised anti-Semitism, interlarded by such remarks as 'They'd better not fight with me; I don't fight fair - I fight to win', 'Amen, Brother Springer! Thank you, Harvey!'

"The first evidence of the Jewish conspiracy presented by Springer was the Detroit Times, 'your own paper', containing the testimony of 'your own congressman,' Representative George Bradley. Bradley denounced the Austin-Wadsworth Bill S666 as setting up an American Gestapo which would put Hitler's to shame. He alleged it would make unwitting agents of the block-leaders of the OCD. The number of the bill, Springer declared, was no mere coincidence but was plainly prophesied in the Book of Revelations, 'And they shall neither buy nor sell except they bear the mark of the beast.' (Note: The number 666, many fundamentalist interpreters of Biblical prophecy declare is the sacred number of the Revelations; however, the same interpreters once said the Blue Eagle of NRA was 'the mark of the beast' foretold by John.)

"Springer referred to the bill as a slave labor bill, violating the thirteenth amendment prohibiting involuntary servitude. Springer had wired both the senators from his home state to vote against passage of the bill. He read their replies. He ridiculed Senator Milliken's statement that he would not vote for it unless he was convinced that it was absolutely necessary to win the war. Milliken said he would follow the debate attentively, listen to all the evidence presented, gather all the facts he could get and vote accordingly.

"Although he said he seldom agreed with Senator Johnson, Springer praised Johnson's unequivocal denunciation of the bill. If anyone had proposed such a bill thirty years ago, he would have been kicked out of office and tarred and feathered. Although the bill is still in debate, the objectives have been attained in some degree.

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"Springer's brother was an engineer with the Emerson Electric Co. in St. Louis. The doctor told his wife that she must go west. So her brother sent his family out and asked his company for a transfer. They refused and threatened that if he left, they would have him slapped into the army the very next day. 'But,' said Springer, 'my brother is little like me. He did just as I would have done. He joined his family.'

"Springer cited another similar instance of a carpenter in Muskegon who had three children and a wife who had been in the hospital three years with tuberculosis. His company had him taken into the army and he did not even get the opportunity to say good-bye to his wife.

"What is behind all this? Springer asked his audience rhetorically if anyone of them thought in 1936 that we were to be involved in a war. Although his question did not require an answer, there were several volunteers and numerous cries of 'I did.' Another said, 'In 1933.' Springer went on. He asked his listeners to write the Superintendent of Public Documents in Washington and ask for No. 944, Section 4. This he read. It anticipated a war, proposing an industrial mobilization plan and military conscription. Then Springer burst his bombshell. No one he said could have known there was going to be a war - unless he had planned it. The report he cited was written by none other than the Jewish international financier, Bernard M. Baruch. The audience bood.

"I'm a Christian,' said Springer, and added his bible-believin' routine; 'I believe in being charitable. I believe if Baruch is going to run the country they ought to give him a nice soft pillow for that park bench where he runs it.'

"Springer denied being anti-Semitic although people always said he was. He said after one meeting, two Jews came down the aisle and said, 'We don't like what you just said about the Jews.' 'But I didn't say a word about the Jews,' Springer remonstrated. 'Yes you did,' they insisted; 'You attacked Bernard Baruch.' Springer said that he had also attacked Roosevelt, Wallace, Willkie, Hopkins, but no one accused him of being anti-Gentile.

"He quoted from a petition circulated by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, using his own manufactured adjectives to describe that 'modernist' organization. The petition was sent to clergymen to get their aid in combatting anti-Semitism and the teaching that the Jews killed Christ. Springer used the term 'Christ-killers' in connection with the Jews. That the Jews did not kill Christ, Springer asserted, was not recorded in his Bible, and he quoted from the Book of Acts, 'And Peter said, 'The Jews killed him.' (It would be interesting to obtain this Bible-believer's opinion of such texts as that from Christ himself: 'He who curses Israel I will curse him; he that blesseth I will bless.' Paul: 'I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews'. The song of the angels: 'And thou Bethlehem in the

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land of Judah art not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a governor which shall rule my people Israel.' Christ himself was a Jew. God forbade the prophet Balasm to prophecy against the Jews for 'A Star shall come out of Israel.' Balasm would not curse even a small part of the Jews who may have been all that is vicious and unholy when the king who requested the prophecy said to him: 'Come over to this window. There are only a few there. Curse me them from there.' Perhaps these so-called fundamentalists who so freely predict that the self-confessed atheists Stalin and Hitler are the personification of the anti-Christ should read this from John: 'He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now.' Fundamentalists believe in the power of prayer. Yet these so-called fundamentalists obviously believe that the prayer of the Son of God on the Cross went unanswered: 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.')

Springer uses all the scurrilous technique of the professional anti-Semite, the principal one being that of using Jewish names as a condemnation in themselves. He did not spare Walter 'Lipschitz' Winchell. He quoted from B'Nai B'Rith boasting that they had stopped the vaudeville concept of the conventional Jew and had eliminated his personality from the movies. Said Springer, 'You never see a Jewish villian in the movies.' He said 'B'Nai B'Rith or Needa Bath or whatever it is.' He said that they had removed 'THE Merchant of Venice' from the schools.

"The outline of Springer's address then is this: 1. He outlined the conspiracy. 2. He told its source (The Baruch Report). 3. He deduced from the race of the author of that report the people who planned the war. 4. He launched a vicious attack against them under the guise of defending his own faith from them.

"He closed his address with a tearful story of his brother's escape from death on the beach of Salerno. If his brother dies, and his voice was breaking as only a sawdust-trailer's can, he would want his body wrapped in that flag, and he pointed to the Stars and Stripes.

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"Evangelistic" service at "Brother" Love's tabernacle in Hazel Park

[REDACTED] Marion was there and Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Wallace Gamber, the 'faithful friend' who always accompanies Smith. Marion was introduced by Love but not Smith. However, Springer, the chief speaker, spoke of his good friend, Gerald L. K. Smith and bowed in his direction. There was no response from the audience. Love has a glued-on smile and he reddens easily. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] Love said 'Amen' and 'That's right' at intervals throughout Brother Springer's talk. b7D

"Springer denounced Stalin and Russia and said it was our destiny to fight Russia. His sermon was not evangelistic. He never appealed for lost souls and gave no invitation at the close. He spoke from the book of Isaiah, especially the 18th chapter, which he says is prophetic of America, the clean-shaven men being the Indians 'beyond the rivers of Ethiopia.' However the 18th chapter of the King James version of Isiah does not refer to any 'clean-shaven men' but I hardly think Springer would dare to manufacture his own scriptures. Since he used the whole book, it is possible the quotation may be found in some other chapter. He said this portion of the book described the stripping of America's resources. He said we should get rid of the dictators, prime ministers, presidents, and the Roose-(He paused, but there was not audience reaction), the Roseensteins, and Roosevelts and Rosenbergs.

"When he denounced Russia and said our destiny was to fight her, someone behind my wife said, 'Heil Hitler' but whether they were sarcastic communists or grateful nazis could not be determined. However, there were five strong-arm looking gentlemen directly behind. After the meeting, American Mothers distributed more of 'Wake Up, Americans' leaflets.

"Meeting in Maccabees Building October 7

"Smith arrived on the platform about 8:10. He announced that the speaker of the evening, Mr. Loughman of Chicago, had not arrived nor was he likely to. This was the first time in his public career that Smith had announced a speaker and he had failed to show up. But as he had done a little speaking himself in his time (laughter) the meeting would go on. This evening's meeting has been a test of the faithful. None of them had probably ever heard of Loughman, and Smith had purposely not advertised him just to see how many people would be there. Our fidelity was to be rewarded. Mr. and Mrs. Doman were even now stamping special tickets to the next meeting when Dean Smith would address us. Only those with these special tickets would be admitted before eight o'clock; then the meeting would be opened to those with plain tickets.

"Smith took over the evening's program himself. As usual, he lauded such sterling Americans as Lindbergh, Coughlin, Captain Earl Southerd, Nye, Luce, Hoffman, Springer and Mrs. Lundeen. Most of these 'jewels' were going to be present at a future meeting, a sort of gathering of the clan. Smith's aplomb was somewhat upset by the non-arrival of the announced speaker, but unfortunately that did not shorten the program. Aided by frequent references to current events, mainly the attempt to 'kick Marshall upstairs' and the junket of five 'fellow-travellers', he carried on at length.