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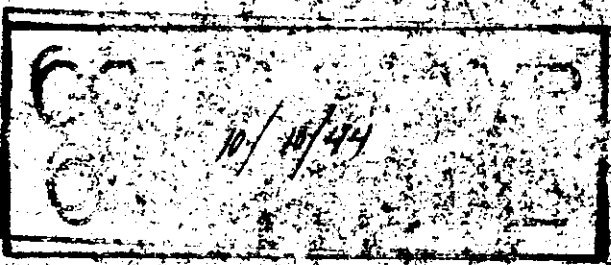
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GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY- SEDITION

For your information, there is attached a photostatic copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Platform of the America First Party." As you will observe, this pamphlet purportedly sets forth in considerable detail the program adopted by subject Smith's America First Party on the occasion of its National Convention held during the latter part of August, 1944, at Detroit, Michigan.

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

For your information there is attached a photostatic copy of an article headed, "Gerald Smith Admits Election Law Violation," which appeared in the October 4, 1944, issue of the New York Herald Tribune.

As you will observe, this article relates to Smith's appearance before a House Investigating Committee and states that Smith admitted "he is in violation of the Federal corrupt practices act by virtue of his failure to file with the clerk of the House a statement of receipts and expenditures in his campaign for the Presidency as a candidate of the America First party.

No action is being taken by the Bureau with reference to this report unless you so request.

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Gerald Smith Admits Election Law Violation

Failed to List His Expenses; Republicans Said to Use 18 Tons of Free Paper

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Gerald L. K. Smith admitted today to the House campaign investigating committee that he is in violation of the Federal corrupt practices act by virtue of his failure to file with the clerk of the House a statement of receipts and expenditures in his campaign for the Presidency as a candidate of the America First party.

Prior to Mr. Smith's testimony, Chairman Anderson read a statement to the Committee on Purchases by Republican members of Congress at the Government Printing Office of a postcard entitled "Wake Up America," the material for which originally appeared in the Congressional Record. It consists of an attack on the Congress of Industrial Organizations Political Action Committee.

So far, Mr. Anderson said, the Public Printer has printed 3,116,000 cards, on stock similar to that used for ordinary postcards, totaling "eighteen or nineteen tons of a scarce type of Bristol board" which were distributed under the franks of eleven Republican Congressmen and one Senator.

The Dies committee investigating unAmerican activities, meanwhile, took testimony today on the background of members of the P. A. C., and heard J. B. Matthews, of its investigating staff, charge that the P. A. C. is "the major Communist front organization in this country and constitutes

the Communist party's scheme for power."

The Anderson committee, with only Democratic members present, devoted four hours at morning and afternoon sessions attempting mainly to tie Mr. Smith up in direct support of Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Republican Presidential candidate, and getting a variety of replies in which Mr. Smith referred to Mr. Dewey as everything from "the lesser of two evils" to "worse than Roosevelt" and "the difference between a thug and a bank robber."

"If our people bother to vote in states where I am not on the ballot or where my name cannot be written in," he summarized, "they may vote for Dewey, but we are not supporting him. We attempted to save the Republican party, but it died on June 28 (date of Mr. Dewey's nomination). If Mr. Dewey is defeated, it will be because of the things he has been saying about me."

Mr. Smith was pinned down on few facts as to his campaign or convention costs and how the bills were paid. His one admission, that he has spent "between \$2,500 and \$3,500 since Aug. 29, "when he became an official candidate, was questioned later by Representative Clinton P. Anderson, Democrat.

Asked for the American First party views on Governor John W. Bricker, of Ohio, Republican vice-presidential nominee, Mr. Smith said the party considered him "less of a nationalist than Senator Burton K. Wheeler," Democrat, of Montana, and volunteered that the American Firsters felt Senator Harry S. Truman, Democrat, of Missouri, running mate of President Roosevelt, to be a "nationalist" of about the same degree as Governor Bricker.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Detroit, Michigan
September 30 - 1944

Director, FBI

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

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of Bureau letter dated September 21, 1944 indicating that "Doctor HOMER MAERZ" of Chicago, Illinois is well known to the Bureau and to the Chicago Field Division in connection with past activities involving anti-Semitic and subversive tendencies.

In accordance with the Bureau letter, an effort will be made to learn through informants of the Detroit Field Division the reason why SMITH considered MAERZ to be hostile to him.

An informant of this office states that MAERZ registered at a meeting of a certain "mothers' group" held in Detroit at the same time as SMITH's America First Party Convention. At the time of this registration he gave his home address as 613 Belden Avenue, Chicago, and indicated that he represented the Pioneer News Service, Box 435, Chicago. The Bureau and the Chicago Field Division are requested to check their indices and files for any information they may have concerning the Pioneer News Service and to advise the Detroit Field Office what such information may be.

The indices of the Detroit Field Division are negative on the Pioneer News Service.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Guerin

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October 17, 1944

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Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1944, asking that you be furnished with information concerning Homer Kaerts and the Pioneer News Service.

For your information in this regard there is attached a copy of the report submitted concerning Kaerts by Special Agent [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on May 8, 1943. The Bureau's files show that the Pioneer News Service was merely a name used by Kaerts during 1940 and several years previously in the printing and dissemination of his publication, "The Satchel." No prosecutive action has been authorized against Kaerts and as you will note from the attached report, he has apparently been relatively inactive during recent months.

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The Bureau is not requesting any active investigation of Kaerts at this time and its inquiry of September 21, 1944, was merely with reference to Kaerts' reported association with Smith and the latter's alleged distrust of Kaerts. Through your informants and other sources of information in the Smith case, you should, of course, be on the alert for any additional data concerning Kaerts and his association with Smith. The Bureau would be particularly interested in any indication that Kaerts is again becoming active either in his individual capacity or with Smith.

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INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION.

For your further information in your consideration of this case, there are attached copies of additional reports submitted at St. Paul, Minnesota, and St. Louis, Missouri, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], on October 7, 1944, and October 11, 1944, respectively.

These reports, you will observe, have reference primarily to Smith's recent appearances as a public speaker at St. Louis, Missouri, and at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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REPORT MADE AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 10-11-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-25, 26-44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c mpa
TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G SECURITY MATTER - SEDITION	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject SMITH held America First Party meeting September 22, 1944; attendance 500 - 600. Subject said TYLER KENT, former American Embassy Clerk in London, was imprisoned because he obtained confidential information showing that CHURCHILL and ROOSEVELT were plotting war and that this information was later obtained by Russian OGPU. SMITH also related his difficulties in attempting to obtain entrance to Dumbarton Oaks Conference; discussed platform of America First Party.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-43818.
Teletype from Detroit to Saint Louis dated September 19, 1944.

DETAILS:

AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

Subject GERALD L. K. SMITH held an America First Party meeting September 22, 1944, at Kiel Auditorium, Saint Louis, Missouri. Admission was by card only. Newspaper accounts indicated the attendance was between 500 and 600 and this figure coincided with the estimates given by [REDACTED]

The following synopsis of subject's talk and the events at the meeting were related by [REDACTED]

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There is being set out below the pertinent information obtained from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, for the period August 28 through September 11, 1944.

Informant advised that the first national convention of the AMERICA FIRST PARTY was held at the Detroit Ieland Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, August 29 and 30, 1944, that there were five sessions in all, the first starting at 3:00 p.m. August 29, the second at 8:00 p.m. August 29, and the third, fourth and fifth starting at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. respectively on August 30, 1944. Informant advised in connection with the convention that of those in attendance Subject SMITH was suspicious of a [redacted]

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Informant also advised that the convention nominated Subject SMITH as its candidate for President of the United States.

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In further reference to the convention, informant said that Captain EARL SOUTHARD of Chicago had advised SMITH that a [redacted] was known by him as an operator. SMITH said that [redacted] was a [redacted] and tried to get on the convention program unsuccessfully.

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According to informant, during the above period of time there has been considerable agitation in connection with a Senatorial investigation of the AMERICA FIRST PARTY national convention, and that on August 31, 1944, the following release came over the wire of the Associated Press from Washington:

"The Senate Elections Committee agreed today to consider the request that it investigate the introduction at the AMERICA FIRST PARTY convention at Detroit this week of a resolution calling for either the deportation or sterilization of Jews. Chairman GREEN, a Democrat from Rhode Island, announced that the Committee would meet tomorrow to consider a protest of the non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League, whose headquarters are in New York City, that the resolution was designed to incite racial strife.

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"JAMES A. SHELDON of Boston, as chairman of the Anti-Nazi League, said in a telegram to GREEN that 'there is here a plain conspiracy to incite and encourage racial strife in America in time of war and to deprive American citizens of their civil rights under the guise of carrying on activities as a political party.' SHELDON also protested to the Senate Committee against the AMERICA FIRST adoption of a resolution calling for a vast public investigation of the Jewish in-

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fluence in the Government and the war.

"We respectfully suggest and urge your Committee to immediately undertake investigation of the possible misuse of the political party machinery and other electoral practices by a group which poses as a political party but in fact is a subversive propaganda agency", SHELDON said.

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

Informant stated that when inquiry was made by a representative of the Associated Press as to SMITH'S answer to a request for Senatorial investigation, SMITH said off the record that somebody at the convention had made the statement allegedly but that it was not adopted and not even voted on. Later on the same day SMITH made the following release to the Associated Press, which he claimed to be in answer to Mr. SHELDON of the "so-called Anti-Nazi League".

"JAMES A. SHELDON, who wants me investigated, is the head of a Gestapo-like organization which racketeers on Jewish contributors. Our convention was covered by the press. Any newspaper man who covered our convention knows that the MAERZ resolution was not even considered. A careful investigation of SHELDON'S outfit will reveal that they have spent hundreds and thousands of dollars to smear such good Americans as HENRY FORD, Colonel ROBERT McCORMICK, CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and numerous members of Congress. SHELDON is mad because we kicked one of his higher stooges out of the convention on his ear. Let's investigate everybody and alternate the questions between SHELDON and myself and let the American people decide who is right."

Informant advised that on September 1, 1944, a story had come into the Associated Press to the effect that no action was being taken by the Senate Committee in connection with the investigation above referred to. The story was not clear on the point as to whether or not it was final that no action would be taken.

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According to informant, SMITH on September 1, 1944, gave the following release to the United Press and the Associated Press:

"I welcome an investigation by the American Legion. I would suggest, however, that the National Committee on Americanization or the Michigan Committee on Americanization would be more competent to judge than any local Legion leader who might hold a partial political viewpoint. In this connection, I received notification only this morning that my son, GERALD SMITH, JR., had been cited for the Purple Heart for wounds received in Burma where he volunteered to do dangerous duty. He has also received a Presidential citation."

The above was in response to a threatened American Legion investigation based on statements made during the national convention of the AMERICA FIRST PARTY by HARRY FROMER, its vice presidential nominee.

Informant said that following the AMERICA FIRST national convention, SMITH had been somewhat concerned over the position which Mrs. MURRAY KNOWLES of the American Mothers Association in Detroit, might take in the coming election, SMITH fearing that Mrs. KNOWLES would support Governor DEWEY for the presidency. Informant said that Mrs. KNOWLES had indicated that the mothers which she represented want to hear what both DEWEY and ROOSEVELT have to say before committing themselves as to their support, but that she was hoping that DEWEY would have a program that would meet with their approval inasmuch as she is opposed to a fourth term on the basis that it would perpetuate ROOSEVELT and make him too powerful. Informant was unable to supply information as to the position which Mrs. KNOWLES might take should she determine both DEWEY and ROOSEVELT unsatisfactory to herself and her group.

Informant said that on September 2, 1944, a press release was made to the United Press to the effect that CHARLES A. LINDBERGH is the idol of many AMERICA FIRST people; he has been their favorite son for years and that SMITH is sorry that he refused to assume leadership in the AMERICA FIRST movement but that since HARRY BENNETT of the Ford Motor Company is supporting DEWEY, it is reasonable to believe that LINDBERGH will go along with the company. The press release continued as follows:

"It will interest our people to hear a statement from Mr. DEWEY concerning Mr. LINDBERGH. Presumably I would like to know whether or not Mr. DEWEY would accept Mr. LINDBERGH'S support, that is all."

In conclusion, SMITH advised the United Press concerning the wound received

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by his son in Burma and the fact that his son had received the Order of the Purple Heart and that his son's outfit had received a Presidential citation.

Informant advised that during the above period of time, SMITH had been in contact with Reverend LELAND MARION of Pontiac, Michigan, who is the AMERICA FIRST candidate for Governor in the State of Michigan, and that Reverend MARION is planning a vigorous campaign in connection with his candidacy, an example of which being that Reverend MARION has himself sent out about 7,000 letters from which he has received very good response. The literature in connection with MARION'S campaign is going to be mailed out from Pontiac according to information supplied by informant.

Informant said that SMITH is apparently still making an effort to secure radio time on the same basis as other political parties but that he has not yet met with success.

Informant said that SMITH had indicated to [REDACTED] that he had adopted a rigid policy of not taking anybody into his confidence or into the Party unless they had been with the group or the group of Father COUGHLIN or some similar group during the "hard years", and that SMITH had indicated that evidence more than conversation was needed, that the Jews have organizations now where they hire "guys" to trick you. Informant said that he had information to the effect that SMITH had contacted DREW PEARSON advising him that [REDACTED] is organizing DEWEY--BRICKER Clubs in Ohio and that SMITH had commented to PEARSON in effect that DEWEY is out trying to buy up the isolationists and steal his following, and further that [REDACTED] had been down to see Governor BRICKER in reference to the organization of DEWEY Clubs. According to informant, SMITH also has indicated to PEARSON that Governor DEWEY had sent a spokesman to try to line up the "We, the Mothers, Mobilize" in Chicago and that DEWEY is trying to line up all the obscure and unknown nationalists who are headed by O'CONNOR and O'DANIELS, and that they are organizing clubs for DEWEY. 074

Informant stated that SMITH had been sending out Captain EARL SOUTHARD'S book "Forty Years of ROOSEVELT" as a premium to his followers and that he had just received a letter from one of them to the effect that on page forty-two of his copy of the book there was a block which asked him to vote for DEWEY. Informant said that SMITH contacted SOUTHARD requesting an explanation and SOUTHARD claimed that the book does have a "box appeal" which states that people should go out and vote for nationalist congressmen and Senators but that the box does not contain any indication that people

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should vote for DEWEY. Later, informant said that SMITH expressed himself to RALPH BAERMAN to the effect that he had run into sabotage on "Forty Years of ROOSEVELT".

According to informant, SMITH is sending copies of the AMERICA FIRST platform to Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS who is going to attempt to get it into the Congressional Record.

Informant stated that BERNARD DOMAN, SMITH'S secretary in charge of his office in Detroit, is terminating his employment and claiming to SMITH that he is going "down South" on his mother's farm, that his reason for doing so is that he had just had a tubercular test which was positive and that he wanted to go for a rest and try to re-build his lungs. Informant said that it was uncertain whether this is the correct explanation of DOMAN'S reason for quitting his job inasmuch as there is some indication of his making an effort to secure employment elsewhere in Detroit. Informant was unable to advise as to just when DOMAN'S employment was being terminated or as to who would take his place of employment with SMITH.

In connection with his campaign, informant was able to supply some information relative to future speeches which SMITH contemplated making, as follows: At the Truth and Liberty Temple in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 17, 18 and 19, 1944; at Chicago, Illinois, on September 21, 1944, at the 32 West Randolph Building, 12th Floor, under the auspices of the Constitutional American; possibly at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 20, 1944; at St. Louis, Missouri, on September 22, 1944; possibly a meeting at St. Henry, Ohio, on September 24, 1944; at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 27, 1944; at Buffalo, New York, on September 28, 1944. According to informant, complete plans for SMITH'S campaign tour had not yet been made.

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REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/20,22;10/3/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] Peak
TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH, was. ① AMERICA FIRST PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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SMITH held America First Rally on 9/21/44 at 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the Constitutional Americans. About 500 persons attended. SMITH criticized ROOSEVELT and the present administration, DEWEY, the conduct of the sedition trial in Washington, D. C., the alleged political power of the Jews, and the conduct of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference. He expressed a preference for DEWEY over ROOSEVELT and predicted a greater advancement for the America First Party and Nationalism. GEORGE VOSE, candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Michigan on the America First Party ticket, and recently discharged from the U.S. Army, appeared in army uniform and expresses similar ideas. Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLING, defendant in Washington, D. C. sedition trial, CHARLES ANDERSON, a Republican nominee for Congress from Illinois 6th Congressional District, and GEORGE POSTER, Director of the Constitutional Americans, also spoke.

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Letter from the Detroit Field Division to the St. Paul Field Division, dated September 14, 1944.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois

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With reference to the report prepared in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on October 7, 1944, it is noted that the last paragraph of page three carries certain references to an individual rather doubtfully identified as "Chief Hill."

The Bureau has heretofore received other data concerning the matter discussed in this particular paragraph and it would appear that undoubtedly these references are to Mr. Churchill, the British Prime Minister. You should, accordingly, amend the report so as to substitute the word "Churchill" for the words "Chief Hill."

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As a matter of information there are attached copies of a letter received by this Bureau from [redacted] under date of October 11, 1944.

Your attention is particularly invited to the references set forth in the third paragraph of the letter concerning gasoline rations, "hot rubber tires," and "other things." [redacted] letter has been acknowledged by this Bureau.

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JURY. GERALD L. K. SMITH AMERICAN FIRST PARTY INTERNAL SECURITY - G. SEDITION [REDACTED] WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU, ADVISED SUBJECT IN CONTACT WITH ELIZABETH DILLING AT WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, DISCUSSED AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE POSSIBILITY THAT DIES COMMITTEE MIGHT BE DISOLVED AT ANY TIME IN WHICH EVENT SUBJECT AND DILLING BELIEVED IT ADVISABLE TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE SERVICES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DILLING STATED ONE OF FEW PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY WHO IS FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH ALL INFORMATION IN COMMITTEE FILES AND THIS INFORMATION COULD BE VALUABLE RESEARCH SOURCE FOR REALLY UNBRIDLED ACTIVITY, BY MEN SUCH AS SUBJECT. DILLING STATED SHE HAS SOLD [REDACTED] ON NATIONALIST MOVEMENT AND HE SHOULD BECOME ONE OF ITS FOUNDATION STONES. SUBJECT ADVISED DILLING TO TELL [REDACTED] MY ARM IS FRIENDLY AND THAT AFTER ELECTION, SUBJECT WOULD BE READY TO GO TO BAT AND HELP UNDERWRITE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, REFERRING EVIDENTLY TO PUBLICIZING OF CONFIDENTIAL DIES COMMITTEE RECORDS. SUBJECT SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING NATION-WIDE SPEAKING TOUR ON BASIS OF CONNECTION WITH [REDACTED] DILLING REQUESTED SUBJECT TO KEEP OWN COUNSEL ON THIS MATTER, BUT THAT ACTION WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN VERY SOON, POSSIBLY WITHIN A WEEK AND THAT SHE AND SOME OF THE OTHER SEDITION TRIAL DEFENDANTS HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED MONEY TOWARDS SUCH END SINCE IT WAS NOW OR NEVER. SUBJECT TOLD HER COUNT US IN ON THAT AND YOU WILL HEAR FROM US IN A DAY OR TWO. FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY INFORMANT, IT APPEARS LIKELY SUBJECT AND DILLING ARE PLANNING SOME SORT OF PROGRAM TO OBTAIN CONFIDENTIAL DIES COMMITTEE RECORDS THROUGH [REDACTED] AND TO USE THEM ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND OTHER NATIONALIST. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY INFORMANT ON THIS MATTER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SUPPLIED TO BUREAU BY GUERIN

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TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Tom C. Clark, Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Gerald L. K. Smith; The America First Party;
INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

DATE: October 30, 1944

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Reference is made to your memorandum in the above entitled matter dated October 12, 1944, and to the enclosures transmitted therewith.

A copy of your memorandum of October 12, 1944, setting forth information concerning a possible violation of the Corrupt Practices Act has been referred to the Civil Rights Section, and the Bureau will be advised in the near future concerning this aspect of the case.

It is the view of the Criminal Division that the Bureau should continue to furnish information received from informants concerning the subject's activities as it has done in the immediate past.

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REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	DATE WHEN MADE 10-14-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-20, 25; 10-5-44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C SECURITY MATTER - SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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"The meeting was held
at Milwaukee, Wis. -" copies of
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Approximately 300 persons attended the GERALD L. K. SMITH meeting held at Jefferson Hall, 2617 West Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee, on 9-20-44. Subject spoke under the auspices of the Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights. WILLIAM JOCKERT, manager of Jefferson Hall, informed newspaper reporters that he would not have rented the hall, had he known SMITH was to speak. Subject's speech, in effect, covered all of the material contained in Volume 3, No. 5, of the Special 1944 issue of "The Cross and The Flag". The meeting was so well planned that the Communists presumably didn't know anything about it. Subject's speech was enthusiastically received. Newspaper men took several photographs of the speaker's platform and audience. Mrs. ANIBALA JOHNSON, the president of the Woman's Movement for Constitutional Rights, introduced GEORGE T. FOSTER of the National Constitutional League of Chicago who spoke. NED BLISS PICKERTON author of the "Right to Work Vs. Slavery" sold copies of his book at the meeting. This book outlines all the points in the Nazi program and attributes the war in part to Roosevelt's failure to establish free world markets for all countries. The book sketches the philosophy of ADOLF HITLER.

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References:

Copy of letter from Detroit to the St.
Paul Field Division dated September 14, 1944.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 6-9-44 at Detroit, Michigan. b7c

Details:

The GERALD L. K. SMITH meeting in Milwaukee was held at Jefferson Hall located at 2617 West Fond du Lac Avenue, on September 20, 1944, at 8:00 P.M. Admission was by invitation only. The invitation read that the bearer and friends would be admitted to hear an address by the subject, and announcing the fact that the subject is a candidate for president of the United States on the America First Party ticket. The subject of SMITH's speech was scheduled to be "The Real Issues of the Hour" or "Dangerous Truth at its Best". The announcements also advertised that GEORGE T. FOSTER of Chicago would speak and the meeting was to be conducted under the auspices of the Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights of which ANNEALA JOHNSON is president in Milwaukee.

[REDACTED]

The writer accompanied by [REDACTED] of the Milwaukee Police Department attended the SMITH meeting on the date indicated. Approximately 300 people were in attendance, all of whom were specifically invited to attend by a form letter announcing the meeting and some of whom were guests of SMITH followers. The invitational letters to attend the meeting were sent out by DON SCHNECK, Chairman of the Committee on Special Meetings. b7c

[REDACTED] and MILO ELISH PINKERTON were in attendance at the meeting and were selling PINKERTON's book entitled "The Right To Work Versus Slavery". This book, in effect, states that the philosophy of one ANNIE ROBERT JACQUES FERGOT was the basis for the formation of the Nazi program in Germany. This book states that a free world market would have prevented the present

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world conflict and accuses President Roosevelt for his failure to establish a free world market.

In this connection it is pointed out that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] appeared at the Milwaukee office and furnished a copy of PINKERTON's book "The Right to Work Versus Slavery". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and she was interested in ascertaining whether PINKERTON's book violated any existing federal law. She was referred by the writer to the United States Attorney for any opinion concerning the interpretation of existing federal statutes.

[REDACTED]

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 11-2-43 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the case entitled [REDACTED]

This book is being retained in the file of the Milwaukee Field Division for possible future use, it being noted that on 1-2-44 the Bureau advised by letter that the material in the PINKERTON book had been referred to the Criminal Division of the Department for an opinion as to possible prosecutive action for violation of the Sedition laws. In this connection it is noted that Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark advised that further investigation was not deemed necessary in this case at that time.

Under date of 9-25-44 Acting [REDACTED] of the Milwaukee Police Department submitted his investigative report concerning the SMITH meeting on 9-20-44. The information hereinafter being set out in this report is the result of [REDACTED] and the writer's joint investigative effort in covering said meeting.

The GERALD L. K. SMITH meeting was held at 8:00 P.M. on September 20, 1944, under the auspices of the "Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights" in Jefferson Hall located at 2617 West Fond du Lac Avenue. GERALD L. K. SMITH, of Detroit, Michigan, the founder of the America First Party, was the principle speaker.

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Admittance to the meeting was by card only which were distributed through members of favorable organizations to the America First Party. It was understood that each member of the sympathetic organizations received three cards each and they were informed to give them wisely and place them into the hands of true Americans. The persons on the mailing list of 'The Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights' received an America First Party letter signed by Don Lohbeck, Chairman of Committee on Special Meetings, with their admittance cards. The post script at the bottom of the face of the letter indicates that the meeting was held in cooperation with the 'Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights of Milwaukee' and anyone desiring extra cards was asked to telephone Mrs. Arleola Johnson at Sheridan 8458. A photostatic copy of the letter which contains the America First Party Platform Highlights is attached.

A table was placed at the entrance door on the inside of the main hall on which donation envelopes and copies of Gerald L. K. Smith's magazine, 'The Cross and The Flag', were placed. As the individual passed the table, an unknown woman gave each person a donation envelope which contained a small pencil. The face of the envelope was printed in the following manner: 'America First Party, National Headquarters, Detroit 11, Michigan. Gerald L. Smith, P. O. Box 459, Detroit, Michigan. You can count on me for \$_____ per month to help you carry on the organization activities necessary to the founding of the America First Party. Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____

The stage was arranged with the speaker's rostrum just right of the center of the stage with the United States flag set in a standard to the right of the rostrum. A microphone was placed to the left of the rostrum and six chairs to the rear and left of the rostrum. The hall was arranged for a seating capacity of about five hundred persons. The audience consisted of about three hundred and fifty persons which was fairly well-divided by both sexes. They consisted mostly of middle-aged and elderly persons who were very much in accord with the principles of the speakers of the evening which was borne out by their spontaneous applause whenever an opportunity arose.

It was noted that Mrs. Arleola Johnson, President of the 'Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights' and Don Lohbeck of St. Louis, Missouri, Chairman of Committee on Special Meetings for the America First Party, had a long conference at the front of the hall just before the entry of the speakers.

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The speakers entered the hall and walked down to the right entrance of the stage. The audience applauded and cheered. The speakers seated themselves in the following order on the chairs on the stage from left to right. George T. Foster, Director of Constitutional America, address, 2607 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; Charles Anderson, 'America First Party' of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Arleola Johnson, President of the 'Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights'; Mrs. Gerald L. K. Smith; Gerald L. K. Smith, founder of the 'America First Party' and Mrs. Kenney from the State of Nebraska. A photograph of the group taken by the 'Milwaukee Sentinel' is attached.

Mrs. Arleola Johnson, President of the 'Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights' called the meeting to order at about 8:15 p.m. She extended her greetings to the audience and spoke about the purpose of the meeting and about the outstanding speakers to be presented in George T. Foster and Gerald L. K. Smith. She spoke about the Constitution and the importance of electing candidates who will preserve this document. She then talked on the question of money, stating that the money should only be controlled by the Congress of the United States as the Constitution intended and not in the hands of the Federal Reserve Banks. She made an introductory speech for George Foster of Chicago, Illinois and stated that he would address the audience on the birth of the Constitution and that he was a qualified authority on the subject.

George Foster then gave an address covering the history of the Constitution of the United States and the many set backs our statesmen had. After talking for about three quarters of an hour, he started his introductory address for Gerald L. K. Smith and the America First Party and the importance of having an America First Party in the United States.

Gerald L. K. Smith was the next speaker - his entire speech was made around the same material published in his editorial in the September 1944 issue of his magazine, 'The Cross and The Flag', pages 439 and 447 inclusive. He also covered the Negro question as per the item on page 437 of the same magazine. Gerald L. K. Smith is a forceful speaker, keeping his audience spell bound by his powerful voice. He asked the people in the audience to make their donations for the Party in the envelopes given to them when they entered the hall. He stated that all of the persons who donated more than \$2.00 would be placed on the subscription list of his magazine, 'The Cross and The Flag', and those who donated \$1.00 would receive a six-month subscription. He asked them to fill out the face of the envelope giving their name, address, phone number, same number, city and state and all those who wished only to donate money were asked to leave off their names and mark the envelope 'Money.' He then advised the audience that the entire speech that he made could be read in his September issue of 'The Cross and The Flag'

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"and that copies would be given to all persons who donated a quarter or more at the table outside of the main hall door. He stated that the revenue from this collection would go to Mrs. Arleola Johnson's organization.

The meeting was closed by saying 'The Lord's Prayer' and the 'Pledge to the Flag'. The meeting ended at 11:30 p.m. Many of the audience congratulated Gerald L. K. Smith personally at the stage.

William F. Ockert, manager of the Jefferson Hall and operator of the tavern in the same building located at 2617 West Ford on Lac Avenue at which address he also resides, was interviewed.

Mr. Ockert stated that Mrs. Arleola Johnson, President of the 'Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights,' rented the main hall for a political meeting for \$25.00 and never mentioned who the speaker at the meeting would be. Mr. Ockert stated that he was shocked to hear that Gerald L. K. Smith was going to speak at the meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 1944. He stated that he would never have rented the hall to Mrs. Johnson if he had been informed that Gerald L. K. Smith was going to be the principle speaker.

A grey-haired couple distributed mimeographed circulars in front of Jefferson Hall for Milo E. Pinkerton, publisher of 1121 East Dayton Street, Madison 3, Wisconsin. One of the men who attended the meeting came out of the hall and said 'Hello Milo' to the man distributing circulars. It is believed that the grey-haired couple was Milo Eliah Pinkerton and his wife.

The following known persons were seen in the audience at the meeting:

- [REDACTED] - National Constitution Party
- [REDACTED] - Nationalist Party
- [REDACTED] - Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights
- [REDACTED] - Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights
- [REDACTED] - Federal Bureau of Investigation file
- [REDACTED] - Dan Hoan for Governor Club
- Don Kishock - Chairman of Committee on Special Meetings of America First Party
- [REDACTED] - Milwaukee Jewish Council
- [REDACTED] - Milwaukee Community Forum

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Several photographers from Milwaukee's leading newspapers were in attendance at this meeting and numerous pictures of the speakers, as well as the audience, were taken. As of possible assistance to the Detroit office a picture of GERALD L. K. SMITH is being sent as an enclosure with this report inasmuch as it is an excellent picture of the subject. There is also being enclosed a picture of the individuals seated on the speaker's platform with their names written on the reverse side of the picture. The individuals appearing on this picture are GEORGE FOSTER, speaking, president of the Constitution League of Chicago, Illinois, reading to the right appear Mrs. KIMBERLY of Nebraska, GERALD L. K. SMITH, Mrs. GERALD L. K. SMITH, Mrs. ARLELIA JOHNSON, president of the Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights, and CHARLES ANDERSON of Chicago, Illinois.

In its issue of 9-21-44 the Milwaukee Sentinel carried a story to the effect that a hand-picked group of some 300 Milwaukeeans last night heard and saw a practical demonstration of rabble rousing by that old master of the art, Gerald L. K. Smith, presidential candidate of the America First party, who claims, among other things, to be the most hated man in America. Smith, who admits he's a great rabble rouser, spoke at Jefferson Hall at a meeting arranged by the Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights. Admission was by card only.

The article continues that Smith complained of a lot of things. He complained that the papers don't quote everything he says; that China isn't getting enough help; that the republican party is "pet-bellied"; that every time the world has a war Uncle Sam pays the bills; that people call him anti-Semitic. He complained of the Jews and of the way Dewey treated Sam Fish.

There were a few things he liked including Charles A. Lindbergh, whom he practically nominated for president in 1948 on the America First Nationalist ticket. He said the America First party has 167 local committees working in Wisconsin but he didn't mention any names.

The article continues: "Glaring and pointing at the Sentinel reporter, Smith thundered: 'He won't tell you tomorrow morning that I look and act like a real American.' Right you are, Mr. Smith."

The editor's note reflects that after the meeting WILLIAM COCKERT, manager of Jefferson Hall, asked the Sentinel to announce that he would not have rented the hall to the Women's Movement for Constitutional Rights if he had known Smith was to speak.

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It is also noted that the Sentinel carried in the same issue mentioned above a large picture of the audience, as well as one of GERALD L. K. SMITH, captioned "A very select 300 hear rabble rouser". The caption under the picture reads "The picture shows what happens to a crowd under the influence of Gerald L. K. Smith, the nation's self-styled rabble rouser, and advises that Smith plans for a big-mass meeting in the future (if he can get a hall)."

The Milwaukee Journal article dated 9-21-44 and reporting on the SMITH meeting states that SMITH attacked the British who he said are "picking our pockets". He attacked the Russians and Stalin. He advocated a "homeland in Africa" for the Negroes. He called Sidney Hillman the "Rasputin of the White House," and President Roosevelt "an old man, tired and impotent." He called the presidential campaign a pillow fight, and lashed at Dewey for denouncing him publicly.

SMITH predicted that the next America First Party candidate would be the next president of the United States.

In the event SMITH holds another meeting in this area arrangements will be made to cover it and a report will be submitted to Detroit covering the results of the meeting.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION:

One picture of subject GERALD L. K. SMITH;
One picture of individuals seated on speaker's platform at instant meeting.

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TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with aliases THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G SECURITY MATTER - SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Meeting of the America First Party under the sponsorship of the Defenders of George Washington's Principles was held 10-6-44 at the Carnegie Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was attended by some 300 people. SMITH stated Australia has been demobilizing for the past year. He placed the blame for the Pearl Harbor Incident on President ROOSEVELT. SMITH is supporting DEWEY as the lesser of two evils. He discussed the TYLER KENT incident. GEORGE VOSE spoke of the injustices done veterans of the First World War. CHARLES MADDEN, MARIE LOHLE, Father ALOYSIUS, and Mrs. SMITH were on the platform.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** 9-27-44, Detroit, Michigan *b7c*

DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

A meeting of the America First Party which was held under the sponsorship of the Defenders of George Washington's Principles, was held on October 6, 1944, at the Carnegie Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was attended by some 300 people. Present on the platform with Mr. SMITH were Mrs. SMITH, GEORGE VOSE, CHARLES A. MADDEN, MARIE LOHLE, and Father ALOYSIUS.

GEORGE VOSE, a discharged veteran of this war, appeared in a United States Army Uniform and addressed the gathering. He spoke of the

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injustices done veterans at the conclusion of the First World War and that many of them sold pencils. At the conclusion of this war, the veterans should be the first to receive consideration. "If the Communists don't like this country when the veterans come back, we will send the Communists all back. Love America or get out." VOSE spoke very highly of GERALD SMITH as a man and as a candidate for President. VOSE also stated that he expected to be back in Pittsburgh in a few weeks to speak to the mothers of the soldiers.

Mrs. MARIE LOHLE, an officer in the Defender of George Washington's Principles, addressed the group, stating that she had attended the Detroit Convention. The theme of her brief talk was after the war, bring the boys back and keep them home.

GERALD L. K. SMITH opened his talk by knocking the President and his family. He mentioned that Australia has been demobilizing her army for the past year as the United States forced the Japs into the war. He also mentioned that Russia would probably help the United States in China if the United States would give Russia a free hand as to Communism, then Chiang Kai-shek will be out or a subordinate of some Communist. SMITH protested the secret meetings, Dumbarton-Oaks, and others, as being contrary to American traditions.

Referring to Pearl Harbor, SMITH claims that someone must have received the warning and holds the Commander-in-Chief responsible for the 3,000 deaths until the court martial of SHORT and KIMMEL proves adequately that the warning was sent and received. Both SHORT and KIMMEL want the court martial to take place, however, ROOSEVELT wants to wait until after the election. SMITH mentioned that his campaign expenses amounted to 10¢. He voluntarily appeared for questioning. He was of the opinion that it was not necessary to file until money had been raised.

SMITH stated that he hoped DEWEY would be successful as the lesser of two evils; however, he would not underwrite DEWEY.

Cornpicking machines were not available to the farmers until they would join the A.A.A. Yet, mail order catalogues from London indicated that they were available without waiting. SMITH quoted CLAIRE HOFFMAN as saying, "These machines were made from American lease-lend steel."

SMITH stated that he had received the story of TYLER KENT from Mrs. KENT, the boy's mother. Young KENT was a diplomat in England in the

service of the United States. He was very apt in decoding messages. It is claimed that messages, when decoded, were made available to CHURCHILL, who at the time was not Prime Minister. Some of these messages were secret agreements between ROOSEVELT and CHURCHILL in which ROOSEVELT promised CHURCHILL that if England became involved in the war, that CHURCHILL could be assured of American help. It is claimed by SMITH that some of these messages are now in the hands of Russia and are being held over ROOSEVELT's head. KENT had stolen some of these messages and had kept them in his room. KENT later went to a member of Parliament whom he thought could be trusted and told him the story. When this information came to light, KENT was immediately dismissed from his position and arrested by the English police and placed in prison on the Isle of White.

At the conclusion of SMITH's talk, a collection was taken up.

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Reference is made to the report prepared in this case by Special Agent [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 24, 1944. b7c

The Bureau has rewritten the first page of this report, omitting the following sentence from the synopsis: "The meeting was so well planned that the Communists presumably didn't know anything about it." Copies of the re-written page are attached and should be substituted in the copies of reference report maintained in the files of the Detroit and Milwaukee Field Divisions.

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For your further information in your consideration of this case, there are attached copies of the following two additional reports which have now been received:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 15, 1944.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 14, 1944.

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The Bureau has just been informed by a confidential source of information that according to Ralph Baerman of Washington, D. C., a new organization or movement known as "Impeachment" has recently been formed. Our confidential source of information stated that "the nature of this group was not disclosed but it was indicated that it would be anti-Roosevelt." Baerman further indicated that the leader of the group is a Mrs. McNeill (phonetic) who was described as a member of the Illinois State Legislature.

No additional details were available to our confidential source of information but it appears that this information was related by Baerman on or about October 1, 1944, when Baerman was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of an America First Party rally which was addressed by Gerald L. K. Smith. You will recall, of course, that Baerman's name has been previously mentioned on several occasions in reports submitted in connection with the Smith investigation. Baerman is allegedly a rather close confidant of subject Smith.

In the event any additional information is received concerning this new organization, it, of course, will be immediately furnished you.

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GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
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Reference is made to your letter of October 17, 1944, summarizing information received from [redacted] during the period from September 29 through October 15, 1944.

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The Bureau is particularly interested in the report that Smith's Secretary, Bernard Doman, was subpoenaed to appear before the Dies Committee at Washington, D. C., on October 16, 1944. To date the Bureau has not received any other information or noticed any publicity concerning Doman's appearance.

Accordingly, it is desired that in following this case through, [redacted] as well as through [redacted] you be particularly alert for any other information along this line, especially as to whether Doman actually appeared and, if so, the nature of his testimony, Smith's reactions, etc. Additionally, assuming Doman did actually appear, the Bureau would like to have any data coming to your attention tending to suggest that Smith strongly counselled or urged Doman to pervert or to falsify his testimony in an effort to cover up the activities of the America First Party.

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However, the Bureau is not requesting any actual investigation with reference to this particular phase of the matter, as it is merely interested in being promptly furnished with any information of this type which may come to your attention through the services of informants.

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TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases; THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - SECURITY MATTER - SECTION	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 9/28/44 at Mary Seaton Room, Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, N.Y., SMITH addressed a meeting of 250-300 persons under the sponsorship of Buffalo Economics League. Essence of remarks set out. GEORGE JOSE, candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, also addressed gathering

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Detroit Field Division to Buffalo Field Division dated September 14, 1944.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 27, 1944 at Detroit.

DETAILS:

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

This is a joint report reflecting investigation conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the reporting agent.

[REDACTED] who has been co-operative with the Buffalo Field Division relative to the League's sponsorship of meetings at which the subject, GERALD L. K. SMITH, has appeared, made available tickets to the meeting on September 28, 1944.

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1944. [redacted] of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation police also made available tickets to the meeting. The ticket bearing the symbol of the America First Party, consisting of the words "America First Party, U.S.A." and a likeness of George Washington, is set out below:

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"THIS CARD will admit bearer and friends to hear an address by

GERALD L. K. SMITH

(America First Party symbol)

America First Party Candidate for President of the United States. Mr. Smith has had some very sensational experiences since he last appeared in BUFFALO. He will reveal many things not published in the newspapers.

AND

VETERAN GEORGE VOSE

Mr. Vose has just been mustered out of the Battle Creek Military Hospital. He served two and one-half years in the Army.

KLEINHANS MUSIC HALL
(Mary Seaton Room) * Buffalo, New York

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1944 * 8:00 p.m.

Cooperating with BUFFALO ECONOMICS LEAGUE,
JOSEPH STOFFEL, Director

----- Admission by Card Only -----

It is to be noted that although the ticket indicates that admission is by card only, admission was open, and it was not necessary to surrender a card in order to gain admittance to the meeting.

[redacted] of the American Legion, was contacted, and he advised that he had noted some newspaper publicity relative to this meeting but that otherwise he had heard nothing concerning it and that apparently it was causing little or no interest in Buffalo. He was unable to furnish any other information relative to the meeting, except that as in the past it was being held under the auspices of the Buffalo Economics League of which JOSEPH STOFFEL is the Director.

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[redacted] observed that whereas [redacted] of the [redacted] of the American Legion had previously associated himself with the subject but has since abandoned this course through the pressure of the American Legion. He, [redacted] is not much interested in the contemplated meeting on September 28, 1944. b7c b7d

Special Agent [redacted] and the reporting agent attended the meeting in the Mary Seaton Room of the Kleinhans Music Hall at 8:00 p.m., September 28, 1944. It was observed that the meeting was attended by approximately 250-300 persons. Special Agent [redacted] made stenographic notes on the address of the subject, which are being maintained in the file and are reported below. b7c

JOSEPH STOFFEL, Chairman of the Buffalo Economics League, opened the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. and after a short discussion relative to the unconstitutionality of the U.S. currency he introduced the subject, GERALD L. K. SMITH.

SMITH stated that he had no illusions about his candidacy for the office of President of the United States but said that he was running for such office as a challenge and a crusade to bring out the real issues between the two principal candidates. The subject then declared that the real issue in the present campaign are not being discussed by the President or Dewey because they are agreed in advance on foreign policy and war policy. SMITH stated that he believes that Dewey now must realize the kind of politician he is up against since Roosevelt made his first speech. SMITH declared that in his opinion Dewey will get the majority of votes and that he will likely get a strong anti-New Deal, anti-Communist Congress. SMITH then recommended that his hearers read an article entitled "The Communist Conspiracy" by a former Soviet official appearing in the October, 1944 issue of the Readers' Digest. SMITH stated that our alliance with Russia in the prosecution of the war should not permit a Communist to use war propaganda to take this country over. SMITH then related how his son had been deprived of a chance to go to Officers' Candidates School because of his father's alleged un-Americanism but later distinguished himself with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, winning several decorations but no promotion.

SMITH then answered a charge that he had trampled on the American flag which he claimed had been made in an editorial occurring in the Buffalo Courier Express at the time of his last visit to Buffalo. SMITH stated this was the Union Now flag, the flag that the internationally minded wanted to place above the American flag. SMITH then referred in derogatory terms to Walter Winchell and made the remark that out of all this persecution against the so-called Nationalists, whom he represents, there would be refined the gold of statesmanship which will save the nation.

SMITH then pointed to GEORGE VOSE, a discharged veteran who was seated on the speakers' platform, showing that the America First Party was determined to fight for the rights of the returning World War II veterans to ample pensions. SMITH then attacked various aspects of what he called the New Deal dictatorship and Bureaucracy. He referred to an America First meeting held at St. Henry, Ohio, where he had eight "convicts" on the platform. He stated that these convicts were American farmers who had the courage to resist A.A.A. demands that they cut farm production. As a consequence the A.A.A. denied them priority in the purchase of farm equipment. The farmers thereupon put the purchase price down on the counters and hauled off the farm equipment without priority. For this offense they were held at \$20,000 bail each but needless to say the America First Party was able to put up the \$160,000 bail in ten hours. SMITH stated that he is hated because, like these farmers, he would not capitulate to bureaucratic tyranny. The farmers were later sentenced to from one to five years in a Federal Penitentiary, but the U.S. Attorney made the suggestion that their sentences be suspended because they were not responsible as they acted under the malevolent influence of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

SMITH further remarked that Representative Clare Hoffman and not SMITH really started this farmers' revolt when he brought out the fact that a farm equipment catalogue published by an English firm advertised that farm equipment could be secured without priority by simply writing to England and that this equipment was made out of lend-lease steel.

SMITH then turned to the Dumbarton Oaks Secret Conference at Washington, D. C., stating that he had made a written protest to the State Department about its secrecy. SMITH said he tried to get into this meeting as an American citizen who wanted to know what was going on and after much discussion with the military guards he finally obtained the information from them that even a Senator of the United States, charged with the duty of conducting our foreign affairs, would be shot if he attempted to enter the Dumbarton Conference without Executive permission. SMITH stated that this framed the issue of secret covenants secretly arrived at when foreigners and appointed bureaucrats can get together on our soil and make decisions which will affect our future destinies and a Senator, an elected representative of the only body having full treaty-making power, cannot get in.

SMITH then referred to the America First Party Convention being held in the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, at the time of the Republican National Convention. SMITH stated that his Party had

secured space in that Hotel by a contract, but that certain forces in the City had sought to high-pressure the Hotel officials to deny the America First Party their rights under this contract. However, by simply marching into the hall and holding their convention, they defeated these un-American forces who were seeking to stifle freedom of speech and thereby took a bridgehead for free speech. SMITH stated they thereby demonstrated that they were not going to lose one of the Four Freedoms in Chicago while their sons were dying for the Four Freedoms in China, France and Italy. SMITH stated that the America First Party should be firm on the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and press and peaceful assembly, and those who have sought to stop him from speaking in Buffalo betray their country.

SMITH then turned to the matter of the anti-Jewish resolution which had been proposed at the America First Convention recently held in Detroit. He accused the press of not publicizing the fact that this resolution was made by one delegate from the floor, was not seconded, and was immediately opposed by SMITH from the platform. He then went on to say that the real anti-Semite in the world is the British government which will not allow the Jews to migrate to Palestine. He then stated that the propaganda which was trying to identify the America First Party with anti-Semitism was but one of the devices employed by racketeers who were attempting to prey on the hysteria of the Jews. SMITH stated he is going to expose those who are thus betraying the Jews, and he wanted the country to know that the America First Party does not stand for the materialistic and pagan solutions of the Jewish problem which the country was led to believe by the newspapers which did not print the full truth of what went on at the Detroit Convention.

After an interruption of his remarks to hear an appeal by GEORGE VOSE for support for the Nationalist Veterans of World War II, an organization which is being sponsored by the America First Party, SMITH continued by stating that the issue in the next four years is between Communism and Nationalism. He quoted John Knight, publisher of the Detroit Free Press, as stating that Britain even now has agents in this country feeling us out on the possibility of our underwriting her first peace-time budget. He also quoted an article appearing in the Chicago Daily News by C. RAY ROBINSON, described as former legal advisor to Admiral Halsey, in which it was stated that the United States will get very little help from her Allies in the war against the Japanese. SMITH said the Australians are already demobilizing part of their Armed Forces and that a British M.P. had stated in the House of Commons that it was the United States who forced the war against Japan.


SMITH then went on to say that the United States was actually indemnifying Britain for damage caused when our troops recaptured British possessions from the Japanese. He stated that on one occasion when our vessels arrived in New Zealand bearing troops and supplies for the defense of that country, New Zealand laborers refused to unload the ships and it had to be done by the American soldiers. Worst of all, the union men who sat around idle demanded that they be paid for the time that the soldiers worked.

SMITH then stated he was going to relate the most shocking story of the century. He then recited what he termed were the statements which appeared in an affidavit over the signature of Mrs. TYLER KENT, mother of the young United States Embassy employee who had been sentenced to prison by British Courts for alleged espionage. SMITH said that the issue in regard to this case was not whether TYLER KENT was guilty of the accusations made against him, but whether he could be tried by British Courts when he was clothed with diplomatic immunity.

SMITH summed up by stating that the America First Party was striving to get a discussion of the following as the real issues in the coming election, e.g., the imperialism of Great Britain; the European policy of Russia; the mystery of TYLER KENT; and the mystery of Pearl Harbor. With regard to the latter so-called issue, SMITH had stated that it did not appear to him that Admiral Kimmel or General Short could consider themselves guilty when they were appealing for a trial, and that if they were not guilty, then the blood of 3,000 American boys was on the hands of the President.

Following his address the subject introduced GEORGE VOSE as the candidate on the America First Party ticket for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of Michigan. VOSE appeared on the platform throughout the meeting in the uniform of the United States Army. He was accompanied on the platform by his wife. The subject's wife and Mr. STOFFEL also were seated on the platform during the meeting.

VOSE addressed the meeting briefly in a very impassioned almost hysterical manner. He deplored the low pay and inconsiderate treat of U.S. soldiers and the coddling of prisoners of war. He declared for a Government program affording returning veterans job opportunities and security.



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It is to be noted that the meeting proceeded without incident and there was no effort made to break up the meeting with one exception. It was observed that eight persons in the uniform of the U.S. Army were seated together in the Hall during the meeting. Other than the fact that they were Army personnel, their particular place in the service could not be determined. They were very young and in some cases appeared to be teen age soldiers. At 10:00 o'clock during the speech of SMITH this group arose and walked out of the Hall in a body. At this time SMITH called for a round of applause for the departing men. The walkout was without further incident; it was very quiet and orderly and did not have the appearance of a demonstration.

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[REDACTED] of the Jewish War Veterans Organization, Buffalo, advised that he was unacquainted with any of the soldiers who left the Hall but observed that one of them was Jewish. He stated he believed the soldiers were students at a local service school and probably attended the meeting out of curiosity and left at 10:00 p.m. to meet their curfew. There were no other persons in service uniforms at the meeting.

All logical investigation relative to the described meeting having been conducted, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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For your further information in your consideration of this case there is attached a copy of an additional report prepared by Special Agent [redacted] at Buffalo, New York, on October 26, 1944.

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To Honey

How come George Vose, G.L.K. Smith's Lieutenant discharged from the army sometime ago, is still wearing a United States uniform - especially when he speaks from Smith's platforms.

In a recent speech Vose threatened "to clean out Washington from the bottom up."...If he stands right where he is he could start the job.

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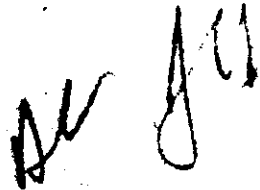

For your information there are attached photostatic copies of a confidential army report concerning the service record of [redacted] who is, you will recall, currently associated with Smith in the America First Party. b7c

This report is furnished for your confidential information and in including the substance of the report in a regular investigative report in this case, you should appropriately conceal its identity and by the use of paraphrasing, make certain that this concealment of identity is secured.

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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases
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Dear Sir:

There is being set forth herein the pertinent information obtained from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, for the period from September 29, 1944, through October 15, 1944.

The informant advises that SMITH returned to Detroit on October 8, 1944, from an extensive speaking trip and campaign tour through various cities of the East and Middlewest. He has told various people that he had a fine trip and referred to the meeting in Philadelphia on October 1, 1944, as a "humdinger, a knock-down and drag-out affair."

During the course of his trip he appeared as a witness on October 3, 1944, before the House Committee investigating campaign expenditures of political candidates. Prior to his appearance before the Committee he had indicated that since he was considered a candidate for the purpose of allowing the Committee to inquire into his collections and disbursements, he also wanted to be considered a candidate by the O.P.A. for the purpose of having extra gasoline allowed him for campaigning. He indicated that if he did not get the gas he could not be considered a candidate and would not have to report on collections.

It is not known whether he actually assumed this attitude before the Committee, but he did tell friends after he had testified that the Committee was not able to get much out of his testimony and was not able to embarrass him with its questions. He was before the Committee for five hours and although he was confronted with some figures by the Committee, SMITH stated the figures were false. He advised [redacted] after the hearing that the Committee had [redacted] "built up as quite a character." SMITH thought that people with "angels" find it more difficult to get along than the persons who, like SMITH, depended on contributions.



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SMITH'S reaction to attacks on him by WALTER WINCHELL and DREW PEARSON in their radio columns was to refer to them as "a couple of jerks." After the statement by WALTER WINCHELL in his radio program on October 8, 1944, that SMITH had perjured himself in stating before the Committee that his average income was about \$200 a day whereas the Committee had positive evidence in its possession that his income was about \$600 a day, SMITH contacted Congressman CLINTON ANDERSON of the Committee at Chicago.

ANDERSON advised him the Committee had no such evidence whatever and he could give SMITH a letter to that effect. SMITH insisted in his contact with Congressman ANDERSON that the organization was receiving its money from the sources indicated and was doing only what it stated it was doing.

SMITH has had considerable difficulty in obtaining extra gasoline for his campaign. His request for supplemental rations was denied by the local O.P.A. and by the Regional Office of the O.P.A. in Cleveland, apparently on the theory that SMITH was not a bonafide or qualified presidential candidate since the Party was on the ballot only in two states. He subsequently modified his original demand for 20,000 gallons to travel throughout the country and requested 12,000 to campaign Michigan.

While in Washington he personally contacted the O.P.A. headquarters and was advised that supplemental gasoline would be granted to him. However upon returning to Detroit he contacted Local Board #35 but they still would not give him any gasoline. SMITH claimed that some one on the board may have been corrupted since he believed the Republicans did not want his candidates to be elected in Michigan.

[REDACTED] who SMITH claims to be personal secretary to R. J. THOMAS of the UAW-CIO, is chairman of O.P.A. Board #35 which denied SMITH'S request for campaign gasoline. The informant indicated that SMITH had finally gotten the gasoline, however, after the Local Board had been advised by O.P.A. headquarters in Washington to grant him supplement rations. b7c

On his return from this campaign trip, SMITH began work on his state campaign in Michigan. The opening meeting of the state campaign was held October 12, 1944, at the Italian Garden Room of the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. They have planned to hold meetings at Kalamazoo, Pontiac, Saginaw and possibly other cities.

GEORGE VOSE, candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the State of Michigan, arranged for a meeting place in Kalamazoo which will seat a thousand people. As late as October 14, 1944, the dates had not been set for the Kalamazoo meeting and definite arrangements have not been made

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for other meetings out in the state. It is not believed there will be any meetings prior to October 21, 1944. The informant believed that SMITH was planning a rather intensive campaign in the state, however, since Dr. LELAND MARION, candidate for Governor, has the names of more than 30,000 people to whom he wants to send literature. Literature will not be put into the mail, however, until about ten days before the election.

SMITH has also made inquiry as to the radio stations located at Saginaw, Lansing, Bay City, Sault Sainte Marie, Marquette, Flint, Kalamazoo and Jackson, indicating the possibility of some sort of radio campaign in those cities.

In addition to the state campaign, the informant says SMITH claims he is conducting a "write-in campaign for president in twenty-one states where the America First Party could not get on the ballot officially." According to a story related to the local papers, SMITH indicated that at the meeting of October 12, 1944, which launched the state campaign SMITH discussed his testimony before the House Committee, his incident in New York involving JOHN ROY CARLSON, author of "Under Cover", facts concerning the Tyler Kent case and other matters which he considered pertinent to his campaign.

In the course of his extended Eastern and Midwestern trip, SMITH spent a day or two in New York during the latter part of September. He had a press conference at his hotel room in New York during the course of which JOHN ROY CARLSON, author of "Under Cover", who was attending the press conference as a reporter, identified himself. SMITH claims that when he learned that CARLSON was in the room he went over to him, grabbed him by the seat of the pants and threw him out of the room. He stated that the story was all over the New York papers and the "New York Times" said it could not have been better if it had been staged by a Hollywood scenario writer.

With reference to the Tyler Kent case, SMITH continues to take a lot of interest in this matter, according to the informant, and has recently had printed up a revised story of the case as given to him directly by TYLER KENT'S mother. The informant believed SMITH intended to use this as campaign literature.

Although SMITH has referred to DEWEY in recent campaign speeches as the lesser of two evils, he claims that he is not supporting DEWEY; that the DEWEY strategists would like to "drink my blood in New York and get my support in the Middlewest." SMITH stated he is not interested in DEWEY but does want a Republican Congress and that he is not supporting DEWEY.

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In a recent contact with Captain EARL SOUTHARD of Chicago, SMITH spoke disparagingly of DEWEY stating that since DEWEY had endorsed the Dumbarton Oakes conference, DEWEY was committed to preserving the British Empire and helping the Russians keep what they had gotten through aggression.

SMITH told SOUTHARD that he thought Senator NYE was very naive "though well-meaning." NYE had written a letter to SMITH introducing a certain [redacted] whom SMITH later learned was identical with the individual named [redacted] was identified by SMITH as being an "Operator" and was ejected from the National Convention of the America First Party. [redacted] later admitted being a representative of the Non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League for which organization he was covering the convention. SOUTHARD was also advised by [redacted] believed to be Rev. [redacted]

[redacted] had been put in contact with HARVEY SPRINGER by SMITH since SPRINGER and [redacted] were both fighting the same enemy. [redacted] is considered a young people's leader in the Detroit area and has been contacted in connection with young people's work by members of the American Youth for Democracy, a Communist organization. He is not believed, however, to have Communist leanings.)

SMITH is apparently using a good number of SOUTHARD'S book, "Forty Years of Roosevelt" and recently ordered five hundred additional copies.

SMITH has been in contact, according to the informant, with RALPH BAERMAN, who is his Washington representative. BAERMAN recently told him that things are "very interesting at the school house", which is believed to refer to the sedition trial now being conducted in Washington.

ROGER BALDWIN (head of the Civil Liberties Union) and other individuals from New York "are trying to horn in and get some of the credit." According to BAERMAN, LIBBY (believed to refer to ELIZABETH QILLINC) was well-pleased with some cards furnished to her and was giving BAERMAN six hundred of her best names. SMITH has requested Senator GREENE to investigate the Non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League and the "Friends of Democracy" against whom "we have clear-cut cases."

Following service of a subpoena upon SMITH'S secretary, BERNARD DUMAN, on October 14, 1944, SMITH contacted BAERMAN again, advising him that DUMAN would be in Washington on October 16 to appear before the Dies Committee under subpoena and that BAERMAN should stick with DUMAN while he is in Washington.

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The service of the Dies Committee subpoena upon DOMAN has apparently caused SMITH considerable trouble. When the subpoena was served on DOMAN by a [REDACTED] a representative of the Committee, SMITH questioned [REDACTED] at some length concerning the reason for the service of this subpoena and pointed out that DOMAN was in poor health which would make a trip to Washington inadvisable and in addition the time was very short since the subpoena was served on Saturday for testimony to be given on Monday in Washington. SMITH assured [REDACTED] that he is not trying to evade anything and would be delighted to appear himself before the Committee. [REDACTED] assured him that the subpoena was not served for the purpose of embarrassing SMITH and stated that COSTELLO, the Vice Chairman of the Committee, would probably handle the inquiry. SMITH then contacted a Dr. MATTHEWS of the Dies Committee in Washington and said he would cooperate one hundred per cent but that he did not want DOMAN to be kept in Washington any longer than necessary. MATTHEWS said this particular investigation was being handled by persons other than himself, probably by a Mr. STRIBBLING, and that MATTHEWS would give him SMITH'S message. b7c

SMITH then spent a considerable amount of time instructing DOMAN as to how he was to testify and what he was to say. DOMAN pointed out he could not very well bring more than a very few books and records with him although the Committee apparently wanted all the books and records. SMITH told DOMAN, "That's just what they want but that's not what they'll get." He then advised DOMAN, "Don't ever let the sheenies get hold of the names on your daybooks."

SMITH prepared several memoranda with which DOMAN was requested to memorize so that he could present properly answers to the Committee as to his reasons for not having complete records with him. The substance of these memoranda was that the complete records were kept in Detroit and it would be physically impossible to transport all of them to Washington but a representative of the Committee was welcome to examine these records at any time in Detroit.

DOMAN was to testify that all money received was spent on payrolls, printing, travel, postage, paper and on publicity and mailing of the magazine, "The Cross and the Flag." He was advised to tell the Committee that the Treasurer, E. M. SMITH (GERALD L. K. SMITH'S wife) has been sick in bed for the past week making it impossible to assemble as much data as he would have liked to have brought. DOMAN was admonished to remember that the purpose of the Committee is to investigate subversive activities and that there are only two things subversive; one was taking money from the wrong source and two, spending money on the wrong thing. "That's all they have a right to know."

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DOMAN was reminded that he should not answer questions as to what happened more than three years ago and that if he were asked for information as to "my reports, for example from [redacted] and all that stuff, you don't know anything about that. Don't hesitate to pass the buck." DOMAN was told to advise the Committee that SMITH runs the organization and any further information could be gotten from him. He was told that he could always answer, "I don't know." or "I don't remember." He could advise the Committee that he would not answer the question on the grounds that it would make no contribution to the Committee.

DOMAN was advised to take only the later day books with him and that he should not let the Committee keep any of the books. He was further advised to remember that the Committee was working for him and that "they are the servants, you're the citizen. If there is anything you think you shouldn't answer, don't answer it."

DON LOHBECK, who is apparently going to take over DOMAN'S duties as SMITH'S secretary, was said by SMITH to be "getting the swing of the thing." [redacted]

SMITH told LOHBECK that [redacted] (who has worked in Detroit as an investigator for many years and was recently employed in New York,) is back in Detroit working again and tried to get [redacted] an associate of SMITH'S in the America First Party, to denounce the Party. SMITH has recently requested legal information from [redacted] a local attorney. This is the first time that SMITH is known to have been in contact with this individual.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Guerin
R. A. GUERIN, SAC

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GERALD L. K. SMITH, ET AL, SECURITY MATTER, SEDITION. ELIZABETH DILLING, ONE OF DEFENDANTS IN WASHINGTON SEDITION TRIAL, WILL BE FEATURED SPEAKER AT MEETING SPONSORED BY SUBJECT AND HIS MAGAZINE, QUOTE THE CROSS AND THE FLAG, UNQUOTE, TO BE HELD NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, INSTANT AT EIGHT PM IN ITALIAN GARDEN BALLROOM, BOOK CADILLAC HOTEL, DETROIT. INFORMANTS STATE ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN MAILED BY SUBJECT TO HIS FOLLOWERS, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT IS NOT PUBLICIZING MEETING OUTSIDE HIS ORGANIZATION, FEARING HOTEL WILL CANCEL CONTRACT FOR BALLROOM IF THEY LEARN NATURE OF MEETING. INFORMANTS WILL COVER MEETING, BUT NO AGENTS WILL ATTEND.

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With reference to your inquiry as to the facts surrounding the handling of the attached teletype from the Detroit Office, the following facts are set forth:

The teletype is dated October 18, 1944, and the original was received in the Internal Security Section on Saturday, October 28, 1944, at 5:18 P.M.

Although no specific instructions accompanied the teletype, it was felt that the information ought to be sent to the Criminal Division and, accordingly, the attached memorandum was dictated on Monday, October 30, 1944. A mistake appeared in the original transcription and it was accordingly necessary to redictate portions of the memorandum and to transcribe it again. The memorandum cleared the Internal Security Section on November 4, 1944.

Every effort is being made to handle these matters as promptly as possible but it is pointed out, as in connection with the instant matter, that a delay in the receipt of the original communication imposes a considerable handicap upon prompt handling of such material.

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The Bureau has recently been informed by a reliable source of information that Gerald L. K. Smith has discussed with Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling the possibility of planning some sort of program to obtain Dies Committee records (or information appearing therein) through the services of "J. B. Mathews," described as being in charge of research for the Dies Committee.

Reportedly, Smith thinks the Dies Committee may be dissolved at any time and that if the services of Mathews could be secured, Mathews would be helpful inasmuch as he allegedly is minutely familiar with practically all of the material in the Dies Committee files.

Mrs. Dilling allegedly told Smith that she had already talked with Mathews and that the latter seemed anxious to associate himself with Mrs. Dilling. The suggestion was also made that a nation-wide speaking tour might be organized on the basis of any connection which might be made with Mathews in apparently publicizing to some extent the information contained in the Dies Committee files.

Our confidential source of information further said that Mrs. Dilling commented that she and some of the "other sedition trial defendants have already contributed money toward such an end since it was now or never." Our source was of the opinion that Smith and Dilling were planning to use Mathews and his knowledge of the contents of the Dies Committee files in behalf of themselves and perhaps in behalf of some of the individuals now under indictment for sedition.

Should the Bureau receive any other information with reference to this subject it will, of course, be furnished to you. However, it is absolutely necessary that the identity of our source of information be appropriately concealed and, accordingly, I shall appreciate your considering this data as being of a most confidential nature.

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cc - Mr. O. John Rogge
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Excerpt from a report of G.L.K. Smith's meeting in Philadelphia on Sunday, October 1st.

"After describing how he tossed Carlson out of his suite, he lapsed into the usual tirade against the Jews, the so-called Jewish Gestapo, etc. He stated that the ADL and Walter Winchell created more anti-Semitism than anyone else on earth. He hoped that when his own 'wounded and decorated hero son' returns from this war he will immediately come to New York and take a punch at Winchell's nose."

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... somebody who
declares for America, his
homeland, first, looked down upon
and bedeviled by the efficient art-
ists of smear. I make haste to say
that, in the days of international
bickering and jockeying just be-
fore us, we are going to need some
men in high places who are for
America first.

Stalin is for Russia first, Church-
hill is for Great Britain first. No-
body blames them for that posi-
tion. But let any man say that the
cause of the United States and its
people is foremost in his thought
and he is branded immediately an
isolationist, a reactionary and a
selfish provincial who has no con-
ception of America's position in
the world, nor of her Heaven-
formed mission to aid all her Little
Brothers.

Who is doing the branding? Why,
the myriad of writers who smear
their opponents for the interna-
tionalist clique in Washington.
They are the Winchells, the Jay
Franklins, the Dorothy Thompsons,
to mention only a few of the most
prominent. They smear with in-
nuendo and insinuation. They sel-
dom present facts or reasoning.
That method they have taken over
lock, stock and barrel from the
Communists.

Some day we are going to wake
up and find that America badly
needed somebody who was for her
first, last and only, to stand up
stubbornly for her at the council
tables. That is what happened in
1919, when, after we had won the
war, we lost the peace.

Perhaps, if we have no more
backbone than to permit every
man, who stands for his own coun-
try first, to be shouted down into
oblivion, we will deserve to have
it happen to us again. But if we
do permit it, we are unworthy
indeed of the boys who are dying
all over the world in the uniform
of the United States armed ser-
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How come George [redacted] Gerald L.K. Smith's first lieutenant and main
coachmaker, is still wearing his army uniform? He's [redacted] out of service for
some months. [redacted] says he doesn't know the law on wearing a uniform after
you're out of service, but it seems to me you're allowed to wear it for
(out 30 days.)

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To Henry

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November 11, 1944

SAC, Detroit

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GERALD L. K. SMITH
THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY
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The Bureau would like for you to advise at your earliest convenience as to the showing which subject and the other members of his slate of candidates in Michigan made during the recent elections.

It is definitely not desired, of course, that any inquiries be made relative to this phase of the matter, but it is felt that from available public records and publications you can ascertain the following which supported Smith, Reverend Marion, Vose, and the other America First Party candidates in Michigan. It would appear that the showing they made would be a good indication as to the scope and influence of their asserted following in that area. However, for very obvious reasons it is again re-emphasized that no investigation, overt or otherwise, is to be undertaken relative to the specific question of their candidacy and the results of the elections.

It is assumed that Smith's name as a candidate for President was entered on the ballot only in Michigan. However, in the event he was actually entered elsewhere it would be of further help for you to ascertain from the appropriate field offices and then relay to the Bureau data as to his showing in any other states where he may have been officially a candidate. Again, with reference to any inquiries you may make of other offices as to Smith's showing, it is desired that you emphatically set forth that no investigation is being requested and that it is merely desired that any information publicly available be furnished.

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November 13, 1944

Mr. Walter Winchell
The New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

The communications which you forwarded were received on November 11, 1944.

Thanks very much for referring these matters to my attention. You may be assured that the data contained therein will receive prompt consideration.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

WALTER WINCHELL

G. L. K. Smith

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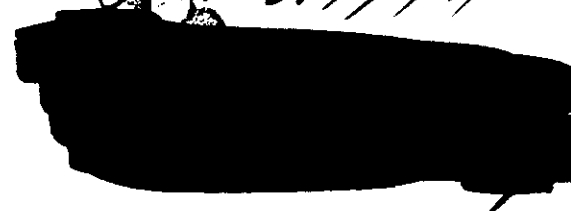
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Mr. Winchell:

My dear Sir:

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I am writing to you, in the
knowledge that what I may say
will be strictly confidential.

I am a mail man, here
in Newark, so you can see that
I cant afford to get in trouble.
Some years ago I wrote you with
regard to an organization in Irvington
N.J. that I thought was Nazi
controlled. I received a letter from
the F.B.I. thanking me later on.

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I am writing you asking
to look into an outfit known as
the American Friends Service
Committee of 20 S. 12 St. Phila.
It might be something it may
be the name recalled to my mind

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American Friends, of New Germany
of some years ago.

By the way, there is a chap at

[redacted] who
receives literature, books & etc. from
your very good friends & mine, the
Rev. ^{Gerald Winyard} ~~Gerald Winrod~~. The catch is that
this chap is colored. None so blind as
those who will not see.

I hope I can be of service,
to you, in any form whatsoever.
I admire you a lot & rest assured,
there are millions more like me. I am
a recently discharged war veteran, but
do feel I must still go on serving my
country wherever I can do so.

Thank you, & may God bless
you & grant you good health & many
more years so you can carry on your great
work —

Sincerely,
[redacted]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DETROIT

FILE NO. 100-6185

REPORT MADE AT GRAND RAPIDS	DATE WHEN MADE 11/15/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/3/44	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GERALD L. K. SMITH, et al AMERICA FIRST PARTY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - G SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, in America First rally 11/1/44 at Kalamazoo, Michigan, criticized the President for failure to reveal the truth about Pearl Harbor. He denounced foreign affairs policy of the administration and discussed at length the TYLER-KENT case, as well as making comments on the DUMBARTON-OAKS conference. News account set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Detroit Office dated 10/23/44.
Letter from the Detroit Office dated 10/24/44.

DETAILS:

AT KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

[REDACTED] advised that GERALD L. K. SMITH talked before a group of approximately 150 individuals at the Masonic Temple auditorium on 11/1/44. [REDACTED] that SMITH criticized the President as well as the administration of foreign affairs policy and referred to the President as "King Franklin". [REDACTED] that Subject SMITH criticized the President for his failure to bring out the real truth in the Pearl Harbor affair.

[REDACTED] that SMITH discussed at length the recent TYLER-KENT case and pointed out that an American embassy

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employee in London was imprisoned illegally in a British concentration camp. [REDACTED] that from allegations of KENT's mother, which were quoted, that KENT was arrested and tried contrary to law by the British Government for the theft of secret cables between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

[REDACTED] that SMITH criticized the democratic party and pointed out that HILLMAN and BROWDER were behind it. [REDACTED] that Subject SMITH's prime objective was America for Americans and in that connection pleaded for the America First Party. [REDACTED] that SMITH stated that in 1948 the America First Party would be the leading one.

[REDACTED] that Subject SMITH had stated that he had visited the scene of the DUMBARTON-OAKS conference and had made an attempt to gain admittance with negative results. SMITH pointed out that he had questioned guards at the entrance to the conference and asked if he were to go through if their only recourse would be to shoot him, and in answer to this question the guards replied "I guess that it would be necessary".

[REDACTED] that GEORGE VOSE, who is running on the America First Party ticket for the Lt. Governor, State of Michigan, spoke in a rather forceful manner and emphasized and urged that each man receive an amount of \$1,000 at the time he is mustered out of the armed service. It is to be noted that VOSE was attired in an army uniform and was discharged in August of 1944 from the hospital at Ft. Custer.

[REDACTED] that LELAND L. MARION, candidate for governor of Michigan, on the America First Party ticket, also spoke in a general manner. [REDACTED] that he did not hear any statements made by Subject SMITH or other speakers that could be interpreted as being un-American or seditious.

The reporting agent examined the Kalamazoo Gazette, edition of 11/3/44, and found the following article, relative to the meeting, which is being set forth:

"The future of President Roosevelt cannot stand the truth of the Pearl Harbor attack nor the telling of the story of Tyler Kent", asserted Gerald L. K. Smith, in an address here last night.

"Speaking before a large audience at a rally of the American First party held at Masonic temple, Smith, America First candidate for the office of President of the United States, denounced the foreign policy of

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the administration. He predicted a strong nationalist government would rise in the country when the service men return from overseas.

"Making much of the case of Tyler Kent, Smith charged that Kent, an American embassy employee in London, was imprisoned illegally in what he termed a 'British concentration camp' on the island of Wight where, he still languishes.

"Saying that he quoted from allegations of Kent's mother, Smith indicated that Kent was arrested and tried, contrary to law, by the British government for the theft or revelations of secret cables between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, then first lord of the admiralty. Smith continued, saying these cables are alleged to have committed the United States to the assistance of Great Britain as early as 1939.

"Touching on the mystery of Pearl Harbor, Smith demanded that the truth be revealed. He charged that a deliberate conspiracy with Japan couldn't have been more effective in damaging the fleet. When the truth is known, he said, the name of Roosevelt will be forever annihilated from the future of the United States.

"Asserting the America First party is pointing toward the 1948 election, Smith said he does not expect to win the election this year. He said the country should wait until the soldiers have returned before making plans for the future and warned the United States must 'keep the foreigners from picking our pockets so we will have something to plan with after the war is ended.'

"George R. Vose, Kalamazoo, America First candidate for the position of Michigan lieutenant governor, appeared in the uniform of the United States army, from which he explained, he was honorably discharged, presented a fiery address in which he stated he would fight for the returning servicemen and promised a \$1,000 payment to every discharged veteran when the war is over.

"Also appearing on the program were C. J. Smith, Belding, the party's candidate for state treasurer and Dr. Leland L. Martin, Pontiac, candidate for governor."

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Walter Winchell *Person L.A. Smith*
Care Blue Network Rf NYK.

Check Denver police records, ~~REDACTED~~
Englewood Colorado Lotions of love.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 13, 1944

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: GERALD L. K. SMITH, with aliases;
AMERICA FIRST PARTY;
INTERNAL SECURITY - G, SECURITY MATTER
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In accordance with your letter of September 21 the following additional information was obtained recently from confidential informants of this office concerning the Subject's attitude toward ██████████ of Chicago. It will be recalled that some time ago the Detroit Field Division reported that Subject was suspicious of ██████████ and thought that ██████████ might be spying upon him.

██████████ whose identity is known to the Bureau states that within the past few days ██████████ has been in Detroit and in contact with Subject's office in an effort to have a meeting with Subject. The purpose of this meeting is not known to informant, but Subject has indicated that he does not want to meet ██████████ and is still suspicious of him. This suspicion apparently is intensified by some actions of ██████████ in connection with the campaign of Representative CLARE HOFFMAN of Michigan for re-election to Congress. ██████████ was apparently working for HOFFMAN in his campaign. The exact nature of ██████████ actions referred to by Subject are not known to informant. Informant knew of no specific action of ██████████ which had aroused Subject's suspicions, but stated that Subject did not trust ██████████ because the latter was apparently able to travel widely and yet did not appear to have any job or other source of income. His personal manner is apparently quite aggressive and annoying, and this also probably has some bearing on the Subject's attitude toward him.

██████████ whose identity is known to the Bureau states that EARL SOUTHARD of Chicago, in a conversation with Subject on November 8, 1944, inquired as to Subject's opinion concerning ██████████ stating that he, SOUTHARD, thinks ██████████ is a "plant" and advised Subject to stay away from him. According to SOUTHARD, ██████████ has "two bad connections" in Chicago, one of them being a mysterious fellow across the street from him who has an office with no name on the door. Subject told SOUTHARD that in view of the "HOFFMAN deal" which ██████████ "pulled," Subject thought he was either an operative or a school kid.

The same informant stated that on November 9, DON LOHBECK who is Subject's assistant advised that a certain "he," believed to refer to ██████████ wanted to see Subject about some things that he had arranged. Subject scoffed at this and advised LOHBECK to tell "that fellow" that it

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is "no dice" and that "he" did not contribute to the cause by his activities
concerning HOFFMAN. 11

As further information is received concerning any additional
information regarding [REDACTED] and Subject's reasons for distrusting him, it
will be forwarded to you. b2c

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GERALD DYMAN KENNETH SMITH, SECURITY MATTER, SEDITION. REMYTEL DATED NOVEMBER TEN. [REDACTED]

ADVISES THAT THE MEETING OF THE AMERICA FIRST PARTY WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED BY MRS. ELIZABETH

DILLING AT THE BOOK CADILLAC HOTEL, DETROIT, NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, WILL

BE PICKETED BY PERHAPS FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE CARRYING PLACARDS. THE

DEMONSTRATION WILL BE LED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS FEDERATION. THE DEMON-

STRATION WAS SUGGESTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MEETING WILL

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 21, 1944

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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AMERICA FIRST PARTY
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[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advises that on November 20, 1944, a Mrs. BILLINGS of Chicago was in contact with Subject's wife by long-distance telephone. Mrs. BILLINGS identified herself as secretary of "We, the Mothers" and is undoubtedly identical with Mrs. GRACE BILLINGS, who is presently secretary to Mrs. LYRL CLARK VANHYNING of Chicago, who is head of "We, The Mothers Mobilize for America, Inc." of 537 South Dearborn Street, Chicago. Mrs. BILLINGS explained to Subject's wife that in the recent Presidential election, twenty-one states failed to place on their ballots the names of Presidential electors and that their failure in this respect was contrary to the United States Constitution. Mrs. BILLINGS stated that her organization, backed by many people who did not like the way the election went, intended to start mandamus proceedings against the Secretary of State in at least one of these states and possibly in all twenty-one of them. Mrs. BILLINGS wanted to have the Subject's help in this project and wanted him to come to Chicago. She stated that if a suit were filed, UPTON CLOSE, the radio commentator, had promised that he would devote radio time to it. Subject's wife made no commitments concerning his possible activities in behalf of this project and Informant did not know what plans, if any, Subject had in regard thereto.

The project above referred to by Mrs. BILLINGS has been previously reported by the Detroit Field Division in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 4, 1944, at Detroit, in the case of [redacted] Bureau file [redacted] in this report it was pointed out that [redacted] a resident of Los Angeles, California, had visited at [redacted] home in Detroit on August 19, 1944, at which time his program for upsetting the election results by filing a suit or suits along the lines above indicated was set out. [redacted] at that time indicated that it would take about ten thousand dollars to finance this program and [redacted] volunteered to put up one thousand dollars of this amount and stated that [redacted] of Chicago, who is an associate of [redacted], would put up the balance of the money.

Information received from Informant since the date of the above-mentioned report indicates that [redacted] has apparently not been able to obtain the results which he had promised and [redacted] has expressed disappointment at his failure, indicating that she was not going to finance him any more.

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November 21, 1944

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

longer. In a letter dated October 1, 1944, addressed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] recounts some of [REDACTED] activities in connection with the above program and requests further financial assistance from [REDACTED]. In the course of this letter, [REDACTED] states, "We have to work silently and rapidly and when the time comes execute a 'blitz' before they know what is happening, and I believe now we have the instrument with which to work." b7c

A photostatic copy of the above letter of [REDACTED] together with further information concerning the activities of [REDACTED] and her associates is being sent to the Bureau in a report in the [REDACTED] case, which case is now in the course of preparation in the Detroit Field Division. b7c

As further information is received from [REDACTED] relative to any further activities of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], this information will be forwarded to you. b7c b7c

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Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

We have received information from a source whose identity must be protected and remain anonymous, that on November 20, 1944, a Mrs. Grace Billings, who is thought to be associated with the Chicago organization, "We, the Mothers, Mobilize for America, Inc.," expressed the opinion to subject's wife that in the recent Presidential election some twenty-one states failed to place the names of Presidential Electors on their ballots. Mrs. Billings was under the impression that this failure is contrary to the American Constitution and she reportedly told Mrs. Smith that her organization, backed by "many persons who do not like the way the election went" intends to start mandamus proceedings against the Secretary of State in at least one of these states and possibly in all twenty-one. Mrs. Billings indicated she believed this might have the effect of upsetting the results of the election and she allegedly stated that if such a suit were filed, Mr. Upton Close, the radio commentator, had promised that he would devote radio time to the project. Our source of information related that subject's wife remained noncommittal and did not indicate whether subject Smith would enter into the matter.

The records of the Criminal Division will reflect that under date of September 20, 1944, I sent you a memorandum captioned, [redacted] outlining a similar plan which was reportedly outlined by one [redacted] of Los Angeles at the home of [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan. We are now informed by another confidential source of information that although [redacted] previously expressed her intention to contribute financially to [redacted] proposed plan toward upsetting the results of the election, she now feels that [redacted] is a "failure" and is not worthy of further support. However, the previously mentioned [redacted] allegedly communicated with [redacted] around October 1, 1944, asking for financial assistance for the plan and at the same time stating substantially as follows: "We have to work silently and rapidly and when the time comes execute a 'blitz' before they know what is happening, and I believe now we have the instrument with which to work."

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In the event the Bureau receives any further information concerning this alleged plan I shall, of course, immediately furnish you such data.

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United States Department of Justice
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Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH,
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AMERICA FIRST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEVENTH
(Bureau File 62-43818)

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Dear Sir:

There is being set out below pertinent information received from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, during the period from October 31, 1944, to November 16, 1944, inclusive. b7D

Subject SMITH has devoted considerable attention to politics during the past several weeks. His candidate for Governor of Michigan on the AMERICA FIRST PARTY ticket, Reverend LELAND MARION of Pontiac, Michigan, had a radio program daily from 5:45 to 6:00 p.m. over Station WCAR, Pontiac, during the period from November 1 to November 6, 1944, inclusive. In the course of this campaign he advocated the election of himself as Governor of Michigan, and the election of Subject SMITH as President of the United States.

Following the announcement of the election returns, MARION contacted SMITH and stated that he felt the AMERICA FIRST PARTY had won the election in Michigan, but that he was unable to learn how many votes had been obtained by the Party's candidates. MARION stated that their Party was being ignored and that the votes of the minority parties were being divided up among the Democrats and Republicans. MARION stated he had spent a lot of money on the campaign and expected some results. SMITH was skeptical of MARION's charges that the AMERICA FIRST PARTY candidates were being ignored and indicated to MARION that the official count would not be available for some considerable time, but that their votes would be counted eventually. 43818-611

SMITH advised [redacted] of Indianapolis, prior to the election, that he felt the Democrats were forcing people to turn more to Nationalism and against Communism. Following the election SMITH told [redacted] that the cause of Nationalism had not been adversely affected by the results and that "We are just beginning to fight." [redacted] wrote a letter to [redacted] of Milwaukee stating that there was no hope for the United States in any leadership from either of the old parties and that b7C



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November 20, 1944

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after careful consideration he had cast his lot with SMITH, since SMITH was fundamentally a sound leader. [redacted] stated to [redacted] that the AMERICA FIRST PARTY was considering a series of two-day institutes to be held during the Winter in different cities, at which fundamental political economy and economics would be discussed. b7c

SMITH advised [redacted] an associate of his in Baltimore, Maryland, that DENEY discovered during his campaign in the Middle West that the majority of the people in that section of the country thought along the same lines as did SMITH. b7c

Mrs. BEATRICE KNOWLES, another follower of SMITH's, indicated that she was much incensed over the election of ROOSEVELT.

SMITH and EARL SOUTHARD of Chicago were agreed that it was now time to step out and organize a new nationalistic party since the Republican Party is believed to be dead as a result of the election. SOUTHARD thought the victory was a Communist victory, but SMITH thought that the results would be good for the Nationalist cause in the long run.

During the course of the campaign, SMITH was in contact with various Republican politicians. He advised a certain CARMICHAEL of the Wayne County Republican Committee on November 4, that at the meeting held by the AMERICA FIRST PARTY the previous day, one of the persons attending such meeting had stated publicly that he had attended a Ku Klux Klan meeting back in Missouri many years ago, at which Senator HARRY TRUMAN had been the principal speaker. CARMICHAEL indicated that he was interested in this story and SMITH gave him the name and address of the man who had made the remark about TRUMAN. SMITH also gave the story to the various Detroit newspapers.

On the same day SMITH sold to CARMICHAEL of the Wayne County Republican Committee, fifteen thousand pamphlets entitled, "Vote CIO and have a Soviet America." These pamphlets were published by JOSEPH CAMP of the Constitutional Educational League of New York. SMITH advised CARMICHAEL he could have the pamphlets for the freight charges, which were one hundred dollars.

SMITH has been much interested in the circulation of literature in recent weeks. In addition to the pamphlets mentioned in the preceding paragraph, he also received one thousand copies of a speech by Senator REYNOLDS, which copies were sent out to his followers, and has printed and set out a pamphlet giving what he states are the true facts concerning the Tyler Kent case.

SMITH contacted the Chicago Tribune to obtain two thousand copies of an article by JOHN T. FLYNN, which appeared in the October 22d issue of that paper. He also has been extremely concerned about the handling of his magazine

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"The Cross and the Flag," and has instructed his assistants to make a double check at the Post Office to be sure the magazines are received by the persons to whom they are addressed.

BERNARD DOMAN, who was SMITH's Secretary for about three years, left his employment on November 3. DON LOHBECK, formerly SMITH's associate in St. Louis, Missouri, is now doing DOMAN's work. *main file 700*

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The Detroit newspapers have been in contact with SMITH relative to LOHBECK's draft classification and have indicated some interest in such classification and LOHBECK's connection with SMITH. SMITH has advised LOHBECK that the publicity being given to his (LOHBECK's) draft status is being instigated by the Jews. *b7*

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GEORGE VOSE, who was SMITH's candidate for Lt. Governor of Michigan on the AMERICA FIRST PARTY ticket, has also been an object of attention from the Detroit newspapers in view of the fact that he was court martialled and sentenced to six months at hard labor while in the United States Army a year or so ago. SMITH advised the newspapers that VOSE had an honorable discharge and that the recent publicity concerning his court martial was "A smear campaign." SMITH indicated that he believed the recent article in the New York Post concerning VOSE and his court martial was libelous, but that he would not file suit against the newspaper. SMITH advised VOSE that "the Jews are out to get you. They are a desperate gang of rats." VOSE was advised to tell any persons interviewing him that he had an honorable discharge from the army and was a victim of persecution.

SMITH has apparently run into some financial difficulty in recent weeks. On November 1, his bank account was overdrawn, but on November 2 he made a large deposit which took care of the deficit in his bank balance, and apparently the recent returnings received from his followers in the mail have been substantial. On November 1st, for example, he received two hundred twenty-nine dollars, on November 2, more than six hundred dollars, and on November 4, four hundred and eighty dollars. These represent the contributions received through the mail.

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SMITH sponsored a talk by ELIZABETH DILLING, which was given at the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, November 15, 1944. SMITH introduced DILLING and she and SMITH were the only speakers on the program. The meeting at which she spoke was held under the sponsorship of "The Cross and the Flag." SMITH arranged for DILLING's hotel accommodations during her stay in Detroit and the meeting was apparently well attended. DILLING thought that the writeup of the meeting, as given in the Free Press on the following day, was fair. This writeup indicated that a thousand persons attended the meeting and that DILLING had spoken about the sedition trial in Washington, in which she is a defendant. The article further stated that SMITH had called for a Congressional investigation of this trial.

SMITH is apparently still suspicious of [redacted] of Chicago, who has been in Detroit in recent weeks. In a discussion of [redacted] with SOUTHARD, the latter expressed the opinion that, in view of the "HOFMANN deal," that [redacted] had "pulled," SOUTHARD felt that [redacted] was either "an operative or a school kid"; that [redacted] had two bad connections in Chicago, one of them a mysterious fellow across the street who has an office with no name on the door.

[redacted] is apparently endeavoring to contact SMITH and transact some sort of business with him, but SMITH has advised LOHBECK "to make that fellow (referring to [redacted] understand that it is no dice." SMITH does not think [redacted] contributed anything to "the cause" by his actions with HOFMANN (referring to Congressman CLARE HOFMANN of Michigan). LOHBECK in turn advised VOSE to be careful of [redacted] since "something is wrong."

SMITH endeavored unsuccessfully to contact Senator REYNOLDS at Washington November 8 and 10. He sent a [redacted] who is connected with the former's Grange in Washington, and an unknown individual out to see [redacted] former Executive of the Ford Motor Company. An unidentified friend of SMITH spoke to one of the officers of the Dearborn Independent (a small local newspaper formerly reportedly owned by HENRY FORD), telling him that ROOSEVELT was a Communist and "We have got to do something." The man at the newspaper agreed and SMITH's friend believed this individual was open to conviction and that SMITH should follow up the contact which had been made.

On November 12, SMITH flew to Milwaukee from Detroit for some purpose which was unknown to Informant, and returned to Detroit on November 13. Informant thought this might have been a purely personal visit since SMITH had been in contact with his mother recently and she lives in Wisconsin not far from Milwaukee.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Guerin
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject addressed meeting sponsored by MRS. CATHERINE V. BROWN and MRS. LILLIAN PARKS, officers of National Blue Star Mothers of America at Phila., 10-1-44. Approximately 1,000 persons in attendance. Meeting was addressed by GEORGE VOSE and MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 27, 1944 at Detroit.

DETAILS: The following report on the meeting addressed by the subject, held at Turngemeinde Hall, Broad above Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 1, 1944, under the auspices of the officers of the National Blue Star Mothers of AMERICA, MRS. CATHERINE V. BROWN and MRS. LILLIAN PARKS, was furnished by [REDACTED] to this office:

ORDER OF EVENTS

DEFERRED RECORDING

Called to order by MRS. ELIZABETH PARKS, 5004 Florence Avenue, Philadelphia, Secretary of the National Blue Star Mothers of America. She asked the audience to rise and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Introductory remarks by MRS. CATHERINE BROWN, 106 Main Street, Darby, Pa.

First speech by GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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Collection for National Blue Star Mothers, asked for by MRS. CATHERINE BROWN.

Second speech by GERALD L. K. SMITH, who introduced RALPH BAERMAN sitting on the speakers platform; he however did not speak. Also introduced two other speakers - Veteran GEORGE VOSE and MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING.

Speech by GEORGE VOSE.

Speech and songs by MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING.

Third speech by GERALD L. K. SMITH, including the appeal for funds at conclusion of meeting.

Audience led by GERALD L. K. SMITH in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Platform occupied left to right by GEORGE VOSE, RALPH BAERMAN, GERALD L. K. SMITH, MRS. GERALD L. K. SMITH, MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING, MRS. ELIZABETH PARKS and MRS. CATHERINE BROWN.

Approximately 1000 men and women attended this meeting.

MRS. PARKS:

Mr. SMITH, ladies and gentlemen of the America First Party in Philadelphia and honored guests, it gives me pleasure to welcome you tonight to this meeting of real Americans held at a critical hour in the history of our nation.

It also gives me pleasure to have such distinguished visitors as MR. GERALD L. K. SMITH, our fearless leader, and other members of his organization on the same platform with me. I know that you are impatient to hear the message which he brings to you tonight, so I will now present MRS. CATHERINE BROWN, head of the Blue Star Mothers in Philadelphia, who I am sure has a message you will want to hear. MRS. BROWN.

MRS. BROWN:

MRS. SMITH, honored guests, and members of the America First Party. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to a meeting at which such distinguished persons as those you see occupying the platform will be able to speak to you on the problems which confront the great nation at this time.

This is an election year, a National election year, and after seeing the morass into which this country has been plunged by the Administration in Washington, I think you agree with me that the time is ripe for a change.

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We cannot go on forever under the skullduggery and bungling of the Roosevelt Administration which has brought this great Nation to the verge of disaster. We cannot endure another four years of this kind of misgovernment without ruining this great Nation of ours.

What we need in this country today is a strong Nationalist Party in order to save us from the Communists and bureaucrats who have taken over the functions of our duly elected representatives, who want to govern by directive and subject us to more and more regimentation.

With the end of the war we want the end of rationing, not an extension of it. We want our boys to come home from this global war and not spend their time policing the world for the internationally minded bureaucrats in Washington to further their international plans.

We want a strong America, a place for Americans and not such slimy scum as Communists and there is one man who if elected will give us that kind of an America which we want and which our forefathers intended when they drew up our form of government which is now being so severely mistreated by those in power.

It now gives me a great pleasure to introduce the next President of the United States, the Honorable GERALD L. K. SMITH.

GERALD L. K. SMITH:

Ladies and gentlemen of the America First Party in Philadelphia, it always gives me great pleasure to greet such a loyal group of America Firsters as we have in Philadelphia and you certainly show your enthusiasm by the size of the crowd which has turned out tonight.

Your group is typical of America First groups all over the Nation which I have been addressing recently. You are fired with enthusiasm and a never say die spirit which will lead us to the formation of a nationalist party which will sweep all before it and the tidal wave will engulf the Nation. We are going to win and we will win, no matter what obstacles we have to overcome and how much we are laughed at and derided.

I stand before you tonight as the candidate for President of the America First Party. You know we had a convention not long ago and there were a lot of good America Firsters there from all over the country. They came from the North, the South, the East and West, but they were all loyal members of the America First Party.

They stand for the ideals of the party. They are nationalists and they will never stop being nationalists as long as they have a breath in their body. First of all I want to report to you about the convention then I have some other things to tell you.

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Then, there are some people on this platform, all good America Firsters, some of whom will speak to you. I then have another message for you regarding the state of the party throughout the Nation and I expect to tell you one of the most sensational stories which I think I have ever heard.

This story has never been told before and I am telling to to you for the first time tonight. In my opinion it is so sensational that it should have a far-reaching effect on the political campaign and go a long way toward ridding us of an Administration which has lead us into all kinds of entanglements with its international policy, piled up an ever increasing debt, used all kinds of skullduggery to stay in power, now poses as indispensable, to the peace and welfare of the country, and crowns it's misrule by having Republican nominee, THOMAS E. DEWEY, cover it up.

I accepted the nomination for President on the America First ticket, fully realizing it would mean a trip to the cross. It means crucifixion. I know that I will be hounded and assaulted from all sides by such scandal mongers and character assassins as the Winchells and Pearsons.

I know all this but in spite of it I accepted. It might even lead to my assassination for there are forces in this country which would stop at nothing to get GERALD L. K. SMITH out of the way. I stood within six feet of Senator HUEY LONG, when he was shot down by an assassin in Louisiana. But if I fall in a pool of my own blood I know that I have done my duty to my country and a thousand others will spring up to carry on the work of the America First Party.

Remember friends, Christ did not become mayor of Jerusalem and St. Paul did not become mayor of Rome. But these men carried on their work despite the jeers and sneers of the populace and they have won eternal fame. We America Firsters, who are fighting for a great heritage are now being abused and derided by people such as the Communists and New Dealers in Washington and I am proud of the fact.

There is no middle of the road policy today. Either you are for America First or for the enemies of this great country who are trying to spoil the heritage left to us and seeking to become internationalists under the leadership of Roosevelt.

These debauchers have spent our money recklessly with lend-lease to any foreign power, saddled us with terrific debt and high taxes and now our boys are intended by them to take up the policing of the world after the war is won. I say bring our boys home, give them back their jobs, mind our own business and don't be concerned with what is going on all over the world.

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Now I want to ask you a question, and before I do it, with all due respect to MRS. BROWN and not to make you think that I take her remarks facetiously, I do not think it is possible that I will be elected President this year. But, we have laid the groundwork for a powerful Nationalist Party in 1948 and we are going to win then. I don't know who the candidate will be, but whoever it is he will go to the White House and I mean the White House not a place having a red or pink tinge.

The question I wanted to ask you is: How many people know the name of the first candidate for President of the Republican Party? (several hands were raised - no one answered). Well, I see a lot of you ex-Republicans who are now America Firsters did not study up on the history of your ex-Party. Well, I will tell you. It was JOHN FREEMAN. It was JOHN FREEMAN and he laid the groundwork in 1856 for the success of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. Such things are not achieved in a short time, but with the servicemen returning - and all of them will be American Firsters after their experiences, we will sweep the Nation.

Now let me tell you about our convention and our platform. It is contained in the beautiful printed form which I hold in my hand. It contains the forty points in our platform, also the seal of the party which I want to explain to you. It is on the last page. The flag symbolized American Nationalism. The cross symbolizes Christian principle, the vignette is a picture of George Washington, the first great America First President, and the mascot is the American Bison. You know we selected a distinctly American animal for a mascot; they have tried to destroy the bison but he has survived in spite of their efforts just as we will.

We also took the bison because we don't want to be like the Republicans who adopted an African elephant, or the Democrats who adopted a European jackass.

(At this point MRS. DILLING passed a note to MRS. GERALD L. K. SMITH, who read it and then passed it to her husband. MRS. PARKS left the stage and went into the audience and questioned a man who was using a stenotype machine, "What are you, what paper do you represent?" She received no answer and continued, "You don't know who you represent but you are taking notes on a stenotype machine. Well, now that's something, I guess you had better leave the hall.")

Now wait a minute young man. If you don't know who you work for, I might say that is strange. Representatives of the press are welcome here. I have found reporters to be generally good fellows. They do not control the editorial columns or the way news must be written in some papers.

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They have to work for a living and do the best they can. I don't care what paper you work for. It can be the Record, the Inquirer, the Daily Worker, the B'Nai Brith News or any paper so long as you show your press card you are welcome here, but if you don't know who you are working for close your machine. I'll tell you what, you may stay as our guest. It's all settled now, he stays. When he didn't know who he was working for, he is probably telling the truth. His boss just told him to come up here and make a stenographic report of the meeting. But I'll bet that a little investigation would disclose the fact that you are working for the B'Nai Brith or the anti-defamation society. It's all settled now, you may stay as our guest.

Now I want to turn the meeting over to MRS. BROWN for a few minutes. You know money must be raised to pay for the rent of the hall and to carry on the fine work of the Blue Star Mothers in Philadelphia. I want to tell you that every cent which is put in the collection baskets, which the ushers will pass, goes to the Blue Star Mothers, not one cent to GERALD L. K. SMITH. After that I will be back to introduce some of the important people on the platform who I know you want to hear and then I will give you some more facts and sensational news. MRS. BROWN.

MRS. BROWN:

This is an unpleasant duty but it has to be done. Funds are required to carry on our work and we never receive any large amounts of money. The cost of renting the hall and bringing such speakers as MR. SMITH to Philadelphia costs money and we also have sizeable printing bills. With all the good work we have been doing we have never received a contribution through the mail as large as five dollars, so we are asking you to give as much as you can to help us carry on our fight against an enemy who seems to be well supplied with cash. (Collection taken).

GERALD L. K. SMITH:

I believe the top interest of every loyal American is in the fate which will befall our sons and daughters when they return from this terrible war. At the present time, pensions are inadequate and refugees are taking the jobs. You see this disabled soldier sitting on the platform. Well the government gives him a miserable thirty four dollars a month for being disabled in the leg. When he first returned to civilian life what do you think happened to him? He had a friend who secured a job for him with a big concern. His injured leg, however, required the use of a crutch most of the time to permit him to get around. Now, what do you think his friend said to him a few days after he was working? He said, will you please get rid of that crutch and don't be seen around here using it, you know this company isn't permitted to hire people unless they are in good physical condition.

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I ask you, is this the sort of thing that is going to happen to our returning servicemen? Our bureaucrats and internationally minded upstarts in Washington can give away billions of dollars to foreign nations under the pretext of lend lease or what have you, but they do nothing to prevent such conditions at home.

The other day MR. EARL BROWDER, that ex-jailbird who was released by Presidential pardon, addressed a big meeting in New York. These termites who have penetrated into the very core of our Government and tell Roosevelt what to do, now see a real opportunity for taking over our Government I tell you the real battle in the next four years is going to be between them and their Jewish masters and we people of America First. It is going to be a real fight and we won't lose.

Think of it, people of the ilk of Browder and Hillman back Roosevelt for re-election to a fourth term, and Mr. Dewey stumbling around and not accepting the support of the America First Party, the only people who have the real welfare of the United States at heart.

I am going to tell you something now which seems almost impossible. We have been so duped and misled by the publicity of hocus-pocus put out by the Communistic bureaucrats and so confused by the veil of censorship that we do not know what is going on abroad. Things which are common knowledge in other countries are not known here. Britain knows more than we do about the war and someday the veil of censorship will be lifted and I predict that a tidal wave of nationalist sentiment will sweep the country taking all before it and put the America First party in power.

Right now, I make this statement and no one comes forth to deny it. Madam Chiang Kai-Shek is a fugitive in exile, the Chinese have been beaten by the Japanese, and the American Air Force in China is beaten. We are not told these things. We are only given the good news by the people who led us into this war.

I want a showdown now before election. I want to know what Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt discussed on that Atlantic Ocean meeting when the Atlantic Charter was spawned. What did they decide to do, and then refuse to tell the people. Strange isn't it that after Pearl Harbor when we declared war on Germany, Mr. Churchill should say, "Thank God for this. This is what I have been working and praying for for months". And while they are explaining that bit of skull duggery away they might as well tell us what they decided at Teheran. Three men sit down and make commitments involving millions of people and we are supposed to follow them blindly into an international policy in which Churchill is looking out for England and Stalin is looking out for Russia and I am sure all America can get out of it is the honor of paying the bill and sacrificing our sons and daughters.

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We have been led into an awful mess but we cannot continue to follow such leadership for the next four years or we will be regimented by the Hillman's and others until we cannot draw a free breath of air.

While this censorship is going on abroad, we loyal America Firsters are also subjected to persecution and false information right here at home. Such people as Walter Winchell, Drey Pearson and that man Roy Carlson, author of "Undercover" have been sent out subsidized by the Jews, New Dealers, and bureaucrats to smear everyone opposed to them.

By the way, that book "Undercover" which was such a sensation, has now deteriorated to the point where they will soon be giving it away to try to get people to read it. Think of it, a man like Carlson trying to smear such good Americans as Father Coughlin, Burton Wheeler and Gerald Nye.

The newspapers are also in this conspiracy. You know who owns most of the newspapers, I don't need to tell you. (Rubbed his nose and the audience howled). Well, they don't mind giving out some false information to cause us trouble. But, I caution you now, don't believe what you read in the papers. If we say we are going to have a meeting at a certain place and a certain time, you be there. We will have the meeting.

Let me tell you a story about the Stevens Hotel in Chicago during the Republican Convention. We had made arrangements for a meeting in the ballroom at a certain time, but on that day when I went over I found a Bricker for President headquarters in one section of the ballroom which had been closed off. Mind you, we had paid the rent for the rooms but were shut out.

Well, I told two of my workers to go over to the Bricker headquarters and offer to go to work passing out literature, buttons, shaking hands, talking to people or doing whatever they wanted them to do. They went over and the man in charge put them to work. They were covered with Bricker buttons, and since the room became stuffy and hot they asked the man in charge to open the doors to get better ventilation.

Well, the trick worked and we now had the ballroom complete, but a harmonica band moved in and started to play all afternoon. Well, the America Firsters who knew the meeting was going to be held were moving into the hall. These people knew we could hold the meeting so they were there.

Finally, I jumped on a chair and warned the band leader that he had better stop in two minutes if he hoped to get out with whole instruments and whole hide. Our enemies rushed out and called in the crews of about eight squad cars and the Police came rushing in with Tommy guns. But,

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we had them fooled again, and they realized it. A lot of America Firsters had put on Bricker and Dewey badges and they knew if they fired a shot they would kill anybody so the Police Inspector intervened, yelled at the men not to shoot, and told the band leader to get out with his band before a riot started.

The Police called in to throw us out, threw out the band and the meeting got under way. And I must say in justice to the Manager of the Stevens Hotel that he came up on the platform and apologized for what had happened and said he hoped we would understand that the hotel management was caught between two fires and was not responsible. Thank God a few such people still exist in this country.

These people will stop at nothing, and to further demonstrate to you what I mean, I want to tell you about an incident which happened in New York the other day. I had a press conference and I must say in justice to the average newspaperman who works for a living they are not bad fellows. They have to do what they are told to do, so I do not hold them responsible for what appears in the papers. It is their master who will be called to account.

Well, I had this press conference and a man came in after it started and sat on a window sill. Finally he asked a question and I looked over. It was Roy Carlson, the author of "Undercover". I said I will not honor that question from a slimy creature like you, walked over, grabbed him by the arm, pulled him from the window sill, grabbed him by the back of the neck and the seat of the pants and threw him out of the meeting. Now, I guess you will believe me when I tell you I am in good physical shape.

Think of it, a man who has tried to smear good Americans coming in and asking a question after we have been hounded by the New Deal Gestapo, put over the barrel and through the wringer by such agencies as Internal Revenue, FBI, OGPU and all the other alphabetical bums that they have set up to protect them and perpetuate them in power.

I tell you that I am not anti-semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-Methodist, anti-Temperance, or anti-anything. I am for America First. These agencies and such men as Winchell, Carlson, or Pearson do more to stir up anti-semitic feeling in an hour than I have done in my entire life and if they keep it up they will pay the penalty for it, I promise them that, and I know what I am talking about.

But now, I have some other people here on the platform that I want to introduce to you. They are all good America Firsters and are in the forefront of this fight to save America and the American tradition.

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First, I want to introduce MR. RALPH BAERMAN of Washington. He is an author and writer and supervises the putting out of many of the pamphlets which you receive which keep you informed regularly of the progress being made by our organization.

(BAERMAN got up and took a bow, but said nothing).

Now, I have to present a veteran of this war, GEORGE VOSE, who is traveling with me for the first time. He is looking the ground over and getting acquainted. You will hear a lot more from him in the months to come. He is going to organize the veterans of this war into America First groups and I tell you that they will all want to join after what they have experienced at the heads of our globalminded bureaucrats and President in Washington.

This soldier has an Honorable Discharge and character references from two of his Commanding Officers. I have them in my files where they will stay until it is necessary to produce them. He will shortly be a target for all kinds of character assassinations but this man is not afraid. He stood up under persecution in the Army and he will stand up in the cause of America First. It now gives me great pleasure to present GEORGE VOSE, a disabled veteran of the present war. (SMITH mentioned that the injury for which VOSE was given a disability discharge was caused in a training accident in this country).

GEORGE VOSE who being in the uniform of an American soldier, then took the platform. MR. SMITH, honored guests and members of the America First Party in Philadelphia, I am a veteran of this war, an honorably discharged veteran who served more than two years in the United States Army, and who was injured while on maneuvers. I spent a lot of time in the Battle Creek Military Hospital and while I was there I came in contact with many men who had served overseas and saw sights that would make the blood of you fathers, and mothers of men in the service freeze in your veins.

My home is in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and when I got home, I decided to dedicate my life to organizing the veterans of the war who are returning home for the cause of the America First party. I realize the great fight that is being made by MR. SMITH for the Nationalist cause in this country and I earnestly believe that every returning American soldier, when he finds out what the America First party stands for, will join its ranks without hesitation.

No Communists or inspired Communist groups holds any terrors for me. As MR. SMITH said, if I am killed while performing what I believe to be my sacred duty, I will consider my life to have been sacrificed in a great cause and I feel sure that others will spring up immediately to carry on the work which I have started.

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I am not a speaker of the calibre of GERALD SMITH, but in my own way I will attempt to tell you and bring home to you the problems which are faced by returning servicemen and what my plans are for organizing them into a group that can successfully combat any attempts which may be made to take advantage of them as was done after the last war.

I know what that was. My half brother was a veteran of the first world war, and he, with thousands of others, returned home to find they could not get their old jobs back. They walked the streets and nothing was done for them. This time it is going to be different. Organized under the banner of the America First Party, we will keep this country for Americans.

I say put up the bars, and keep out these refugees right now. Twenty million of them are pounding at the gates waiting for an opportunity to enter this country and a lot have gotten in already and taken our jobs. I say send these refugees back where they came from and Americanize the people we have in our slums now. The veterans organized under America First will see that boats are furnished to send them back where they came from and then our boys can have the jobs which they are now occupying.

While in the Hospital I saw signs which would make you mothers and fathers of service men unable to sleep at night. Men returning from this global war with both eyes out, minus arms and legs and generally shot to pieces. Take my own case, I was injured on maneuvers and can now scarcely stand on my left leg. What did the Government do for me? They gave me a pension of \$34.00 a month, less than the fifty dollars they paid me for an opportunity to get injured.

I want the returning serviceman organized so that such things are impossible and the disabled men are paid pensions in the right proportion to their injuries and I also want the government to pay pensions to you mothers and fathers who have been deprived of the support and financial help which your sons or daughters would have given if they had not been dragged out to fight this terrible war.

They have a law in Michigan which pays a small pension to old people. I came in contact with a horrible case while I was in the Hospital. A soldier, blinded in both eyes, called me to his bedside one day while I was walking through the ward and told me a horrible story. He had made an allotment of \$22.50 to his parents, most of which came out of his pay. This was reported by the Federal Government and the Michigan authorities immediately cut off the pension to his parents.

They have money to send lend lease to Russia and Great Britain and can do anything else in this country that they want to do but this had to happen and as God is my judge, I am going to see that it is stopped and laws are passed which will prevent such actions against returning servicemen.

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You should see these men in the Hospitals, terrible physical wrecks, which were once the flower of our young manhood. Wrecked absolutely wrecked. And for what I ask you, to further the international plans of our Bureaucrats in Washington who care nothing for the wounds, suffering, and death which they have caused all over this nation.

Now, look at what happened after the last war. The soldiers came home, couldn't get their jobs back, and the misery, and suffering was intense. The Government which had sent them abroad to fight did nothing to relieve the conditions. What happened? A group finally went to Washington to demand a bonus and what did they get?

Well you know, my half-brother went through it and I'll tell you. They were handled like cattle and thrown out of Washington by regular Army troops. They were driven with bayonets, stabbed in their backs, their wives and children were gassed and the few that had automobiles saw them burned right before their eyes. Is this the kind of treatment for veterans I ask you. It certainly isn't, and it won't happen again if the veterans organize on the principles of the America First platform.

I have been traveling around this country a lot, and with my uniform it is possible for me to visit canteens and other places where servicemen congregate. I talked to them and I tell you everyone of them is ready to join the America First Party, for it stands for the principles which these men want to see enforced in the United States. They all say, let the British look out for the British, and the Russians look out for the Russians, we will look out for the United States. That is the kind of a Nationalist spirit the servicemen have and they don't want to be spending their time policing the world after this war is over. They want to get home and form a Nationalist Party.

There is the man who will lead us to victory in 1948. (Points to SMITH). He stands for everything we want, and the platform of the America First Party is the platform of every returning serviceman.

Let me tell you about a few things that have happened while I have been traveling around the country. I was on a bus near Lima, Ohio, and some foreigner asked me where I was going. I told him home and he said it was too bad soldiers had to travel so much since conditions were so bad. In Russia, they wouldn't let them do it, he added. I told him if he liked Russia so well why didn't he stay there or go back now. He said he would stay here and this country would eventually be like Russia. All they need here, he added, is to get rid of these Priests and Ministers and this country would be all right. Think of it, get rid of the Priests and Ministers,

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why those ungodly Communists would do anything to wreck our way of American life and accomplish their foul purposes.

I met another sad case near my home town. A soldier was hitch-hiking and I offered him a lift. I asked him where he was going, and he said to see his mother in a small town in Massachusetts. I said he was a long way from home and he said he had come from California. He then told me his story, and I am going to repeat it to you. He was back from overseas after two years abroad. He was in Camp in California and was going to be shipped out again. One day his Commanding Officer called him in and told him that under the circumstances he could have a 15 day furlough.

What can I do, he asked the Officer. I want to see my mother but I have only sixty cents. What did the Officer say? Well, I'll tell you. He said that's not my problem, do you want the 15 day furlough or don't you? Well, the soldier took the furlough and started to hitch-hike to Massachusetts for what might well be the last time he would see his mother. I tell you, when men in the service are treated this way, they begin to realize what is being done to them by a government which has no interest in their personal welfare. They realize what the principles of the America First Party mean to them and they want to join immediately.

Now, getting back to my case. The United States Army knew that I was an America First Party member and I was hounded all the time I was in the service. They did everything to me that could possibly be done to make my life miserable. Why, they even wanted to give me a dishonorable discharge. But truth and justice prevailed and my friends took care of me and forced them to abandon such tactics. I have an honorable discharge and two letters from my Commanders testifying to my character, honesty, and integrity. They are in Mr. SMITH's files and he will show them to anyone who wants to see them.

I could go on all evening telling you such stories of the treatment of soldiers under this system of government which we have in Washington and I tell you it is time for a change; that is why I say America First, last, and always.

(Vose saluted the audience with a military salute as he stepped to the microphone, reached several high pitches of emotion and threw them a kiss as he finished). The audience gave him a tremendous applause.

GERALD L. K. SMITH:

Now we have an outstanding woman with us tonight whom I know you will be anxious to hear. She is MRS. DILLING, the author of "Red Network". She has been indicted for her activities and has been sitting in Washington

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for the past six months while the government agencies of the New Deal have been trying to make out a case against her. To date, they have done nothing and the case is dragging on. She will tell you some of the things that happened and how she is helping some of these unfortunate little people who have been hounded and persecuted for daring to raise their voices against the bureaucrats.

I know you are in a hurry to hear MRS. DILLING, but I must tell the story of the eight Ohio farmers which no newspaper in the country wants to publish. These eight farmers wanted some machinery which was badly needed to harvest a corn crop.

They went to a country fair near Selima, Ohio, and Representative CLARE HOFFMAN, who will have no part of the New Deal shenanigans, was there with an English farm machinery catalogue offering for sale all kinds of machinery which you can't get in this country without an OK from the triple A or some other government agency which is supposed to keep the farmer vote in line.

Well, these farmers wanted a corn picker and in a disgusted frame of mind went to the machinery dealer. He had one standing in a store but told them they would have to fill out a multitude of forms and get a priority before they could have the machine.

These farmers were really mad, they asked him how much the machine cost and he said \$850. The farmers laid down the cash and took the machine out of the place. Mind you, the machine was standing there and they needed it to harvest a crop for the war effort, and the civilians could have gotten the same machine in England according to the catalogue. I guess they made it in England from lend-lease steel which is denied our manufacturers and sent abroad.

Well, when the bureaucrats heard of this they sent a smart young lawyer out there and had the eight farmers arrested. The bail was set at \$20,000 apiece, \$160,000 for this offense against the bureaucrats. The farmers were trundled off to jail, but the America Firsters in Ohio got busy and in 10 hours the cash bail was on the line and the farmers were back home.

They were tried and the case should have attracted National attention, but no, the newspapers and radio under the thumb of the New Dealers and the bureaucrats, afraid of invoking their wrath, gave it nothing. The Judge after they were convicted, realized that it would be wrong to put eight farmers in jail at this critical time, sentenced them to a year, then put them on probation. This I tell you is the kind of thing that is going on in this country right under your very noses and if it were not for that

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man described as a rabble rouser and leader of the lunatic fringe, GERALD L. K. SMITH, you would know nothing about it.

But now I want to present to you a woman who is a leader in our fight and who I believe knows more about Communists than any other woman in the United States, MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING.

MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING:

Good evening you Philadelphians who are such loyal believers in the program of America First. It is a pleasure to appear on the same platform with our leader, MR. GERALD L. K. SMITH and others connected with his work.

I am one of those terrible people that have been indicted and am now being tried in Washington for trying to keep this country out of the clutches of the Jews and Communists who have permeated the New Deal. But I want to report they are not getting very far for the trial is a farce. The government prosecutor has been stumbling around for six months while we sit on benches day after day listening to him, trying to make out a case and he hasn't been able to do anything yet.

The trial is a disgrace to American justice for they have picked on a lot of small people who are poor and have no money to defend themselves. Before I am done, I will tell you how you can do something to help them and I have spent more than \$150,000 of my own money just seeing that they have enough to eat while they are being forced to sit and listen to this travesty on Justice.

I didn't realize what was going on at first when a lot of them were brought into the Court room the first few days. Then I started to talk to them and they were not being properly fed and were being ill-treated. And do you know by whom? Well, they were being persecuted by Government agencies who pose as Investigators and those other people who are their masters.

I have a song here which will describe who I mean. (She then sang a song to the tune of the Marine Hymn "The Halls of Montezuma" but it was worded about a Jewish refugee from Europe who landed in this country and was immediately fed on the fat of the land).

Think of it, these people are allowed to come here, take our jobs, attempt to overthrow our form of government and do just as they please while our boys must go abroad to further the sins of our internationally minded people in Washington and beat down people all over the world who are only trying to look out for themselves and protect themselves from the horrors which the Communists will bring to their country.

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This trial is a farce. The Judge sits there (works her face like someone chewing and listens to the government trying to make out a case). Every-time something is questioned, the answer is always the same. He bangs his gavel, (thumps her fist on the desk), evidence admitted. With all the help they are getting, they can't do anything after six months.

(Then sang a song to the tune of "Three Blind Mice").

Now I have copies of a speech by Senator LANGER which I want you all to read. I will be selling these after the meeting and any contribution you make will be used to help these poor unfortunate people who are being tried and persecuted in Washington.

Thank you all for turning out tonight and I know that under the leadership of such a man as GERALD L. K. SMITH, our cause will triumph, maybe not this fall, but we will carry the fight in and sweep the nation in 1948. Thank you.

GERALD L. K. SMITH:

Well, now you have heard from two people who certainly know what is taking place in this great country of ours. I suppose you will want to hear them again and you will most certainly have the opportunity in the near future. You will have a chance to hear MR. VOSE deliver a long speech and tell you more about what the returning veterans in this war face.

By the way, I want to tell you what happened to my son. You know he was a handsome six-footer with six years of military training in military school. Well, he was in the Army and was supposed to go to Officers' school when the arch enemy of all American Firsters, Walter Winchell, got upon the radio and said this boy is the son of that despicable man, GERALD L. K. SMITH who stomped on an American flag. That rag I stomped on was an international thing devised by the Jews and Communists as a world flag to fly over our Stars and Stripes. Well, the Army got busy and he was put at the lowest job in the Army, leading a pack mule. But he is a real soldier, he never complained.. He was placed on a transport, we didn't know where he was and started overseas. The transport was torpedoed and he floated around in the water for hours. He was finally rescued and reached India. But despite all their attempts to keep him down, he is going to be one of the great heroes of this war for he got to Burma as one of Merrill's Marauders. This was a suicide assignment for 3,000 men. They volunteered and my boy was one of the volunteers.

They searched the entire armed forces for these men, for they had to be absolutely perfect physical specimens. Perfect teeth, perfect heart action, and all that goes with a military physical examination. Well, my boy was chosen and of his group of threehundred, two hundred were killed and the other hundred had to be hospitalized to a man. My son was wounded in the

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hip and is now in a hospital. Think of it, fighting in the jungles and swamps of Burma, exposed to malaria and all those tropical fevers for what. To further the aims of a group of internationally minded bureaucrats in Washington who are hungry for world domination. A group which permitted the shipping of scrap iron and oil to Japan until just a short time before Pearl Harbor.

Think of it, junk men, and you know who they are, shipping scrap iron and oil with the blessing of those renegades in Washington, so my son could be wounded in the hip with a chunk of his grandmother's tea kettle.

These things are going to be stopped and those people called to account and the veterans of this war organized along with the loyal America firsters will put an end to it when they come home. How many veterans of the last war are here tonight? Let's see your hands. Well, you know what they did for you and it is not going to happen again.

Something is wrong with this country when a man has to come from a certain group of people, or from a certain section of the country to be elected President. I don't care if a man comes from the North or South, East, Middlewest, or Pacific Coast, so long as he has the principles of America First in his heart, let him be the leader of this great people.

Here you have two candidates of the Republicans and Democrats, both come from Dutchess County, New York. One has a big estate, the other not so big. One is a little man with a big dog and the other is a big man with a little dog. The big man with the little dog will resort to any skull duggery to achieve a fourth term and the little man with the big dog has the effrontery to come before the voters and attempt to cover up his opponent's skull duggery.

I want to know what happened at the Churchill-Roosevelt conference on the Atlantic Ocean. It has been kept away from the people of this nation and it is time to know before election. I want a full report of what happened at Pearl Harbor when our ships were lined up for the Japs like ducks on a pond and our boys were shot like fish in a barrel.

Think of it, God only knows how many ships were sunk and 3000 boys killed and no one of the public knows the truth today. Reports from Australia tell us we were warned that the Japs were approaching five days ahead of time, but Mr. Roosevelt never took the trouble to warn Kimmel and Short. We were also told that our ships were firing on the Japs several days in advance, still no one knew it at Pearl Harbor.

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What kind of skull duggery was this, it is time we all knew. Why don't they court martial Kimmel and Short? They both say they would welcome it and if they are guilty punish them instead of having them sit around paying them on a pension which is costing you and I and every other tax payer money. I'll tell you why they don't. They are afraid to bring it to light for the whole country, for the whole dirty mess will cause a lot of feeling in this country and everyone will become an American Firster.

The time to air this is right now before election, when the people, the voters, will have a chance to make their decision, not later when we will have to endure four more years of this kind of misrule. Think of it, such expenses saddled on the taxpayers along with the costs of guarding Mr. Roosevelt's estate in Dutchess County and that guard is a regular military establishment maintained at heavy cost to the taxpayers. But that isn't the only thing I want to tell you about tonight. I am opposed to all these conferences, such as Teheran and Dumbarton Oaks, where the public is excluded and agreements are made about which we know nothing. I would be satisfied if representatives of the press would be admitted. Then we would feel that at least we were getting to know something, but even they are barred.

You have heard of the conference at Dumbarton Oaks. Well, I heard of it too and was heartily sick of such business and covering up as was going on in Washington. Secretary Hull, conferring with Mr. John Foster Dulles, a representative of Governor Dewey. That is what I am talking about when I tell you one party covers up the skull duggery of the other.

Well, I decided to go to Washington to find out what was going on at Dumbarton Oaks. So I went down and called Secretary Hull and as the Presidential candidate of the America First Party asked what was going on. I could not get an appointment with Hull but was asked if Breckinridge Long, his assistant, would do. I said yes, he would do.

Well, I had a meeting with him at which I presented several questions and proposals but he told me that the meeting was a closed one and no one could be admitted. So I went out to Dumbarton Oaks, got out of the car in which I was riding and started up toward the building.

A soldier stopped me and told me I could go no further. I asked him after telling him who I was, what he would do if I insisted upon going up and knocking on the door. Well, if you insist upon going further without the proper credentials and you don't have them, he added, I guess I will have to shoot you.

Then, I asked if it were possible to send in a message to Mr. Stettinus, it was very important, and I had propounded some questions which were written on a paper. He said no. If anything like that were done it would have to be taken to the State Department down town. By this time, some

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other soldiers had gathered, including a Corporal, a sergeant, a Captain and a Major.

About this time a car drew up and some flunky got out wearing a big badge which gave him the run of the grounds. He came up the walk and I called him aside. I told him I had an important message for Mr. Stettinius and asked him if he would take it in to him. Sure, give it to me he replied, took it out of my hand and hurried off up the walk.

The soldiers were wide in astonishment, so I decided now was the time to get some real information. I turned to the sentry and asked him if a U. S. Senator came down here and demanded admittance what would he do, if he didn't have the proper credentials. The soldier answered, I wouldn't let him pass. Suppose he insisted on going in, I asked. Then I guess I would have to shoot him, the soldier replied.

Think of it, think of it, do you realize what that meant. A man holding the highest elective Representative power of the citizens of this country would be shot if he attempted to find out what was going on at this conference which makes decisions that vitally affect the lives of every citizen of this country. And at whose orders, the bureaucrats who have usurped every power that they can.

Well, I decided this was a good place to make a speech and I told those soldiers and officers just what was going on and no one opened his mouth. They just listened and something tells me that some day when this war is over and those men come back to civilian life, you will find everyone of them enrolled in the ranks of the America First Party.

I could go on all night telling you stories such as those I have been telling you about Pearl Harbor and Dumbarton Oaks. You could have a recess at midnight for a smoke and I could go on till morning but I am going to tell you a story which reaches an all-time high for double - dealing and needs a lot of explanation from Washington. This is the story of TYLER KENT, a young man employed in the diplomatic corps in London. His father was a career diplomat and is now dead. He was not a rich man and his mother resides on a small estate in Virginia. What I am telling you is common knowledge in England, but the veil of censorship has kept our people in ignorance.

A Captain Ramsey, a member of Parliament, stood up and discussed the matter shortly after it happened and do you know what happened to him. He was imprisoned and only released a few days ago. He was jailed by the same powers that imprisoned KENT and was never tried until popular opinion in England forced his release.