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Title GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, aka Gerald L. K. Smith; THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION.		Character INTERNAL SECURITY SEDITION	

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan reveals statements of SMITH indicating that United States is going Fascist or Communist and he wants lead United States toward Fascism. [REDACTED] interviewed concerning alleged plot to defame him and so forth, no additional information, unable to state specifically original source of information about conspiracy. [REDACTED] contends that involving him in Chicago Grand Jury Investigation is part of same conspiracy. Subject occupied principally with political campaign to Wayne Republican Nomination for United States Senator from Michigan. Subject contacts [REDACTED] of Ford Motor Company and CHARLES LINDBERGH presently employed by Ford Motor Company.

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 29, 1942 at Detroit, Michigan.

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DETAILS:

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[REDACTED] for Local Draft Board No. 10, 17th Floor Cadillac Square Building, Detroit, stated that GERALD LYMAN K. SMITH of 1753 Seyburn, Detroit, was born in Pardeeville, Wisconsin on February 27, 1898. He gave his occupation as "preacher-radio commentator". He is married and is employed by The Committee of One Million, 2001 Industrial Bank Building. On June 20, 1942, he had not yet been classified under the Selective Service and Training Act.

[REDACTED] Post Office Department, Detroit, advised that from June 15, 1942 until June 25, 1942 the only return address noted on mail received through Post Office Box 697, Detroit, Michigan was that of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed in his room at the [REDACTED] in Detroit and gave the following information:

He said he had previously conferred with Director HOOVER and L. B. NICHOLS, Assistant Director, concerning a large group of preachers and former preachers throughout the United States who are expressing seditious views. He said that the leader of this group and the one who is most instrumental in recruiting new members is [REDACTED] of Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] is a woman who has considerable appeal and personal charm and she usually employs this asset to convert preachers so that they will utter her propaganda which very closely parallels Nazi propaganda. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] attempted to recruit him but he said he was well aware of her attempt and told her frankly that she had no chance of succeeding.

[REDACTED] At the conference it was determined that an attempt was going to be made to unearth Communist activity at the University of Michigan. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she had received \$5,000.00 from [REDACTED] for this purpose. [REDACTED] also told [REDACTED] that she was friendly with [REDACTED] and said that she would introduce [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. She explained to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] right-hand man as well as [REDACTED]. She said that [REDACTED] got ample money for all his expenses from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that the last he heard of [REDACTED] was that he had become a Major in the United States Army.

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██████████ said that all of ██████████ clique have the same method of operating. They always have some campaign with a popular appeal which enables them to solicit cash contributions from large numbers of persons. He said ██████████ uses the Political Research Bureau of Chicago, Illinois; ██████████ of San Antonio, Texas uses a Prohibition Platform; GERALD SMITH uses his Committee of One Million. ██████████ said that they account to no one for the cash contributions they so receive and he believed that they do not report this income properly to the United States Treasury Department in filing their income tax returns with the Collector of Internal Revenue. ██████████ suggested that the most effective way for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to scare these people into being good Americans once more would be to openly interview them and demand an accounting of their income. He said he had formerly made this suggestion to Director HOOVER and Assistant Director NICHOLS. ██████████ gave the impression that he was a very close informant of Assistant Director NICHOLS and had recently spent half a day with him discussing this situation.

██████████ that she twice attended the Neuremberg Conference of the Nazi Party in Germany. She also boasted that she was friendly with General FRANCO, Fascist leader of Spain. ██████████ said that ██████████ tells incredible stories about Russia and she has also told him that CHIANG KAI-SHEK and all the Chinese leaders were Communists. She also justified the Japanese aggression by saying that the Japanese were projected into a war of aggression by reason of over population. ██████████ said that all of ██████████ crowd preach the same line of propaganda, attacking the administration, criticizing any alliance with the atheistic Communists of Russia and all of them favoring a termination of the war by negotiating a peace and appeasing the Axis Powers.

██████████ said that GERALD SMITH admitted to him that he had great financial backing from leading industrialists in Detroit, Michigan to fight Communism. SMITH told ██████████ that the United States is ultimately going to become either a Fascist state or a Communist state and all that was needed to defeat Communism was good leadership. SMITH told ██████████ he was a fool for not getting in for some of this Anti-Communist money. ██████████ was unable to recall the names of any specific financial supporter of SMITH except the senior ██████████ SMITH also complained to ██████████ privately about the alleged control of the United States by Jews and said that he intended to fight it. SMITH boasted to ██████████ that the American people were merely looking for a leader and he aspired to be a leader of the people when the United States would become a Fascist state. ██████████ describes SMITH as having the same delusion of grandeur as SMITH'S former boss HUEY LONG. SMITH also bragged that business men are looking to him as their spokesman to combat Communism and see that the United States would become Fascist rather than Communist.

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[redacted] said that he had no documentary proof of any of the activities of [redacted] GERAID SMITH, or any of that crowd. He explained that his understanding of their program was gained merely by observation.

[redacted] revealed that SMITH is continuously attempting to contact [redacted] of Ford Motor Company, both at his home and at his office but he is almost always confronted with [redacted] Assistant [redacted] who accepts messages for and delivers messages from [redacted]. Their usual conversation is merely as to whether there is any news and the usual answer is that there is no news.

SMITH has continued to contact CHARLES AUGUSTUS LINDBERGH now in the employ of Ford Motor Company and on July 10, 1942 SMITH took [redacted] with him to a conference, which he had with CHARLES AUGUSTUS LINDBERGH for several hours at Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Michigan. Special Agent [redacted] conducted a surveillance and observed that SMITH and his wife were driven up to Dearborn Inn and went into a private room and left several hours later. [redacted] did not see CHARLES LINDBERGH himself but it was reliably reported by [redacted] that the conference was planned to be between SMITH [redacted] and LINDBERGH.

[redacted] further reported that SMITH has distributed upon special request a copy of ELIZABETH DILLING'S book "The Red Network".

[redacted] further stated that on July 11, 1942 [redacted] of Pontiac, Michigan told SMITH that "our friend" from the southwest was rumored to be arrested in northern California and placed in a concentration camp. He told [redacted] that "our friend" may be out on a confidential mission and he should not worry.

In accordance with Bureau letter dated June 20, 1942, the writer telephonically contacted Subject and requested him to appear at the Detroit Field Office for an interview by Mr. BUGAS and the writer concerning the alleged plot which Subject reported to Attorney General BIDDIE. At 2:30 P.M. on July 7, 1942, SMITH was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS and the writer in the office of the Special Agent in Charge. The interview lasted until 3:20 P.M. and Subject was asked to give all the information in his possession concerning the alleged plot which he reported to the Attorney General. Persistent attempts were made to confine Subject to this limited scope but he furnished practically no facts which were not already known to the Bureau. In short, he stated that he was visited by Mr. HUIE, Associate Editor of the American Mercury magazine, which is largely owned by reputable Jewish persons. HUIE told SMITH that he wanted information so that

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he could write a story about SMITH for American Mercury magazine and he explained to SMITH that it wouldn't be entirely complimentary but SMITH understood that "it had to be that way". SMITH invited HUIE, who impressed him as a sincere, conscientious young man of about thirty years, out to his house for luncheon. In the midst of a discussion, which, of course, centered about SMITH, HUIE'S expression changed and he asked SMITH if he really knew how vicious his enemies were. When drawn out, HUIE elaborated that in getting material for his story, he had interviewed officers of the Jewish Anti-Nazi League in New York City, New York and Reverend L. M. BIRKHEAD'S Friends of Democracy. SMITH explained that HUIE was favorably received by these two organizations since it was known that he represented the American Mercury magazine, which was largely controlled by Jews. At this point, SMITH went into a harangue of Reverend L. M. BIRKHEAD, whom he accused of being an insincere ex-preacher who found it profitable to pretend to protect wealthy Jewish people from Anti-Semitic attacks. SMITH then continued that he wasn't sure whether HUIE got the story of the alleged plot from the Jewish Anti-Nazi League or from Friends of Democracy, but knowing Reverend BIRKHEAD he assumed that HUIE got the story from Friends of Democracy. He admitted several times that he was not sure that this was the source of HUIE'S information. SMITH was unable to name any person in Detroit, who was to participate in the plot and merely repeated information that was already known to the Bureau and the Department that within ten days after his interview with HUIE, said enemies of his planned to locate arms and ammunition in the homes of certain Detroiters, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was then to become anonymously involved by being tipped off to raid these homes and the occupants would then say that they were friends of GERAID SMITH, HENRY FORD, FATHER COUGHLIN, [REDACTED] and any of the real leaders of Detroit. b7c

SMITH said he deemed it necessary to act quickly in that situation and that is why he had to expose the plot over the radio that following Sunday. He said he felt that this exposure either broke up the plot or more likely made the conspirators lie in wait for some later opportunity to smear SMITH'S reputation.

During this interview the writer did not speak at all but all the questioning was done by Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS, who exerted a continuous effort to gain further particulars about the alleged plot from the Subject and also to confine Subject's discussion to this alleged plot nevertheless SMITH frequently referred to his vicious enemies who would do anything to harm him and he gave numerous examples of his need to defend himself.

SMITH presented Mr. BUGAS with one copy of "The Cross and the Flag" for June, 1942 and one copy of "The Cross and the Flag" for May, 1942. He submitted a five-page typewritten composition entitled "Common Lies

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About GERALD L. K. SMITH", which is as follows:

"Lie Number 1 - His name used to be SCHMIDT.

"Answer: His name has always been SMITH, and the SMITH side of his family are all English.

"Lie Number 2 - He was run out of the ministry.

"Answer: He resigned voluntarily as pastor of one of the largest churches in the South. Is now a member in good standing of the Christian Church in Pontiac, Michigan, where he frequently fills the pulpit.

"Lie Number 3 - He is a Democrat.

"Answer: The SMITH family have always been Republicans. It is impossible to be a Republican in Louisiana, where Mr. SMITH lived for a few years, because the Republican Party has not been on the Louisiana ticket - except in Presidential elections - for more than 25 years. There just is no Republican Party in Louisiana.

"Lie Number 4 - He is discredited.

"Answer: Among the many organizations that GERALD L. K. SMITH has addressed recently are the following: Detroit Advertising Club, Executive Club of Chicago, Optimist Club of Detroit, Lions Club of Detroit, State Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Ohio, State Convention of the Chiefs of Police for the state of Michigan (he was introduced by Captain DON LEONARD, now in charge of Home Defense) and, literally, scores of other gatherings representing every faith and every walk of life.

"Lie Number 5 - He hates the foreigners.

"Answer: Both the father and mother of Mrs. SMITH were immigrants who came to America from Denmark. He believes that all foreigners who come to America should become real Americans, and the moment they become citizens they should put America first in every thought.

"Lie Number 6 - GERALD SMITH is rich.

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"Answer: He owns no property. His debts exceed the few little personal possessions which he has. If he were to die, the only protection his wife would have would be a modest insurance policy.

"Lie Number 7 - He is pro-Fascist.

"Answer: As chairman of the Committee of 1,000,000 he carried to Washington a petition bearing 1,000,000 signatures, asking Congress to outlaw Fascism and Naziism. These petitions were presented by United States Senator ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG.

"Lie Number 8 - He is a Communist.

"Answer: The same petition which called on Congress to outlaw Fascism and Naziism called on Communism.

"Lie Number 9 - GERALD SMITH is unpatriotic.

"Answer: Mr. SMITH says he is willing to have this question answered by Mr. HERMAN LUHRS, State Commander of the American Legion.

"Lie Number 10- GERALD SMITH is a rabble rouser and a renegade.

"Answer: Recently, he was invited to address the New York Advertising Club by its President, Mr. LOWELL THOMAS. Do renegades get such invitations?

"Lie Number 11- He gets his money from a mysterious source.

"Answer: The money used by Mr. SMITH comes from the contributions of his followers, who are all good Americans. Ninety-eight per cent of the contributions he has received thus far for his campaign has come from people giving \$10.00 or less.

"Lie Number 12- GERALD SMITH is anti-Semitic.

"Answer: He answers this by saying that if any person can find a written or public utterance he has ever made against any race or any creed, he will retire from public life.

"Lie Number 13- His "CHRIST FIRST" slogan is used for political purposes.

"Answer: He comes from four generations of Christian ministers. For him to exalt the name of CHRIST is the most natural thing in the world.

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"Lie Number 14- He was a part of the corrupt HUEY LONG machine.

"Answer: As a minister of the Gospel, he was invited by Senator LONG'S family to deliver the funeral oration over his grave. The convicted criminals of the so-called HUEY LONG organization now in the penitentiary were all Roosevelt New Dealers. They deserted the HUEY LONG organization and went over to the New Deal party. No real HUEY LONG man who was a friend of HUEY LONG before his death and after his death has ever been convicted of any crime.

"Lie Number 15- He is against the war effort.

"Answer: Before Pearl Harbor, 80% of the American people were against our entrance into a foreign war. SMITH was one of the leaders of this 80%. Since Pearl Harbor, 99% of the American people have given themselves wholeheartedly to the war effort. GERAID SMITH is one of these. It is his conviction that HITLER'S best friends in America are the boondoggling bureaucrats in Washington who would rather keep their New Deal political machine together than to win the war. The first plank in his platform for the Senate is - "100% Support for the War Effort."

"Lie Number 16- He is a Silver Shirt.

"Answer: In 1933, the so-called 'Silver Shirt' organization was headed by WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, who called his organization "The Christian Militia." SMITH was urged to become a part of this movement. He studied it for one month, and in August, 1933, in a lengthy letter to PELLEY he repudiated the whole scheme. This letter is now a matter of record. Thus he condemned PELLEY'S organization in 1933. He has not seen PELLEY or had any contact with any agent of the PELLEY organization in the nine years since he condemned the Silver Shirts.

"Lie Number 17- He is a lunatic and an erratic personality.

"Answer: Recently, he has been invited to address Harvard University, the University of Minnesota and the Yale Club of New York City. After he had addressed the Press Club of Washington, the most outstanding organization of newspaper men in America, Mr. MARK SULLIVAN, the eminent writer for the New York Tribune, said - 'GERALD SMITH is the greatest orator on the American platform. He combines the best qualities of WILLIAM

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JENNINGS BRYAN, BILLY SUNDAY and LA FOLLETTE, the Senior.'

"Lie Number 18- He is against organized Labor.

"Answer: He is an honorary member of thirteen Labor unions because of his loyal friendship for organized Labor. He has believed for years that the Communist Party has conspired to take over organized Labor. Therefore, he has fought Communism in government, education and other phases of our national life.

"Lie Number 19- He is a Southern 'hill-billy'.

"Answer: Wisconsin is his native state. While pastor of a large Indianapolis church, Mrs. SMITH was taken seriously ill. The pine woods atmosphere of northern Louisiana was prescribed for her recovery. When the SMITHS went South, they expected to return North, which they did. The whole SMITH family has a background of Northern tradition. Mr. SMITH'S grandfather on his mother's side and his uncles on his father's side served heroically with the Union army during the Civil War.

"Lie Number 20- He is a pacifist and a slacker.

"Answer: When the last war ended, he was 20 years old. Though exempted because he was a theological student, he refused to accept the exemption, enlisted, and was on his way to Camp Fremont, California, when the war ended.

"Lie Number 21- He is living with his second wife.

"Answer: GERALD SMITH has been married but once. His loyal wife was ELEANOR SORENSON. On the 21st of June the SMITHS celebrated their Twentieth Wedding Anniversary. They have one son, age 18, and they have aided in the education of five children not their own.

"Lie Number 22- He is an opportunist.

"Answer: Although he has spoken before many different kinds of organizations, representing all phases of opinion, he will never accept an invitation from any organization which asks him to compromise his convictions.

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"Lie Number 23- He is a demagogue (a speaker of half truth).

"Answer: He invites the public to underline one sentence in anything he has ever spoken or written that did not prove to be basically sound. To illustrate, when he announced his candidacy for the United States Senate, he promised tires for everybody. This was branded as demagoguery. But a few weeks later, the most eminent scientist in America announced that with 5% of our corn crop we could produce all the rubber America could use.

"Lie Number 24- He is the head of a secret organization.

"Answer: No person associated with GERALD SMITH is bound by secrecy, and he frequently says that any person associated with him is free to tell everything he knows about the Committee of 1,000,000 and his activities.

"Lie Number 25- He is a hypocrite.

"Answer: Every person who has ever worked for Mr. SMITH or around him will say that his enthusiasm over his convictions is just as intense in his personal life at home as when he enunciates his beliefs in public."

SMITH submitted a letter dated March 26, 1942 which he had written to Attorney General BIDDLE arguing for freedom of the press, freedom of speech, which is as follows:

"March 26, 1942

"The Hon. FRANCIS J. BIDDLE
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Mr. BIDDLE:

"The attached clipping is self-explanatory. As you will observe, Messrs. PEARSON and ALLEN pose as semi-official spokesmen for you and the President. They serve notice on me in this column that you have been ordered by the President of the United States to crack down on GERALD L. K. SMITH. In the first place, I don't believe it. I think the story is a fabrication - but the purpose of this letter is to interpret briefly the sort of damage that

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I think such stories do to the present war effort.

"I am head of an organization with 3,000,000 constituents in forty-eight states, but mainly in five middle western states. It is no secret that I belong to that political faction which has, since 1932, been bitterly anti-ROOSEVELT. As you of course know, I was with HUEY LONG when he was shot. I was one of several who sat in on the negotiations when very shocking agreements were reached between certain Louisiana politicians and certain governmental officials. As you know, this negotiation has been frequently referred to as the "Second Louisiana Purchase". It has now become almost an open secret that certain immunities were offered in this conference which, in my mind, were positively scandalous and un-American. Others who sat in this conference became rich and powerful. I was the only one who refused to go along with the 'deal'.

"This experience, plus many untold facts behind the assassination of HUEY LONG, of course embittered me.

"I spoke to 72,000 people Election Eve, 1936, in New Orleans. I spent Election Day in jail - was held incommunicado because I had violated an old Napoleonic code ruling, forbidding anyone to speak in the open after midnight. I had spoken from 9:00 to 12:15. During this time I gave these humble people rather a detailed description of what had happened, plus a prophesy of what was about to happen.

"Turning my back upon the corrupt opportunities that were offered me in Louisiana, I proceeded, though penniless, to build a following which has now been accomplished. I have passed through every known type of smear campaign and physical hazard. Prior to the Pearl Harbor incident, I was a collaborator with the most respected and prominent isolationists, including NYE, REYNOLDS, WHEELER, LINDBERG and others. I attach herewith a copy of the first address I made after the Declaration of War. Since Pearl Harbor, I have taken as the precedent for my behavior the conduct of those British statesmen who feel free to criticize men and policies, while at the same time, pledging their loyalty to the war effort. Every Gallup Poll, dealing with the subject and the voting record of the Congressional delegation within the area influenced by our organization proves that this is the most isolationist area in America, while at the same time, we have a rare and healthy type of patriotic loyalty. A study of Income Tax collections for this area, Red Cross drives, etc. reveals that we are at the top of the list in promptness of payment, volume of sales, etc.

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"More than 50,000 members of the C.I.O. in Detroit are affiliated with my Committee. A survey would demonstrate that these people are the consistent workers and the most conscientious producers in this city.

"Of course, the Reds are now whooping it up for the war, but a study of their factional following will demonstrate that their loyalty to the production program has been the most spotted of all. I frequently advise my people to give generous cooperation to all the humanitarian and civil defense enterprises. In a meeting of one thousand leaders this week I urged everyone of them to become air raid wardens. No mother who has ever written to me, expressing the sadness of her heart over the absence of her son, has ever been encouraged to be embittered. On the contrary, I have always reminded such mothers that it is an honor for them to be able to give a son to their country in defense of the Stars and Stripes.

"Please remember, Mr. BIDDIE, that I am writing this letter because I believe you to be a man of substance and philosophically inclined - enough so to be realistic. Yes, I am an irreconcilable leader of the Loyal Opposition. I expect to be very active in the coming Congressional campaigns. I expect to criticize domestic policies, including boondoggling, partisanship in the war effort, and numerous other political practices in Washington and elsewhere, with which I conscientiously and patriotically disagree. Now, you and your coordinates have two courses which you can follow. You can follow the course which, up until this time, you apparently have followed in dealing with the irreconcilable opposition which, though opposed to political policies, is loyal to the war effort. On the other hand, you can follow the course of the extremists. But, remember, that deep in the sub-conscious mind of our people is an overwhelming agreement with what we are saying. Even right in the Government in Washington I have man clandestine friends who admit that they agree with my philosophy. Although I have always conducted myself as a patriot and a Christian, perhaps if you hold over me the microscope of prejudice and political persecution, you can find some technicality which can wound me, smear me, and eventually imprison me.

"Should you follow this course, you would find in my heart the spirit of the martyr and the sacrificial attitude of the crusader. Let me remind you that I have been tested as by fire. The same gun that was drawn on HUEY LONG was pointed toward me, and by the measure of a split second the killer was killed before he could pull the trigger.

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"As for money and power, every offer that could be made to a man has been made to me by the spokesmen for the present administration. I presume no man in Washington is more familiar with my crusading courage than Mr. JOSEPH KEENAN, who was the first Assistant Attorney General under Mr. CUMMINGS. If, however, your natural attitude toward the 'GERALD SMITHS' of America is overruled, I shall be only too happy to let my misfortune and pain and loss of liberty symbolize and emphasize and personify the fact that something serious has happened in America, which only great sacrifice can correct. Here is Detroit, the Arsenal of America, the home of three nationally known isolationists - HENRY FORD, FATHER COUGHLIN and GERALD L. K. SMITH. At this writing, it is rather reliably rumored that Mr. LINDBERGH is coming to live in Detroit. We four have no organic connection. I have not talked to FATHER COUGHLIN for nearly six years, but the combined following of these four men in this area is such that I believe that any program of persecution that might be released on any one of us by any agency of the Government would result in making literally millions of good patriotic Americans sad and disillusioned.

"Early in the war I wrote a letter to the Office of Civilian Defense offering to do anything that they considered wise in helping to interpret the needs of our nation in this terrible crisis to my 3,000,000 bitterly isolationist constituents. All I received was a form.

"If I were running this war and knew a political enemy who had 3,000,000 followers, I would send somebody to see him in order that he might be utilized constructively in helping to bring about national unity. But, no instead of that we get gossip and smear and vicarious and direct persecution through the grapevine route of such scandal-mongers as PEARSON and ALLEN.

"Of course, if you and your superiors want 'rubber-stamp' and spineless agreement with everything you do, whether it be right or whether it be wrong, even though it involves political racketeers, boondoggling and Communist propaganda -- if you want that from me, you are not going to get it. I would rather lose my liberty inside a prison wall, suffering to regain it, than to surrender it voluntarily outside a prison wall because I lacked the old-fashioned American courage to fight for it. The words of PATRICK HENRY still sound good to me - 'Give me liberty, or give me death.'

"I have a son, eighteen, ready to accept the call.

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Not one thing will be said by me to discourage him from giving everything he has to the winning of this war. I don't propose, however, to mix my loyalty to the war effort with a set of propaganda schemes now being opportunized on by numerous presumptuous individuals who seem to have altogether too much influence over our national policy. If my son is willing to die in Iceland or on the English Channel, that doesn't mean to me that he must swallow the "Union Now" propaganda. If it seems to be wise military strategy to collaborate with the Russian Army, that doesn't mean that I have to be bulldozed by a set of Detroit Reds and Communists who did everything they could to paralyze industry while STALIN was in bed with HITLER, and are now doing everything they can to sabotage industrial leadership under the cloak of the war effort.

"I am sending you under separate cover a copy of our new magazine THE CROSS AND THE FLAG. There are many things in this magazine with which you will disagree. In my opinion, there is nothing in it disloyal to the war effort. If so, would you please point it out to me. The purpose of this letter is not to ask any favors of the Attorney General's office. A realistic student of national affairs, as I believe you to be, will see in this letter a constructive motive - no boot-licking, of course, but a sincere appraisal of a state of mind which not only exists in America, but exists in large quantities. There are millions of us.

"Please tell your coordinates and your superiors to test us with a cold-blooded bid for our money, our blood, our time and our comforts in behalf of the war effort. Tell them to ask us for these things separate from propaganda, political philosophies, partisan politics and Congressional campaign strategy. Tell them to challenge our people to rise and die for America, and contrast our response with the Communistic boot-lickers who are opportunizing on the war effort as a chance to wound and paralyze us, their worst potential foes. Don't forget that Sergeant YORK was opposed to the last war. Suppose he had been handled like some people want my people handled.

"You may not like everything in this letter, but it will be a long time before you receive one containing more sincerity and genuine patriotism.

"Yours truly,

"GLKS:U
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"GERALD L. K. SMITH."

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SMITH also submitted a press release of his dated April 29, 1942 in which he set forth an open letter to Attorney General BIDDIE asking whether WALTER WINCHELL should be allowed to create the impression that he is the vanguard voice of the Department of Justice, which is set forth below:

"Press Release
Committee of 1,000,000
Detroit, Michigan

"Detroit, Michigan
April 29, 1942
Immediate Release

"GERALD L. K. SMITH WRITES OPEN LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BIDDIE
RELATIVE TO WALTER WINCHELL.

"Only too happy to appear before any recognized agency of the Government," says SMITH.

"Below is an exact copy of an open letter GERALD L. K. SMITH wrote to the Attorney General of the United States today:

"The Hon. FRANCIS J. BIDDIE
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Mr. BIDDIE:

"On Sunday night, April 26, in his regular weekly broadcast, Mr. WALTER WINCHELL announced that I was to be called before a Federal Grand Jury now sitting in Washington, D. C. Mr. WINCHELL said that I was next on the list. He allowed the impression to go out that I would be questioned concerning the Christian magazine THE CROSS AND THE FLAG, of which I am the editor.

"On Monday, April 27, the Detroit Free Press carried a special dispatch from its bureau to the effect that the Department of Justice was quoted as saying that they had no knowledge of any plan to call me to Washington.

"As you perhaps know, Mr. BIDDIE, I have made myself a student of subversive activities for many years, and I welcome any and all opportunities that may come to me to appear before any committee or department or agency of the Government seeking to benefit by any knowledge that I have at my command concerning these enemies of America.

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"I write this letter, however, for the purpose of inquiry. Is it the policy of the Department of Justice, or any of its agencies, to give advance information to WALTER WINCHELL and other gossip columnists concerning its proposed activities? Do you consider it just for the impression to go out over America that Mr. WINCHELL has some sort of an inside track of information concerning the proposed activities of your Department?

"Furthermore, I suggest to you, Mr. BIDDIE, that Mr. WINCHELL and other gossip columnists have aided in the creation of the impression that to be called before a Federal Grand Jury is dishonorable. As you and every lawyer in America knows, a Grand Jury could not function if it did not have the opportunity to obtain information from the innocent and the honorable and the intelligent patriotic citizen, as well as the suspected criminal.

"I am not disturbed over any thought of being called to Washington by any department of the Government. A thorough investigation of my activities will reveal that a list of my supporters in Detroit will read like a duplicate list of contributors to the Community Chest from the top to the bottom.

"The thing that humiliates me is that a disreputable scandalmonger like WALTER WINCHELL, who has served his journalistic apprenticeship in the night clubs of New York, should be allowed to create the impression over the radio that he - WALTER WINCHELL - is the vanguard voice of the Department of Justice.

"I, therefore, request of you, Attorney General BIDDIE, that you issue a statement to the nation describing and defining the activities of a Federal Grand Jury as it relates to the guilty and the innocent, and that you make clear to the people that which we already know, namely - that Mr. WALTER WINCHELL and his 'klan' of gossip journalists have no inside track with the Department of Justice.

"Sincerely,

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"GERALD L. K. SMITH."

Also spoke about the recent accusation of the City Council of Cleveland on the proposed resolution to prevent GERALD L. K. SMITH from using the municipal auditorium. SMITH submitted a copy of the speeches which he delivered before the City Council of Cleveland on June 24, 1942 against the resolution, which is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

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He also submitted the first and second pages of the Cleveland Plain Dealer for June 25, 1942, which contained a description of the meeting before the City Council, at which the resolution to forbid SMITH from speaking in municipal auditorium was defeated as a result of the opposition of "more than a hundred shouting members of the United Mothers of America and the Committee of 1,000,000 and other supporters of GERALD L. K. SMITH". This also is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

SMITH also submitted an undated letter, which he issued in connection with his political campaign for the Office of United States Senator from the state of Michigan and inasmuch as this letter contains some statements which are as radical as anything admitted by SMITH it is reproduced herewith:

"LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD that the writer of this letter, like all patriotic Americans, considers that no sacrifice is too great in order that the war effort be supported 100%. If to win the war requires poverty, bankruptcy, bloodshed, of course we are all willing to pay that price. The writer is attempting to bring out in this letter the argument that every time we close an industry or cripple an independent enterprise or destroy the profitable activities of any group of our citizens, it must be done with the thought in mind that rulings effecting these conditions are to be only temporary. If I go to the United States Senate, I propose to fight for all provisions which will restore our American way of life and protect independent enterprise after the war. The reader of this letter surely knows that a certain Communistic clique in Washington is attempting to make all these programs of wartime regimentation permanent.

"My dear friend:

"This is a long but interesting letter from GERALD
L. K. SMITH.

"I wonder if you can see the handwriting on the wall. Inasmuch as you are an intelligent businessman, I am confident that you can. We are faced with a danger in this country of complete regimentation - not the ordinary and justifiable wartime regimentation, but a form of bureaucratic regimentation which is a sort of a cross between Fascism and Communism.

"EARL BROWDER has just been released from the Federal Penitentiary. This No. 1 Communist has been attempting to overthrow

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our government for twenty-five years. His agents here in Detroit have so thoroughly sabotaged industry in the past, and are so infiltrated into our industry at this very moment, that if HITLER and STALIN should happen to make up again -- I doubt seriously if many of Detroit's important industries could operate. You will recall when EARL BROWDER was sentenced to the penitentiary, the Communist party was cooperating with HITLER; and their outstanding stooges - like the alien Red, HARRY BRIDGES - were doing all they could to paralyze shipping and manufacturing.

"Well-informed observers tell me that a Communistically-inclined brain trust operating in Washington is determined to take advantage of the war emergency to produce a form of regimentation which cannot be discontinued after the war is over. These bureaucrats, influenced by Communists, who in some instances are Communists themselves, are determined to destroy the entire profit system.

"A Communist revolution rests on three basic principles:

1. Destroy the profit system.
2. Transfer management from ownership to labor.
3. Liquidate the middle class by (a) encouraging the monopolies which can easily be taken over by the Government, and (b) putting the little manufacturer, the middle man and the little businessman out of business through Federal rulings, red tape and priorities.

"All over Michigan, and Michigan is no different from any other state in the Union, little independent manufacturers and businessmen are being ruthlessly destroyed without any provision being made for their protection, without any insurance being provided against their complete bankruptcy and destruction. The priority rulings alone will bankrupt 17,000 middle-class businessmen in the Detroit area within the next twelve months.

"Michigan's second largest industry, the tourist trade, will very likely be destroyed this summer by the exercise of priorities and rationing rules.

"Michigan's first largest industry - the manufacture of automobiles - has already been destroyed. The largest automobile factory in the world, The Ford Motor Company, has but one customer - the Government.

"Hundreds of thousands of tire dealers are being

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driven into the breadline.

"Thousands upon thousands of automobile dealers, who usually help make up the backbone of the American main street, are standing with their backs to the wall. Dealers and brilliant salesmen, who have spent a lifetime qualifying themselves for their part in these constructive enterprises, are being driven into a threadbare existence.

"Little storekeepers and independent merchants, who cannot afford to take frequent inventories and who haven't the money to buy roundtrip tickets to Washington and who cannot retain expensive lawyers, are falling like corn stalks before a blight.

"Yes, I am aware that these emergencies and these dire circumstances have been brought on by the war emergency. Every patriotic American is prepared to make any sacrifice necessary to victory. But, you will observe that special provisions are being made for the organized pressure groups, which have always been favored by the New Deal politicians. These organized pressure groups have arranged with the politicians to underwrite any calamity that they might face - but, the thousands of little businessmen, who are being driven into the breadline, have been forgotten by the New Deal politicians and are being driven to the wall and liquidated to the complete satisfaction of the Reds and the Communists.

"What's to become of a little manufacturer with a ceiling on the prices of his merchandise and no limit on the wages he must pay? The answer is simple.

"The bureaucratic tyrants who have no more patriotism than a louse are all set to smear any courageous fighter like myself as a defecist, a pro-Nazi, a breeder of disunity.

"A new class of poverty-stricken individuals is being developed. They are the old-time substantial, independent, middle-class Americans.

"A new class of rich and powerful is being developed in America. They are the bureaucrats, the political racketeers and the potted and favored 'fat cats', who are bootlegging their way to wealth with the cooperation of corrupt politicians.

"It is really dangerous to fight these people. They are ruthless, desperate, unscrupulous and without mercy.

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"Yes, I am running for the United States Senate, but I never dreamed five years ago, or even one year ago, that I would do it. In fact, I vowed I would never run for any office. My life has been colorful and dangerous. I have fought without fear, through the years, a crusading fight against the most dangerous criminals of this century. I have been an enemy of New Deal communism from its very inception. In the face of gun squads, killers, political smear artists, I exposed the attempt made by the Communist Party to seize control of the great industrial labor movement. I have had a bad press. I have been smeared, lied about, ridiculed. I have been branded as a demagogue, an opportunist, a leader of the lunatic fringe. Even certain so-called intelligent people, who should know better, have allowed themselves to believe these lies that have been invented to destroy not only myself, but the profit system, independent enterprise and the American way of life.

"I searched the entire state of Michigan for a man of character and courage, whom I could support for the United States Senate. There are many good men in the state who are qualified for this high office, whose background is conventional and polite and unspotted by smear, unfavorable publicity or false accusations.

"But a conventional citizen refuses to seek office. He knows what I know - that the moment he begins to attack EARL BROWDER, the boondogglers, the bureaucratic Reds, the New Deal profiteers - he will be smeared. The politicians in power will go back over his life to the day of his birth and they will resurrect every little mistake he has ever made. They will attempt to find in his life or in his business conduct some minor infraction or law violation on which they can opportunist. Most of these good solid men with conventional backgrounds have wives and families who dread the thought of having to face their neighbors and friends who may, in some instances, believe these vicious, bureaucratic, smear artists.

"As far as I am concerned, I have scars all over my body. I have been accused falsely of every crime in the calendar. I have a lovely Christian wife who has adjusted herself philosophically to the terrible things that are said about men who fight the fight as do I.

"A survey reveals that I have the largest independent following of any plain citizen in America. In my files are the original signatures of 610,000 Michigan citizens. Frankly, I don't think an ordinary, inexperienced, good citizen can stand up under

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the fight that must be fought if we are to dethrone these New Deal bureaucrats and these communistically inclined regimenters. It requires a man who is tough and fearless and, to use the vernacular, 'who can take it'.

"Question your friends, not in the presence of a third party - question your friends one at a time and you will be surprised to find the number that agree with me on most matters. I could tell you of a thousand flagrant practices that are being indulged in, but I give you here just one little one as a sample. You wonder why so many Southern congressmen seem to be 'rubber stamps'. Have you made a study of the appropriations of money that have been made for Southern farmers? I call your attention to the state of Mississippi. I have made a study of the money that has gone to farmers in the form of bonuses for not raising cotton. While 10 farmers in Michigan received more than \$1000 last year for not producing crops, and while the Michigan farmers received 3% of their income from the Government - the farmers of Mississippi received 23% of their income from the Government and 2,095 Mississippi farmers received more than \$1000 each; many of them \$5000; others \$10,000; and others received as high as \$60,000 per farm for not raising cotton.

"Is it treason for me to suggest that Michigan businessmen are being put out of business by a taxation program which subsidizes such lunacy in government?

"More disgraceful even than the amount of money donated to certain farmers for not producing crops is the fact that in certain counties the Agriculture Department has spent as high as 52% of the subsidy for distribution costs. In one county it cost the government \$4000 to distribute \$7630. In several counties the distribution cost was 40% and in many counties it was 33%. Imagine \$7630 being appropriated for the little farmers in a county - with \$4000 going to the political jobholders and only \$3630 going to the farmers. (For confirmations of these statements concerning agriculture waste, see the Congressional Record for May 14, page 4333, and the Congressional Record for May 12 and 13.)

"Yes, I'm behind the rationing program 100%, but right this minute farmers are being paid \$40.00 per acre not to produce sugar and, while your wife is asked to clip the cuffs off your pants, Mississippi farmers and millions of other farmers are being paid millions of dollars not to produce cotton.

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"In the days that are ahead, you will hear many vicious things about me, but suppose you resigned your job and I would withdraw from the Senate race and you would announce that you were going to expose the things I have referred to in this letter - what do you think would happen to your reputation in about six weeks, and maybe in about six days? This New Deal house-wrecking crew, these political torture-chamber boys would start on you. They would send out reports concerning your behavior and your past conduct, which would very likely bring tears to the eyes of your loved ones and apprehension to the hearts of your neighbors.

"This war broke out just as the Red revolutionists were beginning to get their teeth into our flesh, and they are determined that instead of slowing down because of the war, that they are going to make a revolutionary cleanup right during the war - and they stand a good chance of accomplishing their aim. If you have been a consistent listener to me over the radio, you may have heard me say a few things with which you disagreed, but you know very well that my radio addresses have been sound and logical and I have been right on practically every major issue - so much so, that the senior member of the Michigan delegation in Congress, Mr. ROY WOODRUFF, has praised me on the floor of the lower house, and the senior senator from Michigan, ARTHUR VANDENBERG, has praised me on the upper floor of Congress.

"The person who is against me has doubtless thrown this letter into the waste basket long before he came to this paragraph. My reason for sending this letter to you is to tell you how you can help me if you believe it is important to put a fearless, fighting man in the United States Senate. I'm going to conduct my campaign in three sections:

1. The period of petition circulation.
2. The Primary campaign.
3. The General Election.

"If you would like to give me money with which to meet some of these expenses, here's what it will be used for:

1. The expense of visiting many communities in Michigan.
2. The purchase of radio time.
3. The mailing out and the collecting in of petitions.
4. Inasmuch as most of the newspapers will not have the courage to print many of the things that I shall say, it will be necessary to mail out circulars which deal

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with the burning issues of this hour.

"Attached herewith is a coupon which provides for those who desire to mail in a contribution at once. Others may want to contribute a certain amount of cash immediately and so much a month during the campaign. The attached coupon provides for these contributors. Others may want to send in an anonymous contribution.

"It is understood that a contribution to my campaign in no way obligates me, if elected, to the giver of the contribution. I shall fight for the principles enunciated in this letter and which I shall enunciate over the radio station WJR every Sunday night at 7:15.

"If you think there is substance in this letter, read it again — and if you care to, I would appreciate a letter from you commenting on the ideas suggested in this letter. I would also be pleased if you would pass this letter on to a friend after you have read it.

"Sincerely yours,

"GLKS/U

"GERALD L. K. SMITH."

SMITH also submitted a copy of page one of Chicago Daily Tribune dated May 21, 1942 giving the expose' of the plot to ruin Senator DAVID I. WALSH. This is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

SMITH also submitted a copy of the Daily Worker for June 30, 1942 on the first page of which an article entitled "Execute Them." appears, which alludes to the eight Nazi saboteurs who arrived in the United States during June 1942 and then says, "There are propagandists and schemers in American political life whose ideas are not much different from those of the Bund. In fact, the Bund has applauded their speeches and policies. COUGHLIN is one of these. MARTIN DIES is another. SENATOR REYNOLDS, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee is still another. GERALD L. K. SMITH is another. There are many more. Their names are no secret." The article -- then concludes, "These eight particular Nazi killers have been caught. There must be many uncaught. An example must be made. Let the Army handle these gents in double-quick order." SMITH pointed out that this article is a clear case of the Communists inciting people to murder him and other persons therein.

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This copy of the Daily Worker is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

SMITH later reported to his wife and to his Secretary [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] that his interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation was thoroughly satisfactory and he got the impression that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was going to protect him against the conspirators which he described in profane terms and that they were not out to hurt SMITH at all.

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As soon as SMITH read in the newspaper on July 10, 1942 that he was being linked with the Chicago Grand Jury Investigation of Sedition in the midwest, he telephonically advised JOHN S. BUGAS, Special Agent in Charge, that this might be a culmination of the conspiracy of his enemies to smear his reputation. SMITH advised Mr. BUGAS that there was no truth to his alleged affiliation with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLELY but he feared that it might be used by hateful people desiring revenge. SMITH explained to Mr. BUGAS that PELLELY wanted to see HUEY LONG in 1933 and SMITH interviewed him and manifested an interest long enough to find out what PELLELY had in mind and then wrote a letter repudiating PELLELY'S organization.

In accordance with an arrangement, previously reported, with radio station WJR, the following copies of GERALD L. K. SMITH'S radio broadcasts for June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 1942 are set forth.

"SUNDAY, June 21, 1942

"Thanks to the sacrificial support of my faithful and loyal friends - I am still on this radio. This is my 212th broadcast. I wish I could walk into the home of every one of my supporters all over America, speak to you personally and thank you for your prayerful and devoted support.

"The vicious determination of my enemies to completely destroy me is amazing. Most of my opposition can be traced to my consistent and fearless attack on Nazi-Communism and the vile enemies within our gates. I am one of a very few men who has had the courage in the face of every known type of threat to name and describe these serpents who have coiled themselves within the bosom of America.

"Fascist-minded bureaucrats in Washington, Communistically-inclined political jobholders, old-time racketeering machine politicians shudder at the very thought of my being in the United States Senate.

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"If we old-fashioned, Christian Americans don't get busy and put more men in the United States Congress who fear God and fear no man -- our nation will be doomed to regimentation, bureaucratic tyranny and one-party dictatorship. The great two-party system in America must be kept alive. The Loyal Opposition is the only check and balance that American people have. It is the only protection they have against one-party tyranny.

"Until this week I was curious to know what instrument my enemies would use, through which to strike. 'Who', said I, 'Will they pick as the stooge through which to operate in their attempt to assassinate my character, menace this crusade for real Americanism which I lead?' Well, they have evidently chosen for that purpose a professor, yes, a professor, one JOHN S. SHEPHERD, now being paid out of the taxpayers' money to teach in the University of Michigan. Who is Professor JOHN S. SHEPHERD? He is the man who was exposed before the Dies Committee as encouraging and cooperating with the most radical elements and Communistically-inclined elements in Michigan, as well as in America. Who is Professor JOHN S. SHEPHERD of the University of Michigan? He is the gentleman who attended a Communist-front rally in a Detroit Hotel some months ago and recommended that the public schools of Detroit be opened to the teaching of Communism and to Communist rallies.

"Professor SHEPHERD'S comrade in his program of character assassination, in perfect harmony with the Communist party, is one HAROLD P. MARIEY of Ann Arbor, Michigan. I am informed that Mr. MARIEY is a Unitarian preacher. Now, that sounds pretty good, doesn't it? A university professor and a Unitarian preacher - but, ladies and gentlemen, it doesn't sound so good when I tell you that these two gentlemen for months and months have been addressing rallies set up by the Communist party or their stooges for the purpose of seeking the release of EARL BROWDER, the No. 1 Red, for the Federal Penitentiary.

"What does Professor SHEPHERD want to do to me? Well, here is the answer. I find Professor SHEPHERD'S name attached to a circular which reads as follows: 'A prison cell -- not a Senate seat -- is the place for GERALD L. K. SMITH.' Well, ladies and gentlemen, no man on earth is above accusation, but I say to you, my vicious political enemies, if you are going to attack me before the American people, you'll have to do better than this. Let the attacks that are leveled against GERALD L. K. SMITH be leveled by Christian patriots - real Americans.

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"I'm proud of my enemies. I'm proud to be attacked by such men as HAROLD MARLEY, STANLEY NOVAK and Professor JOHN SHEPHERD, who have been cooperative, obedient stooges for the Communist party, 10 - these many years.

"Yes, I know what you Reds had planned. You thought that because we were military allies with Russia you could abuse this circumstance by ramming the red hot poker of Communism down our throats and brand as treason any attack on Red, Communistic atheism. But the Attorney General of the United States, the Hon. FRANCIS J. BIDDLE, took the wind out of your sails when he ruled that Communism is a crime. In this ruling Mr. BIDDLE called for the deportation of the alien Communist, HARRY BRIDGES, and this is what the Attorney General said:

'The Communist party of the United States, a section of the so-called 'Third International', was founded in 1919; and, after its name was changed several times, finally became 'The Communist Party of the U. S. A.' in 1929. The Third International advocated the class struggle, which was described as entering the phase of civil war in America. Illegal methods were also advocated, where necessary, to carry on its work; systematic agitation in the Army; the renouncing of patriotism; and the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism. The American 'section' adopted a program declaring: 'The Communist party will systematically and persistently propagate the idea of the inevitability of and necessity for violent revolution and will prepare the workers for armed insurrection as the only means of overthrowing the capitalist state.' The Communist party teaches the violent overthrow of existing governments, including the United States....The Communist party....advocates and teaches the overthrow, by force and violence, of the Government of the United States.'

"There you have it, Professor SHEPHERD, You and your Communist friends sought the release of EARL BROWDER. You and your friends helped to set up a rally in Detroit addressed by EARL BROWDER'S brother two days before his release. Now you join in this attempt to assassinate my character and impugn my patriotism and slander and scandalize the 3,000,000 constituents of this crusade.

"Well, Professor SHEPHERD, you and your friends have been encouraging Communism on the campus of the University of Michigan — you know that you and this preacher MARLEY have been a thorn in the flesh of Pres. RUTHVEN of the University of Michigan. You have caused this great institution of learning no end of embarrassment because of your determination to encourage propaganda among our sons

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and daughters. Then you came out with a program to release EARL BROWDER the No. 1 Communist in America, who is a part of the very movement which the Attorney General says is a scheme to over-throw the United States Government by force. But you put your name to a petition to lock GERALD L. K. SMITH in a prison cell.

"Well, Professor SHEPHERD, I don't blame the University of Michigan for you, and I don't hold that great educational statesman, President RUTHVEN, responsible for your behavior.

"But I'll tell you what I think of the Christian people of America and the Christian people of Michigan -- they are going to want to send to the United States Senate the very man that you would like to send to Atlanta Penitentiary. And I'll say something else to you, Professor JOHN SHEPHERD, I'd rather go to Atlanta Penitentiary than to the United States Senate if I had to compromise with the God-hating, church-burning Communism of your subversive associates.

"Ladies and gentlemen, now do you realize the burdens I have to carry? Now are you aware of the atheistic crosses on which the enemies of America are attempting to crucify me? But suppose I tell you that your prayers are being answered, that victory is in sight, that thousands of names are coming in signed to my petitions - the petitions which are necessary to put my name on the ballot for the United States Senate.

"Now you who are my lukewarm friends or my enemies, you might just as well turn off the radio now because I am going to talk to my very close and admiring friends. I cannot fight these racketeers, these Reds, these bureaucrats and these character assassins alone. I must have your help. I repeat, I must have your help.

"Now you people who do not live in Michigan. Write to me immediately and I will tell you how you can help me. You people who live in Michigan, if you have one of my blank petitions filled or partly filled, have it signed by a notary public and rush it to me immediately. I beg of you - please don't delay, send your petitions in immediately.

"If you are my friend and you don't have a petition, please write for one or as many as you desire and I will rush these petitions to you.

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"I am a poor man - I am a persecuted man - I am abused. Character assassins and conspiring snoopers are working on me every hour of the day - but I am your voice - I am the voice of the little farmer, I am the voice of the worker, I am the voice of the independent businessman, I am the voice of those who believe in the American way of life. I speak for the speechless - I fight for the weak. I would rather die for the right than compromise with the wrong.

"You can expect anything to happen to me, anything. But be assured that I have made my peace with God. I fear no man - not even the Devil.. And I love that glorious slogan of this crusade 'CHRIST FIRST IN AMERICA' and 'AMERICA FIRST IN WAR AND PEACE'.

"Now, what should I say to you, my good friends, to tell you how doubly important it is for you to not postpone sending in those nomination petitions. Whether you have 5 names or 500 names, please send them in immediately. You know my address - GERALD L. K. SMITH, Detroit, Michigan. No street address is necessary. I repeat - address GERALD L. K. SMITH, Detroit, Michigan. No street address is necessary.

"Don't forget that as long as I can afford to buy the time, I will be on this radio at this same time every Sunday.

"God bless you. God bless and save America.

"AN INSERT:

"The sensational fact is, ladies and gentlemen, that Professor JOHN S. SHEPHERD of the University of Michigan is now - this very minute - the head of an organization which was originally formed for the purpose of getting the Communist party on the Michigan ballot."

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"SUNDAY, June 28, 1942

"I am a crusading candidate for the United States Senate, but in spite of this fact I have been approached in the past week by political horse traders with suggestions that I must go easy on this and go easy on that or I may lose a few votes here or there. Well, let me say a word to my good friends who have trusted me

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through the years. I wouldn't trade off one of my deep convictions for one million votes if they could be delivered by parcel post. One such political horse trader said to me, 'Mr. SMITH, do you think it's good policy to hold on to that phrase 'CHRIST First in America?'' My answer to him was this — It is my deep conviction that Christless atheism was the thing that destroyed France. I said to this man — there would have been no HITLER in Germany if CHRIST had been put first in the hearts of the people. And, said I further, the whole foundation of Communism itself rests on atheism and the denial of CHRIST.

"Now I warn my friends that from now on you are going to begin to read in the newspapers and see circulated on the streets and through the mails all sorts of peculiar things about me. The enemies of America are panic stricken over the idea that my campaign for the United States Senate is developing so dynamically.

"One good friend in the country wrote me a letter the other day and reported some terrible lie that had been told about me. In reporting this evil tale, my good friend used these words — 'I hope it won't make you feel bad, Mr. SMITH, for me to report this to you.' Of course, it didn't make me feel bad, and now I'm going to make a suggestion to my good friends.

"Follow me very carefully. No matter what anybody says about GERALD L. K. SMITH do not allow it to bother you and do not permit it to embarrass or anger you. Just sit right down and write me a letter, describing the accusation, and I will answer your letter very carefully and in detail. Not only that — whenever some individual says ugly things about me, take his name and address and I will write him a letter or I will send you the material that you can give to him. Just remember this — I am afraid of no man, not even the Devil, and I fear only God Almighty.

"Now, whenever you read anything in a newspaper against me, cut out the article, mail it to me and give me the name of the paper. If the accusation is serious, I shall either answer it over the radio, naming the paper, or I shall answer in a direct letter to the paper. Then I shall send you a copy of my answer. If you have a newspaper in your community that insists on saying ugly things about me, don't hesitate to write them a letter and remind them that perhaps many of my friends, as well as my enemies, are subscribers to their paper.

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"Now, remember, no matter what problem or question is raised concerning me and no matter how poor or humble you may be, you write me a letter and I will answer it the same as if you were the richest man in America, because I am the defender of the weak and I am the voice of the voiceless. The first plank in my platform is 100% LOYALTY TO THE WAR EFFORT. But to be loyal to the war effort is not to be a political rubber stamp. The President of the United States doesn't need any more rubber stamps in Washington - he has too many already. When a nation faces a crisis, the head of the government does not need to be surrounded by 'Yes' men. He needs patriotic but independent thinkers.

"Just observe what these rubber stamping bureaucrats have done to the rubber tire situation. They came out with a big story that we'd have no tires or re-caps until after the war. That we're going to have to take thirty million cars off the highway. This would bankrupt the tire dealers, it would bankrupt all the garages. It would bankrupt all the filling stations and all the supply houses. And here in Michigan, it would bankrupt every little tourist camp and every little hotel keeper and destroy the great tourist industry in Michigan.

"Then about this time I came out for the United States Senate. I announced that I was 100% behind the war effort. Second place, that I believe in free speech and free press for all good Americans, including FATHER CHAS. E. COUGHLIN. And, third, I announced that I believed that while we're sending billions and billions and billions of dollars across the ocean to China, Russia and Great Britain as a part of our honorable agreement, we must not forget the boys in the armed service. And so I promise, if elected to the United States Senate, to fight for \$100.00 per month for every soldier, sailor and marine.

"I promised, to see to it that the old people get a square deal under the Townsend Plan.

"I went on and outlined other principles, including the seven principles on which this, the crusade of the Committee of 1,000,000 is founded.

"Then, as a final punch to my platform, I lifted up this slogan 'Tires for Everybody.' -- if I go to the Senate.

"Well, the boondogglers and the bureaucrats had

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themselves so badly worked up that they wanted everybody to think that it was treason and sedition to talk about having tires. We Americans were supposed to just lie down and be quiet about this tire business, because the Japs had taken the rubber plantations away from the Dutch and the British.

"Before I used those words, 'Tires for Everybody', I consulted some of the most scientific experts in America, and I knew what I was talking about. But someone said 'Yes, Mr. SMITH, but how can one man in the United States Senate get tires for everybody?' I'll tell you how I can get tires for everybody. The first thing I will do is to get up on the floor of the Senate and make about a ten-hour speech, and when I get through exposing the monopolies and the bureaucrats and the racketeers that have been working on this tire business - there won't be a bureaucrat, a Senator or a Congressman that will have the courage to defend them.

"To illustrate my point, here comes Dr. W. J. HALE, former instructor of Chemistry at the University of Michigan, now the expert chemical consultant of the great Dow Chemical Company, a man whose judgement on things scientific is always respected. Dr. HALE says, as quoted in the Detroit News from June 25 - 'Within one year we can have all the rubber we need, if given one hundred million dollars, the men and the priorities. And we can produce it at fifteen cents per pound. And with 150 million bushels of corn we can produce all the rubber we can use.'

"But what does Dr. HALE reveal? He reveals that this bureaucracy in Washington has already donated to the oil trust five hundred million dollars with which to make synthetic rubber. But it has produced practically no rubber in its first year. Ladies and gentlemen, what's going on here? Could it be that the oil trust is trying to prevent the honest scientific chemists from teaching America how to make rubber out of farm products?

"At any rate, this rubber situation is just a sample of the bureaucratic bungling that must stop if we are to save America and if we are to win the war.

"Now, just a word to you small businessmen. One hundred thousand manufacturers, little manufacturers, are in danger of going to the wall this year. Experts say that at least 75,000 will go broke on account of the war emergency. The figures

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say that on account of price ceilings, priorities, and so forth, 17 thousand little businessmen in the Detroit area alone will go broke between now and Christmas.

"Who's fighting for you little businessmen in the United States Senate?

"Some of you businessmen think that GERALD SMITH is too common for you and you say to some of your stuffed shirt associates 'Oh, we can't afford to have GERALD SMITH as the Republican nominee for the United States Senate.' But, let me tell you something. If we had about 50 GERALD SMITHS in the United States Senate right now instead of these 'yes' men and rubber stamps, you wouldn't have to worry about the American way of life and there wouldn't be one hundred thousand little businessmen on their way to the bone yard today.

"If we don't get somebody up to Washington pretty quickly that's got enough old-fashioned courage to defend the American way of life - this nation of ours is going to be wrapped up in a dictatorial bureaucracy that won't end when the war ends. And instead of a return to the normal way of life after the war is over, we'll enter into a ruthless bureaucratic dictatorship.

"My enemies will tell you that I am against organized labor. That's a lie. I have been made thru the years a honorary member of 13 different labor unions on account of my loyalty to the working men. The only labor leaders that are against GERALD SMITH are the ones that are for Communism. Don't forget I said that.

"Now, what am I to do about you good people who have blank petitions right there in your home and who haven't sent them in? Well, all I can say is that I'm too poor to hire anybody to come around and knock on your door and ask you to send the petitions in. You plain, common people who live back on the rural routes and out in the little towns, up in the woods and on the busy streets of our great cities - if you workers and little businessmen and farmers don't circulate my petitions and send them in, I have no other way to get it done.

"Now, won't you please get your petition ready right away. The one who signs the petition as the circulator, must be a registered voter and you must have your petition signed by a notary.

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"Yes, I am encouraged. The names are coming in by the thousands, but I want from two to three times as many names as is legally required so there's no chance of my enemies keeping my name off the ballot.

"If you haven't a petition and you are willing to circulate petitions for my nomination to the Senate, write to me immediately and I'll rush the petitions to you. If you want more blank petitions, don't hesitate to write saying so.

"Now, a word to my very true and loyal friends. Get out that petition, circulate it, have it notarized and send it in just as quickly as possible. If you stand with me, I'll win, but your failure to send in one petition might cause me to be defeated.

"And to my beloved listeners all over America - don't hesitate to write me about anything and I will write you a nice letter answering all of your questions. No matter where you live or who you are or how poor you are, whether you are black or white, old or young, remember that GERALD L. K. SMITH is your fighting friend and you can write me a letter and I will answer it personally. You don't even need to remember a street address. Just write me, GERALD L. K. SMITH, Detroit, Michigan. No street address is necessary.

"God bless you. God bless and save America."

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"SUNDAY, July 5, 1942

"A man can be judged by his enemies, as well as his friends. Beware of the man with no enemies. The apple tree with clubs under it is the fruit-bearing tree.

"As this crusading campaign for the United States Senate proceeds, study my enemies. Get their names and addresses, find out what their tie-up is and where they get their money. The more you learn about my enemies, the more you will respect me and the cause for which I stand.

"Who are the enemies of GERALD L. K. SMITH?

"1. The Axis. No one hates me worse than the Nazis and the Fascists who, before Pearl Harbor, attempted unsuccessfully

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unsuccessfully to appropriate our natural love of peace to their own selfish ends. Remember that we of the Committee of 1,000,000 submitted a petition bearing more than one million names calling on Congress to outlaw everything that looks and smells like Fascism and Naziism.

"2. I am hated by the Fascist-minded bureaucrats.

"3. I am to be fought by the one-party propagandists who are conspiring to destroy the two-party system and the legislative branch of our government. If the time ever comes, ladies and gentlemen, when we have a one-party propagandists who are conspiring to destroy the two-party system and the legislative branch of our government. If the time ever comes, ladies and gentlemen, when we have a one-party system, so that the ruling party can do anything it wants to do without having a second party to watch its behavior, then you can kiss your Republic goodbye. The America of Washington and Lincoln will then be dead.

"4. I am to be fought by the boondogglers who would rather lose the war than to lose their political jobs.

"5. The Internationalists who would surrender our national sovereignty in order to set up a world government which would put the Stars and Strips second to some imperialistic flag, representing an international government which would compromise our sovereignty. Perhaps no outfit in America hates me worse than these international conspirators.

"6. The racketeers and the profiteers are fighting me, those who think only of themselves and would even prolong the war if by so doing they thought they could use the blood of our sons to their own profit. This war must be fought to a victorious finish, but we must put a stop to this profiteering on blood.

"7. Then there is the reprisal gang. These are the people who attempt to use the departments of government to destroy and persecute political opposition. We have recently had a striking example of this right here in Michigan. I shall discuss it in detail at some future time.

"8. The Communists, of course, the Communists hate me with a murderous hate. I hold in my hand an article which appeared in the Daily Worker, the official Communist paper, for

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July 1. The glaring headline at the head of the article reads - 'Execute them! Execute them!' And in this article prominently displayed they list the names of FATHER CHAS. E. COUGHLIN, Congressman MARTIN DIES, Senator ROBERT REYNOLDS and GERALD L. K. SMITH. This paper, ladies and gentlemen, is sold on the streets of the cities of Detroit and Cleveland. In fact, it is sold all over America and sent through the mails.

"9. The old-time scandalmongers and character assassins who just have a natural fear and hate for anybody who is honest and courageous. They have an unholy dread of my being able to stand on the floor of the United States Senate and bring out the things that I have discussed on this radio through the years.

"10. The rubber trust is my enemy, this rubber trust which is willing to make us walk to work and do without our automobiles rather than to lose their monopolistic control over the international rubber market.

"11. The foreign sugar trust, and this sugar business is a subject all by itself.

"12. The stuffed shirt politicians will fight me in Michigan, these people who are willing to spend a million dollars rather than see the common people have a fearless voice in the United States Senate.

"When I come around to visit you in the communities where you live, I am going to discuss these things in detail. I want to meet you all personally. I want to shake hands with you. I want you to meet my lovely wife. Then, you can conclude for yourselves whether or not I am the vicious monster as portrayed by certain lying newspapers.

"There, my friends, is a summary of my enemies. Now here's a summary of what I stand for and what I fight for and what I am willing to die for:

"1. 100% support of the war effort. A group of high society women met in Detroit this past week and decided to throw their support to one of my opponents. These high society women said that they were going to fight everybody who was opposed to war before Pearl Harbor. Well, ladies, and I'm addressing these

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society women, you have picked out a job for yourselves. Those of us who opposed war before Pearl Harbor were fighting these war mongers who were roving around over the world trying to get us into war. We favored a national defense second to none so that we could fight and defend ourselves whenever we were threatened or attacked by a foreign foe. That's exactly what we are now doing, and if you high society women think you're going to persecute all the good Christian mothers that were opposed to entering the war sooner than necessary, you're going to drive a million people right into the camp of GERAID L. K. SMITH.

"2. I am going to fight for \$100 a month for every man in the armed services. We are paying the gun maker \$300 a month and more, then why not pay the gun shooter \$100 a month at least?

"3. I stand for the preservation of free speech and free press for all good Americans, including FATHER CHAS. E. COUGHLIN. FATHER COUGHLIN has been approved as a priest in good standing by the church through his Archbishop. Why should FATHER COUGHLIN be silenced when these Communists are selling their Red newspapers all over the place?

"4. I shall fight for a square deal for the Townsend Plan.

"5. I claim we can have tires for everybody, if we will use the wisdom of science instead of being victimized by these bureaucratic bunglers and these monopoly controlled politicians. These politicians were warned three years ago that we might face such a situation, and they didn't do anything about it. And now, thousands of people are sitting right there listening to me over the radio on this Fourth of July weekend, because you haven't got the tires to take a drive or go to church. Yes, we can blame it on the Japs, but why did our bureaucrats laugh at our scientists and allow us to get to a place where we could be tied up this way? More of this at another time.

"6. I shall fight for the preservation of our national sovereignty under the slogan - 'AMERICA FIRST IN WAR AND PEACE'.

"7. After this war is over, I favor the building of a hoop of military steel around America far enough out and far enough up and far enough down to guarantee protection from invasion

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and strong enough to make future foreign wars unnecessary. That's my post war policy and I'll discuss that at length when I come to see you.

"8. I am reconsecrated to the basic principles of the Committee of 1,000,000.

"9. I favor a farm program based on the teachings of the Bible. My enemies will laugh at that, but I am willing to rest my case with the people who still believe the Bible.

"10. I shall fight without compromise for the preservation of Labor's right to organize and bargain collectively. And I shall continue to challenge labor to select only leaders who are patriotic and free from any tinge of Nazi-Communism.

"11. I shall continue to discuss the issue that revolves around this question - Why is there a limit on sugar and no limit on whiskey?

"12. I shall fight to save little business from complete destruction, which it now faces. LEON HENDERSON wants two hundred million dollars to pay political jobholders to watch sugar, watch storekeepers and watch rubber, but we have appropriated only one hundred and fifty million dollars to save the little businessmen. If the little businessman is destroyed, America will be destroyed. That's a big subject and I am going to discuss it in detail through the summer.

"13. Protect the great tourist industry by saving this great Michigan industry from being slaughtered by bureaucratic stupidity, unwise rationing and political boondoggling.

"14. I shall continue to cry out the slogan - 'CHRIST First in America'.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I do not have any hired political workers. I have great difficulty even getting the money to pay for this radio time. I must depend on my faithful, loyal friends to do the things that must be done.

"Now, I want all my petitions in this week --- tomorrow, if possible, and not later than Saturday. I not only want enough

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names to file, but I want two or three times as many as necessary so there will be no chance of my enemies throwing out enough names to keep me off the ballot.

"That petition you have in your home which you have not sent in might easily be the difference between victory and defeat. As soon as I finish this broadcast, go out immediately and begin to ask registered voters, regardless of the party they belong to, to sign that petition. The petition does not need to be filled. If you can only get five or ten names, then have your petition notarized and send it in immediately. If you are filling several petitions, don't hold up the ones you have filled until you have filled the remainder. Send them in as rapidly as you get them filled. They are now coming in by the thousands.

"I'm not talking to my enemies or my lukewarm friends. I'm talking to my real, real friends. Please get your petitions ready and send them in immediately. If you are willing to circulate a petition and do not have a blank, write to me and I will rush it to you by the return mail.

"To my friends, I say, fill up your petitions, fill up your petitions and rush them in immediately. This speech I have just made which summarizes my enemies and summarizes my platform will be printed. All who write to me, regardless of where you live in America, will receive a copy of this address free. Don't worry about street address. Just write me GERALD L. K. SMITH, Detroit, Michigan. No street address is necessary. GERALD L. K. SMITH, Detroit, Michigan. No street address is necessary.

"God bless you....all...."

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"SUNDAY, July 12, 1942

"The professional and stuffed shirt politicians of Michigan are amazed and surprised at the number of friends we have. Thousands of names are coming in from all over the state signed to my petitions.

"If you have a petition either partially or completely filled, have it notarized and send it to me immediately. No petition should be mailed to me later than July 16. I repeat, all petitions

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should be mailed not one minute later than this coming Thursday, July 16.

"In every little town and community there is at least one stuffed shirt politician who assumes that he has the right to do the thinking for the people. He looks upon himself as the local boss or the little HITLER of his precinct, his ward or his township.

"One morning a few days ago, these politicians all over Michigan awoke to find my petitions everywhere. They discovered that literally thousands of good Americans in Michigan, who seldom mix in politics, were circulating my petitions because of the deep convictions they have concerning the crusading principles for which I stand.

"I had a letter from a good mother whose son is in the Army, which reads as follows: GERALD L. K. SMITH, Detroit, Michigan. Dear Mr. SMITH: I certainly hope you get elected to the Senate so that you can fight for \$100 per month for the man in the armed services. My husband was in the last war. When he was discharged, it was months before he could get a job. He came out of the Army broke, and we thought sure we would starve to death before he could get a job. Those who called him a hero when he marched down the street with the band soon forgot him when he put on his old clothes and went out to get a job. If the boys could be paid \$100 a month and compelled to save \$50 each month, then when the war is over they would have something on which to live until they could get readjusted. Sincerely Yours, Mrs. H. K.

"Doubtless, this mother remembers that as Chairman of the Committee of 1,000,000, I was the first American to appear before the United States Senate and request an increase in pay for the soldiers, sailors and marines. As an outgrowth of that hearing, they are now receiving \$50.00 per month.

"After all, we are paying the boys who are making the guns from \$300 a month up. If, out of the billions and billions and billions we are spending, we provide \$100 a month for the men who shoot the guns, surely we will be doing a great service to our heroic fighters.

"President ROOSEVELT says that he may be compelled to conscript our tires if the war gets any worse. And I know that

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every loyal American would be willing to let President ROOSEVELT take the tires off his car, if he thought by so doing it would help America to win.

"It is too bad that the President is compelled to take time out to discuss such things as rubber, sugar, and gasoline. It's too bad that the politicians of New York State are permitted to take the President's time discussing New York State politics. The President is the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and his entire time should be left open to the job of figuring out how to win this war.

"Yes, it may be necessary for the President to do what he suggests - take the tires off our cars.

"The international monopolies and the boondoggling bureaucrats are to blame for the sugar situation and the tire situation. If I were in the United States Senate today, I would demand a complete expose of these people who have been developing foreign monopolies instead of American resources, resulting in present shortages.

"Our domestic sugar growers have been discouraged, while they have slipped in millions of tons of foreign sugar. They have plowed under our American cotton, while the South American cotton crop has been multiplied by thirty. They have discouraged the production of crude and synthetic rubber in the Western Hemisphere, while encouraging the British and Dutch monopoly in the East.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I am convinced that if a big stick could be waved and the bungling bureaucrats, plus the selfish interests, could be cleaned out of Washington - we could begin to have tires for everybody who needs them by Christmas and Easter.

"These boondoggling bunglers have destroyed the great tourist industry of Michigan for this summer. One tourist camp operator told me that he was afraid to paint his cabins - he was even afraid to repair his equipment - for fear of gasoline rationing and for fear the government would conscript even the tires on the cars that are now being operated.

"The damage has been done not so much by what has actually happened, but because no two bureaucrats seem to agree - and the ordinary citizen doesn't know what to expect or whom to

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believe. No matter how bad the news might be, it wouldn't be so confusing if the bureaucrats could make up their minds and then stick to their decisions.

"Yes, I know that I am a common man and I have spent my entire life dealing with the common people. Certain so-called aristocrats in Michigan seem to dread the idea of my being nominated to the United States Senate on the Republican ticket. Well, I may be a little too outspoken for some of my sophisticated friends, but unless we get a few more fearless voices in the Senate, we won't have a Senate and we won't have a Congress. And unless we begin to replace some of these rubber stamps and 'yes' men with a few old-fashioned, fist-cracking Americans - this big super-duper bureaucracy that's been built up in Washington will take over all the branches of government and the people won't have anything to say about what goes on. I don't need to remind you, I'm sure, that already we have a large number of semi-Nazi-Communists in Washington, who would like to see our free way of life destroyed by the substitution of a bureaucratic dictatorship which, after this war, would tell us what we could do, when we could do it, what we could eat and where we could live. That's what you call regimentation.

"We accept the emergency powers of wartime as necessary to help produce victory but, remember, whomever you elect to the United States Senate this year will be there for six years, and someone has got to be on the job to see to it that a set of conspiring scoundrels don't use the war emergency to lay the foundation for a peacetime dictatorship.

"I am being ridiculed by the Communists and the atheists because I said last Sunday night that my farm program was going to be based on the teachings of the Bible. In the first place, I consider it an honor to be ridiculed by these wire-whiskered Reds that have been trying to overthrow our government for 25 years, and I don't need the support of any atheistic Nazi-Communists in order to be elected to the Senate. In fact, I would be perfectly willing to rest my case with the people who still have enough old-fashioned Christian faith to believe the Bible, to believe in prayer and to believe in the church. I am sure that even you people who do not attend church regularly agree with me on that.

"One of these days I'm going to devote an entire address to the Bible plan for the farmer. I will say, however, that if we had followed the Bible plan, there would be no shortage of

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sugar and there would be no sugar rationing. If it were not for the foreign sugar trust that exerts such an influence over certain bureaucracies in Washington, we could grow enough sugar cane and sugar beets in America to supply everybody in America with sugar. The leading scientists tell us that with 5% of our own crop we can make enough rubber to furnish all the tires that America can use, plus all the other rubber products we need.

"But, no, we spend billions of dollars on a Navy and billions of dollars on an Army and sit back while bureaucratic rulings enslave us to the foreign rubber monopoly and the foreign sugar trust.

"Nothing can cure these treasonable abuses of our American people excepting a courageous and fearless voice in the United States Senate. That's what the Senate is - to give the people a chance to defend themselves in unlimited debate against those who conspire to destroy the welfare of the people.

"Yes, if God is willing, I shall visit my friends in Michigan. I propose to speak all over the State, if I can find the money with which to pay transportation costs. As you know, my only source of support is from the modest contributions of my loyal friends.

"When I come to see you personally and speak in your community, I shall discuss many things, which I am not permitted to say over this radio for lack of time.

"Now, to you people who have been circulating my petitions or have blank petitions to circulate. Please get as many signatures of registered voters as you can immediately. Have the petition notarized and rush it to me.

"If your petition is put in the mail later than this coming Thursday, it will be too late. I repeat, all who are mailing petitions, they must be in the mail by tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and not one minute later than Thursday.

"I have no hired circulators and I am depending on you to help me obtain thousands of names more than necessary in order that there be no chance of the enemies of the people keeping my name off the ballot by technical rulings.

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"Here's an announcement for all my friends in the Detroit area. I am speaking in person in the Masonic Temple in Detroit this coming Friday night at eight o'clock. The subject of my address will be 'On My Way to Washington'. This will perhaps be the most fearless and important address I have ever delivered. Mine is a hard fight. My enemies are cruel enemies. I see victory ahead, thanks to the prayerful cooperation of the good people who are my friends.

"God bless you. God bless and save America."

A booklet circulated by the Communist Front Organization, Civil Rights Federation, 530 Insurance Exchange Building, Detroit, Michigan, on the streets of Detroit for \$.05 entitled "Smash Detroit's Fifth Column!", containing an article "GERALD L. K. SMITH Takes Over". This article states that SMITH'S magazine "The Cross and the Flag" is merely a continuation of FATHER COUGHLIN'S "Social Justice" which was barred from the mail by the Department of Justice.

A photograph shows FATHER COUGHLIN playfully mussing GERALD L. K. SMITH'S hair and continues with a notation, "Pals during the Lemke-Union Party campaign, SMITH now defends COUGHLIN'S 'right' to spread Axis propaganda."

The article then alludes to SMITH'S affiliation with HUEY LONG at a salary of \$650.00 a week.

It refers to SMITH'S membership in PELLEY'S Silver Shirts and his membership card #3223. It also calls SMITH an organizer for PELLEY'S SILVER SHIRTS and quotes from a letter dated August 15, 1933 written by SMITH to PELLEY:

"By the time you receive this letter I shall be on the road to St. Louis and points north together with a uniformed squad of young men comprising what I believe will be the first Silver Shirt storm troop in America."

It refers to SMITH coining the phrase "drive that cripple out of the White House" while speaking in 1936 from the platform of the Anti-ROOSEVELT "grass roots convention" sponsored by Governor GENE TADMADGE of Georgia.

The article then quotes an item from the Detroit News

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October 20, 1936 quoting SMITH'S announcement that he had formed a Fascist organization of 10,000,000 patriots to seize the Government of the United States.

The article then criticizes SMITH'S attitude against labor and terming Union leaders as "crap-shooting, dishonest, Communist loafers".

SMITH'S approval of LINDBERGH'S Des Moines, Iowa speech is then cited to show that SMITH also blamed the war on British propaganda, Jewish groups and the ROOSEVELT administration.

The article then refers to SMITH'S intimacy with Reverend GERAID WINROD and Reverend LELAND MARION at whose church in Pontiac, Michigan WINROD spoke during the first week in December, 1941 and therein complimented COUGHLIN and SMITH.

The article refers to the Committee of 1,000,000 as the co-ordinating center of the activities of all Detroit's pro-HITLER elements including the extinct America First Committee and the existing National Workers League.

It refers to SMITH'S Congressional contacts including Senator ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, Senator GERAID P. NYE, Representative CLARE HOFFMAN, and Representative ROY O. WOODRUFF.

This article is a strong attack on GERALD L. K. SMITH including "A prison cell not a Senate seat is the place for GERALD L. K. SMITH. The more quickly the people of Detroit insist that enemies of America be treated as such, the more quickly will the day of final victory arrive."

Other articles in this booklet criticize FATHER COUGHLIN, the National Workers League, the Ku Klus Klan. This booklet is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Office.

[REDACTED] National Bank Building, Detroit, had later referred Agent to [REDACTED], Shreveport, Louisiana. b7c

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

*Will report information concerning the relationship between [REDACTED] and SMITH. It is noted that [REDACTED] and SMITH are in close contact.

*If necessary, will interview informants to ascertain the nature of the relationship between SMITH and [REDACTED] and also to ascertain the nature of the activities of SMITH.

*Will report information concerning the relationship of GERALD L. K. SMITH with [REDACTED] of Chicago Tribune, and with [REDACTED] of Chicago Tribune.

*If necessary, will interview informants to ascertain the nature of these relationships and the nature and purpose of activities of SMITH.

*Will report known information concerning [REDACTED] of Citizens Committee, 77 West Washington, Chicago, Illinois, telephone State 7298 and, if necessary, will interview informants to ascertain the relation of [REDACTED] and SMITH.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

*At KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI will report any information known to Kansas City Field Division concerning GERALD L. K. SMITH, which has been ascertained through the investigation of [REDACTED]. It is noted that [REDACTED] and SMITH have been in recent contact.

*If necessary, will interview [REDACTED] and other informants to ascertain the nature of the relationship between [REDACTED] and SMITH.

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THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

*At MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN will report information concerning [REDACTED] and newspaper known as "The Herald", especially in reference to any connection between the above and GERALD L. K. SMITH and any Fascist activity that may be engaged in by the above.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

*At NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA will ascertain information concerning the background and activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH from approximately 1929 to 1935 when he was said to have been a bodyguard and close friend of HUEY LONG with particular reference to any activities which may have been in concert with present enemies of the United States or which indicate Subject's Fascist tendencies.

*If possible, will interview [REDACTED] said to be of New Orleans, Louisiana and former associate of HUEY LONG concerning SMITH'S activities in Louisiana.

At SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA will interview [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for information in his possession concerning SMITH'S background and activities.

At CAMP BEAUREGARD, LOUISIANA will interview [REDACTED] Reception Center, in accordance with letter from the Detroit Field Office to New Orleans Field Office dated June 4, 1942.

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

*Will maintain further contact with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for information concerning SMITH.

*Will contact [REDACTED] Ford Motor Company, relative to information in his possession concerning activities of SMITH.

*Will maintain contact with other informants for additional

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information relative to SMITH'S activities.

Will interview [REDACTED], National Bank Building, for additional information concerning SMITH'S background and activities.

*At ALMA, MICHIGAN will contact [REDACTED] relative to information in his possession concerning activities of SMITH. b2

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WENDELL BERGE

Re: GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, with alias
THE COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

There is enclosed herewith for your consideration,
a copy of the report of Special Agent [Redacted]
Detroit, Michigan, dated July 22, 1942, in the above-captioned
matter.

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Will you kindly advise if the data contained in
the enclosed report and that set forth in other reports,
pamphlets, and speeches made and delivered by subject,
constitute a violation of any statute within the investi-
gative jurisdiction of this Bureau with particular reference
to the Sedition Statutes and whether prosecution is con-
templated by your Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Detroit, Michigan
July 25, 1942

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

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ON 5-10-77

Dear Sir:

During the course of this investigation much energy has been spent by Special Agent [redacted] Special Agent (A) [redacted] and by myself in an effort to obtain information from [redacted]

[redacted] It appears from various sources that [redacted] has had no employment since he left GERALD SMITH'S employ, and that he has sustained himself principally by being a professional informant for many persons and groups of persons, who have been interested in investigating the activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

Nevertheless, he has persistently refused to give the agents of this office any of this information. He declines on the ground that to do so would involve many officials of the Ford Motor Company, and it would endanger his personal safety. This excuse would seem to be insincere, in view of the fact that he has given information to other persons. It would seem more probable that he is withholding the information because he feels that once he imparts this information to the Bureau he will no longer be able to profit by the sale of it to private investigators.

During a preliminary investigation of [redacted] background, it was ascertained by Special Agent [redacted] at [redacted]

However, Inspector [redacted] of the [redacted] was interviewed and advised that this office was interested in information possessed by [redacted]. He was advised that [redacted] was refusing to impart the information in his possession. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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Letter to the Director

July 25, 1942
GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY
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The above information is being transmitted to you for two reasons. First, [REDACTED] has indicated that sometime in the future he may raise an objection that he was coerced into giving information to the Bureau by [REDACTED].

Second, it is submitted that you might want to bring to the attention of the Attorney General that [REDACTED] while refusing to discharge a duty of giving information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is seeking a special privilege from the [REDACTED].

Furthermore, [REDACTED] has intimated that if he decided to give the information in his possession to the Bureau he would be able to prove his assertions by documentary evidence in his possession. [REDACTED] has given the impression that he is so unreliable as an informant that it cannot be ascertained whether or not he has such documentary evidence without an actual search of his house, to which he would certainly not consent. It is suggested that a search warrant might be desirable in order to determine if [REDACTED] has any such documentary evidence.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROBE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with Mr. Ladd of this Bureau on May 6, 1942, and to his personal call at your office in response to your conversation, at which time you furnished him with a chart and memoranda setting forth data pertaining to the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit, Michigan, as known to [redacted]

I wish to advise that [redacted] has been interviewed on several occasions prior to and subsequent to May 6, 1942, relative to his knowledge of Smith's activities, but has refused to furnish any pertinent information on the grounds that to do so would involve persons in positions of importance and would endanger his personal safety.

It has been ascertained that [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, is [redacted]

In view of the refusal of [redacted] to cooperate with the Federal Government in the investigation of allegedly un-American activities, it is believed advisable that any action contemplated by [redacted] relative to [redacted] be held in abeyance until such time as he has manifested a willingness to fully cooperate with the Federal authorities. I do not feel that [redacted] should be afforded any favor by this Government when such individual has demonstrated an unwillingness to accept a responsibility looking to its well being.

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- Miss Gandy _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 25, 1942, in the above-entitled matter wherein you advised of [redacted] status and his unwillingness to disclose pertinent information relative to the activities of subject.

This is to advise that a memorandum has been directed to the Department and to [redacted] setting forth [redacted] status and his present effort to [redacted] and his failure to cooperate with the Federal Government.

In response to your statement that it might be desirable to issue a search warrant to determine if [redacted] has in fact documentary evidence, I wish to advise that there does not appear to be any basis at this time for the issuance of such a warrant.

It is not believed desirable to arrange for any subsequent interview with [redacted] pending acknowledgment of this Bureau's memorandum to the Department.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY;
SEDITION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 25, 1942
in the above captioned matter.

I wish to advise that these facts were referred to Mr.
James Rowe, Jr., the Assistant to the Attorney General, who
advised by memorandum dated August 5, 1942, that he agreed that
any contemplated action by [redacted]
relative to [redacted]
held in abeyance until such time as he manifested a willingness
to fully cooperate with the Federal Government. Mr. Rowe
advised that he had so informed the [redacted]

In view of the above information you should, of course,
pursue your investigation in this case in a logical manner so as
to prevent any possible embarrassment which might subsequently
arise.

Inasmuch as subject is a candidate for the United
States Senate from Michigan your investigation of his activities
should be very discreet so as to prevent any criticism of this
Bureau that might reflect that our investigation of subject
interfered in any manner whatsoever with his political campaign.

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Very truly yours,

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Gentlemen:

DATE 9/29/92 BY SP-803/ML

Why are fascists

Gerard L. K. Smith & Charles
Coughlin allowed to go
around soot free peddling
their 5" columnist
propaganda

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We ask you to arrest
them in the name of
for the protection of democracy

In haste,
Yours truly,
Mr. [redacted]

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 13, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Gerald Lyman Kenneth Smith
The Committee of One Million
Internal Security
Sedition

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Mr. Clegg.....
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Reference is made to your memorandum of August 3, 1942, transmitting a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 22, 1942, at Detroit, Michigan, in the above case. *b7c*

In answer to your request contained therein, it is the opinion of the Criminal Division that, while some of the statements contained in the material furnished to date border on sedition, a sufficient case under Title 50, Section 33, United States Code, has not yet been made out. Therefore, it is requested that the investigation of Smith's activities be continued and that copies of all speeches or writings made by him be furnished to the Criminal Division for consideration with respect to prosecution.

In order that the United States Attorney at Detroit, Michigan, may be informed of the status of this case, it is requested that all investigative reports relating to Smith be made available to him.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE

Assistant Attorney General

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY;
SEDITION.

Dear Sir:

As a matter of information copies of all investigative reports submitted in connection with the above entitled matter together with copies of speeches and literature published by subject have been referred to the Criminal Division of the Department for its consideration in determining whether subject's activities constitute a violation of the Sedition Statutes.

In response to a memorandum requesting an opinion Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, advised that the opinion of the Criminal Division is that some of the statements contained in the material furnished to date border on Sedition, a sufficient case under Title 50, Section 33, United States Code, has not yet been made out. Therefore it is requested that the investigation of subject's activities be continued and that copies of all speeches or writings made by him be furnished to the Criminal Division for consideration with respect to prosecution; further, "In order that the United States Attorney at Detroit may be informed of the status of this case it is requested that all investigative reports relating to Smith be made available to him."

It is my desire that copies of all investigative reports pertaining to the activities of subject be made available to the United States Attorney at Detroit and that investigation of subject be continued. With respect to obtaining copies of speeches or writings made by subject it is not believed necessary that speeches entirely political in nature be made available to the Bureau, and only speeches or statements which might be construed to be Seditious be included in reports or otherwise made available to the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice

Detroit, Michigan

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD L. K. SMITH
INTERNAL SECURITY
SEDITION

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ON 8-10-77

Dear Sir:

The following additional information has been received
from [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau:

[redacted] SMITH has been continuing to contact [redacted]
[redacted] of the Ford Motor Company, and has been promised financial
and other assistance by [redacted] in carrying on SMITH'S political
campaign for the United States Senate. SMITH and his wife have also con-
tinued to contact CHARLES LINDBERGH, presently employed by the Ford Motor
Company.

On July 16, 1942, [redacted] of Wichita, Kansas,
a friend of [redacted], arrived in Detroit, Michigan, and
immediately made an appointment with SMITH for a conference at the Statler
Hotel.

SMITH continues to give notice of his political campaign
to [redacted] and a visit to Detroit, Mich-
igan by [redacted] has been arranged for some time in the near future.

On July 19, 1942, SMITH was advised by [redacted] RECORDED
[redacted] for the Ford Motor Company, that he had been interviewed pre- &
viously at the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation INDEXED
concerning the activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH. [redacted] told SMITH
that the pressure for the investigation was coming from New York and the
Federal Bureau of Investigation was compelled to investigate the complaint
which had been received about SMITH. [redacted] said that he told the
agent he could say nothing bad about SMITH and he promised that when he
had been interviewed at some future time, he would promptly advise SMITH
about the interview. SMITH coached [redacted] as to what he could say to the
Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent. He instructed him that it would
be all right to say that when SMITH came to Detroit SMITH asked
[redacted] to recommend some good Communists investigators and [redacted]
loaned [redacted] to SMITH so that he could get information about the Communists.
[redacted] added that all he could say in addition was that he got some money

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August 4, 1942

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from some "good Americans" and spent it on a radio. On July 22, 1942, SMITH was instructed to call [redacted] at the home of [redacted] of the Recorders Court, Detroit, Michigan. SMITH discussed with [redacted] the possibilities of his winning the election for the United States Senate and when SMITH said he thought he had a good chance of winning, [redacted] interrupted and said that he didn't care whether SMITH won, it was just that he wanted SMITH to give . . . , and at that point [redacted] was interrupted. When [redacted] resumed later on, he explained he had called a meeting of several of the more important judges in Michigan, including a Supreme Court Judge whom he did not name and several others at the home of [redacted]. The reason for this meeting was that none of these judges wanted to see SMITH'S opponent Judge HOMER FERGUSON "get to first base." [redacted] asked SMITH what sort of help he wanted from these Judges and SMITH answered that he would want \$3000 to cover the next ten weeks of broadcasting (SMITH is paying \$250 per week for some Sunday broadcasts). [redacted] said it would be no trouble at all to get this sum of money for him. At the end of the conversation SMITH said to [redacted] "I am the only one still going. Everyone else is under the bed but me. If I didn't just stick and fight . . . , it's going to take just that kind of fight to beat these (profane) that are putting everybody out of business." [redacted] concluded the conversation by telling SMITH that anything he did for SMITH was not to be obtained in one lump but was to be obtained from fifteen or twenty sources.

[redacted] has attempted to contact [redacted] but has not been successful.

SMITH has refrained from commenting about the recent arrests of [redacted] and others with whom he has been having contact.

On July 28, 1942, MR. SMITH asked to speak to Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS, who was out, and SMITH was referred to Special Agent [redacted]. SMITH advised [redacted] that two reporters for LIFE and TIME magazines were attempting to interview him and he wanted to report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in advance of the interview because he thought that this was part of the conspiracy of his enemies to accuse him of being a Fascist. SMITH also reported that he has heard that a woman has been asking for him at Station WJR, stating that she knows MR. SMITH would get her son deferred. SMITH stated for the record that he refers all such requests to the War Department; stated that this was part of the smear campaign against him which is waged by Communists and other enemies of his. SMITH advised Agent [redacted] that the Communists have already started their campaign against ELMER DAVIS, Head of the Office of War Information. SMITH concluded by saying

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the purpose of his telephone call was to state for the record that the reporters were on a vicious mission against him. SMITH has complained about the appeal of the Civil Rights Federation through Attorney General BIDDLE for an investigation of FATHER COUGHLIN and GERALD L. K. SMITH. SMITH has explained that the President of the Civil Rights Federation is Professor JOHN SHEPARD of the University of Michigan who has been active in other communistic front activities. SMITH says that the secretary of the Civil Rights Federation is JACK RASKIN who is a Communist formerly active in a sabotage strike at the Bohn Aluminum Company before the entry of the United States into the war.

On July 30, 1942, SMITH advised [REDACTED] of Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, that SMITH had a conference with [REDACTED] and other rubber experts of the Ford Motor Company who told him that if they are permitted, they can produce enough tires for all industrial workers in Detroit by Christmas and every industrial worker in Michigan within a year. b7c

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
JOHN S. BUGAS
Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED]
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August 13, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

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RE: GERALD L. K. SMITH,
Committee of One Million;
INTERNAL SECURITY - SEDITION

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that you give immediate attention to the matter of submitting weekly letters summarizing information obtained from **[REDACTED]** in accordance with previous instructions. The last letter of this type emanating from your office was dated July 18, 1942.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 8/11/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/16, 17, 21, 23, 27, 28; 8/3/42.	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GERALD LYMAN KENNETH SMITH, a.k.a. Gerald L. K. Smith; The Committee of One Million			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY; SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SMITH has filed nominating petitions for office of United States Senator from Michigan and is receiving financial and other aid through [REDACTED] of Ford Motor Company and others. SMITH admits former membership in PELLEY's Silver Shirts, but claims it was merely temporary for purpose of investigation while working for HUEY LONG. Smith continues to accuse Communists, WALTER WINCHELL, CLAIRE LUCE, Jewish groups and others for conspiring to smear his reputation. Text of radio speeches set forth. SMITH at public meeting criticises Administration for unnecessary rubber and sugar scarcity. Pamphlet, "The Hoop of Steel," by SMITH, advocates independent United States after victory, without foreign alliances. Copies submitted. Informant states "Too Much Roosevelt," being distributed through SMITH since December 7, 1941. also "The Hoop of Steel."

[REDACTED]. SMITH appeals to former COUGHLIN followers and distributes "The Cross and the Flag" through same news dealers. SMITH criticised in recent magazine articles. SMITH contacted by DePRIEST, Wichita, Kansas, shortly before DePRIEST's arrest.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] dated July 22, 1942, at
Detroit, Michigan.

DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

On July 16, 1942, Mr. [REDACTED] DePRIEST of Wichita, Kansas, arrived in Detroit, Michigan, according to [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau. DePRIEST immediately contacted SMITH's office and stated that he was a friend of Reverend GERALD B. WINROD of Wichita, Kansas, and wanted to speak to SMITH. SMITH arranged to meet with DePRIEST at the Cafe Rouge, Hotel Statler, Detroit, Michigan. b

A day or two later it was observed in local newspapers that Mr. DePRIEST of Wichita, Kansas, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., in connection with GERALD WINROD, Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLING and others under a charge of conspiracy.

[REDACTED] further advised that SMITH has been continuing to contact [REDACTED] of the Ford Motor Company, who has promised to obtain financial assistance for SMITH's political campaign for the office of United States Senator from the State of Michigan. At [REDACTED] request, SMITH contacted him telephonically at the home of [REDACTED] of the Recorder's Court, Detroit, Michigan, on July 22, 1942. SMITH discussed with [REDACTED] the possibilities of winning the election and when SMITH said he thought he had a good chance of winning, [REDACTED] started to say that he did not care whether SMITH won, it was "only that he wanted SMITH to give. . ." and then [REDACTED] was interrupted. b7c
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[REDACTED] explained later that he had called a meeting of several of the leading judges in the State of Michigan, including [REDACTED] and one Michigan Supreme Court Judge. [REDACTED] stated that the reason for this meeting was that none of these judges wanted SMITH's opponent, FERGUSON, "to get to first base." [REDACTED] asked SMITH what sort of help he wanted from these judges and SMITH answered that he wanted \$3,000 to cover the next ten weeks of broadcasting. [REDACTED] said it would be no trouble to obtain this sum of money for him. At the conclusion of the conversation, SMITH said to [REDACTED] "I am the only one still going. Everyone else is under the bed but me. If I didn't just stick and fight. . . it's going to take just that kind of fight to beat these (profane) that are putting everybody out of business." [REDACTED] then ended by saying to SMITH that anything he did for SMITH should not be obtained in one lump, but should be obtained from fifteen to twenty sources. b

According to [REDACTED], SMITH told [REDACTED] for the Ford Motor Company, that he had nothing to fear from [REDACTED] b7c
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investigation by the Department of Justice and that [redacted] should not be afraid to tell the truth when called upon to do so, because all [redacted] could say anyway was that he obtained some money from some good Americans and spent it on the radio for SMITH and also that when SMITH came to Detroit, SMITH asked [redacted] to recommend a [redacted] of Communists and [redacted] loaned [redacted] to SMITH for several weeks. b7c

GERALD L. K. SMITH held a meeting in the Masonic Temple Auditorium, Detroit, Michigan, on July 17, 1942, which was attended by the writer. According to the tickets for this address, SMITH promised to discuss the following topics:

- "(1) The New York Conspiracy (Will Winchell have a Candidate?).
- "(2) The Truth About the War.
- "(3) Are the Boondogglers Delaying Victory?
- "(4) The Truth About the Tire Scandal.
- "(5) What About Rationing?
- "(6) Why do the Gunmakers get \$300 a Month While the Gunshooters get only \$50 a Month?
- "(7) Has Father Coughlin Been Threatened With Assassination?
- "(8) Twenty-five Most Common Lies About Gerald L. K. Smith.
- "(9) A post-war policy Which Will Prevent all Future Foreign Wars after We Have Won this War. This is Known as the 'Hoop of Steel Policy.'
- "(10) The Crime of Communism.
- "(11) Who Are the Real Fascists in America?"

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At the meeting SMITH distributed the following press release which was handed to the writer by one of SMITH's employees, [redacted] who had been previously pointed out to the writer as the [redacted] b7c

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*Press Release
From: Gerald L. K. Smith
Candidate for the United States Senate

*Detroit, Michigan
July 15, 1942
(Immediate Release)

*WHO ARE MY ENEMIES?

- *1. The Axis
2. Fascist-minded bureaucrats
3. One-party propagandists who are conspiring to destroy the two-party system and the legislative branch of our government.
4. Boondogglers who would rather lose the war than to lose their political jobs.
5. Internationalists who would surrender our national sovereignty in order to set up a world government.
6. Racketeers and profiteers who think only of themselves and would profiteer on the blood of our heroic sons.
7. The reprisal gang. Those who attempt to use the departments of government to persecute political opposition.
8. The Communists, who want us to embrace atheistic Communism merely because we are allies with Russia.
9. Scandalmongers and character assassins who fear and hate anybody who is honest and courageous.
10. The rubber trust which is willing to make us walk to work rather than to lose their control over the rubber market.
11. The foreign sugar trust.
12. The stuffed-shirt politicians in Michigan who are willing to spend a million dollars rather than see the common people have a fearless voice in the United States Senate.

*I consider all opposing candidates to be gentlemen. At present, I see no reason why I should mention their names in my campaign. Most of my addresses will be composed of two phases -- a fearless discussion of what I am for and a fearless discussion of what I am against.

*A SUMMARY OF
WHAT I STAND FOR

- *1. 100% support of the war effort.
2. \$100.00 per month for every man in the armed services.
3. Free speech and press for all good Americans, including Father Chas. E. Coughlin.
4. A square deal for the Townsend Plan.
5. Tires for everybody. (By using the wisdom of science instead of the bureaucratic bungling of monopoly-controlled politicians.)
6. Preservation of America's national sovereignty under the slogan, 'America First in War and Peace.'

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7. THE BUILDING OF A HOOP OF MILITARY STEEL AROUND AMERICA AFTER THIS WAR WHICH WILL GUARANTEE PROTECTION FROM INVASION AND MAKE IT UNNECESSARY TO WAGE FUTURE WARS OF AGGRESSION. (Listen for further discussions of my doctrine of the 'Hoop of Steel.')
8. I am recommitted to the seven basic principles of the Committee of 1,000,000.
9. A farm program based on the teachings of the Holy Bible. (To be discussed in detail during the campaign.)
10. I shall fight without compromise for Labor's right to organize and bargain collectively through leadership loyal to America and opposed to all forms of Nazi-Communism.
11. Less sugar for whiskey and more sugar for children.
12. Save the little businessman.
13. Protect the great tourist industry.
14. 'Christ First in America.'

"I do not propose to indulge in mud-slinging attacks upon candidates seeking the United States Senate. But if I am not killed by my enemies or imprisoned by my political foes, this summer and fall shall see me delivering the most fearless campaign speeches in the history of Michigan politics.

"/s/ Gerald L. K. Smith
Gerald L. K. Smith
Candidate for the nomination of
United States Senator on the
Republican ticket of Michigan"

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The stage was set with SMITH's usual emblem of the Committee of 1,000,000, bearing a large American flag in the center of a circular design. The meeting was opened with the singing of "America." There were between five hundred and seven hundred and fifty persons present, packing the auditorium almost to capacity. The first part of the meeting was devoted to the collection and notarizing of petitions for SMITH's nomination. SMITH then criticized the Administration's handling of the rubber situation and said that he was in earnest when he promised there would be tires for everybody if he were elected to the Senate and he said that it seemed probable that his campaign promise would be carried out by his opponents even before he had a chance to be elected.

He pointed out an exclusive release by the "New York News," dated July 15, 1942, which predicted that a huge expose of the rubber situation was due for release about two weeks hence and it would be revealed after conference with the leading rubber manufacturers of the country; that there would be enough rubber for all essential needs and even for pleasure driving as a result of the scrap rubber collection drive and the processing of rubber out of domestic

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materials. After reading part of this article, SMITH stated that if this article is not true, the writer should be imprisoned for sedition, but if it is true, and he said he had no reason to doubt its truth, there should be at least one million New Dealers put in jail immediately.

SMITH then went on to discuss what he called, "The Bible Plan of Farming." He read from Genesis, the forty-first chapter, the forty-sixth verse, which concerned the seven years of plenty and following seven years of scarcity in Egypt. SMITH then explained that "The Bible Plan" was to produce plenty of food whenever it was possible so that the excess could be stored for consumption during years of scarcity. SMITH condemned the program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration as a violation of the doctrine of the Bible and stated it was outright sin to destroy crops or to regulate farming in such a way as to prevent the growth of crops which nature would permit. He said that if it were not for such a limitation on production in past years, and even at present, we would have plenty of sugar and all the other commodities which we now find becoming scarce.

SMITH indicated that tires could be made from corn and wheat, but that was not being done because the "Rubber Trust" did not want it done. He also said that Michigan, Colorado and California could raise enough sugar alone for every person in the United States.

SMITH promised to remedy this situation if he were elected to the Senate. He said that if the bureaucrats in Washington remedied this situation before he was elected, he would claim the credit for the remedy since he scared them into action.

Except for repeated attacks on "wire-whiskered Communists" and "boondoggling bureaucrats," SMITH discussed little else except to read from his press release which has been set out above.

On July 23, 1942, the writer, accompanied by Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed GERALD L. K. SMITH at his home, 1753 Seyburn Avenue, [REDACTED] in accordance with specific Bureau instructions in the matter entitled, [REDACTED]

The information concerning the [REDACTED] investigation has been appropriately reported under that caption. However, SMITH gratuitously gave much information about himself. He said that his greatest enemies were the Communists and that they were making vicious attempts to smear his character and eventually to put him in the prison cell which was vacated by EARL BROWDER. He also admitted that several Jewish groups are hostile to him because they have been led to believe that SMITH is anti-Jewish. SMITH denied this emphatically and said that it was merely part of the smear campaign that was conspired by the Communists. b1

SMITH referred to an article in "The American Mercury" magazine, August, 1942, issue, entitled, "Gerald Smith's Bid for Power," by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE. SMITH explained that Mr. HUIE was the person who had given him

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advance information that there was a conspiracy under way to plant arms and ammunition in the homes of certain Detroit residents which were to be raided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the residents were to claim that they were followers of SMITH, HENRY FORD, CHARLES LINDBERGH and others. SMITH appraised the article in "The American Mercury" and said that he thought it was a very fair analysis of his activities. He admitted that it was not entirely complimentary, but he said it, of course, had to be that way because HUIE was writing for "The American Mercury" magazine, which was owned by Jewish interests that were anxious to defame SMITH.

SMITH indicated that the facts contained in the article were not completely accurate. The principal inaccuracy which he pointed out was the fact that he did not meet multi-millionaire HORACE DODGE in New York City but, on the contrary, became acquainted with DODGE after he came to Detroit, Michigan.

SMITH next referred to the feature article of "Liberty" magazine dated August 1, 1942, entitled, "Americans We Can Do Without," by WALTER WINCHELL. SMITH said that WINCHELL's article made him feel "pretty good," because he knows that WINCHELL is the most influential enemy he has and that nothing worse could ever be written about him than WINCHELL wrote in "Liberty" magazine. SMITH then reviewed the article by WINCHELL and stated that he did not think it was so bad. The one fact in WINCHELL's article which SMITH himself thought was damaging was the reference to the fact that WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLELY affirmed that GERALD L. K. SMITH was a member of his Silver Shirt organization. SMITH explained that when he was working for Senator HUEY P. LONG of Louisiana, PELLELY wanted to extend his Silver Shirt organization into the State of Louisiana and HUEY LONG appointed SMITH to investigate the character and activities of the Silver Shirts. SMITH said, accordingly, he joined PELLELY's Silver Shirts and maintained that membership for only a few weeks and at the end of that time he discovered that the Silver Shirt organization was not creditable and he wrote a letter to WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLELY resigning from the organization and openly criticizing it. SMITH stated that he retained a copy of this letter and that if he should ever be accused of being a member of the Silver Shirt organization, he would produce this letter to prove that he joined only temporarily to investigate whether the organization should be allowed to exist in Louisiana and, after a brief investigation, he disclaimed all interest in it.

Later in the conversation SMITH returned to WINCHELL's accusation based on SMITH's membership in PELLELY's Silver Shirts and SMITH said that he regretted ever having joined the Silver Shirts. He described his joining the organization as the foolish act of a young man who did something rash and indicated that he would not have done so later in life.

SMITH gave the writer a copy of the "American Mercury" magazine and a copy of the "Liberty" magazine to which he had been referring and these items are being retained in the files of the Detroit Field Division.

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SMITH also gave the writer one copy of the April, May and June, 1942, issues of his magazine, entitled, "The Cross and the Flag." He thumbed through the pages just before doing so and made comments at random about the articles contained therein, clearly referring to the magazine as his own publication. One comment he made was that the Communists were viciously attacking what was termed the "Cliveden set" and they included among the persons in the "Cliveden set," Director J. EDGAR HOOVER. SMITH said that the Communists more recently, however, are exuding with patriotism since Russia and the United States are both fighting the Nazis. He indicated that because of this situation the Communists are attempting to use governmental agencies to prosecute their own enemies.

SMITH informed that he understood that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was receiving numerous complaints about him and he believed that they are all Communist-inspired. He recognized that it was the duty of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate such complaints and he had no objection to the present investigation. He stated that he knew the writer was investigating him and that he had given the writer samples of his literature in order to facilitate the investigation.

SMITH suggested to the writer that he was having trouble with the printer, who did not want to continue printing his magazine. SMITH suggested that if the writer should find it necessary to interview his printer at any time in the future, he should not do it in such a way as to scare the printer and intimidate him so that he would be afraid to print the future issues of "The Cross and The Flag."

SMITH stated that he believed WALTER WINCHELL was in back of the vicious conspiracy to accuse SMITH as a Fascist. He indicated that his foundation for this suspicion is that when SMITH first announced his candidacy for the office of United States Senator Mr. ALDERMAN of the National Workers' League and a very neat-appearing man with smooth black hair appeared at a Smith meeting and presented a completely filled nominating petition. SMITH accepted the petition but, suspecting that some foul play was involved, never filed this petition. SMITH explained that he knew the National Workers' League was a subversive group; he did not want to become associated with it. He said the following day and every day thereafter the well-dressed man with the smooth black hair visited his office and asked for "an assignment" because he was very anxious to help SMITH get the nomination.

That same week, according to SMITH, a mimeographed letter was sent out by the National Workers' League which did not contain the signature of any responsible member urging all the members to work for the nomination and election of GERALD SMITH. The next Sunday night WALTER WINCHELL in his weekly broadcast stated that the National Workers' League was endorsing GERALD SMITH for the United States Senate.

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SMITH explained that he suspected that this neatly dressed man with the smooth black hair was working for WALTER WINCHELL in an attempt to couple the National Workers' League with SMITH's campaign so that WINCHELL would be able to point out that Fascist groups in Detroit were working together against the Government.

On July 28, 1942, GERALD L. K. SMITH telephonically contacted the Detroit Field Division and asked to speak to Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS who was out of the office. SMITH then asked to speak to the writer. The following telephone conversation between SMITH and the writer was monitored by Special Agent [REDACTED] SMITH advised the writer that about a year or so ago he was called a Fascist by Time, Incorporated and by the March of Time, Incorporated. He indicated that he sued the corporation for slander and received a cash settlement. He indicated that more recently "Life" magazine has published a feature photographic article entitled, "Voices of Defeat" and has referred to SMITH as one of the American defeatists along with other leading pre-war isolationists. b

SMITH continued that the individual responsible for these smears on him was one CLAIRE LUCE.

SMITH indicated that the purpose of his telephone call was to advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation that two reporters for "Life" magazine, [REDACTED] registered at the Statler Hotel, and another whose name SMITH could not recall but believed to have "VAN" in it [REDACTED] later advised that this other reporter's name was [REDACTED], were attempting to make an appointment with him for the apparent purpose of interviewing him about his own activities. SMITH stated that he suspected that this was just part of a vicious conspiracy to defame him and he wanted to go on record as having given notice of the conspiracy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b

SMITH also stated that as part of this smear campaign a woman, whose name he did not know, frequently visited Radio Station WJR and inquired as to how she could get in touch with GERALD L. K. SMITH, saying that if she could do so, she knows that SMITH would obtain a deferment for her son so that he would not have to go into the army. SMITH indicated further that he also wanted to go on record as stating that all such requests for deferment that are made to him are referred to the War Department and he makes no attempt to obtain deferments for his friends. SMITH said that he believed this was also part of the conspiracy calculated to show that SMITH is interfering with the war effort.

SMITH blamed all these smear campaigns on Communists and other enemies of his and said that the Communists feel very secure by reason of the present situation and they have even started a smear campaign against ELMER DAVIS, Head of the Office of War Information.

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[REDACTED] further advised that SMITH is continuing to contact CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and has also attempted to contact [REDACTED] to HENRY FORD. Through [REDACTED] office, SMITH has obtained a tire made out of synthetic rubber which he expects to unveil when he makes a campaign speech at Saginaw, Michigan, on August 6, 1942. SMITH also has been contacting [REDACTED] and has asked him to obtain \$1,000 for his campaign fund. b7c b7d

A close friend of SMITH, [REDACTED] formerly of the America First Committee, advised SMITH that she was in Chicago, Illinois, recently and had a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] reported to SMITH that [REDACTED] "did not pull any of her punches on the phone." b7c

[REDACTED] said that she had some messages for SMITH from [REDACTED] which she would convey when she next saw him. SMITH answered that he had not seen [REDACTED] in three years and was not intimate with her, but he believed that she would get adequate support from her intimate friends.

Through Radio Station WJR, Detroit, Michigan, copies were obtained of SMITH's radio addresses which were delivered at 7:15 P.M., on July 19, 1942, July 26, 1942, and August 2, 1942, which are as follows:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH
WJR, Detroit
Sunday, July 19, 1942

"Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"My campaign for the United States Senate is not the ordinary political campaign. It is a crusading fight to preserve our American way of life in war and in peace.

"The enemies of America are my enemies. Those who hate America, the America of Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson - will do anything - and when I say anything, I mean just that. They will do anything to keep this crusading and fighting voice off the floor of the United States Senate.

"I have good news for my friends and bad news for my enemies. Tomorrow or Tuesday morning I shall file my nomination petitions. Under a new law that has just been passed, it is very, very difficult for a candidate for the United States Senate to get in his petitions. They must come from at least 20 counties. Each petition must contain signatures from only one city or only one township. Seasoned politicians admit that it has never been as difficult to get on the Primary ballot as it is this year.