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"Pearl Harbor made them giggle with glee.

"Uncle Sam's forces were spoken of with contempt.

"Our losses on land or sea have been a series of delectable episodes cleverly advertised against our High Command and leaders by these fifth columnists who smilingly predicted to us a continuous string of similar events until we would be completely beaten."

According to workers at the plant -- Orths refers to the Commander in Chief of the United States as "President Rosenfeld, that Jew so-and-so"; he distributes Nazi literature in the factory; he has admitted to several men in the shop that he escaped last year from one of the FBI raids on a Bund camp; he tears insignia of the United Nations off the lapels of fellow workers, throws the buttons on the floor and stamps and spits on them; he boasts that when Hitler comes to this country, he -- Orths -- will be placed over American workers with a whip in his hand. Workers at the plant say they would have long ago put an end to Orths' pro-Axis activities, if it were not for the fact that he exerts some strange influence over the superintendent of the department in which he works.

One Sunshine worker tells The Hour, "Since Hitler's rise to power, this William Orths has made several trips to Germany with the avowed intention to study this Nazi business." Another worker reports that a short time ago Orths came to the Sunshine plant carrying a parcel which contained "four detailed naval maps of Long Island Sound."

The Hour is also informed that Orths makes a habit of carefully studying from the plant windows the military trains that pass through the Long Island railroad yards which are across the street from the factory.

We conclude with a quotation from the letter of one of our informants: "Why isn't something done about it?"

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AXIS PROPAGANDA IN DETROIT

In the last issue of The Hour we reported that Gerald L. K. Smith, Fuehrer of the Committee of One Million and editor and publisher of the seditious magazine, The Cross and The Flag, had publicly announced his intention of being a candidate in Michigan this fall for election to the U. S. Senate. We are now in receipt of a package of campaign material which Fifth Columnist Smith is mailing out in quantity lots from his Detroit headquarters.

The package contains nomination petitions; printed stickers carrying the message, "Gerald L. K. Smith for United States Senator"; a slick 32-page pamphlet, authored by Smith and entitled, The Hoop of Steel -- An American's Definition of Victory; a reprint of Representative Roy O. Woodruff's insertion in the Congressional Record of an editorial from The Cross and The Flag; and supplementary printed and mimeographed material.

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Where Does the Money Come From?

In addition to the considerable amounts of printed matter which ex-Silver Shirter Smith is currently distributing on a nation-wide scale to promote his campaign, he is also using his weekly broadcast over the Detroit radio station WJR to boost his candidacy for U. S. Senator.

The question arises: where is Gerald L. K. Smith getting the money with which to support this elaborate and highly expensive campaign?

The only persons who would be interested in and capable of financing the Detroit Quisling are wealthy native fascists and/or Axis agents. It would not be the first time that Smith has received funds from such sources. For carrying on labor-baiting, anti-Semitic and pro-fascist propaganda work in the past, Smith received liberal donations from affluent American reactionaries. Likewise he worked for such Axis agents as William Dudley Pelley, the Silver Shirt chief who was recently sentenced in North Carolina to three years in the penitentiary.

Smith is not at all proud when it comes to financial matters. He takes his money where he can get it. His only criterion is that of selling his services to the highest bidder.

Aid to the Axis War Effort

Berlin, Rome and Tokyo would be foolish to spare any expense in supporting Smith's current activities. Smith can truthfully claim that he is doing as much as any man to sabotage the war effort of the United Nations and to promote the cause of the Axis. An expert rabble-rouser of long standing, he is now concentrating all his perverse demagogic talents on undermining American morale, fomenting racial antagonisms, and stirring up doubt and suspicion about the allies of the United States.

Smith's pamphlet The Hoop of Steel provides typical examples of the devious treasonable tactics he is employing. In order to arouse qualms among his readers about the conduct of the war, he includes such snide passages as these:

"Patriotic Americans within the circle of my acquaintance, insist we have much to learn about the Pearl Harbor debacle which has not yet been told. In fact I am informed that if General Short and Admiral Kimmel are ever brought into a Congressional investigation or a court martial, their testimony in defense of themselves is likely to prove sensational."

"I am told ... by well informed patriotic Americans in Washington, D. C., that much bad news is being kept from us because it is feared that it would break the morale of the people."

To stimulate racial antagonisms Smith uses the Coughlin technique of blaming the "international bankers" (in Hitler's slightly franker language -- the Jews) for the present war:

"The Internationalists. This group includes special interests, international bankers, feudal lords, slave owners

and imperialists. They want an imperialistic combination which will exploit the whole world, its natural resources and its people, and ultimately make of all people imperialistic slaves to be taxed and killed in battle, at will, for the preservation of their system of finance and imperialistic greed."

The purpose of the following excerpts from The Hoop of Steel needs no explanation:

"In brief, Mr. Churchill tells the world that it is either death or Victory. It is obvious that Mr. Churchill defines Victory as meaning a program of hostility, a war, which will result in Britain and America going down together or staying up together. He, of course, would not think of condoning any plan that might result in an independent destiny for America. ..."

"When the British Prime Minister faced his people on Sunday, February 15, 1942, with his records of defeats, how did he defend himself? ... Simply by boasting that he, Churchill, had been responsible for bringing the United States into the war. ..."

Need for Government Action Against Smith

Every sentence written by Smith reeks of Nazi propoganda. He describes the United States as being "overrun with brain trusters, intellectuals, ... war mongers, politicians, international financiers, pressure groups, special interests ..."; and he implies that the chief result of America's participation in the war is that "The Reds are now overrunning our Country and infesting our communities like vermin, reptiles and serpents." He says we do not know what sort of victory we are fighting for, although "we are to exhaust our financial and physical resources, ... to fill rivers with blood and oceans with ships, and battlefields with the dead and dying." He tells his readers that the real hero of the present war is "Colonel Robert McCormack, editor of the Chicago Tribune, a hero in the last war, a patriot above reproach."

For years Gerald L. K. Smith has devoted himself to spreading such fascist propoganda and to aiding the Axis powers in every way he could. (See The Hour for February 21, April 18, and May 16.) With his country at war against these same Axis powers, the traitor Smith continues to serve Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. Today, his activity constitutes treason. It is high time that U. S. Government authorities put an end to the pro-Axis machinations of Gerald L. K. Smith.

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