

# Detroit Legion Votes Drive on G. L. K. Smith

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DETROIT, Sept. 1.—The Detroit District's Association of the American Legion, at a meeting last night of over 100 commanders, launched a campaign to drive Gerald L. K. Smith and his fascist outfit out of town.

L. Glen Shields, District Commander, aroused over the fascist mouthings at the Smith America First Party convention, and ~~the denunciation of the American Legion, characterized the convention as Hitlerite.~~

"It is revolting," declared Commander Shields, "to learn that in this America First Party convention it was suggested that a people, simply because they belong to a certain race, should be deported or sterilized.

"It smacks too much of Hitler.

"Why has he been permitted to continue here so long?" cried out the Legionnaire leader.

"After being run out of Louisiana, Illinois and other sections of this country," asserted Shields, "Smith has had the effrontery to come here, settle down and continue his money-raising in this community."

## TO LAUNCH DRIVE

A resolution calling for a campaign to rid Michigan of Smith and his poisonous propaganda, as well as sending copies of the doings of the America First Party convention to the national headquarters at Indianapolis and to the 11,000 Legion posts was adopted unanimously.

John Q. Gibson, president of the Michigan CIO, called Gerald L. K. Smith "the lowest form of Ameri-

can fascist."

"Smith," said Gibson, "is destroying the very roots of democracy through his vicious campaigning. It is time," emphasized Gibson, "for the government to enter the picture and deal severely with Mr. Smith and his fascist cohorts for the sake of America and her future."

## WIRE TO BIDDLE

C. Pat Quinn, president of the Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union, wired Attorney-General Francis Biddle asking "strenuous penalties" of Smith and his gang.

"In the name of 400,000 war workers," said Quinn's wire, "we protest American First convention Detroit which was rampant with vicious race baiting and called for deportation of Jews and Negroes with sterilization of those left. Such Nazi poison must not be allowed to flourish here while our boys are dying to suppress it abroad. . . . Demand every effort to visit strenuous penalties upon those subversives seeking race riots in arsenal of democracy."

The Civil Rights Federation also wired Attorney-General Biddle, urging "immediate persecution, under the law, of Smith and his co-conspirators, who openly and brazenly seek to undermine and destroy democracy here in the United States."