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GERALD L. K. SMITH MAY OPPOSE PRENTISS M. BROWN FOR U. S. SENATE FROM MICH.

Gerald L. K. Smith, National Chairman of the Committee of 1,000,000, urged by one thousand Michigan leaders, representing 400,000 enrolled Michigan followers, to seek Republican nomination for the United States Senate.

ASKS TIME TO DECIDE

One thousand enthusiastic Michigan leaders of the Committee of 1,000,000 came out through a blinding rain and snow storm Thursday night (April 9) to attend a Victory rally addressed by Gerald L. K. Smith at the Cass Technical High School in Detroit.

The latter part of the Rally was turned into a caucus for the purpose of choosing someone to seek the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate to run in November to fill the seat now held by the junior senator from Michigan, Prentiss M. Brown.

Nominations from the floor of the meeting included the names of Lewis B. Ward, Clarence McLeod, Harry Kelly, (Secretary of State), Robert Viotig, Archie Prazer, Clare Hoffman and Gerald L. K. Smith.

Clare Hoffman, Michigan Congressman now under a grand jury investigation of his ties with pro-Nazis, and Gerald L. K. Smith, anti-Semitic rabble-rouser and sower of defeatist propaganda, are inseparably linked in the minds of the latter's followers.

The above photostatic reproduction is part of an official press release from Smith's so-called "Committee of 1,000,000" which proudly boasts that a recent meeting of the organization "nominated" both Hoffman and Smith to seek the Republican nomination for the United States Senate.

The press release also discloses a link between these two and Charles Coughlin, loudest of America's apologists for the Axis. Lewis B. Ward, also "nominated" by the meeting, is one of Coughlin's closest

associates and his official biographer.

The circle is completed when it is remembered that Coughlin, Smith and Hoffman are among Martin Dies' most enthusiastic supporters. The Daily Worker recently carried a series of articles exposing Smith and his defeatist publication; "Gross and Flag."

To date, the name of Gerald L. Smith had not appeared among those to be questioned by the Grand Jury in the Hoffman probe. It is high time that it does.

In a story from Washington yesterday in the Daily Worker on the Grand Jury probe of Hoffman, the congressman's name was linked to several anti-Semitic organizations and propagandists who distributed his anti-labor and anti-administration speeches.