

Fascist Smith Defends Coughlin Against U. S. Seditious Charge

Special Correspondence

DETROIT, April 24.—Gerald L. K. Smith, Fascist rabble-rouser who hopes his new publication, *The Cross and the Flag*, will fill the void left by the Post Office Dept.'s ban on *Social Justice*, has rallied to the defense of Charles E. Coughlin.

He announced that he would address a rally of his Committee of 1,000,000 tonight on the subject:

"Will we permit the Reds to jail Father Coughlin?"

Smith, former aid of Huey Long, has long been associated with Coughlin in anti-labor, pro-Fascist organizational work.

The April issue of Smith's magazine, which he claims he wrote by himself, contains 16 closely printed pages of defeatism. It contains demands for a War Cabinet filled with pre-War isolationists. It rants against the British and Russian allies of the U. S. A.

The periodical has been indorsed by Sens. Gerald P. Nye (R., N. D.) and Robert M. Reynolds (D., N. C.), pre-war isolationists.

Smith recommended Nye for Secretary of State.

Smith, in injecting himself in the proceedings concerning Coughlin's *Social Justice*, professes not to be worried about the Justice Dept., although Attorney General Biddle has started a campaign against seditious publications.

Claiming he has 3,000,000 "constituents" in the U. S. A., Smith said his large following would protect him against interference.

The line followed in Smith's magazine should prove very acceptable to Goebbels. The magazine calls for 100 per cent isolationism, return of the Fleet to home waters, and withholding of further supplies from our allies.

Churchill and Stalin, not Germany, started the war, Smith maintains.