

Winchell Story Brings Apology

Liberty Also Promises Retraction to Smith

DETROIT, Aug. 15 (C.T.P.S.). Gerald L. K. Smith received today an apology from and a promise of a retraction by Liberty magazine for a statement made in the current issue of Liberty by Walter Winchell that Smith has been indicted.

Smith released a copy of the following telegram:

"Gerald L. K. Smith, candidate for U. S. Senate:

"In response to your letter we are sorry for the error. An apology and retraction is appearing in the first available issue of Liberty, which is the September 12 issue, on sale September 2.

(Signed) "Liberty Magazine."

Smith earlier this week threatened to sue Liberty and Winchell for "at least \$1,000,000" unless a settlement was made for the alleged libel. Smith asserted that he was not now and never had been indicted.

The Winchell article, under the title "More Americans We Can Do Without," did not specify the alleged offense for which it erroneously inferred that Smith had been indicted, but went on to say that he "sabotaged the war effort by spreading disunity" and that he "has the nerve to run for the Senate on the slogan, 'Tires for Everybody.'"

Smith said he would refer Liberty's telegram of apology to his attorney for consultation as to his future course in the matter.

"This telegram demonstrates beyond doubt that Winchell is not responsible" Smith commented, "and that he does not speak the truth."

Smith is seeking the Republican nomination for the Senate in the September 15 primary.