

Would-Be Fascist Leader Admits Detroit Racket

Put on 3-Month Probation After Spending
Funds Collected to "Fight Isms," Smith
Puts Out "Red Network"

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DETROIT, Dec. 31.—A budding Gerald L. K. Smith, one Harry Waddell, came to grief in Detroit's Federal Court when he was put on probation for three years for the crime of attempting to use the mails to defraud, while going around the city organizing the "National Constitutional Guardians" an organization to

"fight Communism and fascism."

Waddell admitted that it was just a racket, and that he had gotten only one person to become a member of his organization at \$3 a head and \$1 a year dues. He obtained \$300 from business men for publishing a book that never saw the printers. The book was to "tell all" about the subversive elements.

All the profits said Waddell in court, were to be given over to the fight "against isms." The only thing that happened was that he spent all the money according to his confession in court.

The judge told him, "You had a noble idea but you went at it in the wrong way."

Waddell is one of the many who are attempting in Detroit to get their pipeline attached to the golden stream of dollars that feeds Coughlin and Gerald Smith. What happened with Waddell is that he could not make the right connections, such as Gerald L. Smith and Silver Charlie Coughlin whose radio programs cost thousands of dollars yearly all which they claim is "donated."

This week Gerald L. K. Smith published a Detroit "Red Network" book with pictures of union leaders, such as R. J. Thomas, UAW-CIO pres.; George Addes, UAW-CIO secretary-treasurer, and many others who have been in the forefront of the struggle to defeat the Martinites and other company agents of the auto barons.

Smith in his last Sunday night broadcast tried to defend himself in answer to a splendid radio expose conducted by the Michigan Civil Rights treasurer Rev. Owen Knox who demanded that Smith state a number of facts as to his finances, past history and connections with Huey P. Long and others including the notorious Silver Shirter Pelley.

The only defense that Smith had in his answer was that Civil Rights Federation was "slandering him."

The Labor and progressive forces in Detroit are moving against Smith and his time in Detroit is short. He will end up in the same way as "Constitutional Guardian" Waddell, in court.

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