Gerald L. K. Smith Hails America First 'Victory'

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, April 6.—Gerald L. K. Smith, national America First organizer, today hailed Wendell Willkie's withdrawal from the Republican presidential nomination race as "a victory for the America First crusade."

"His (Mr. Willkie's) admission that we America Firsters beat him in Wisconsin is significant," he added in a brief statement.

Mr. Smith earlier had termed the Wisconsin primary, in which Mr. Willkie failed to obtain a single delegate, a triumph for the America First people.

"I hope," his previous statement declared, "that the other possibilities within the party have learned by now that the way to make votes is not to attack Gerald Smith and the America First movement." During a campaign tour in Wisconsin, Mr. Willkie had said any candidate who did not repudiate "America First and Gerald L. K. Smith cannot possibly be elected President."