

**PATTERN FOR**

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*"When Chaos Comes  
I'll be the Leader"*

— GERALD L. K. SMITH



# A REPORT TO AMERICANS:

Here is the case against Gerald L. K. Smith — rabble-rouser, friend of alleged seditionists, associate of jailbird Pelley, hero of Hitler-heilers and Messiah of the America First Party.

In this report we show that:

- 1 Smith has worked out a pattern for revolution.
- 2 Smith is a political opportunist who has jumped on to every promising bandwagon — from Huey Long's "Share the Wealth" movement to that of the American "Nationalists."
- 3 Smith has made political alliances with everyone from William Dudley Pelley, convicted seditionist, to Eugene Talmadge, Ku Klux Klansman.
- 4 Smith's associates—those whom he helps and those who help him—include a number of persons on trial for conspiracy to set up a Nazi regime in the United States.
- 5 Smith draws support from Christian Fronters, Bundists, from followers of the motley crew who have been charged by the Department of Justice with sedition.
- 6 Smith, despite his record, or perhaps because of it, has been able to enlist the support of some important people—including a few members of the Congress.
- 7 Smith's political philosophy often parallels that of William Dudley Pelley, the jailed seditionist, and other pro-Nazis.
- 8 Smith is the Messiah of a big-time disruptionist movement, the America First Party.

There remains one big mystery: Why should loyal Americans, relatives of our sons and daughters in the armed forces, lend aid and moral support to the revolutionist and disruptionist, Gerald L. K. Smith?

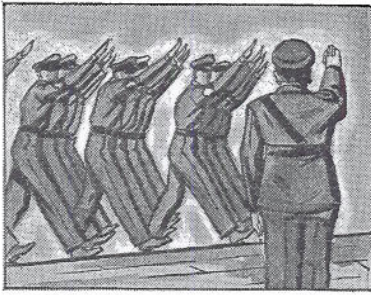
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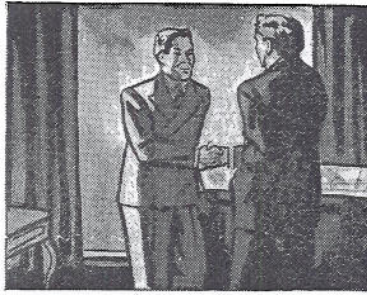
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# The Amazing History of



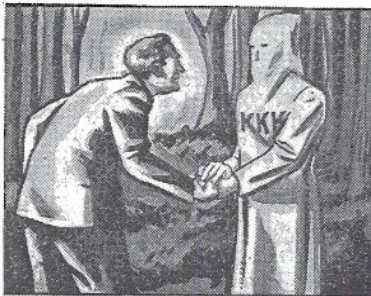
1 In 1933 Smith left his pulpit to help William Dudley Pelley organize "first Silver Shirt storm troop in America," using the swastika and Hitler salute. "I'll be America's Fuehrer," Pelley said. Smith was "shirter" No. 3223.



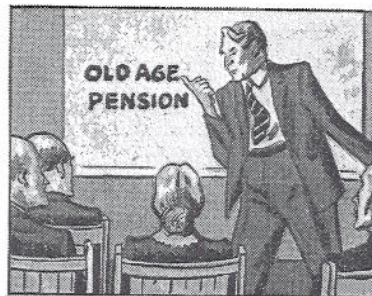
2 Pelley didn't seize the government as quickly as planned, so Smith found a more successful Fuehrer. He joined the politically corrupt Huey Long. Huey was dictator of Louisiana, and he looked like a bright boy who was going places.



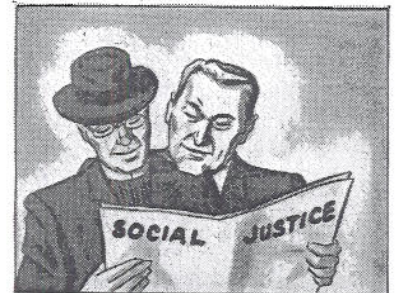
3 Long's death left Smith floundering. He suggested to Earl Christenberry that they take over Huey's Share-the-Wealth racket. Christenberry refused, patented the Share-the-Wealth slogan, and turned the patent over to Huey's widow.



4 Smith found temporary lodging with Ku Klux Klansman Eugene Talmadge and launched his anti-Roosevelt crusade. He told Talmadge's "grass-roots" convention: "We're going to drive that cripple out of the White House."



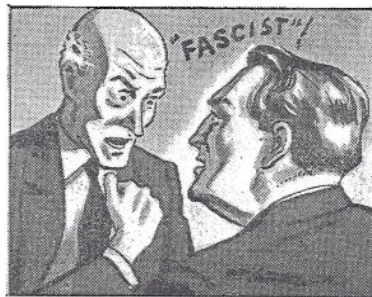
5 Smith next joined Dr. Francis E. Townsend of old-age pension fame. He gave "uncompromisin', go-to-meetin'" speeches favoring \$200 a month for everyone over 60. "The spirit of Huey Long," Smith called himself.



6 Father Charles Coughlin, who wanted to seize the government "the Franco way," became Smith's next partner. The Post Office declared Coughlin's newspaper "obviously seditious." Smith calls the priest a "patriot second to none."



7 Touring the country for Townsend and Coughlin, Smith rabble-roused: "When chaos comes, I'll be the leader." And: "If you want to know what is going to happen . . . I can tell you that we are going to seize the government."



8 Smith's violence proved too much for Dr. Townsend. The Doctor kicked him out of the old-age pension movement and charged that the Rev. Smith was forming a Fascist organization "to seize the government" of this country.

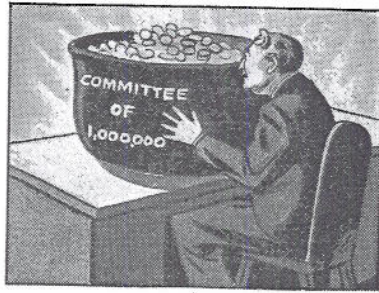


9 Smith launched his own organization, the Committee of 1,000,000. Earl Christenberry said Smith was out "fighting the Jews and the Communists." Smith gained thousands of followers through radio broadcasts from Detroit.

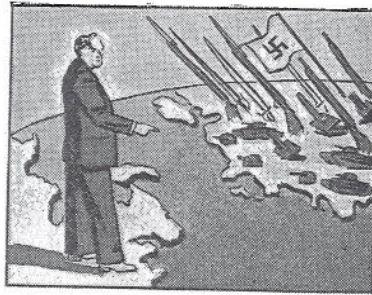
Smith cannot be dismissed as a mere rabble-rouser. He is becoming a real power, a real menace to our free institutions. For he does not speak only for the rabble and the crackpots. He is also financed and supported by misguided industrialists to whom he has sold the idea that Roosevelt is more dangerous than Hitler and that Willkie is indistinguishable from Stalin.



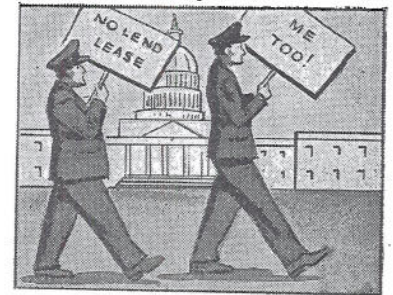
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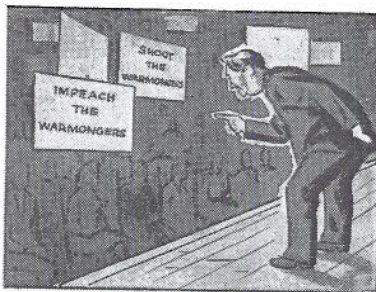
10 Edward A. Powers, Smith's partner in the Committee of 1,000,000, sued Smith for his share of the profits. The Committee had made \$7,810 clear, and Smith pocketed all but \$357 of that amount, Powers charged.



11 Smith joined the isolationist movement on the outbreak of war in Europe. "Why assume that Germany will attack this country?" he shouted. Smith collected a million signatures to a petition against conscription.



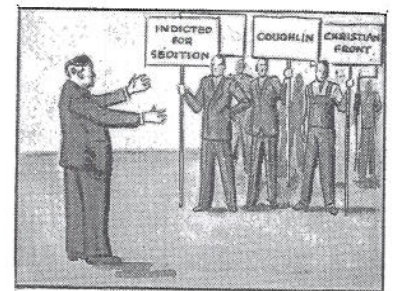
12 Smith testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee against the Lend-Lease Bill. Following the American Nazi line, he said: "Behind the obvious purposes of this bill is a definite plan to get us into this war...."



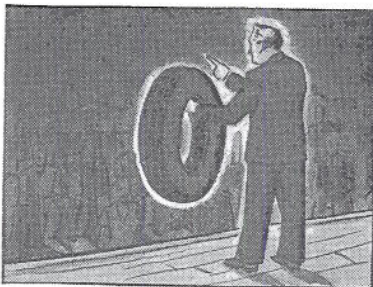
13 Smith organized meetings which attracted the Coughlinite and Bund elements. British leaders want "American blood spilled on European battlefields," the speakers said. "Impeach the President!" the audience yelled.



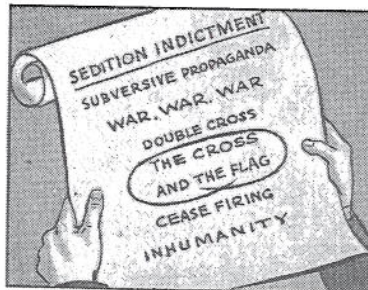
14 In March, 1942, Smith launched *The Cross and the Flag*. It spread such distrust of our government and our Allies that Sen. Nye remarked, "It is excellently done." Sen. Reynolds wrote: "It hits the bull's-eye."



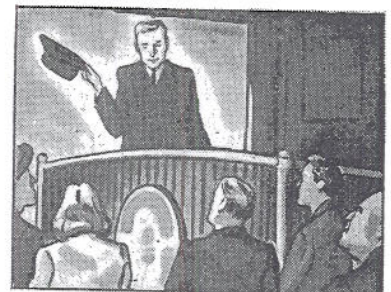
15 Smith named a "partial list of fearless Americans." Besides assorted Coughlinites, his list included Elizabeth Dilling and Gerald B. Winrod, both on trial on charges of conspiring to set up a Nazi regime in the U.S.A.



16 Smith ran for the U. S. Senate. He was to be "the voice of the great unorganized masses." "Tires for everybody," "Free speech for Coughlin," he cried. The "masses" decided against tires and Coughlin; Smith was defeated.



17 When the Department of Justice indicted 33 persons for sedition and conspiracy to undermine the morale of the armed forces, Smith's *The Cross and the Flag* was named as a vehicle through which the 33 spread their propaganda.



18 Smith revived the discredited America First Committee, but calls it the America First Party. He tours the country recruiting among downright enemies of America and welding them into a super-Nationalist Party.

"When his attempts to enrich himself in Louisiana faded out . . . Gerald Lucifer Kodfish Smith started out on a national peddling expedition, and tried to make a deal with every political leader in the United States from James Aloysius Farley down to William Zebulon Foster, the Communist. He has been on the payroll of everything else from the Ku Klux down to the A.P.A."—MAURICE GATLIN, Assistant to the Attorney General, Louisiana.



# The Strange Associates

Here are some of the friends of Gerald L. K. Smith; part of the strange crew with whom he has co-operated through the years. Smith may not know them all personally but all work for the same ends.

The associates of Smith described on these and the following pages have been grouped roughly into eight categories — the Fascist Funda-



**GERALD B. WINROD**, on trial for sedition, gives full page publicity almost monthly in his magazine, *The Defender*, to Gerald L. K. Smith. Winrod was one of Hitler's first channels for spreading Nazi-approved propaganda in America. His magazine was on the recommended list of World Service, the official Hitler propaganda agency in Germany. Winrod has collaborated with nearly all the important pro-Fascists in the United States in his campaign against the Jews.



**ELIZABETH DILLING**, on trial for sedition, is the Middle West leader of the forces of disruption, whom Smith has on his list of "fearless Americans" attacked by the "Reds." The "Mothers" groups who flocked around her now flock around Gerald L. K. Smith. She has collaborated with most of the people now on trial for sedition. Hudson called her "America's Joan of Arc." Pelley, in jail for sedition, said Congress should use her book, *Red Network*, "as their holy Scriptures."



**HARVEY SPRINGER** stumps for Smith's America First Party and plugs it in his newspaper, *Western Voice*. Smith has spoken at Springer's "Tabernacle" in Colorado. So has Elizabeth Dilling, on trial for sedition, and a close friend of Springer. He has used her writings, as well as those of *Sanctuary* and *Edmondson*, also on trial for sedition, as source material in his attack on the Federal Council of Churches. Springer is raising funds for the defense of Winrod in his trial for sedition.



**MRS. ROSA FARBER** is head of the Detroit "Mothers of the U.S.A." The "Mothers" are strongly pro-Smith and also pro-Dilling. They "crusaded" with Dilling against Lend-Lease in 1941. When the Selective Service Bill was passed, Mrs. Farber said that all young men should "refuse to be victims of such arbitrary or un-Constitutional government dictum." She said: "There is no other way out for us than through a revolution."



**WILLIAM D. HERRSTROM**, called by Smith "a courageous Christian American," plugs Smith in his anti-semitic sheet, *Bible News Flashes*. Herrstrom praised the works of Dilling and Winrod, both on trial for sedition. The German-American Bund and Charles Hudson, on trial for sedition, used Herrstrom's writings. Quote from *Bible News Flashes*: "Pass all the racial laws you want, but remember, 'A Ghetto by any other name will still smell the same.'"



**BEATRICE KNOWLES**, of the American Mothers of Detroit, is a friend of Mrs. Dilling, and is highly praised by Smith in *The Cross and The Flag*. Mrs. Knowles speaks of our allies as "rotten old Europe and enslaved undrained Asia who are trying to stick you head first in their post-war political and economic latrines." She hypocritically endorses "international co-operation" but tells her followers that we are doped with too much China and too much Russia.



**C. O. STADSKLEV**, Minneapolis organizer for Smith's America First Party, was called by Smith, "a quiet, Christ-like man." Stadskev combines anti-Semitism of the worst sort with praise for Hitler as the Messiah of the New Order. Elizabeth Dilling, on trial for sedition, has spoken at his meetings and he has raised money for her "work." *Andrae Nordskog*, well-known West Coast Bundist, worked hand-in-hand with Stadskev.



**MRS. DAVID STANLEY** is head of the "United Mothers" of Cleveland which attracted the Silver Shirt, Coughlinite and Bundist elements of the area. Smith speaks at their meetings and gives them publicity in *The Cross and The Flag*. "United Mothers" went all-out for Rep. Sweeney, (see opposite page). Mrs. Stanley encouraged Mrs. Dilling. "God bless your colleagues," she wrote, "in your 100% patriotic work for us Americans."



# of Gerald L. K. Smith

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**SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER**, one of Smith's selections for President, was and is one of the most violent isolationists in the Senate. He associated with Bundists, Christian Fronters and other un-American elements of our society. Wheeler asserted that Japan was no menace and that defense measures were plots to set up totalitarianism here. His praises were loudly hymned by the vermin press and native Fascists.



**CLARE HOFFMAN** has spoken for Smith's America First Party and Smith calls him "one of the most courageous men in the United States Congress." He is also praised and quoted by many of the *alleged* seditionists now on trial, especially Elizabeth Dilling and Charles Hudson. Hoffman fought all preparedness measures. Since Pearl Harbor he has claimed that it was Roosevelt who got us into war. He said that "playing at war" in Washington should be stopped by an armed march on the Capitol.



**SENATOR GERALD P. NYE**, another of Smith's choices for President, is quoted by all grades of pro-Nazis from *The Deutscher Allgemeine Zeitung* of Berlin to *The Beacon Light* of California. Nye's ideas harmonize with those of at least twelve of the persons now on trial for sedition. His congressional frank was used by several of them. Nye said of them, "They are no more guilty of conspiracy than I am."



**CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN A. DAY** spoke for Gerald Smith's Committee of 1,000,000. Day's book, *We Must Save the Republic*, was financed by Nazi-agent George Sylvester Viereck. Day was also connected with Prescott Dennett, now on trial for sedition. Jailbird Pelley called on "every sterling patriot to get behind Steve Day." Dilling acclaimed his "brilliant speech." Indicted William Kullgren called Day's book, "the most dynamic since *The Octopus*." (*The Octopus* was Dilling's anti-Semitic masterpiece.)



**SENATOR ROBERT R. REYNOLDS**, who suggested that we defeat Hitler's panzer troops with squirrel guns, will have Smith's support if he runs for President. The suppressed hate-sheet *Publicity* touted him for President back in 1940 because "he understands the Jew question." Reynolds is not going to run for Senator again because his own constituents have finally turned against him, possibly because he and the nightshirts have so much in common.



**EX-CONGRESSMAN MARTIN SWEENEY** was one of the speakers for Smith's America First Party. He was also an official of the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee," set up by Nazi-agent Viereck to distribute anti-American propaganda. Sweeney put outspoken Nazi propaganda in the *Congressional Record*, defending Hitler and stating that it is "the duty of the United States" to "help destroy the British Empire."



**SENATOR DAVID T. WALSH**, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, proposed by Smith for Secretary of the Navy, was a violent America Firster and the white-haired boy of the Coughlinites. *The Deutscher Weckruf*, organ of the German-American Bund, gave credit to Walsh for his isolationist activities. Since Pearl Harbor, Walsh suggested that we quit aiding our allies and bring the fleet home to protect our own shores.



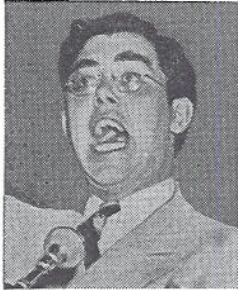
**CONGRESSMAN ROY WOODRUFF** is frequently characterized by Smith as a "patriot above reproach." Woodruff reciprocated by inserting Smith's feature editorial in the opening number of *The Cross and The Flag* into the *Congressional Record*. Woodruff was an ardent isolationist and Roosevelt-hater. Garner, editor of *Publicity*, found some of Woodruff's statements to Congress good material with which to boost the "Impeach Roosevelt" movement for which he was campaigning in his paper.



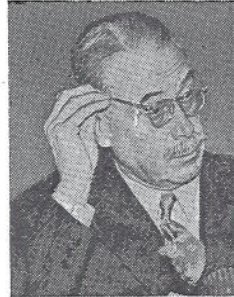
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**EX-SENATOR RUSH D. HOLT**, who has spoken at Smith's meeting, was hailed by the Bund paper, *Deutscher Weckruf*, as "Bundessenator." A favorite of Bundists, Fascists and their press, he played the anti-Semitic theme along with Senator Nye and privately did business with Nazi-agent Viereck. The British censors intercepted a manuscript of Holt's sent by Viereck to Nazi official Hans Dieckhof for Berlin approval.



**COL. ROBERT McCORMICK** was loudly endorsed for President by Smith. "It would be almost too good to imagine," Smith said, "if we were to get a President like Mr. McCormick." McCormick has twice been accused of revealing military secrets to the enemy as part of his campaign against the Administration. His *Chicago Tribune* has defended the alleged secessionists, especially Mrs. Dilling, who has long enjoyed favorable publicity in its pages.



**LAWRENCE DENNIS**, now on trial for sedition, lauded Smith's policy. "He is on the right track," Dennis said. "The only thing to do is to declare yourself for the war right now." Dennis flatly announced that he was for National Socialism in America and that Democracy was doomed. His books, *The Dynamics of War and Revolution* and *The Coming American Fascism* are the Bibles of America's "intellectual Fascists." Dennis wrote for *Today's Challenge* which was edited by Nazi Agent F. Auhagen.



**EARL SOUTHARD** is the national organizer for Gerald Smith's America First Party. Gerald Smith calls him "a sterling patriot." The indicted Elizabeth Dilling said he was "a dandy." Southard was connected with the alleged secessionists William Dudley Pelley and William Kullgren. He stated that Kullgren's magazine was a "great contribution to the cause of real Americanism."



**CARL MOTE**, Smith's lieutenant in Indianapolis, quotes from Dilling and Dennis and the forged anti-Semitic *Protocols of Zion*. The following sample from his magazine shows the quality of his mind: "I say fie on all this blubbering about 'democracy.' I say fie on all the melodrama that exalts the so-called 'rights of minorities.' I say fie on all this hypocritical and maudlin jargon about 'social equality.'"



**WILLIAM J. GRACE**, whose Citizens U.S.A. Committee is a super-Nationalist center, plugs Smith. At one time Grace wrote for jailbird Pelley's seditious magazine *Roll Call*. Grace said that President Roosevelt's "envy — in our opinion — of Hitler's successes causes him to imitate every act of Hitler's." Grace called on all Americans to refuse to obey the Lend-Lease law. He once said, "Unless you're anti-British, you're NOT American."



**JOSEPH P. KAMP**, whom Smith called a "well-informed and fearless patriot" runs the Constitutional Educational League which sends out a steady stream of defeatist and divisive literature. The German propaganda bureau World Service, recommended one of his pamphlets. Elizabeth Dilling, on trial for sedition, called him "my friend Joe Kamp" who "has issued such excellent releases." Gerald Winrod, on trial for sedition, worked with Kamp.



**MRS. ERNEST LUNDEEN** (now married to Senator Rufus Holman) goes on speaking tours with Smith. Her hysterical speeches, defending her late husband's questionable activities, are published in *The Cross and The Flag*. Smith has proposed her for Congress. Mrs. Lundeen is the widow of Senator Lundeen who was chairman of a propaganda organization set up and financed by Nazi-agent George Sylvester Viereck. A grand jury also found that some of Lundeen's speeches were written for him by Viereck.



# the company he keeps

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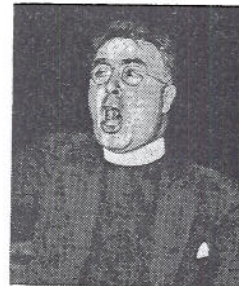
**CHARLES A. LINDBERGH**, whom Smith proposed for President, preached that Germany had the right to make wars of aggression, that Britain might turn against us, and that Britain could never win the war even with all the help we could ever give her. He told us that the Luftwaffe was unbeatable and that Russia had no air force. His false teachings deceived millions of our people and had much to do with our relative unpreparedness when we were attacked.



**WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY**, now in jail for his seditious activities, chose Smith as a leader of his Silver Shirt gang. Smith once wrote to Pelley that he would soon be heading north "with a uniformed squad of young men composing what I believe will be the first Silver Shirt storm troop in America." Pelley believed that Hitler and the Japanese deserved world leadership for their "service in cleansing the bloodstream of mankind." He was the most blatantly outspoken of all Hitler's admirers in this country.



**HUEY LONG**, rabble-rousing Fascist of Louisiana, was the adored leader and teacher of Gerald L.K. Smith. Smith worked for Long for years, helping Long organize his Share-The-Wealth Clubs, one of the means by which Long was able to seize political control of Louisiana. Long ruled as an absolute dictator, forcing his bills through the Louisiana legislature without hearings or previous consideration. He is the model for future Fuehrers here.



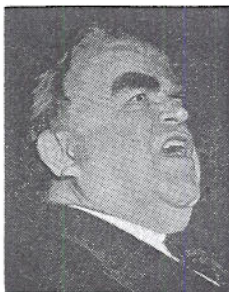
**CHARLES E. COUGHLIN** and Smith have been friends since 1936. Smith uses the radio ban on Coughlin as an excuse for his attacks on our Government and the Jews. He says that "the Christ-killers will never rest until the man (Coughlin) is locked up in jail." Coughlin taught that it was the President and not the Japanese who got us into this war. He said the people were wondering if their most dangerous enemies were not in Washington, London and Moscow instead of in Rome, Berlin and Tokyo.



**EUGENE TALMADGE**, at whose grassroots convention Gerald Smith was a principal speaker, led the Vigilantes, a group of the Klu Klux Klan variety. The Negro should be kept in his place and all this nonsense about "equality of opportunity" is close to treason, Talmadge argues. The "vermin press" thinks Talmadge is wonderful. Lois de Lafayette Washburn, on trial for sedition, wrote: "He is a fine man with whom I used to have some interesting correspondence."



**ANDRAE NORDSKOG** was associated with Smith in the "Dubuque Plan" to set up a peace lobby in Washington. Nordskog was a close personal friend of Capt. Robert Pape who was sent over by Hitler to organize a branch of the Nazi Party out on the West Coast. Nordskog was the first American to join the Los Angeles branch of the German-American Bund. He also organized the Coughlinite group of Los Angeles.



**JOHN I. LEWIS**, Smith's desire for power has even led him to make friends with John I. Lewis. Smith, who spent a considerable part of his life denouncing the man whom he labelled, "John L. (Stalin) Lewis," has now discovered that Lewis "never was a Communist" but was merely trying to make use of them. This is the line followed by Father Coughlin and others who are trying to cash in on Lewis' feud with the President. Smith said, "I am advising all my farm people to join with Lewis."



**CHARLES HUDSON**, on trial for sedition, associated with Andrae Nordskog and Gerald Smith in isolationist activities. Hudson publishes a viciously anti-Semitic sheet called *America in Danger!*, which blames all the ills of the world on "Organized Jewry—International Finance." He collaborated with Elizabeth Dilling in the distribution of her anti-Semitic booklet, the *Octopus*. E. J. Garner, who went on trial for sedition, used Hudson's material in his hate-sheet, *Publicity*.



# The Strange support

553 South Jesse St.  
Pontiac, Mich.  
May 11, 1942.

Hon. Gerald L.K. Smith  
The Committee of One Million  
Industrial Bank Building  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing you at the suggestion of your office manager, Mr. Dohmer whom I visited last Friday, and asked to have an appointment made.

You may recall my name from our previous meetings, the last immediately following your address of April 24. You may also recall my name in connection of my chairmanship of the Pontiac Chapter of the America First Committee. More recently I have been smeared in the papers due to my former associations with the National Workers League. I worked closely with Mr. Robert Vietig, chairman of the Detroit chapter of A.F.C., and referred you to him for further information about me and my work.

In speaking to Mr. Dohmer last Friday I mentioned my background and suggested that I had several thousand live names of America First Committee members in Pontiac, Royal Oak, Birmingham and outlying districts. These names may well serve you in your campaign for the Senatorship. Mr. Dohmer seemed immensely pleased with this idea, and urged that I be sure to write you, addressing you personally, and said he would arrange a brief meeting after your meeting on Tuesday, the 12th.

Tuesday night I should like also to have you meet a trusted associate of mine who is employed in the same machine shop with me at St. Clair. I have worked with him, and can vouch for him fully.

We shall be glad to volunteer our spare time in whatever capacity you deem us best qualified. Wishing you the success which you so well deserve in your Senatorial campaign, I remain

Respectfully yours,

*Garland L. Alderman*  
Garland L. Alderman

PS. I am having this letter delivered personally at your office.

Read the letter from Alderman, on trial for sedition, to Smith . . . then see below Carlson's report on subsequent developments.



"Take my picture giving the Hitler Salute!" Garland Alderman told John Roy Carlson and Carlson obligingly took the picture shown above. Alderman is now on trial for conspiring to set up a Nazi regime in the United States.

## SAID JOHN ROY CARLSON IN *Under Cover*:

"As the crowd (in Maccabee Auditorium where Gerald L. K. Smith had just conducted a rally) began to thin out, Garland and I walked down the main aisle to Smith. I watched every move closely. From his inner pocket Garland took out the petition and the America First lists. With these in hand, he approached the smiling and expectant Smith and introduced me as his friend. Smith greeted us cordially, took both the petition and the list and placed them in his coat pocket. Garland stated that he would very much like to work for him in his campaign, but he did not want to be conspicuous because of his background in the National Workers League. Smith smiled knowingly and said: 'We can take that up later.'"



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THEY COME in droves to hear Gerald L. K. Smith — to the Macabbee Building or the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. The bitter, frustrated, disheveled "Mothers" who mutter about the "International Bankers" and the "World Government Conspiracy." The ignorant, fanatical "Fundamentalists" who think that Hitler is doing a good job of eliminating the "Christ-Killers." The poverty-stricken old people who think that Smith is a Messiah who will lead them into the Promised Land where there is \$200 a month for everyone over 60. The clerical Fascists — followers of Father Charles E. Coughlin — who scream about the "Jews" and the "Money Changers" and how Roosevelt got us into this war. The Hitler-heiling members of the National Workers League who peddle the forged *Protocols of Zion* to Smith's followers.

It was partly through effective rabble-rousing and partly through chance that the Reverend Smith was able to collect such a following. Ten years ago these people were following other Messiahs—Elizabeth Dilling who is on trial for sedition, Father Coughlin who has been silenced, and Fritz Kuhn in prison as a dangerous enemy alien.

For years these dissident and subversive groups sought a Leader, someone who could unite them under one intolerant banner, someone who was "respectable" enough to get the ear of big-shots. Major General George Van Horn Moseley, U.S.A., retired, was a candidate, but the little Leaders quarrelled over him. It was not until the formation of the America First Committee that the groups merged. They heiled Hitler and carried the American Flag. They virtually closed up shop to go all out for Lindbergh and Wheeler and Nye.



Japanese bombs raining on Pearl Harbor wrecked the America First Committee, but they did not kill the American Fascist movement. They only dispersed it temporarily. Slowly it began to form again, with the same familiar faces — but some of the familiar Leaders were in jail.

Being a political opportunist, Smith stepped right in. He had been identified with the America First Committee; he had connections with some of its "Intellectuals" and Congressmen. "America First" is a magic slogan to the native Fascists, and making use of it, Smith launched his America First Party.

Now Smith is holding mass meetings in Detroit and other midwestern cities. He occasionally hops over to Chicago to address "Nationalist"

rallies where the followers of Joe McWilliams and Elizabeth Dilling pack the galleries. He is organizing America First units in Denver, Pittsburgh, Erie, Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis. . . .

The America First Party preaches the line that the native Fascists have followed for years: Hate our government. Hate our Allies. Hate the Jews. Defend the native Fascists, for they are good "Christian Americans."

Smith shouts that Father Coughlin is a "priest and a patriot" whom the "Christ-Killers" want to jail. The crowd goes wild in its applause for Coughlin. Smith defends the persons now on trial for conspiring to set up a Nazi regime in the United States. The audiences cheer, for some of these people used to be their leaders.

It is a big-time movement. And the Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith is its new Messiah.

**WHAT IS NATIONALISM?** "Mussolini's fascist system was first described as 'nationalist.' The French fascist organization *Croix de Feu* which developed into a Vichy instrument was called 'nationalist.' The Nazi party is the *National Socialist Party*. The Japanese War Party is a 'nationalist' party and Franco's Falange was first known as a 'nationalist' party. All these countries had their 'Germany First,' 'France First' and 'Spain First' parties. Recall that the motto of Sir Oswald Mosley's Blackshirts was 'Britain First' and Stahrenberg's slogan of the American National-Socialist Party was 'America First, Last and Always.'

"'America First' can be no different in its connotation and ultimate outcome despite the sincere intents of some of those who mouth it. 'America First' is the cry unwittingly used by Liberty's hangmen."

—JOHN ROY CARLSON IN *Under Cover*



# The Strange Philosophy

## Felon Pelley says:

1 "The Roosevelt Administration, using the present situation as an excuse, is determined to bring the United States under a rigid dictatorship for sinister purposes of its own. The best interests of America will not be served by universal conscription."

—William Dudley Pelley, convicted seditiousist, *Liberation*, July 7, 1940.

## Felon Pelley says:

2 "Hitler has said again and again that he fully subscribes to the Monroe Doctrine—let the United States mind her western-hemisphere business but allow him the same privilege in regard to Europe's."

—William Dudley Pelley, *Liberation*, August 7, 1940.



## Felon Pelley says:

3 "It is futile to plead that American territory and property were wantonly attacked in the Hawaiias. The attack obviously resulted from a baleful and provocative diplomacy which appeared to neglect no opportunity to make actionist enemies of all major countries on the globe but England."

William Dudley Pelley, *Galilean*, January 5, 1942.

## Felon Pelley says:

4 "That is, because so much of our fleet is in the Atlantic conveying supplies to Britain, our proud Navy must be battered to pieces in the Pacific."

—William Dudley Pelley, *Galilean*, February 9, 1942.

## Felon Pelley says:

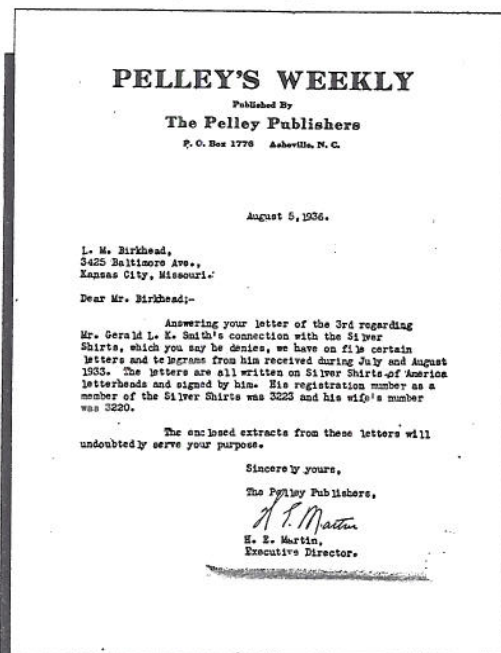
5 "To rationalize that the United States got into the war because of an unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor is fiddle-faddle. Unprovoked, indeed! All Americans are not fools!"

—William Dudley Pelley, *Galilean*, February 16, 1942.

## Felon Pelley says:

6 "Help me as you can to carry through in spite of the Jews, Britishers and Communists in the Federal Administration. I'll be right there fighting for the right so long as the Great Galilean gives me strength."

—William Dudley Pelley, February 20, 1942.



When Smith denied his connection with the convicted seditiousist Pelley, L. M. Birkhead wrote directly to Pelley's headquarters for information. This is the letter he received. (See opposite page for excerpts from Smith's letters and telegrams to Pelley's Silver Shirt headquaters.)



# of Gerald L. K. Smith

## Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

1 "I call upon every wife, every mother and father, every son, who opposes this unprecedented program of peace-time draft, to join up with us in this crusade to preserve our American institutions against these conspiracies that are being hatched in the name of emergency."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *Too Much Roosevelt*, p. 78.

## Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

2 "Germany cannot win. . . . And if it did, why assume that if we remain neutral Germany will attack this country or infringe upon the Monroe Doctrine?"

—Gerald L. K. Smith, radio address, September, 1939.

## Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

3 "Those of us who were known as isolationists before Pearl Harbor held the conviction that we should not prowl over the world hunting for a war to get into."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *The Cross and the Flag*, June, 1942.

## Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

4 "And later, we turned away from our own heroes at Bataan. Let them starve to death or be murdered because we believed aid to them would divert supply ships from England's needs."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *The Cross and the Flag*, June 1943.

## Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

5 "Only God in Heaven knows how we happened to get into this war. Oh, yes, we were attacked by the Japanese, but why did the Japs attack us?"

—Gerald L. K. Smith, radio address entitled "I Confess."

## Gerald L. K. Smith echoes:

6 "Whoever dreamed that it would be dangerous to be a Christian American in America. I ask the prayers of you all as I carry on for you."

—Gerald L. K. Smith, *The Cross and the Flag*, February, 1943.



Western Union Telegram dated July 22, 6:54 P.M.  
William Dudley Pelley or Robert Summerville  
Care Asheville Biltmore Hotel or Liberation Magazine  
Women's Club Bldg., Asheville, N.C.  
NO MAIL WHEN CAN WE EXPECT INSTRUCTIONS PEOPLE KNOWING SOMETHING  
ABOUT WESTERN UNION (signed) Gerald L.K. Smith

Letter dated July 31, 1933  
"As was my understanding with Mr. Pelley I am personally under cover and will be until I can make some adjustment honorable to my work here."

Letter dated Aug. 8th, 1933  
"I have been working under cover but will come out in the open the first Monday after the first Sunday in September. I succeeded yesterday in enrolling a man here with about one million dollars in oil."

"I have about three addresses ready on the following subjects:  
'Who Stole America'  
'Your Name May Be on the Death List'  
'America's Real Dictator is an alien'

I am preparing others on the subjects:  
'Who Will Save Your Life When the Bolsheviks Descend Upon Us'  
'Some Day 100,000,000 Americans Will Hide Behind a Silver Shirt for Protection'  
'Why I Left the Conventional Pulpit to Join the Christian Militia of the Silver Legion.'

Letter dated August 15th.  
"By the time you receive this letter I shall be on the road to St. Louis and parts northtogether with a uniformed squad of young men composing what I believe will be the first Silver Shirt storm troop in America."

Letter from Hot Springs - not dated but received by us on Aug. 18, 1933:  
"Nine o'clock the second night. We have held three mass meetings two street meetings, appointed key men for literature in six towns; no, seven towns."  
Letter dated August 18th, from Shreveport, La:  
"On Friday last I realized that it would be impossible for me to leave the active ministry."  
". . . but for the present and for at least six months I am asking that you disassociate me with the movement, officially."  
"My storm troop has not lost one ounce of their courage and I have said or done nothing to affect their attitude."

Above are excerpts from letters and telegrams sent by Smith to Pelley's Silver Shirt headquarters. Note that Smith boasts of forming the "first Silver Shirt storm troop in America." (See opposite page for letters giving Smith's Silver Shirt registration number.)



I also believed that by backing Hitler and his party I could contribute to the reinstatement of real government and of orderly conditions, which would enable all branches of activity—and especially business—to function normally once again.

Not for an instant did I imagine that it was possible, one hundred and fifty years after the French Revolution and the proclamation of the Rights of Man, to substitute arbitrary action for law in a great modern country, to strangle the most elementary rights of the citizen, to establish an Asiatic tyranny in the heart of Europe. . . .

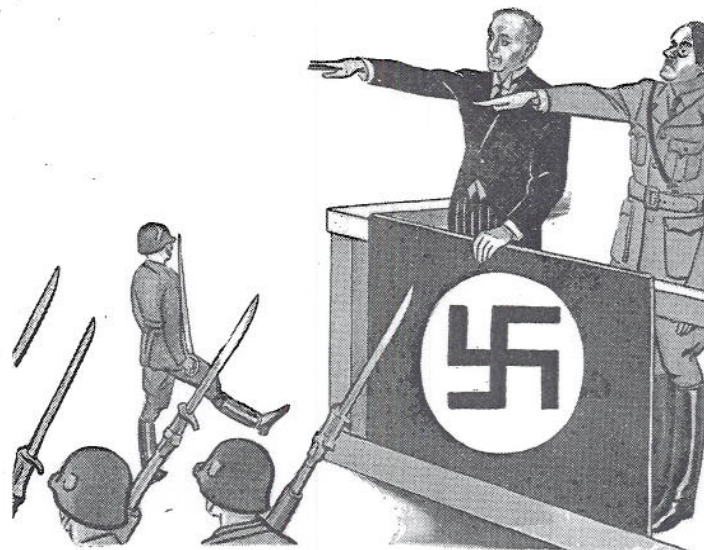
I am not a politician, but an industrialist, and an industrialist is always inclined to consider politics a kind of second string to his bow—the preparation for his own particular activity.

On January 7, 1932—almost a year before he seized power—Adolf Hitler made a speech lasting about two and a half hours before the Industry Club of Dusseldorf. The speech made a deep impression on the assembled industrialists, and in consequence of this a number of large contributions flowed from the resources of heavy industry into the treasuries of the National Socialist Party. (Publishers Note: The speech is a mixture of the oldest and most outworn economic platitudes, pseudo-scientific phrases, racism and Providence, culminating in the sophism: "The economic parallel of political democracy is Communism!")

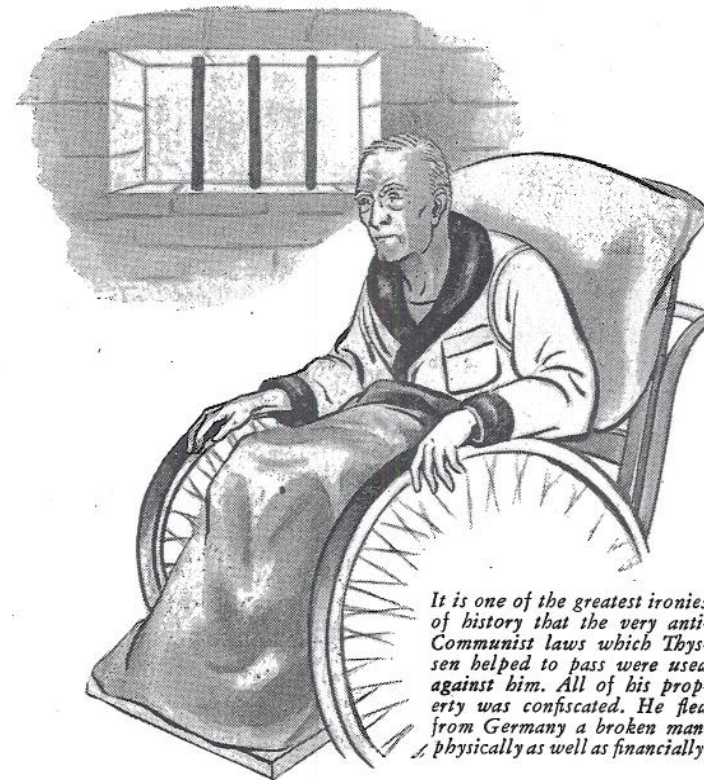
Publishers Note: The fate of Fritz Thyssen, the great German nationalist, the mightiest German industrialist, and the devoted Catholic, is the outstanding example of how Hitler is protecting the patriots, the industrialists, and the Christians from Communism.

## The Big Mystery

WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF THE MONEY BEING SPENT TO PROMOTE THE REVOLUTIONARY GERALD L. K. SMITH



During the early days of National Socialism, Fritz Thyssen stood by Adolf Hitler, who, he believed, was saving Germany from Communism. Thyssen persuaded other German industrialists to back the Fuehrer; he helped to formulate the anti-Communist laws which he believed would save the country from Bolshevism.



It is one of the greatest ironies of history that the very anti-Communist laws which Thyssen helped to pass were used against him. All of his property was confiscated. He fled from Germany a broken man, physically as well as financially.

What is the source of income for the revolutionary Gerald L. K. Smith? When Adolf Hitler was rabble-rousing in Germany and threatening to "seize the government," he enlisted the support of wealthy industrialists who wanted "orderly government" and "protection from Communism." There is reason to believe that Smith, too, is enlisting the support of wealthy industrialists. In the Dodge divorce case, Mrs. Dodge testified that her husband, Horace Dodge, millionaire automobile magnate, had been a large contributor to Smith. When Edward A. Powers sued Smith for his share of the profits of the Committee of 1,000,000, Powers charged that "one of the principal items of income was subsidies or contributions of certain prominent persons. . . ."

Fritz Thyssen was one of the German industrialists who contributed to Hitler in the hope that National Socialism would bring "orderly government" and "protection from Communism." The "orderly government" swept away his entire fortune and made a wreck of Thyssen.

# CAN THE SAME THING HAPPEN HERE?



# DOES THIS MAKE THE PATTERN FOR REVOLUTION CLEAR TO YOU?

We have given you as briefly as we know how the story of Gerald L. K. Smith. We have proved that:

**SMITH** hopped on every *revolutionary* bandwagon that came his way—the Silver Shirts, the Ham and Egg movement, the Coughlin movement, the America First upsurge which swelled its ranks with the Hitler-heilers and Coughlinites.

**SMITH** picked for himself *revolutionary* associates. His “friends” include out-and-out Nazis, out-and-out Fascists, border-line cases. Each of them has indicated willingness to go along with Smith’s kind of *revolution*.

**SMITH’S** philosophy closely parallels that of the Nazi *revolutionary*, William Dudley Pelley, who is now serving a jail sentence for sedition.

**SMITH** draws his mass support from the political gutters. From the badly-adjusted, the malcontents, those who have least to lose and most to gain from *revolution*, any kind of *revolution*.

**SMITH** is angling for financial support from wealthy industrialists. . . .

Does that show what Smith is up to? His history is *revolutionary*, his associates are *revolutionary*, his philosophy is *revolutionary*, his supporters are potential *revolutionists*. Smith wants financial backing from wealthy industrialists. Adolf Hitler sought the backing of industrialists too; he came to power that way.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Help to tell more people about the DANGER of Smith’s movement.

If you know people who are supporting Smith, tell them to stop it. It may cause them trouble.

Urge your minister to study Smith carefully and expose him. Smith exploits Christianity. Disgraces Christianity. Repudiates *true* Christianity.

Write your local newspapers telling them about the REVOLUTIONARY Gerald K. Smith. Urge them to investigate and expose his America First movement.

Protest to the Governor of your State, to your Senators and Congressmen. Warn them against making any alliance with Smith, against any compromise with Smith. He will disgrace them AND their party.

Write to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. Urge them to investigate Smith carefully . . . his revolutionary doctrines, his subversive connections.

As a conscientious American, with a son, a daughter, brother or sister, uncle or just a friend in the service—help to defeat this man in whatever he is doing or in whatever he tries to do. He will sabotage YOU, the peace, and the future welfare of this country.

Sincerely yours,

REX STOUT  
L. M. BIRKHEAD  
FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, Inc., is a non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in Kansas City, Missouri. Since 1937 it has been exposing subversive movements in this country, and its files on un-American activities, built over a period of seven years, are among the most nearly complete in the United States.



# SMITH REPUDIATED

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## BRICKER REJECTS 'AMERICA FIRST' AID

At St. Louis He Repudiates  
Smith's 'Nomination' of Him,  
Scores Racial Prejudice

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
ST. LOUIS, Aug. 1.—Governor Bricker, Republican nominee for Vice President, denounced as "the cheapest of demagoguery" today the attempts of Gerald L. K. Smith to associate his name with that of Smith in the national campaign.

"I had paid very little attention to Gerald L. K. Smith or his movement until last night, when he associated my name with his and his movement in some kind of meeting held up in Michigan," Governor Bricker said.

"I hate demagoguery, religious intolerance and racial prejudice. They can destroy our free government as they have destroyed liberty around the world. I shall fight them as long as I am in public office and as long as I live.

"The right of religious worship, according to the dictates of one's own conscience, is protected to every American citizen in the Bill of Rights and women of our country. We must not allow any such connection."

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Butte, Mont., July 18 (AP).—Sen. Wheeler (D-Mont.), notified of the America First Party resolution supporting him for the Democratic Presidential candidate, said today that "Gerald Smith does not represent nor speak for me in any way, shape or form."

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## DEWEY DENOUNCES 'HITLER-LIKE' SMITH FOR BRICKER 'SMEAR'

At Springfield, Ill., He Assails  
Nomination of Running Mate  
by 'America First Party'

By WARREN MOSCOW

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 1—

On his way to the conference...

At a press conference he denounced Gerald L. K. Smith's nomination of John W. Bricker as Mr. Smith's running mate on the ticket of the America First party, calling Smith a Hitler-like rabble-rouser who was making a contemptible attempt to smear Governor Bricker.

Laying a wreath on the grave of Abraham Lincoln...

AUGUST 2, 1944.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE.

## Dewey Scores Gerald Smith; Sees 'Smear'

Asserts America First  
'Nomination' of Bricker  
Was a 'Sinister' Move

Running Mate  
In P...

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New York Journal-American  
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Tues., Aug. 1, 1944

## Dewey Likens Gerald Smith To Hitler

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 1 (UP).—Gov. Dewey opened his Republican Presidential campaign in Illinois today with a charge that Gerald L. K. Smith, American First leader, was a race-baiting rabble-rouser comparable to Adolf Hitler and was seeking to "smear" Gov. Bricker, of Ohio, the GOP Vice-Presidential candidate.

By LEO...

THE NEW YORK SUN,

## DEWEY CHARGES BRICKER SMEAR BY G. L. K. SMITH

Says America First Head,  
Like Hitler, Deals in  
Race Prejudice.

CALLS HIM RABBLE ROUSER

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 1 (A. P.).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey charged Gerald L. K. Smith, head of "America First, Inc., today "sinister effort to smear John W. Bricker of O. P. vice-presidential candidate." Commenting on the American First Party's "naming" of Bricker as running mate...

AUGUST 1, 1944.