

America First Meets Mar. 25

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PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 4.—The America First Party will hold a national meeting in St. Louis Mar. 25 which may turn into a national convention to nominate a Presidential ticket, Gerald L. K. Smith, its national director, announced here at a meeting in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel sponsored by the Blue Star Mothers.

The principal targets of Smith's two-hour harangue were President Roosevelt, Vice President Henry A. Wallace and Walter Winchell. Smith labeled Wallace "a Communist," and said other members of the President's Administration are "profligates and drunken rascals."

"People have asked me," Smith said, "who I think should be President Roosevelt's running mate in the next election. My answer is: Earl Browder. Browder is the President's biggest booster. Browder says the Communist Party is through in America. Well, you don't think Stalin is going to spend money on smelly, dirty-necked Communists when he has a Vice President of the United States going around making speeches for him, do you?"

As examples of "true patriotic Americans," Smith cited Charles A. Lindbergh, whose mention brought loud applause; Reps. Hoffman and Ham Fish; Sens. Burton K. Wheeler (D., Mont.) and Gerald P. Nye (R., N. D.), and Charles E. Coughlin.