

Sparks Lauds 'Axis' Press

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CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—C. Nelson Sparks, ex-Mayor of Akron and author of *One Man—Wendell Willkie*, dropped most of his respectable garments last night. He appeared as keynote speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the Republican Nationalist Revival Committee, rallying-ground for all local pro-Fascists, anti-Semites and wild-eyed, self-styled "Nationalists."

Sparks, who became the literary hero of most anti-Willkie Republicans when he published his tome gave the audience most of what it wanted. He proclaimed that isolationist was a grand old word, told some more allegedly gaudy details of how Willkie got the GOP nomination in 1940 and concluded with a tribute to his favorite newspapers:

"I would like to congratulate and pay tribute to the McCormicks, the Pattersons, the Hearsts, the Gannetts, the Howards and the many other patriotic newspaper publishers who have had the courage to expose and oppose many of the New Deal, un-American, bureaucratic and dictatorial edicts."
