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To: Boycott Chairman

The boycott is still on in full swing. Hitler is not letting up for the summer - why should you? Add to your lists the following:

- Keuffel & Esser (Drawing materials) N.Y.C.
- Dietzgen & Co.

The Hapag Lloyd Steamship Line (Nazi) announced last week that for the first time in 14 years, it would abandon its round the world cruise. What a travesty!

Recent Nazi drive against Jews in Germany is timed to try to take the minds of the "populace" off of their own suffering - hunger. Also of the fight put up by Czechoslovakia. If all European countries had similar guts, there would be no Nazi menace.

The first contingent of Catholic Nuns, refugees from Naziland, arrived in the "Land of the Free" last week. Hitler barbarism makes no distinction as to race, color or creed.

Quote from Winchell's column - "Hitler says he stands for civilization but why does civilization stand for Hitler?"

As a result of selling Nazi made merchandise under the guise of an American product, the United American Bosch Corp., of Springfield, Mass., is the "Dog House".

Recent press headline - "Reich trade continues to drop despite anschluss."

Synthetic raw materials are being substituted in increasing amounts by the Nazi government. These "Ersatz" products are of inferior quality and much more expensive than the "normal" article. How would you like a little sawdust in your bread - or fish as a substitute for white of eggs?

Brazil repudiated its cotton barter agreement with Germany because the dumping practices of the Nazis played havoc with Brazilian markets - "the parade continues."

U.S. imports of Nazi made merchandise dropped from $22,130,689 in the first quarter of 1937 to $14,291,372 in the first quarter of 1938. 1938 imports (1st quarter) amounted to only 23% of those of 1929.

The DuPont Co., in the U.S., has begun the manufacture of sulfamides acid hortetoffe imported into this country from Germany. Are your doctors and druggists cooperating with you in prescribing non-Nazi drugs?

Latest Anti-Semitic fountain-is spouting at Tompkins Corner, near Peekskill, N.Y., allegedly under the guidance of one, N.W.Rogers, a former magistrate, assisted by Nazi spy "fugitivo" Dr. Ignatz Griebl.

Incidently the source of most of the Anti-Semitic propaganda being disseminated from California has been traced to an ex-convict, reputed to be on the payroll of Nazi Germany.
Atlanta, Ga., Richmond, Va., and Cleveland, O., are setting an example for the rest of the organization by their splendid boycott work. What is your post doing?

Congratulations also to Spring Valley and the Posts in the Capitol District Council for being on their toes.

Nazi shipping is decreasing by leaps and bounds. Don't take your summer cruise on a Nazi boat!

Stay away, and have your family and friends stay away from the chain store concerns on our boycott list. Check up those in your city and see if they are "Nazi free".

Use your boycott stamp more frequently - they are very effective, in addition to advertising our organization.

There has been more Anti-Nazi activity in the U.S. in the past two months than in the previous ton. The Hamburger Fremdonblatt published in Germany complained bitterly about the wave of Anti-Nazi sentiment sweeping this country. The spy indictments are only a start uncovering their un-American activities. A short time ago the Berlin press complained about the boycott activities of the Jewish War Veterans.

We need funds to keep up our activities. Have your contributed your share?

Yours in comradeship,

EDGAR H. BURMAN, Chairman
Anti-Nazi Boycott Committee
Memo N.H.Q. #47

March 2, 1938.

To All Commanders and
Brycott Chairman

Dear Comrades:

Do not be misled by the recent headlines indicating
Hitler ordered Germans in this country to discontinue membership
in the "Bund" and other Nazi groups here. The following editorial
from today's New York Post indicates what is probably the facts
behind Hitler's statement: "quote"

A TYPICAL NAZI FRAUD

If any optimist believes that Hitler's order to Germans
living in the United States to stay out of the Amerika-Deutsche
Volksbund means a cessation of Nazi propaganda and organization
in this country, said optimist ought to have his head examined.
Hitler's "order" is a fraud on its face. Nazi propaganda and
organization in the United States will go on.

The Nazi won't give it up. The belief that all persons
of German descent, no matter where they live or whether they are
naturalized foreign citizens or not, are still Germans is a
central tenet of Nazism. What has happened is simply that this
particular organization, this unwieldy Volksbund, has been in
too many clashes with local authorities, with the American Legion,
with American liberal opinion. Therefore Hitler stages his now
"order" for the special benefit of our State Department.

But the order applies only to non-naturalized Germans in
this country. American citizens of German descent are not affected,
and many, if not most, of the bund members are naturalized. In
Berlin today stands the huge Foreign Organization of the
National Socialist Party (the NPSO), under Ernst Bohle, whose job
it is to organize all German citizens abroad into a "foreign
province of Germany." Another Berlin organization, the People's
League for Germanism Abroad, organizes Germans who are subjects
of other countries.

By Bohle's order, as Otto D. Tolischaus explained recent-
ly in the Times, all Germans abroad are National Socialists, and
counted as such. There is a regional office for North America
in the NPSO headquarters in Berlin; consular attaches and
"cultural representatives" travel everywhere to organize these
members of German's "foreign province"; all Germans abroad are
called on "to fight and propagandize every day" for National
Socialism; the official publication, Rheinfront, declares:
"Primarily we are not citizens of states but racial comrades."

What price Hitler's "order"?

Please pass this on to your membership as well as to
comrades of other American veteran organizations.

Yours in comradeship,

EDGAR H. BURNHAM, Chairman
Anti-Nazi Boycott Committee
For Release Monday, November 9, 1942

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE CHARGES CONTINUED PUBLICATION
OF GEORGE L. K. SMITH'S "CROSS AND THE FLAG";
SMITH ORDERED FOLLOWERS ON BASIS OF ELECTION RETURNS

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League yesterday released photostatic copies of a post-card mailed out November 4 to his followers by Gerald L. K. Smith, the Michigan rabble-rouser and associate of the late Huey Long, in which he indicated the continued publication of his "Cross And The Flag", which was included in the indictments of subversive individuals and publications presented by the Department of Justice to the Washington Grand Jury investigating subversive activity.

Smith, whom the League described as "one of the nation's most dangerous native Fascists", also rejoiced over the "nationwide repudiation of New Deal bureaucracy". Smith was an unsuccessful candidate for U. S. Senator from Michigan in the recent election, running against the Democratic and Republican candidates. The latter was elected.

The text of the post-card follows:

"Dear Subscriber:

"The current issue of THE CROSS AND THE FLAG will reach you in a few days as a combination October-November issue. The pressure of responsibilities has caused the delay.

"We are all rejoicing over the nationwide repudiation of New Deal bureaucracy and over the fact that the American people have expressed themselves in no uncertain terms in favor of the preservation of our American way of life.

"May God richly bless you.

(signed) Gerald L.K. Smith
Gerald L. K. Smith, Editor
THE CROSS AND THE FLAG"
QUESTIONNAIRE

(Name of your organization)

(President) (Secretary)

(Membership) (Meets when and where)

(Address)

Are you taking any specific steps at the present time in boycotting Nazi-German goods and services?

Are you planning to take any such steps, and what are they?

Do you want us to assign you specific cases along such lines?

Have you any facilities for investigating?

Do you want us to supply you regularly with boycott information?

Are you receiving our Monthly Bulletin and other literature regularly and posting it conspicuously or distributing it to your members?

Do you know of any cases which violate the marking laws? (INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY)

Do you know of any boycott violator? (INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY)

Are you setting apart a certain amount of time at every meeting for discussion on boycott, etc?

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND RETURN TO THIS OFFICE. WE ASSURE YOU OF OUR FULLEST COOPERATION AT ALL TIMES!

Very truly yours,
Dr. Boris B. Nelson
Executive Secretary
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To Champion Human Rights, Inc.
Samuel Untermyer, President
20 West 47th Street, New York City
Medallion 3-2720

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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1942

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE WIRSES PROTEST TO SENATORS ABSENT AT ANTI POLL-TAX BILL SESSION; URGES SUPPORT

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League during the Wednesday afternoon session of the Senate sent wires to all those Senators whose reported absence from Washington has helped make possible the obstruction of any vote on the anti-poll-tax bill, pointing out that "a filibuster is in itself conclusive evidence of a planned attempt to block the know will of the majority of the American people."

The text of the wire, signed by Prof. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the League, follows:

"We urge your immediate presence on the floor of the Senate to support the anti-poll tax bill and to vote for a rule of cloture needed to prevent threatened filibuster. A filibuster is in itself conclusive evidence of a planned attempt to block the known will of the majority of the American people and thus to subvert the fundamental principle of democracy. To permit such tactics in wartime holds up our whole system of government to ridicule and strengthens the arguments of our totalitarian enemies."

The wire went to the following Senators reported absent up to the opening of Wednesday's session:

Bone of Washington; Bridges of New Hampshire; Brooks of Illinois; Brown of Michigan; Butler of Nebraska; Chavez of New Mexico; Clark of Idaho; Clark of Missouri; Dooley of California; Guffey of Pennsylvania; Gurney of South Dakota; Hatch of New Mexico; Hayden of Arizona; Helman of Oregon; Hughes of Delaware; Johnson of Colorado; Kilgore of West Virginia; Langer of North Dakota; Lodge of Massachusetts; McCarran of Nevada; McFarland of Arizona; Murray of Montana; O'Mahoney of Wyoming; Smathers of New Jersey; Thomas of Utah; Tooby of New Hampshire; Walgren of Washington; Wheeler of Montana; Willis of Indiana.

The Anti-Nazi-League has fought for the political and economic rights of all minority groups, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin, as part of its program of furthering democracy on the home-front as well as on the battle-field.
Release for Papers dated Monday, April 12, 1943

HON. HERMAN HOFFMAN, ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE HEAD AND CRIMINAL BAR PRESIDENT, RESIGNS FROM AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN PROTEST OF RIVERS EXCLUSION; ASKS LAWYERS SUPPORT HIS POSITION

Hon. Herman Hoffman, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and President of the New York County Criminal Courts Bar Association today demanded that the American Bar Association immediately reverse its position in refusing to admit to membership Hon. Francis E. Rivers, Assistant District Attorney of New York County and leading Negro lawyer. "I have valued my membership in this Association for many years, but its action in this instance will require my own resignation as a public protest", said Mr. Hoffman in his letter.

Action by the Anti-Nazi League's Chairman came following disclosure last week that the American Bar Association had failed to accept the membership of Assistant District Attorney Rivers, because of the latter's race. Rivers has specialized in homicide cases for the New York County District Attorney's office since 1938, is a Yale University graduate and a veteran of the Argonne and other battles of World War I.

"In times like these", Hoffman declared, "any action of a great responsible body which is indicative of a lack of harmony between any of the major groups of people who constitute the United States of America, is an action which necessarily brings aid and comfort to our enemies. The American Bar Association is not a mere club or a social organization; on the contrary, it represents — or is at least assumed by the public to represent — the membership of the bar of this country and thereby all those charged by profession with the operation of the machinery of justice."

"I am addressing a copy of this letter," Hoffman's statement continued, "to the Presidents of the Bar Associations of the principal cities of the United States and to other leading lawyers, in the hope that they will join me in requesting that you take every possible step to see to it that the American Bar Association acts as all good citizens can rightly expect it to act in this matter."

Full text of the letter follows:

"I have read with a great deal of trepidation the accounts carried in the metropolitan press today concerning the failure of the American Bar Association to approve the membership of Hon. Francis E. Rivers, the respected Assistant —more—
In these times any action of a great responsible body which is indicative of a lack of harmony between any of the major groups of people who constitute the United States of America, is an action which necessarily brings aid and comfort to our enemies. The American Bar Association is not a mere club or a social organization; on the contrary, it represents — or is at least assumed by the public to represent — the membership of the bar of this country and thereby all those charged by profession with the operation of the machinery of justice. Such a responsible body cannot afford to create, for one moment, the impression that it excludes from its membership any person uprightly devoted to the Constitution of the United States and to the principles of humanity and justice for which this Republic stands, merely because of the accident of color.

"In his annual message to Congress, a few days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt said:

"We must guard against division among ourselves and among all the other United Nations... Hitler will try again to breed mistrust and suspicion between one individual and another, one group and another, one race and another, one government and another."

It is my hope that no voice from the great profession of the bar may be raised, and no step taken either by action or inaction, which might give assistance to our enemies in this technique of division, or in an effort to weaken the principles on which America has been built.

"I therefore strongly urge upon you that your Association immediately accept the membership application of Hon. Francis E. Rivers.

Mr. Rivers is a graduate of Yale University, in the class of 1915, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, in recognition of his high attainments in scholarship. He is a graduate of the Law School of Columbia University, in the class of 1922, and has been Assistant District Attorney of New York County, engaged in the successful prosecution of homicide cases since January 1, 1938. He was elected a member of the New York General Assembly in 1930, and is an honored member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and of the New York County Lawyers Association. During the First World War he fought at the Argonne as a lieutenant of machine-gunners. He was recently made a member of the War Committee of the New York City Bar Association, which represents every important unit of the bar in this great metropolitan area. In terms of character, ability and success in the legal profession, as well as the esteem in which he is held by the entire community, it is difficult to find any person better qualified for membership in your Association.

"I have valued my membership in this Association for many years, but its action in this instance will require my own resignation as a public protest.

"I am addressing a copy of this letter to the presidents of the Bar Associations of the principal cities of the United States and to other leading lawyers, in the hope that they will join me in requesting that you take every possible step to see to it that the American Bar Association acts as all good citizens can rightly expect it to act in this matter.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN HOFMAN"
FASCIST POLITICAL PLOT HERE REVEALED BY NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE
DISCLOSURES CLIMAX MONTHS OF INVESTIGATION

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DICTAPHONIC RECORDINGS OF ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE
LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES PLAYED TO PRESS

Sensational evidence of a plot by native American pro-fascists to form an organized political movement to be inaugurated shortly by a smear campaign against anti-nazi groups and leaders throughout the United States, was today revealed by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League which, at a press conference in its offices, 165 West 46th Street, played dictaphonic recordings of attempts by a secret agent to bribe League representatives to steal information from its files concerning individuals indicted by the government for sedition and for attempting to undermine the morale of our armed forces.

The recordings were obtained through a dictaphone, installed in a mid-town hotel room, in which the conversations between the agent and League intermediaries took place, during which substantial sums of money were on several occasions paid as "bribes".

According to officials of the Anti-Nazi League, which, in a few months will celebrate its tenth year of anti-nazi activity, the agent was only a "link in a giant network with centers in Washington, Chicago, Detroit, and New York."

A bizarre plot, which might have been part of an Alfred Hitchcock scenario, was unfolded through recordings and a score of assembled affidavits of witnesses. Completely unaware that the League had been apprised, from the beginning, of his attempts to bribe League employees, James O. Dunn, the agent, who gives the Cornish Arms Hotel as his local residence, took them into his confidence and talked for hours of the plans of his employers to develop a native Fascist movement based, according to the League, upon the presumably defunct "America First" Committee, the remnants of pro-war pre- appeasement elements, and ever more sinister components.

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The plot moved ahead on several fronts:

1. Secret investigators were employed to spy upon pro-democratic and anti-Nazi organizations, in a dual attempt to discover what information they possess concerning anti-democratic activity, and, in addition, to obtain any data upon their membership, which could be twisted into a smear campaign against all anti-fascist forces.

The Anti-Nazi League is only one of the groups which was made the subject of an investigation by the paid spies.

2. The group, whose backers at present can only be identified as consisting of the "America First! clique in Congress and certain influential industrialists", intends to pervert whatever information it has been able to dig up concerning anti-fascist groups into a smear attack, in an attempt to discredit not only those patriotic groups themselves, but the entire government and war administration as well.

3. An attempt will be made in Congress by certain "isolationist" members to "investigate" the Department of Justice for its action in indicting 32 individuals and many organizations and publications for sedition, on the grounds that the prosecutions were the results of "pressure" by patriotic organizations. Many of the senators and congressmen instrumental in asking for a probe of the Department were linked to the individuals and groups soon to be tried in Washington.

4. At the trials of the accused seditionists, information which these secret agents are seeking to accumulate will be given an anti-Semitic twist, in an attempt to convince the American public that private organizations with so-called "Jewish" support, were responsible for the prosecution of the 32 now under indictment by the government. This will, of course, be picked up and broadcast over the Nazi short-wave radio.

According to the League, the ramifications of the affair are nationwide and involve several of the most important leaders of the "isolationist" bloc in Congress, as well as industrial leaders who were the secret backers of the indicted "America First" Committee.

The story which culminated in today's disclosures by League officials, began several months ago, when an investigator, employed by the League to report on pro-fascist meetings, turned traitor and began sending reports on the League's activities to individuals in Washington and Detroit. The League, which had known of the activities of the investigator, Frank Evans, of 25 East 39th Street, for some time, did not reveal its knowledge to him.
Early in November, another employee of the League was contacted by Dunn, who explained that he had been sent by Evans to ask this employee to obtain information from the League's files. Pretending to be amenable to a bribe, the League employee advised officials of what had happened, and arranged for another meeting with Dunn in his hotel room a few nights later.

A dictaphone was hidden in the room, and a recording apparatus set up in an adjoining suite.

The conference, which took place on that evening, and again several nights later, showed that according to Dunn's own statement, he was working for William Griffin, New York publisher recently indicted for sedition, who is soon to go on trial with the 31 other defendants, in Washington.

Dunn apparently believed that the League possessed information concerning Griffin's activities which he wanted the League employee to steal, or if impossible to do so himself, to obtain it by, in turn, bribing another member of the League's staff. A League representative was assigned to pose as a file clerk who could be induced to filch the files which he wanted.

In addition, Dunn was particularly interested in obtaining the names of members and contributors to the Anti-Nazi League, on the apparent assumption that it would be possible, in the near future, to smear these individuals along with anti-Nazi groups.

As the conversations developed and more meetings between Dunn and the League intermediaries took place, Dunn admitted that he was working directly or indirectly for several highly-placed individuals who were about to form an organized political movement, anti-Semitic in nature, which would unite isolationist and pro-Nazi forces in an attempt to swing the 1944 elections.

According to the secretly recorded admissions of Dunn, plans for the organization have already matured, with offices scheduled to be set up in every major city in the country.

Although the new group would not admit that it was in any sense pro-fascist, and would even disown such groups as the "Christian Front", actually, it would embrace the members of the "Front" and all other subversive groups which were active until Pearl Harbor.

Dunn and Evans, both working in conjunction with Joseph P. Karp's so-called Constitutional Educational League (also under indictment in Washington), grow ever more active in their attempts to obtain information from and about local anti-fascist groups, which would be used in the smear campaign.
intended as a prelude to the formation of the new political organization.
The League, of course, notified all groups concerned to beware of either of
these individuals, or of attempts which their agents might make to break
into files, as Dunn had suggested doing in the case of the Anti-Nazi League.

The disclosures today came after weeks of investigation and coun-
ter-espionage, during which Dunn and Evans and their associates were under con-
stant observation and their activities continually checked.

According to Prof. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the
Anti-Nazi League, "It is imperative that the public be awakened to the danger
of a fascist political movement in this country without further delay.

"The time has come for the American people to be made cognizant
of the trap which is being set for them by a selfish minority of pro-fascist
individuals who, under the guise of isolationism, are trying to lead us, if
not into the camp of Hitler, certainly to a pro-fascist form of government
which would make vain our sacrifice of thousands of lives and billions of
treasure in winning this war."

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For Immediate Release

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE URGES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
to quick action in trial of sedition indictments;
cites renewed propaganda activity of Smythe and other defendants

Edward James Smythe, one of the 34 persons under indictment in connection with the sedition charges, in Washington, D. C., has apparently not profited from 3½ months spent in jail before he was recently released on bail. He has formed a so-called "National Council for Civil Liberties", which yesterday started to distribute a bulletin which commences: "34 of your fellow Christian Americans are about to go to trial in Washington, D. C., charged with 'sedition'; their only crime was that they loved their country too much..." The leaflet goes on to solicit funds for the defense of Smythe and his fellow-defendants, and for expanding his propaganda.

The bulletin follows the usual Nazi or "Christian Front" technique, in charging the authorities responsible for the conduct of the war with "plots" and "tyranny". All this, as usual, is blamed on the Jews and Russians. Particularly violent passages are directed against President Roosevelt, whom Smythe insists upon referring to as "Mr." Roosevelt, and the "plot for a fourth term".

Smythe's new leaflet follows the same line as that already set by remnants of the German-American Bund and "Christian Front" groups, as well as by such isolationist leaders in Congress as Congressman Hoffman and Bradley, in conjuring up a "plot" with regard to the fourth term, and in singling out Jewish members of the administration for "blame" in connection with their attacks.

Investigators for the League have reported a plan among Smythe and some of his associates to open a "canteen" for servicemen, where these men can come in contact with "Wholesome Americanism". Smythe's friends have under consideration an address on 50th Street as the site for the projected canteen.

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League last evening urged the Attorney General, Hon. Francis Biddle, to accelerate the trial of the 34 defendants in the sedition cases as much as possible, stating that "the propagandists under indictments are now seizing on the publicity attendant on preparations for the trial, in order to get a new audience for their subversive propaganda, and in order to weaken American resolve to fight on until "unconditional surrender" of the Axis has been won. A new low level of propaganda techniques has been
achieved in the activities of these people, who reflect and disseminate in America the established Goebbels' propaganda line of setting group against group and race against race."

The League's communication, which was signed by Prof. James H. Sheldon, Administrative Chairman, urged upon Mr. Biddle the desirability of finding some way, through supplementary indictments or otherwise, to compel cessation of this "seditious propaganda", pending the completion of the trials.

Typical excerpts from Smyth's new bulletin follow:

"Of your fellow Christian Americans are about to go on trial in Washington, D. C. charged with 'Sedition'; their only crime was that they loved their Country to much and were MIGHTY crusaders against the CANCER of Communism, JEWISH or RUSSIAN."

"JEWISH-COMMUNIST PERSECUTION AGAINST CHRISTIAN AMERICAN PATRIOTS."

"Will you become an active member of the NATIONAL COUNCIL for CIVIL LIBERTIES and donate five dollars or more to the cause of AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE?"

"I want to jail for fighting against COMMUNISM. Spent three and one half months in a HELLHOLE in Washington."

"Mr. Roosevelt must not be given a fourth term. FELLOW AMERICANS UNITE to SAVE THIS GOD BLESSED SOIL FROM SUCH A DASTARDLY PLOT."

"The American Revolution was fought... against TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. We are in that very same position to-day. We are taxed to the death, but we have no representation or voice in our Government at Washington, D. C. under Roosevelt and his gang..."
MEMO N. H. O. #30C

TO THE LADIES' AUXILIARIES

Dear Sisters:

NAZIISM IS SPREADING AND SO MUST OUR BOYCOTT ACTIVITIES

It is a little over four years ago that Hitler came into power and with that the boycotting of German Goods and services were started by our Organization.

Since then Nazism not only spread throughout the breadth and width of Germany, but that poisonous germ spread to the various corners of the earth, and I am sorry to state that our boycott activities have not kept pace of Hitlerism. Although our organization was the originator of the boycott movement, other organizations have assumed the leadership. It is high time that our J. W. V. shall once more rise to the top where we belong in furthering the German Boycott, so that ultimate results shall be the complete break of Hitler and his form of government.

It is the intentions of National to have a paid boycott chairman, a responsible man, who shall devote his entire time to the boycott movement, and that, my sisters, requires funds, not only to pay his salary but also for incidentals for boycott activities.

Now if we women are to assist in this work—and I know that each and every one of us are ready to do so, we must help raise the necessary funds.

HERE IS A PAINLESS WAY OF DOING A GREAT PIECE OF WORK:

It is my wish that at each regular meeting, open meeting or social function, that your boycott chairman collect one penny from each member of guest present, and send this collection direct to our boycott chairman, Rebecca Lazarus, 200 Sedore Ave., Box 20, Fairview, N.J., on the first of each month. If you have a house party or a bridge or belong to other organizations, present this plan to them and ask for their cooperation in donating these pennies. In that way, your chairman will collect larger monthly contributions. If we all get together, and pennies add up very quickly, it will enable us to intensify our boycott program and will hasten the downfall of Hitlerism.

Now sisters, I want you to realize, in asking for these pennies, you will be serving a two fold purpose. Not only will you be spreading the doctrine of boycotting, but you will also be giving notice to the world that our J. W. V. is foremost in the ranks of the boycott movement—ALL THIS FOR ONE PENNY.

Loyal yours,

DOROTHY KURNIT
National President

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History of the Boycott:

Contemporaries cannot properly write history. They are too near the scene. However, we can make some notes from which later historians may gather the facts. Not having seen here- tofore even an approximation of the events leading up to the commencement of the boycott, we are hereby undertaking the task.

And we are optimistic that the boycott will make history. We will be disappointed if the Economic Boycott does not displace guns and battleships— and airplanes and chemicals in settling future disputes among nations. The recent conference of nations at Stresa practically decided that a boycott of Germany at present was the only effective means of curbing Hitlerism and its attendant war menace and de-civilizing principles.

Rarely do we read the literature of organizations now interested in the boycott but what they claim credit for having been responsible for the boycott. Newspaper clippings prove that boycott was orginally sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. Most of the organizations now claiming credit originally, and for months, did everything possible to deter us and prevent us from carrying on the boycott. What the J. W. V., suffered before some of these other organizations came to our aid!

During a life-time, we have many ideals. Most of them do not reach the stage beyond an "idea." We all know that ideas and without more, usually die aborning. It was interesting therefore, to read recently that a comrade was given a testimonial dinner because he was the "first" to conceive the idea of a boycott. Furthermore, history shows that boycotts have been used for hundreds, possibly thousands of years.

Caesar, Alexander, Napoleon, were the leaders of millions of soldiers. It was their leadership, their aggressiveness, their planning and execution, which won the battles. A group of men without a leader is a mob. The boycott without a leader would be a sham. If it is true that every crisis brings a leader, then the Jewish War Veterans were indeed fortunate in having as its leader, the peerless leader, J. George Fredman, then Commander-in-Chief. If our comrades have any loyalty, if the world-at-large has any unselfishness, they will place the crown of sponsorship and responsibility for the success of the boycott, where it properly belongs, on comrade, J. George Fredman.

We have seen it so many times. One man aggressively, continuously, courageously, and above all modestly, "does a job" and immediately it is completed, swarms jump in to claim the credit. George WAS not only the brains, the motive power. The courage of the boycott, he still IS. While most of us lost interest and dropped by the way-side, George has continued to keep up the boycott, unabated, and next to Samuel Untermeyer, is today the leading factor in the success of this movement.

Not that we wish in any way to detract from the great contribution to the cause, of that grand humanitarian, Samuel Untermeyer. Once the boycott was in swing we could not have had a more intelligent, inspired and effective chairman, Dr. Untermeyer. As we recall it, Mr. Untermeyer's first large contribution to the Boycott Movement was at our National Memorial Services in New York City, in May, 1932. It was Mr. Untermeyer and comrade Fredman who went to Amsterdam, in July, 1933, and made the boycott a real world cause. When comrade Fredman found that Mr. Untermeyer's organization was better equipped to further and intensify the boycott, he became a director of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, and is still a member of its guiding Executive Committee.

But to get back to the start of the boycott. The first public utterance for a boycott was made by Mr. Untermyer, on March 19, 1933, at the Astor Hotel, New York, at a meeting of the American Jewish Congress, at which representatives of the American Jewish Committee, Zionists and other national Jewish organizations were present. His advocacy of the boycott met with instant appeal of the large audience, but the frigid opposition of the leaders on the dais.

Feeling that the leaders of Jewry would push this on the entire Nazi menace, George, without a moment's hesitation, left the hall and called a special Executive Council Meeting for the following night. On March 20th, 1933, at the Knickerbocker Hotel, in the presence of the press, George put the J. W. V., unequivocally behind the boycott, and arranged that same evening to hold a mass protest parade in the streets of New York, only two days hence, on March 23rd, 1933.

How hectic those two days were! The story of the boycott and the parade broke in all papers the next morning. Immediately the leaders of the American Jewish Congress tried to have the parade stopped. Ex-Congressman W. Cohen, with other Honorary Members, who had consented to act as our Marshal, and who happened to be a Vice-President of the Congress, was urged to resign as Marshal and use his influence on us. Congressman Cohen wavered, but like the true and courageous comrade he is, he stuck to the J. W. V. Efforts were made to have our parade cancelled. Influence was brought to bear on Mayor O'Brien not to receive us at the City Hall. Threats were tried. Erroneous stories were given to the press that the parade was printed by the thousands and put in win-dos of stores and offices; the Boycott Stamp designed and printed—ten million of them sent out, and several million used on the outside of envelopes where the world could see them and become familiar with the boycott. Until early in May, 1933, the Jewish War Veterans were waging this battle for the world, ALONE.

At that time the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights was organized and joined in the boycott. J. W. V. was happy to be of every assistance and cooperation in helping them to get started. It was this organization which was succeeded by what is now known as the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, of which Mr. Untermeyer is President. Other organizations then followed. It was not until August, 1933, however, that the American Jewish Congress officially declared itself in favor of the boycott—almost five months after we had started—and what valuable time was wasted in the interim—what a tremendous foot-hold Nazism had been able to take on in the interim. What suffering our unfortunate German brethren had to endure during these five months while these organizations were deliberating, pussy-footing and making up their minds. The world, and the news media, had already in the continuing spotlight the boycott had brought to J. W. V., these organizations were actually condemning the boycott, and criticizing J. W. V. To-day, THEY "claim credit" for the boycott.
Incidently the main work of the boycott was done by J. W. V. We aroused the world to the necessity and effectiveness of a boycott. Since then the boycott has been progressing mainly on its own momentum.

The task to-day is to hold what we have gained and keep the interest in the movement from lagging.

At our Memorial Services, in May, 1933, Mr. Untermeyer offered to represent American Veteran Organizations before the League of Nations to compel enforcement on Germany of the minority covenants of the Treaty of Versailles. This offer was transmitted by J. W. V., to every veteran organization in the United States, resulting in hundreds of posts passing resolutions accepting Mr. Untermeyer’s proposal. The effect of our efforts undoubtedly resulted in arousing the four million American veterans to the perils of Nazism, and their present stand to combat every “ism” attempts to gain a foothold and spread in America.

Who, that witnessed it, will ever forget that memorable scene at our National Encampment at Atlantic City on July 4th, 1933? Having the Jewish War Veterans into international repute—and raised it to the pinnacle of its fame, having aroused the world against the outrages of Hitlerism, and having brought into effective operation the only effective weapon against Hitlerism—the boycott, our peerless leader was urged to accept command for another year. The sacrifice was too much. With tears unrestrained, coursing down his checks, and many of ours, he declined. The sacrifice and the strain were too much. He had averaged 18 to 20 hrs., each day in the cause of J. W. V., and humanity; he had sacrificed his health, his family, his fortune and his profession—for us. He was deserving of a rest, but we lost a LEADER.

Immediately following the Convention George went to Europe, in company of Mr. Untermeyer. In London he contacted the Jewish War Veterans of Great Britain. In France, he inspired the Combatants Juifs. He persuaded the Poles to organize a Jewish War Veterans Association. At the same time he visited the countries which had been visited to the necessities of strengthening the boycott. At the International Conference, he ably represented the United States and the Jewish War Veterans and returned home as Vice-President of the World Boycott Organization.

Not for one day since has he neglected to raise his voice, or use his pen in combatting Nazism and intensify the boycott. With Hitlerism seeking to gain a foot-hold in the United States, he has been in the forefront of every battle to stop them.

A detailed chronicle of his activities would occupy much space than this article will permit. In passing, it might be mentioned that Commander Friedman was the inspiring force which resulted in the passage, recently, in the State of New Jersey, of what is known as the anti-propaganda bill—a bill which will undoubtedly curb un-American activities in the State of New Jersey, and probably be copied next year in other states, if not by our Federal Government.

Suffice it to say that Jewry should be grateful that they have had George Freedman as a leader during the past two and one-half years—the darkest in the last century or two. His comrades in Jersey City Post, No. 10, are proud of his achievements and honored in the knowledge that George came from within our midst, and like Judas Maccabees, was there to lead our fight. He is still there in the forefront representing Jewry the world over, fighting for their rights and for their lives. A truer and nobler son of Jewry was never born.

May we hope that our great organization—the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, which have George Freedman will honor him in some manner that will proclaim to the world-at-large that we are not entirely unmindful of his great sacrifices in our behalf.

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THEY SHOULD BE HONORED

A Jew, (Benj. Altenheimer,) originated Flag Day; A Jewess was the originator of Poppy Day; A Jewess originated the Gold Star Mothers’ Association.

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WHY NOT?

Every year we see less attendance at Memorial Day Parades and Services. Why? Pleasure seems to be more important than patriotism. Why should non-veterans not be represented in our services? Why not a banquet be tendered them, at which our best citizens, estimable Americans. We suggest that they be presented with Jewish War Veteran Medallions, or some other permanent token of our esteem and appreciation.

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CATHOLICS

Persecution of Jews in Germany is no longer news. Daily recital of persecution of Catholics in Hitlerland, however, is still news. Headlines this morning state “NAZIS IMPRISON FIRST OF 50 NUNS, VATICAN STIRRED — POPE MAY ABROGATE CONCORDAT.”

Nazism is a menace to Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Labor, Women, Masons, Liberals and almost every group in the community. Not to mention Peace. If all these persecuted peoples were united they could fight this Nazi menace especially through the Boycott, Hitler would not last a month.

Many Catholics all over the country who are members of the Rotary Club, have resigned because they decided to hold the Rotary Club Convention in Mexico City. We applaud this decision. We wonder, however, how many Jewish athletes elected to represent the various countries in the 1936 Olympics, will resign because the Olympics are being held far beyond the degree of friendliness, he is entitled to our appreciation and tribute.

We are happy to here note the names of several of such very good friends who have recently performed meritorious services:

Hon. JOHN DREWEN of Jersey City, who was counsel, and ably advocated our cause in the chancy action of “Friends of New Germany vs., Union City.”

Hon. JOHN J. RAFFERTY Assembly Minority Leader, of Middlesex County, who for two years sponsored the Anti-Propaganda Bill in the N. J. Legislature, which has since become a law, and also spoke ably for this legislation;

Hon. JOHN TOOLAN Senator, from Middlesex County, who sponsored the Anti-Propaganda Bill in the N. J. Senate, and spoke eloquently for tolerance and the preservation of our constitutional rights and privileges;

Hon. HAROLD G. HOFFMAN Governor of New Jersey, who courageously signed the Anti-Propaganda Bill without hesitation, making it the first law of its kind in the United States;

Hon. GEORGE CUTLEY of Jersey City, who has frequently spoken against discrimination and intolerance of any religious or racial group, and who has unstintingly given of his time to help worthy Jewish charities.

Hon. EDA NOLAN of Jersey City, President of the Toleration Society of New Jersey, which has issued several pamphlets condemning un-American movements, and which aided, through a memorandum, in clarifying the constitutionality of the Anti-Propaganda Bill. . . Staunch opponent of bigotry and intolerance, and always ready to aid Jewish movements and charities.

This list, of course, is not all-inclusive. Others undoubtedly should be included in our “Hall of Tribute.” We believe, however, that more public appreciation should be shown these estimable Americans. We suggest that a banquet be tendered them, at which they be presented with Jewish War Veteran Medallions, or some other permanent token of our esteem and appreciation.
According to reliable information there are today some "200 organizations and publications whose purpose it is to "promote anti-democratic ideologies and to stir up religious and racial tensions."

The average American is unaware of these threats to our constitutional liberties from the rabblerousers on the extremes of both the Right, as well as the left.

One of the objectives of this organization is to fight anything that "tends to impair the permanency and efficiency of our free institutions - encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights and full justice to all men." in other words our constitutional liberties. Communism and Fascism both parties existing in these U.S. are threats to our liberties and in the words of Rep. Dwight Patman of Texas, to be forearmed is to be forewarned". It lies within our power to defend our chosen democratic way of life against the attack of fascism.

Two booklets prepared by the Library of Congress
Communism in Action
Fascism in Action
were prepared and published for the purpose of awakening the American Citizen.

It should now be emphasized that the Nazi party numbered about 5% of the population of Germany when it was ready to take over that country and the Communists in Russia had a far smaller number than 5% of Russia's vast population when it seized power. In this country it is believed that about 20% are passively involved while the majority perhaps because of widespread mis-information or lack of any information are completely negative.

We are told that despite high employment the hate organizations are growing and their publications becoming fatter. Gerald L.K Smith on a recent tour played to packed houses in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama. The Klu Klux Klan is publicly and vigorously active in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and other states. In areas where the Klan does not operate under its own name, front organizations are active, some anti-Jewish, some anti-Catholic some anti-Labor, some anti-Negro.

In order to really be determined to fight these un-American termites, one must first clearly understand how dangerous they are and what a threat they represent to our American ideals and our individual liberty.

The Congressional document defines fascism "as the seizure and control of the economic, social and cultural life of a nation by a small group which suppresses free speech, free worship and public meetings. It requires blind obedience to a leader and is necessarily militaristic and nationalistic.

During the war, most of the hate groups, the shirt groups and the hooded groups were driven underground, but since the end of the war as after all major wars, these groups and new ones have emerged and according to substantiated evidence are growing. It is our duty to do our part in fighting the growing menace...
CAIRO HOTEL

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It is important
It is a responsibility of good citizenship to exercise the ballot intelligently and to keep abreast of the legislation being enacted in Congress.

In an organization national in scope there is a latent power that can influence the making or elimination of laws that are contrary to our ideals or our best interests.

When it is realized the extent of lobbying in Washington, our members will have more respect for the power they can wield by acting in unison.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce lists more than 3,000 national trade and professional associations throughout the country, most of which are represented in some manner at one time or another.

In analyzing how lobbies work, one Congressman said that nine out of 10 telegrams he received were fakes. Letters he sent out in reply to them were returned by the Post Office no such party.

Government experts say consumer and women's lobbies are stronger now than ever before.

Congressman are influence by the organizations and letters from "back home".

It is up to us to see that our Congressman know our opinion on National and International problems that deeply concern us.

A program must be developed in this direction.

First steps having list of National as well as local legislators 
Becoming acquainted with vital bills 
Having speakers pro and con 
Receiving National advise on the proper action to be taken

...already mentioned..." according to an article. The more effective the non-sectionals' "Lobby to promote liberal and democratic ideas and to stop up..." there are some 300 organizations, post sections, organizations and publications according to an article. The more effective the non-sectionals..."
As privilege we enjoy in our democracy, is the right to criticize. In order to work for universal good, we must be as ready to criticize faults or shortcomings in the actions within our ranks as we are to do so ourselves.
WANTED FOR MURDER

ADOLF SCHICKLGRUBER
Alias Hitler

Wanted for MURDER; ARSON; GRAND LARCENY; POSSESSION OF FIRE ARMS; PIRACY; TREACHERY; RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION.

DESCRIPTION—Age, 52 in 1941; height, five feet, seven inches; weight, 150-165; hair, black, shaggy lock hang over forehead; eyes, black, have demented gaze; complexion, sallow; football mustache, eleven hairs on each side; foppish dresser, but has marked devotion to brown shirts and an old trench-coat.

PARTICULARS—This man has tendency to become hysterical on slight provocation, has been known to throw himself on floor and gnaw rugs; guttural voice apt to rise to shrill tones when excited or thwarted. He has delusions, particularly about his place in history and his powers over vast numbers of people. He is sadistic, malicious, bombastic, vengeful, mystical, maniacal, addicted to public hysteria on "race purity;" suffers from dreams of persecution. He is a congenital liar. He has worked at only one known trade — house painting.

RECORD—He has served one term in prison, and has a police record of inciting to riot in various cities.

This man is dangerous, will attack without warning; he is always surrounded by armed thugs and expert gunmen.

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HOTEL PARAMOUNT NEW YORK CITY

1. Opening of the Convention at 10:00 A.M. by Dr. B. Dubovsky, Chairman Convention Arrangements Committee.
2. Singing of the STAR SPANGLED BANNER, by Delegates and Visitors.
3. Appointment of a Credentials Committee.
4. Opening address by Dr. B. Dubovsky.
7. Nominations and election of the standing committees of the Convention.
   a) Resolutions Committee
   b) Nominations Committee
   c) Organization and Constitution Committee
8. Recess for Lunch.
   General Discussion.
10. Future Anti-Nazi activities of the League
   General Discussion.
    a) Resolutions Committee
    b) Organization Committee
    c) Nominations Committee

Congressman Samuel Dickstein, Professor Franz Boas; William Collins, Representative of the American Federation of Labor, and Dr. Max Winkler will address the assembled delegates during the sessions of the Convention.
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE, INC. HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM PROMINENT LEADERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION:

"My position with reference to the persecution of any people is well known. I am opposed to intolerance in any form. You may rest assured of my willingness to cooperate in any way in trying to solve the trying problems of the practices that are being followed in European countries and are beginning in this country."...Rep. John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts (Ways & Means Committee of the House).

... My public duties make such demands upon my time that I feel it will be impossible for me to accept the invitation for which I thank you. I might add that the Nazi philosophy is the antithesis of democracy and is, in a sense, a menace to genuine democratic government."...Senator William H. King of Utah.

"I would like very much to be with you. However, my duties in the Senate and my work as Minority Leader of the State Constitutional Convention make it necessary for me to forego any additional engagements for the next four or five months."...Senator Robert F. Wagner, New York.

"Civilization is shocked and disgraced by the antics of Hitler and his Nazi cohorts. Hatred, injustice and oppression, like cancer, destroy those infected by their viruses. ..... The ancient hand-washing plea "Am I my brother's keeper?" will not serve to absolve Americans from their responsibilities. Our comparative freedom from Nazi influence in this country should not serve to absolve us from our responsibility to the present and the future welfare of mankind"...A Message to the Convention from Richard J. Beamish, Commissioner, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Harrisburg, Pa.
RULES

GOVERNING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

OF THE NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE

1. All delegates recognized by the Credentials Committee as accredited delegates shall be given delegate cards and badges, and shall be allowed to participate in the proceedings of the convention and to vote on all matters coming up before it.

2. Roberts Rules of Order shall guide the proceedings of this Convention.

3. Discussion on any single matter before the convention shall be limited to five minutes to each delegate.

4. No delegate shall be allowed to speak a second time on any one subject until all delegates who have indicated their desire to speak have been given an opportunity to do so.

5. Appeals from the decisions of the chair shall be limited to five minutes.

6. The Chairman is empowered to appoint tellers to count the vote whenever it is necessary to do so.
"CHRISTIANS UNITE TO PUSH BOYCOTT OF NAZI GERMANY"

"Inasmuch as the Nazi persecution of Jews and Christians violates and threatens every principle which as Americans and Christians we hold most dear, we feel we must protest not only by word but by deed.

"We therefore pledge ourselves to do nothing, either directly or indirectly, which can aid the German Government as long as it maintains three principles which lie at the very heart of Nazi doctrine: First, violation of religious freedom; second, racial persecution; third, glorification of war and inculcation of racial hatred into the minds of little children.

"As long as these doctrines prevail we pledge ourselves not to travel on German ships, knowingly buy German goods or visit the territory of the Third Reich.

"We pledge this not in hatred of the German people, but because since we are not allowed to communicate with them by word we can only open their eyes by letting our actions speak for us."

Dr. William Jay Schieffelin, Chairman, Citizens Union
Dr. Henry Noble McCormick, President, Vassar College
Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Albany
Nelson P. Mead, Acting President, City College
George Gordon Battle, Attorney
Guy Emory Shipler, Editor of Churchman
Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, former Lieutenant Governor
Margaret Chanler, Author
Bishop Paul de Schweinitz, Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa.
Rt. Rev. Frederick B. Howden, Bishop of Arizona
Joanna M. Lindlof, Member of the Board of Education."