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February 19, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your generous contribution towards the fund referred to in my letter of January 23rd, receipt for which you will find enclosed.

I am pleased to inform you that we have made some progress towards our aim of procuring \$5000 for the work of making known to the German public the facts of the present Nazi invasion of Spain.

There are at present, as a result of our efforts and financial assistance, numerous leaflets and pamphlets circulating in Germany which refer to the true facts of the situation in Spain. We hope, of course, to be able to contribute our full quota of \$5000 within the next few weeks and it is for this reason that I wish to express to you my sincerest gratitude for your contribution and your offer to try to interest some of your friends in the work of my committee and to obtain additional contributions.

If you so wish, I shall be very pleased to keep you informed of the progress of our work in general.

Very sincerely yours,

Franz Boas

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April 18, 1938

Mr. Sam McReynolds

Chairman House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Washington, D C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that, largely due to your intervention, open hearings on the neutrality legislation pending have been postponed.

I believe that in this you are not in accord with the policies of the President and the Secretary of State, as clearly pointed out in their recent speeches. You are not acting to the interests of the American people, who want a real peace policy, and are opposed to a policy of support to aggressor nations.

Due to my work in this Committee, I know that the German people are opposed to Hitler and are organizing to rid Germany of the Nazi terror and to establish a truly democratic Germany.

By your deliberate attempt to forestall hearings on peace legislation and the eventual cancellation of the American so-called "Neutrality Act," you are hampering the democratic governments, such as Spain and China in their struggles to maintain democracy, and aiding the aggressor nations, who wish to destroy all democracies,--even our own.

The delay in the hearings on neutrality legislation does not serve the best interests of the American people and the democratic forces of the world.

I therefore urge that you immediately hold open hearings on this question so that the will of the American people can be ascertained and the State Department act in accordance with the will of the majority.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN COMMITTEE
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Sponsor

April 21, 1938

Miss Mildred Leibner, Executive Secretary,
American Committee for Anti-Nazi Literature,
63 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Leibner:

I received your communication of April 19 asking me to sign an enclosed letter which is to be sent to Chairman Sam McReynolds of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

I am inclined to think that in launching such an activity, the American Committee for Anti-Nazi Literature is definitely going beyond the scope of its original purpose. I do not believe that this organization ought to concern itself with neutrality legislation in the American Congress. There are other organizations to do that work. If this Committee plans to embark upon such a program, I should feel myself under the necessity of sending in my resignation as a sponsor.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Please pardon the lengthy delay in replying to your letter of April 21st. We moved our offices to the above address, and were so busy, were unable to give your letter the attention it deserves.

May we assure you that it is not the Committee as a whole that has embarked on this program, but the action of individual members and sponsors, who, as individuals, felt that peace legislation should be held at open hearings, and that members and sponsors of our Committee be given the opportunity to voice their opinions in this matter.

May we quote from a letter received from Prof. Albert Guerard, of the English Department of Stanford University, which was enclosed with his signed letter to Chairman McReynolds:

"I am glad that your committee is going beyond 'Anti-Nazi Literature' in the narrower sense of the term. It is only by organizing democratic peace that we shall efficiently check Nazism. The Anti-Hitler battlefront today is in Spain and China as well as in Czechoslovakia."

We also received signed letters from Harriet Stanton Blatch; Prof. Thomas C. Cochran, of New York University; Prof. William H. Kilpatrick, of Columbia University, and Justice Anna M. Kross, among many others.

We sincerely hope that we have in no way given the impression that it is the Committee that has embarked upon a new program. Such is not our intention. We are definitely keeping to our original program, of a press service, publication of our Bulletin,--the last on Education in Germany,--and now we have Heinrich Himmler's secret speech ready for publication. We will be pleased to send you a copy as soon as it is off the press.

Sincerely yours,
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Mildred Leibner
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