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CARE CONVENTION ORDER BRITH SHOLEM ATLANTICCITY NJ=

PLEASE PRESENT TO BRITH SHOLEM CONVENTION BOYCOTT OF NAZI
 GERMANY ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL BOYCOTT COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN
 LEAGUE FOR DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS STOP PLEASE USE YOUR
 INFLUENCE TO ASK CONVENTION ENDORSE BOYCOTT STOP GREETINGS=
 AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS EZEKIEL
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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=
CLEVE=

WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU JOIN AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR THE DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS WHICH PROCLAIMED BOYCOTT MOVEMENT HOTEL ASTOR CONFERENCE MAY FOURTEENTH STOP WE WOULD LIKE TO USE YOUR NAME ON NATIONAL BOYCOTT COMMITTEE SERVING TOGETHER WITH UNTERMYER GERARD AND OTHERS STOP PLEASE ADVISE BY WIRE=

EZEKIEL RABINOWITZ SECRETARY AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR THE DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS 729 SEVENTH AVENUE NEWYORK.

*Answered
Will be pleased to serve on your committee*

June 19, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I received your telegram some hours after I delivered my address before the convention of the Order B'rith Shalom. Nevertheless I devoted the major part of my address to the subject of the Boycott. I had to leave Atlantic City the same night so that I did not get an opportunity to talk to anyone about passing a resolution on the subject.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
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BOYCOTT COMMITTEE LONDON HEADED BY LORD MELCHETT CALLING
WORLD CONFERENCE PURPOSE CONSOLIDATING JEWISH BOYCOTT
MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT WORLD STOP CONFERENCE WILL OPEN LONDON
JULY FIFTEENTH STOP SAMUEL UNTERMYER DR CARALNIK GOING
AS DELEGATES AMERICAN BOYCOTT COMMITTEE OF LEAGUE STOP
UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT DELEGATION CONSISTS MORE MEMBERS
STOP WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU AND AT LEAST ONE MORE
PREFERABLY BUSINESS MAN JOIN DELEGATION SO AS TO REPRESENT
MIDDLE WEST STOP PLEASE ADVISE=

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR THE DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS
729 SEVENTH AVENUE EZEKIEL RABINOWITZ SECRETARY.

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June 20, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Sec'y,
American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I wish I could go to London to attend the World Conference on the German Boycott. As you probably know, I have been away from Cleveland practically the whole of this last year on a leave of absence. I returned but a few weeks ago and it is quite impossible for me to leave the country again so soon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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(Committee in formation)

June 21, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I profoundly deplore your inability to attend the World Boycott Conference in London. Our British colleagues on the Joint Council of Trades and Industries, the sponsors of the conference, are very anxious to have as large and as an important a representation from the Jewish community in the United States as possible. The reason for that is quite obvious. The meeting of the World Conference will coincide with the sessions of the International Economic and Monetary Conference and will, therefore, no doubt be closely watched by the assembled statesmen and correspondents of the various nations. The purpose of our conference would be defeated, if the largest and the most powerful Jewish aggregate in the world, the Jews of America, would be inadequately represented there.

It is, therefore, vitally important that our League bend every effort to secure the services, as delegates, of as large a number of representative American Jews as possible. It is the first gathering of its kind in our Jewish history. Up till now, all world Jewish conferences were uniformly of a political nature.

May we, therefore, request that you prevail upon ^{at least one} a representative Jewish citizen of your community, preferably a well-known business man, to join Mr. Untermyer, Dr. Coralnik and others who are heading our delegation to the London conference?

On June 14, I addressed to you a letter dealing with the status of the boycott movement and with the difficulties encountered by us. Since you have not acknowledged receipt of the letter, I herewith enclose a copy of that communication for your perusal and action.

Faithfully yours,

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR THE DEFENSE OF
JEWISH RIGHTS, INC.

Ezekiel Rabinowitz

Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Secretary

ER:DA
Enc.

June 14, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your telegram in which you express your readiness to cooperate with the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights in its task of organizing and systematizing the boycott of German products in this country. I am sure that your support will have a powerful influence in popularizing and strengthening the boycott movement in this country. Moreover, we are convinced that you are ready to lend to the boycott action not only your entire moral support, but that you are also determined to actively engage in the promotion of this movement throughout the country and specifically in Cleveland.

The work naturally may be summed up in two main subdivisions: the organization of the consumer and the organization of the distributor and manufacturer. Our League has thus far concerned itself chiefly with the necessary propoganda calculated to dramatize among the general public, the importance of the boycott for the survival of our people in Germany and elsewhere. We have also made a very auspicious beginning in organizing the medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and allied professions, as well as various trades, such as the fur industry, chemical industry, etc.

It is not necessary for me to stress the enormous difficulties encountered by us in this latter phase of our activity, requiring as it does, research and diligent technical study, if we are to be in a position to guide and advise importers and manufacturers in their search for substitutes for German manufactures.

In the short five weeks that we have been in existence, we have naturally been unable to concentrate upon the procuring of the large sums of money that an effective and telling boycott requires. While we have the entire and unstinted support of such men as Samuel Untermyer, nevertheless we have thus far failed to receive larger contributions.

I am sure that you will agree with me that it is of utmost importance for the success of our movement that we do not lack financial resources and that we may go on with our campaign unhindered by the lack of money.

I have stated frankly to you the situation in which we find ourselves and I am confident that you will lend us your powerful support in this direction whatever manner you may deem it desirable. I am also convinced that you will do everything in your power to promote the organization of the boycott in your community.

May we hope to hear from you soon?

With kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR THE DEFENSE OF
JEWISH RIGHTS

ER:CS

(Signed) Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Secy.



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WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR WOMENS CONFERENCE TUESDAY AFTERNOON
 JUNE 27TH HOTEL ASTOR STOP WE HAVE NOT INVITED YOU UNTIL
 NOW BECAUSE WE COULD NOT ANTICIPATE WHETHER ATTENDANCE
 WOULD WARRANT TROUBLING YOU STOP CONFERENCE PROMISES TO
 BE EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS WE FEEL YOUR PRESENCE AS SPEAKER
 WILL GIVE MOVEMENT NATIONAL MOMENTUM STOP PLEASE ADVISE=
 EZEKIEL RABINOWITZ SECRETARY AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR
 THE DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS 729 SEVENTH AVENUE
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July 15th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to remind you of your kind promise to write a letter to Mr. J. David Stern, Philadelphia Record, Broad & Wood Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

I would suggest, if I may, that you tell him that I reported to you of my conversation with him, and that you were very happy to learn that he has joined our ranks in the boycott fight against Nazi Germany. It would also be advisable to mention the fact that I asked you to attend the meeting of our committee at which he, Mr. Stern, would like to be present, but you were not in a position to grant this request as you had to go back to Cleveland.

As to the other matters--you will hear from me within a few days.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
Secretary.

ER:JS

Letter sent to Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz

July 17, 1933.

Mr. J. David Stern,
Philadelphia Record,
Broad & Wood Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Stern:

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Secretary of the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, informed me, on my recent visit to New York, of your interest in the national boycott movement against Hitler's Germany and of your readiness to join with us in this important work. I was delighted to hear that you want to join our ranks. I know that you will lend great strength to our cause and that your counsel will prove of great value. I suggested to Mr. Rabinowitz that a conference be called within the next few weeks of a group of interested people throughout the country to define our work more specifically and to outline in greater detail the scope of our activities. I hope that you will be able to attend this conference when it is called. I shall look forward with pleasure to our meeting at that time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

July 19, 1933.

Mr. Ezeziel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I received the enclosed announcement this afternoon. Do you know anything about this publication or the people back of it? If they are not reliable people, bent only upon capitalizing the present situation for their financial gain, they should be exposed. If they are reliable people, it may be possible to join hands with them and use this publication in the same way as we planned to use our own publication which we discussed a few days ago.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

July 31, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 29th. I was interested in reading its contents. Immediately upon Mr. Untermyer's arrival, please set a definite date for the conference. I shall make every effort to come and also to bring with me some people from this part of the country.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

August 1, 1933.

Mr. Jay Iglauer,
% Halle Bros. Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Iglauer:

A confidential conference on the German boycott will be held in the next few weeks in New York. Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who is returning on August 6th, will report about his activities abroad and about the international boycott conference recently held in Amsterdam. I should very much like to have you attend this conference and bring with you one or two leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers of Cleveland who are sufficiently interested in the boycott idea to wish to make it more effective and extensive. Those who attend this meeting will not be embarrassed by any publicity.

From many sources we learn that the boycott is the one thing that has been tremendously worrying the Nazi government. It is our last, and I believe, our strongest weapon.

Please let me hear from you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:BK

August 1, 1933.

Mr. Eugene L. Geismer,
1021 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Geismer:

A confidential conference on the German boycott will be held in the next few weeks in New York. Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who is returning on August 6th, will report about his activities abroad and about the international boycott conference recently held in Amsterdam. I should very much like to have you attend this conference and bring with you one or two leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers of Cleveland who are sufficiently interested in the boycott idea to wish to make it more effective and extensive. Those who attend this meeting will not be embarrassed by any publicity.

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK
Enc.

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August 1, 1933.

Mr. Adolph Weinberger,
Weinberger Drug Co.,
Huron-Sixth Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Weinberger:

A confidential conference on the German boycott will be held in the next few weeks in New York. Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who is returning on August 6th, will report about his activities abroad and about the international boycott conference recently held in Amsterdam. I should very much like to have you attend this conference and bring with you one or two leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers of Cleveland who are sufficiently interested in the boycott idea to wish to make it more effective and extensive. Those who attend this meeting will not be embarrassed by any publicity.

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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August 1, 1933.

Rabbi Victor E. Reichert,
Congregation Bene Israel,
Rockdale Ave. Temple,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Reichert:

A confidential conference on the German boycott will be held in the next few weeks in New York. Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who is returning on August 6th, will report about his activities abroad and about the international boycott conference recently held in Amsterdam. I should very much like to have you attend this conference and bring with you one or two leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers of your city who are sufficiently interested in the boycott idea to wish to make it more effective and extensive. Those who attend this meeting will not be embarrassed by any publicity.

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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August 1, 1933.

Dr. Louis L. Mann,
Chicago Sinai Congregation,
4600 Grand Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Mann:

A confidential conference on the German boycott will be held in the next few weeks in New York. Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who is returning on August 6th, will report about his activities abroad and about the international boycott conference recently held in Amsterdam. I should very much like to have you attend this conference and bring with you one or two leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers of your city who are sufficiently interested in the boycott idea to wish to make it more effective and extensive. Those who attend this meeting will not be embarrassed by any publicity.

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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July 31, 1933.

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Joseph:

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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August 1, 1933.

Mr. Charles Joseph,
Editor, Jewish Criterion,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Joseph:

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

August 1, 1933.

Mr. Fred Lazarus,
Columbus,
Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lazarus:

A confidential conference on the German boycott will be held in the next few weeks in New York. Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who is returning on August, 6th, will report about his activities abroad and about the international boycott conference recently held in Amsterdam. I should very much like to have you attend this conference and bring with you one or two leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers of your city who are sufficiently interested in the boycott idea to wish to make it more effective and extensive. Those who attend this meeting will not be embarrassed by any publicity.

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Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

J. DAVID STERN
PUBLISHER

PHILADELPHIA RECORD, PHILADELPHIA
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MORNING POST, CAMDEN, N. J.

August 1, 1933

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In answer to your letter of July 17th,
I shall be glad to attend any conference of the boycott group
that is called.

I am wholly in sympathy with your work
and ready to help. My interest was largely inspired by your
eloquent address in Philadelphia about a month ago.

Yours sincerely,

David Stern

The Halle Bros. Co.

1228 EUCLID AVENUE

Cleveland.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

August 2, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Mr. Iglauer left last night for a vacation of ten days or two weeks. On his return your letter of August 1 will be brought to his attention promptly.

Very truly yours,

A. J. McDonough
Secretary to Jay Iglauer

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August 2, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St.
Cleveland, O.

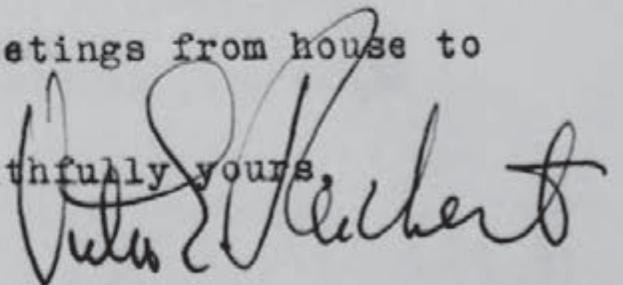
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your letter this morning with reference to the confidential conference on the German boycott. It is impossible for me to leave Cincinnati during the summer because of the absence of Dr. Philipson from the city. However, Dr. Philipson, who is summering at Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, might find it convenient and important to attend the meeting in New York. I therefore suggest if you have not already done so, to send him a similar invitation to mine. I have spoken with several prominent members of my Congregation, but they are unwilling for the present to commit themselves, even by attendance, to such a drastic measure as the boycott. However, if they change their minds it is possible they would like to attend. I would therefore appreciate your letting me know the exact time and place of the conference so that I may pass on this information to such persons as might be interested.

I enjoyed reading your forceful editorial in the Jewish Daily Bulletin a few weeks ago, and found particularly pungent your references to the Oi-oi diplomacy of New York and the Sh-sh strategy of Philadelphia.

With kind personal greetings from house to house, I am,

Faithfully yours,



VER:MH

Temple Beth Zion
DELAWARE AVENUE
BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
JOSEPH L. FINK

August 2nd 1933

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Friend :

I will be very happy to attend the conference about which you wrote me, but I am wondering about the date - when it will be held. I am leaving Buffalo tomorrow, to be gone for two weeks, on a vacation in Canada. Any time after August 17th I will be happy to be with you.

When you have definitely decided on the date I will make every effort to have one or two prominent laymen go with me.

Sincerely yours,

Joe

August 3, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Secretary,
American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, Inc.,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which was sent out by Macy's of New York to a customer who complained that their department store was buying German goods. It is clear that Macy's is trading with the enemy, and plans to continue. It attempts to justify its action by the well known dodge of "their responsibility to their stock holders". The letter abounds with quietistic phrases about not wanting to hurt the cause of the Jews in Germany.

I would suggest that Mr. Untermeyer, upon his return to the United States be asked to take the matter up with Mr. Strauss of Macy's. If he fails to persuade that organization, the Jews of New York ought to be informed of it. The utmost pressure should be brought to bear upon this organization, which by continuing to advertise and sell German made goods in America, is helping to maintain the present bloody regime in Germany.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

August 4, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Secretary,
American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, Inc.,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from J. David Stern of Philadelphia which may interest you. Please return it to me. I have written to a few people in the principal cities in the Middle-west inviting them to attend our New York conference. I believe that we shall have a fairly good representation. It would be well to set the date of the conference within the next few days so that those who plan to attend the conference will have ample time to plan ahead for their visit to New York. Take this matter up with Mr. Untermyer immediately after his arrival.

The owner of a large chain of drug stores in Cleveland, Mr. Adolph Weinberger, suggests the name of Mr. Lewis Rodman, President of the Silver Rod Stores of New York, as a likely delegate to our conference. You may wish to get in touch with him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

LOUIS L. MANN
BOX 1
LELAND, MICHIGAN

no

Aug 6

My dear Abba:

Your letter of Aug 1st was forwarded to me here.

My group to New York depends largely upon the date. To keep me informed,

we are enjoying a quiet summer here - out in the woods.

Ruth joins in kindest greetings to all of you.

As ever
Lou

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August 7, 1933.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters of July 31, August 3, and 4.

I wish to assure you that your interest in this work which is obvious from your letters is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Untermeyer returned yesterday and was very enthusiastically received by throngs of people at the pier. In a day or so, I'll take up with him all the details pertaining to the proposed conference and also the Macy letter which you enclosed in your letter of August 3. You will hear from me very soon.

In compliance with your suggestion, I'll also get in touch with Mr. Lewis Rodman.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I am

Respectfully yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

ER:BZ

P.S. I am returning herewith the letter of Mr. Stern as per your request.

GUGGENHEIMER & UNTERMYER

30 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS 'MELPOMENE' NEW YORK

August 8, 1933

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your very kind telegram, which I found on arriving at my office this morning, reading as follows:

"WELCOME HOME AND MORE POWER TO YOU IN THE GREAT WORK WHICH YOU HAVE UNDERTAKEN."

I have learned from various directions of your wholehearted and enthusiastic support of the campaign and am of course anxious that you, with your great national influence in Jewish circles, shall give us your active assistance, which I understand to my great satisfaction, you are not only willing but anxious to do.

I am wondering whether you happened to hear the address broadcast by me on my arrival here Sunday over a National 'hook-up'. In case you did not hear it, I am here-with enclosing the full text of the address as published in the New York TIMES of yesterday morning.

Mr. Rabinowitz tells me that he has been in communication with you and has shown me letters from you. I agree that there should be an immediate conference of representative Jews from various parts of the country held in New York, so as to discuss the details of the boycott campaign. Mr. Rabinowitz is communicating with you on that subject.

We are greatly in need of funds with which to make an effective campaign and are anxious to make arrangements to that end. That involves the selection of a man experienced in that particular kind of business. But it is hardly worth while to enlarge upon that subject now as I am hoping to see you here soon.

With kind personal regards and many thanks for the valuable aid you have already rendered, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Untermyer
Samuel Untermyer

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August 10

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To Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz

Street and No. 729 Seventh Ave.

Place New York, N.Y.

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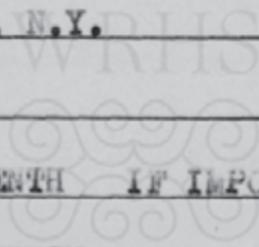
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PLEASE WIRE WHETHER THURSDAY SEPTEMBER SEVENTH ACCEPTABLE
 AS DATE FOR CONFERENCE STOP ALSO WIRE OPINION WHETHER
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 RABINOWITZ.

August 10, 1933.

Mr. Samuel Untermyer,
Guggenheimer & Untermyer,
30 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Untermyer:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of August 8. While I did not have the good fortune to listen in on your address, I read it in Monday's New York Times. It is a masterful and powerful address and many people in Cleveland who listened in have spoken to me about it.

This morning I received a telegram from Mr. Rabinowitz asking me whether Thursday, September 7, would be acceptable for our conference and whether I thought that a mass meeting to wind up the conference is advisable. I answered both in the affirmative. Every effort should be made to get a representative group from business, the professions, the labor groups and organized Jewish bodies to attend this conference. Invitations for this conference should be sent out by us in the very near future. I had previously corresponded with quite a number of people in cities of the middlewest advising them that such a conference would be held, without specifying the date. The mass meeting should be planned on a large scale. It would be helpful if one or two non-Jewish sympathizers and advocates of the boycott, who have not yet been heard on the subject, have a share in the program.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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DATE CONFERENCE DEFINITELY SET SUNDAY SEPTEMBER TENTH
 PROVIDED ACCEPTABLE TO YOU PLEASE WIRE=

RABINOWITZ.

August 11, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

In reply to your telegram permit me to say that either September 7 or September 12 is an acceptable date for me. Sunday, September 10 is a difficult date as our School and Temple activities go on at that day. You ought to consider, however, whether Sunday is not a better day for a conference, whether it is not a more convenient day for out of town people who may want to attend the conference, and whether Sunday evening is not a better time for a mass meeting. I would make every effort to attend a Sunday conference.

I presume that the conference would be held in the morning or afternoon, or both, and the mass meeting in the evening.

Please consult with Mr. Untermeyer, make the final decision on the date and let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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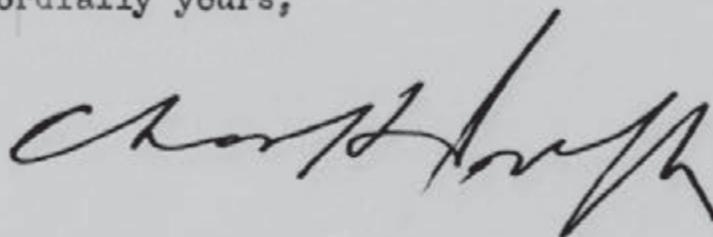
August 12, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

At this time it is very difficult
for me to definitely say whether I can attend
such a conference as you suggest. However,
if you will let me know the time, and if I
can arrange my affairs, I shall be glad to
sit in with you.

Cordially yours,



Chas. H. Joseph
MD

August 14, 1933.

Dr. S. Margoshes, Editor,
The Day,
183 E. Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Margoshes:

I was very happy to receive your letter and the enclosures. You have rendered the cause a great service by bringing to the notice of the Jewish people of New York the attitude of Macy's. The attack upon this organization should be prosecuted aggressively. If we succeed in bringing Macy's into line, it will have a good effect on other similar organizations. I have not yet seen any statement in The Jewish Daily Bulletin. Macy's trade with the enemy should be brought to the attention of the non-Yiddish reading public as well.

I understand that our national conference will be held on September 12th. I plan to attend it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S.: Have you thought of the advisability of having the orthodox rabbis of America declare an official ban on all German made goods? I believe that it would have a tremendous effect. Let me hear what you think of it.

Has the committee of the American Jewish Congress seen Untermeyer?

August 15, 1933.

Mr. Chas. H. Joseph,
Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Joseph:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of August 12. The Boycott Conference has been definitely scheduled for Sunday, September 10, in New York. I trust that you will be able to attend this important gathering. It would be particularly helpful if you could bring with you a few leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers from Pittsburgh to this Conference. You realize the importance of having a large business element represented.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

August 15, 1933.

Rabbi Joseph L. Fink,
Temple Beth Zion,
Delaware Avenue,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Joe:

The date of the Boycott Conference has been definitely set for Sunday, September 10, in New York. I earnestly hope that you will be able to attend it. I am particularly anxious that you should bring with you a few of the leading Jewish merchants or manufacturers of your city. It is of the utmost importance to have a large business element represented at this meeting.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

August 15, 1933.

Dr. Louis L. Mann,
Box 1,
Leland, Michigan.

My dear Lou:

I am delighted to know that it may be possible for you to attend the Boycott Conference in New York. It has been definitely scheduled for Sunday, September 10. Please get in touch with some of the leading merchants or manufacturers of your congregation and find out whether they will attend this Conference. It is important to have a business element largely represented. Quite a number of the cities of the East and Middlewest are planning to send large delegations. Should you get favorable acceptances from some of these men, please let me have their names. You may assure them that they will not be embarrassed by any publicity.

With kindest regards to you and yours,
I remain

As ever,

AHS:EK

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August 15, 1933.

Mr. Eugene Geisner,
The Stearn Co.,
1021 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Eugene:

The date of the Boycott Conference has been definitely set for Sunday, September 10, in New York. I should be delighted if you could see your way clear to attend the Conference and possibly bring along with you a number of other Jewish merchants or manufacturers. The Conference promises to be a highly interesting one. It will be presided over by Mr. Samuel Untermyer. Delegations are coming from many of the cities of the East and Middlewest. All the sessions of the Conference will be of an executive character excepting the large mass meeting which is planned for the evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK



THE NATIONAL JEWISH DAILY
183 East Broadway, New York

August 16, 1933

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am so glad that you liked our stand on Macy's. We are not through with that concern yet. We are using Untermyer to bring pressure on the owners, but meanwhile we are ~~bringing~~ *inducting* Christian department stores to adopt ~~the~~ boycott, to make the difference between them and Macy's even more glaring. Thus far we have succeeded in getting Lord and Taylor to announce that henceforth they will buy no more German goods. We expect other stores to follow suit.

I managed to bring over a delegation of the American Jewish Congress to Untermyer to talk business. We have reached an understanding as to a joint action with regard to the boycott. Dr. Wise's speech in Prague, in favor of the boycott, was simply the logical result of our stand here, of which we have notified him in no uncertain terms. He had to jump on the band wagon, otherwise the band wagon would have proceeded without him.

I do not know what is going to happen to the ~~International~~ Conference scheduled for September the 12th. The Congress is holding a meeting this coming Sunday to go on record in favor of the boycott, and arrangements will have to be made with the League to have Congress participation in the Conference of September 12th. Whether that date is not a bit too early, I do not know. Personally, I should have liked to have attended the Conference in any case, but unfortunately I shall be prevented from doing so. My hay fever will keep me from town for a full month, and I shall have to watch events from my retreat in the White Mountains. I leave it to you to do all you can to put the boycott movement on the map. Mr. Untermyer is very enthusiastic, but he has to be led.

Cordially yours,

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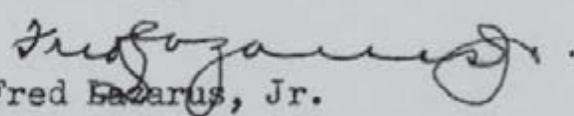
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of August 1st,
and I have not yet changed my opinion
as to the ill effects of a formal Jew-
ish boycott of Germany.

With cordial regards and looking
forward to the pleasure of seeing you,
I am

Sincerely,


Fred Lazarus, Jr.

August 16, 1933.

Mr. Nate Dauby,
The May Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

The only powerful weapon left in the hands of the Jewish people with which to combat the medieval persecutions of our people in Germany is the economic Boycott. It sprang up spontaneously among our people throughout the world and it has already succeeded in undermining Nazi Germany's export trade and practically destroyed its shipping and tourist trade. It will have a more telling effect after the Boycott is more systematically organized throughout the world.

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May I hear from you at your earliest convenience whether you will join us at this conference. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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National City Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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The Bailey Co.,
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Mr. Samuel D. Wise,
% The Arco Co.,
7301 Bessemer Ave.,
City.

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Rorimer-Brooks Studios Co.,
2232 Euclid Ave.,
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The Lindner Co.,
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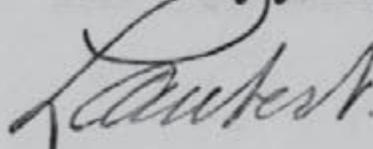
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In reply to your letter of August the sixteenth, I shall try to attend the conference to be held in New York on September the tenth, and will be glad to have your secretary remind me of same a few days prior thereto.

I can assure you that in The Bailey Company we are not using German-made merchandise, that we know of, inasmuch as each buyer has instructions from me to follow along the lines you mentioned in your letter.

With my kindest regards, I remain,

Most truly yours,



Lambert G. Oppenheim.

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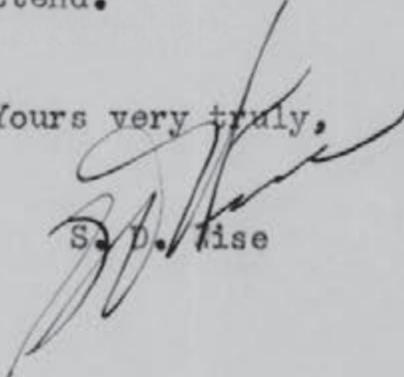
August 17, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I have yours of the 16th and while I am in hearty sympathy with the movement still I may not find it possible to be in New York on September 10th. By reason of important matters requiring my attention at home it is impossible to make definite plans so far in advance. However, if I can make the necessary arrangements I will endeavor to attend.

Yours very truly,


S. D. Wise

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HIRAM S. RIVITZ
WEST 98TH ST. & WALFORD AVE.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

August 18th,
1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Hillel:-

I have been out of the city and have just returned,
and have read your letter of the 16th inst.

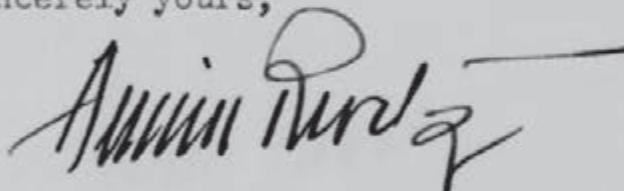
I have been trying to take a little vacation for a
much needed rest, and have been planning an ocean
voyage with Mrs. Rivitz, to leave about the time set
for the conference.

However, if it is possible for me to postpone my de-
parture for a day or two later, I shall make every
effort to do so, as I am most anxious to join you in
this really worthwhile and important work. You can
count on me to do anything I can in support of your
undertaking.

Your call will unquestionably receive instant response.
I will join you in New York for the conference if it
is at all possible. Let me assure you of my keen
interest.

With personal regards, remain,

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Dr. Silver:-

I have before me your letter of August 16th, and believe that the situation is so critically important that it behooves each and all of us to do anything we possibly can to help in this unprecedented tragedy.

None the less, I am questioning my being of any real value to the conference that will be called in New York on September 10th. There will doubtless be a most numerous attendance from all parts of the country, particularly from those contiguous to New York. Therefore, I cannot help but feel that both the time and the expense involved would not be in proportion to the benefit to the cause. Therefore, I feel it would be advisable for me to make my contribution in some other manner, rather than in attending the conference itself.

I need hardly express to you my entire willingness to do anything to be truly helpful in this crisis.

With genuine regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Monte A. Beck

LAMBERT G. OPPENHEIM
CLEVELAND, OHIO

August
Twenty-sixth
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

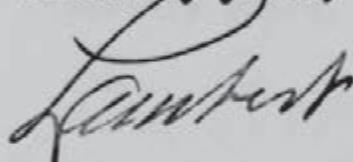
Since accepting your kind invitation to attend the conference which is to be held in New York on September the tenth, I have received some very unfavorable reaction from that source.

I am 100% in sympathy with the project and shall be glad to cooperate to my fullest extent. Just the other day one of my executives in the store came to me and told me that the rumor has been spread around Cleveland that the gentile German will boycott Jewish stores. I do not put much stock in this but nevertheless we must be very careful not to take any active part in a project like the one in New York, and for that reason I want to tell you that I will not be able to go to the conference.

Please be assured that if there is anything I can do along the line of helping the cause, I shall be glad to do so.

With my kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Lambert G. Oppenheim.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

August 28, 1933.

Mr. Lambert G. Oppenheim,
The Bailey Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Lambert:

Let me thank you for your letter of August 26th. I know of your great interest in the cause and for that reason I am anxious to have you attend the Conference in New York. Let me assure you that you will in no way be embarrassed. The meeting of the 10th will be behind closed doors. No newspapermen will be allowed. No one's name will be used in any publicity. Only the banquet in the evening, in honor of Mr. Samuel Untermyer, will be addressed by Governor Pinchot and myself and will be open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to have an exchange of ideas among those who are in positions of importance in business and in the professions on the present methods of extending the German boycott and making it even more effective. I think that you will enjoy contacting with the men who will attend this meeting. Mr. Samuel Untermyer has just had a meeting with the heads of department stores in New York and a large representation from that body is expected at our meeting. Chicago and St. Louis are sending substantial delegations.

Please come if you can. The talk about gentile German boycotting Jewish stores is just "schmoos." One heard it as soon as Hitler came into power. The fact of the matter is, most of the Germans in Cleveland are strong anti-Hitlerites.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I thought I would send you the enclosed copy of a letter which is part of my correspondence with Mr. Untermyer while I was in the office of the Keren Hayesod. It relates to Mr. Untermyer's answer to a bitter attack on Zionism which Mr. Morgenthau then published in The World's Work.

The World's Work refused to take the answer so I placed it with The Forum and at the same time has a summary of the article printed in a number of leading newspapers.

I feel certain that you will want to do everything you can in the matter which ^{is} discussed, even though it was not possible for me to ^{the} tell you the urgency of the situation.

With much appreciation and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Bernard G. Richards

BGR:DK

P.S. I hope you saw Mr. Fishman's report in yesterday's Jewish Morning Journal.

BGR.

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October 8, 1921

Bernard G. Richards, Esq.
c/o Keren Hayesod
50 Union Square
New York City

Dear Mr. Richards:

Your letter of the 6th inst. with enclosures has just reached me.

I want to congratulate you and thank you for the effective way in which the publicity end of my article in The Forum was handled.

It is gratifying to learn that even through the dull season the Keren Hayesod is making some progress. I shall be glad to discuss the entire subject with you at an early occasion.

Very truly yours,

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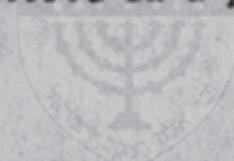
(S) SAMUEL UNTERMYER

August 31, 1933

Hon. Samuel Untermyer
30 Pine Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Untermyer:

I am pleased to forward to you the enclosed pamphlet which I have just received from England, and to which I have referred in a previous communication.



Yours very sincerely,

BGR:DK

Director

*This relates to Bentrich pamphlet
as per enclosed.*

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Germany's treatment of her Jewish citizens has aroused the indignation of the civilised world. The feeling of all communities and classes in Great Britain was expressed in both Houses of Parliament; and the feeling in other countries has been as outspoken. In order, however, to be effective public opinion should find expression in some international action; and the League of Nations gives the opportunity for that expression. It is submitted that the scope and deliberate atrocity of the persecution of the Jews in Germany constitute such a challenge to the established principles of religious and racial equality in Europe, and are so shocking to the public opinion of the world, that the League cannot, without serious damage to its authority, stand aloof. International peace, and through it the basis of the League itself, would be endangered if the League were to remain passive in face of a flagrant violation of these principles by one of its Members. The fact that prior to the establishment of the League cases of racial and religious persecution were the subjects of intervention and diplomatic representation strengthens the contention that the League, which is the forum to-day for all international representations, should consider the matter.

International Representation against Persecution before the Foundation of the League.

Before the League was established, the practice of armed international intervention and diplomatic representation made to a foreign State on the grounds of humanity were common.

Humanitarian intervention is defined by an American jurist Stowell in his *Intervention in International Law* as "the reliance upon force for the justifiable purpose of protecting the inhabitants of another State from treatment which is so arbitrary and persistently abusive as to exceed the limits of that authority within which the sovereign is presumed to act with reason and justice." Diplomatic representation was a less violent method of expressing the feelings of outraged humanity about the actions of a foreign Power towards its subjects or part of them. Stowell cites in support of the doctrine a number of authoritative jurists from Grotius. Among the outstanding English jurists supporting the doctrine is Westlake, who wrote in his *International Law*, probably with the Balkan atrocities of the nineteenth century in mind: "Laws are made for man, and not creatures of the imagination, and they must not create or tolerate for them situations which are beyond the endurance, we will not say of average human nature, but of the best human nature that at the time and place they can hope to meet with" (Vol. I, pp. 319, 320).

The more radical intervention was used by the French in the Lebanon in 1861 in favour of the Maronites, and by the Russians on behalf of the Orthodox Christian subjects of the Ottoman Empire on several occasions. Several of the European Powers and the United States made representation on behalf of the Jewish people who were persecuted in Eastern Europe. So the British Minister in Roumania was instructed, in 1867, "not to relax your exertions to induce the Government to protect the Jews from persecution." In 1872 there was a joint remonstrance to the Roumanian Government signed by the representatives of Great Britain, several of the European Powers and the United States. In 1878 the Berlin Congress, which laid down the destinies of the Ottoman Empire and the emancipated peoples of Eastern Europe, prescribed equality of civil and political rights with regard to admission to public offices and the exercise of the different professions for all subjects in these States without distinction of race or creed. The grant of equal citizenship for the Jews was made a condition of the recognition of the independence of Roumania; and five articles of the Treaty of Berlin, 5, 27, 35, 44 and 62, dealing respectively with

Bulgaria, Montenegro, Serbia, Roumania and Turkey, contain a declaration that differences of religious belief or denomination should not be a reason for excluding or disqualifying any person from the enjoyment of civil and political rights. It is interesting in this connection that when Gortchacoff, the Russian plenipotentiary, suggested that the Jews of these countries and of Russia were very different from the Jews of Berlin, Paris, London, or Vienna, and were a plague to the other inhabitants, Bismarck, the Chairman of the Congress, remarked: "qu'il conviendrait peut-être d'attribuer à la restriction des droits civils et politiques ce regrettable état des Israélites." When again the question of equal citizenship in Roumania was under discussion, Bismarck alluded: "aux principes du droit public en vigueur d'après la Constitution de l'Empire Allemand, et à l'intérêt que l'opinion publique attache à ce que les mêmes principes suivis dans la politique intérieure soient appliqués à la politique étrangère." In 1902 Secretary Hay of the United States called the attention of the Powers to Roumania's violation of the Treaty and her oppression of the Jews, and invited them to make joint representation on behalf of the Jews in conformity with the principles of international law and the dictates of humanity.

Action by America was not restricted to the smaller Powers. The United States Government interceded with regard to the persecution of the Jews in Russia. In 1891 Secretary J. G. Blaine directed the American Minister to read to the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs an instruction which contained the following: "Nevertheless the mutual duties of nations required that each should use its power with a due regard for the results which its exercise produced on the rest of the world." In the same year, the President of the United States, in his annual message, referring to the oppressive measures against the Jews in Russia, said: "the banishment, whether by direct decree or by any less certain indirect methods, of so large a number of men and women is not a local question. A decree to leave one country is, in the nature of things, an order to enter another . . . this consideration, as well as the suggestions of humanity, furnishes ample ground for the remonstrances which we have presented to Russia."

Position Since the Foundation of the League.

At the Peace Conference it was originally proposed to include in the Covenant of the League a clause prescribing the principle of equal citizenship and also the principle of freedom of conscience. "The parties agree in declaring that no obstacle shall be placed on the free exercise of every creed, religion or opinion . . . and that in their respective jurisdictions, nobody shall be disturbed in his life, liberty or pursuit of happiness by reason of his attachment to any creed, religion or opinion." The clause was not finally embodied in the Covenant, but special provision was made in regard to the rights of religious, racial or national Minorities in the new States which were formed in Europe — Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Esthonia, Lithuania, etc. Those provisions included civil and political equality of all subjects and special rights of organisation and development for the Minorities. The rights were declared to be matters of international concern and placed under the guarantee of the League of Nations. Any member of the Council of the League was entitled to raise before the Council the question of the violation of the rights in the countries which had entered into the obligations, or to refer a question with regard to the rights to the Permanent Court of International Justice. Germany herself invoked the jurisdiction of the Court to enforce the Articles against Poland, 1923 (Advisory Opinion No. 7)

Position of Minorities in Germany.

Germany was not required to enter into a treaty of the kind or to embody the so-called Minority clauses in the Treaty of Versailles, presumably because of her high standard in respect to equal citizenship. But when, in her counter-proposals for the Treaty, dated May 23, 1919, she urged the necessity of obtaining international protection for German populations which were to become Minorities in other States, she inserted an express declaration: "Germany, on her part, is determined to treat ethnic Minorities within her territory in accordance with the same principles." The Allied Powers took note of this declaration in the following

terms: "The Allied Powers . . . are prepared to accord a guarantee under the protection of the League of Nations for the educational, religious and cultural rights of German Minorities in territories transferred from the German Empire to the new States created by the Treaty. They take note of the statement of the German delegation that Germany is determined to treat Minorities within her territory according to the same principles." Subsequently, Stresemann emphasised the need of Germany granting to Minorities within her territory the privileges which Germany asked for German elements outside (a). Stresemann consistently urged that Germany should enter the League of Nations for the sake of national Minorities; and before the Council of the League he declared, on December 15, 1928: "Si la Société des Nations . . . cessait de s'occuper des droit des minorités elle perdrait une de ses raisons d'être . . ."

After the result of the Plebiscite had allotted to Germany a part of Upper Silesia, she entered into a convention with Poland which stipulated in detail for equal citizenship and for Minority rights in that province. The Convention includes the following provisions:—

"Art. 66: I. The German Government undertakes to grant to all inhabitants full and complete protection of life and liberty without distinction of birth, nationality, language, race or religion . . ."

Art. 67: I. All German nationals (*les ressortissants allemands*) shall be equal before the law and shall enjoy the same civil and political rights without distinction of race, language or religion.

"II. Differences of religion, faith or creed shall not injure any German national as regards the enjoyment of civil and political rights, and especially as regards admission to public employment, offices and honours, or the practice of different professions or occupations."

(a) See his speech at Stuttgart on May 21, 1925, cited in Wintgens' "Der völkerrechtliche Schutz der nationalen, sprachlichen und religiösen Minderheiten."

“ Art. 68 : German nationals belonging to racial minorities, whether of language or of religion, shall enjoy the same treatment and the same guarantees in law and in fact as other German nationals.”

The Jews are treated as a Minority, and a special stipulation is made for the respect of their Sabbath. The Jews may not be compelled to carry out any official transaction which would involve a violation of the Sabbath; in particular, they may not be required to appear before the Courts or to perform any legal acts on the Sabbath Day (Art. 71). A special commission composed of two Polish and two German members and a neutral President, and a special tribunal composed of a German and a Polish member with a neutral President, are constituted under the Convention for the purpose of dealing with complaints of the violation of its terms. Further, it is agreed that the provisions, so far as they affect persons belonging to racial, religious or linguistic Minorities, constitute obligations of international concern and shall be placed under the guarantee of the League of Nations. The guarantee was undertaken by the League in virtue of resolutions of the Council of May 15 and July 20, 1922. Germany agrees that any member of the Council shall have the right to bring to the attention of the Council any infraction or danger of infraction of any of these obligations, and that the Council may thereupon take such action and give such direction as it may deem proper in the circumstances (Art. 72).

Treatment of the Jews.

The Jews in Upper Silesia, as in the rest of Germany, have been deprived of public office, and the Jewish lawyers have been prevented from practising in the Courts. It would be possible, therefore, to raise the issue of discrimination in their case before the Commission, the Tribunal, and ultimately the Council of the League on the basis of the Convention; but that action would not be appropriate to the gravity and magnitude of the case. The position of the comparatively small number of Jews in Upper Silesia is not the crux of the question; and in the rest of Germany Jews are not regarded as a “ minority ” in the

technical sense. The German Jews themselves did not desire to be so recognised when the Treaty of Peace was under consideration. In Prussia the Jews have enjoyed full civil and political rights since 1847, and the equal status of Jews with the rest of the population throughout the German Empire was finally affirmed when the Reich was established in 1870. Equality of citizenship is prescribed in the Constitution of 1919. What is claimed for the Jews in Germany to-day is the maintenance of their equal citizenship on the basis of public law, and not any peculiar rights as an ethnic minority. While those rights of equal citizenship are not placed expressly under the guarantee of the League of Nations in the same manner as the rights of minorities, and cannot be said to be covered by positive International Law, they are a matter of international concern. For a century the establishment of equal citizenship, without distinction of religion or race, has been required as a condition of admission of a new State to the international society; and in the Upper Silesia Convention and in the Minorities Treaties they are the primary obligation to which minority rights are supplementary.

That the rights of equal citizenship for the Jews in Germany are directly and radically impaired by the legislation of the National Socialist Government does not admit of question. The fundamental principle upon which the Nazis base the legislation excluding Jews from public office, from the Courts, from journalism, and other professions, is thus stated in Art. 4 of the programme of the Nazi Party: "Only a fellow-countryman (*volks-genosse*) can be a citizen. A fellow-countryman can only be one who is of German blood, whatever his religion; no Jew, therefore, can be a fellow-countryman." The religious liberty of the Jews is equally threatened by Art. 24 of the Nazi programme, which states: "The liberty of all religions is granted, provided that they do not endanger the moral and political feeling of the German race"; and then proceeds, ". . . the Party combats the Jewish materialistic spirit within and outside us." The action already taken is to exclude from public office "non-Aryans," and to limit the exercise of professions and the admission to the high schools and universities of "non-Aryans" by their proportion to the whole population. The number of

persons affected is considerably greater than the Jewish population of 600,000, since any non-Aryan ancestor to the third generation is a taint.

Possibility of International Action through the League.

Since the establishment of the League of Nations, all questions which concern the general international order can properly be raised in the Council or Assembly of the League. It is the essential character of the League that it is an association of States in which all matters of common concern may be considered. Its functions are flexible and indefinite. The Preamble to the Covenant is framed in very broad terms: "In order to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security . . . By the firm establishment of the understandings of International Law as the actual rule of conduct among Governments. . . ." The powers of the Council and the Assembly are defined with similar breadth. By Art. 4, para. 4, "the Council may deal at its meetings with any matter within the sphere of action of the League or affecting the peace of the world"; and by Art. 3 the Assembly has similar powers. And the second paragraph of Art. 11 provides: "It is also declared to be the friendly right of each Member of the League to bring to the attention of the Assembly or of the Council any circumstance whatever affecting international relations which threatens to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

The Foreign Secretary, in replying to a question in the House of Commons on April 4 about the possibility of raising before the League of Nations the question of the treatment of Jews in Upper Silesia, stated that the Council of the League had laid down that the procedure under Art. 11 of the Covenant should not normally be applied in cases relating to the protection of minorities under treaties, and should only be invoked in grave cases which produce a feeling that facts exist which must effectively menace the maintenance of peace between nations. It was doubtful therefore whether Art. 11 could be properly invoked in connection with the protection of the Jewish minority in Upper Silesia. The treatment of the Jews in the rest of

Germany, however, is not a matter covered by any specific provision under Minorities Treaties since the Jews, apart from those in Upper Silesia, are not regarded as an ethnic minority in Germany, and it is submitted that facts exist which "must effectively menace the maintenance of peace between nations" and that it would be proper, therefore, either under Art. 4 or Art. 11 of the Covenant, to bring the matter before the Council or the Assembly of the League.

In inquiring into the competence of the League, the following questions must be considered:—

- (a) Is it a matter affecting international peace or the good understanding between nations?
- (b) Is it a matter connected with or bearing upon the rules or the understandings of International Law?
- (c) Is it a matter otherwise falling within the objects of the League in accordance with the Covenant or the actual practice of the League?

An affirmative answer to any of these three questions would make the League competent to deal with the matter.

(a) *International Peace and the Good Understanding between Nations.*—The persecution of Jews in Germany is an international question because of its international repercussions. It has already given rise to unofficial inquiries and expressions of concern on the part of foreign Governments, discussions in legislative bodies, official acts of sympathy with the victims of the persecution. The German Government will regard such events as acts of unwarranted interference in the domestic questions of Germany, and situations productive of international friction will unavoidably arise. The German protest against certain statements made in the course of the recent debate in the House of Commons may be quoted as a by no means extreme example. The expressions of opinion on the part of the foreign press of the world, naturally condemnatory of German action, may—and have in some cases—evoked official German protests which are bound to be answered by a refusal, warranted by International Law, to comply with them. The general criticism of the German action is bound to have in this and in many other ways a disturbing effect on international relations. The presence

in foreign countries of a large number of German Jews who escaped from their country, accused by the German Government of conducting anti-German propaganda, will create another cause of international misunderstanding, and must confront other States and the League of Nations with problems in the economic and humanitarian sphere. The number of refugees is already counted in thousands; and this must throw a heavy burden on other States at a time of widespread unemployment. On the other hand, the policy of the persecutions in Germany may, as experience has shown, make it difficult to distinguish between German and foreign Jews, and may result in unlawful interference with alien Jews in Germany, giving rise to diplomatic representations.

From a more general point of view the persecution of Jews in Germany is a matter affecting international peace inasmuch as the treatment of racial and religious minorities has been universally recognised to have a close bearing upon peace between nations. In the Minorities Treaties connected with the Peace Settlements in 1919 the contracting States recognise that the treatment of the minorities in the countries undertaking the specific minorities obligations shall be regarded as a matter of international concern. The persecution of Jews in Germany is a pronounced and deliberate challenge to the principle of equal citizenship and also to the principle of respect of minorities. The treatment of Jews and the fate of the Jewish people have been recognised as matters of international concern affecting international peace. This is shown in the diplomatic history preceding the international instrument concerning a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine administered on behalf of the League of Nations.

(b) *International Law*.—The persecution of Jews not only threatens to disturb international relations, but is a question affecting some of the basic understandings of international law, of which the observance forms, according to the Preamble of the Covenant, one of the objects of the League. No specific rule of conventional international law binds Germany not to persecute her Jewish minority—outside Upper Silesia; but the present persecution violates legal principles commanding general recognition which were laid down as long ago as the Treaty of 1831

recognising the independence of Greece, and again in the Treaties of 1878 as a condition of the recognition of the new States in South-Eastern Europe. The principle has been regulated in detail and expanded in the Treaties connected with the Peace Settlements of 1919. Both groups of treaties, however, are declaratory of a fundamental principle which, apart from present-day Germany, no State would deny. There has been a growing tendency to regard the individual as a subject of international law in many respects; and protection of certain fundamental rights of human personality has long been recognised as one of the objects of that law, witness the prohibition of slavery, which, in addition to conventional engagements, may now be regarded as part of customary international law.

The Institute of International Law (Institut de Droit International), an authoritative body of jurists of all countries, at its meeting in 1929 drew up an "Act" concerning the rights of the individual to be secured by international law, which includes the following clauses (b):

- (1) It is the duty of every State to allow to individuals equal rights of life, liberty and property, and to grant all persons in its territory full protection of their rights without distinction of nationality, race . . . or religion.
- (2) The State shall not, on any ground of difference of race . . . or religion, deprive any of its nationals of their private or public rights, notably their admission to public educational institutions and the exercise of the different economic industries, professions and trades.

The "Act" has not, indeed, been yet embodied in any international convention, but it may be taken to represent the best opinion of what the law should be, and it has been endorsed

(b) It is clear that these clauses are complementary to the two following basic paragraphs of the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of Citizens, made by the National Assembly of France, September 3, 1791:

- (1) All men are born, and remain, free and equal in rights: Social distinctions cannot be founded but on common utility.
- (2) The end of all political associations is the preservation of the natural and imprescriptible rights of man: these rights are liberty, property, security, and resistance against oppression.

by the Diplomatic International Academy and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

(c) *The Humanitarian Purpose and the Practice of the League.*—Most of the work of the League in the humanitarian sphere, although not grounded in any explicit provision of the Covenant, is based on the conviction that the protection of human personality is an object of international law—as indeed of all law—and that it should form a purpose of the endeavours of the organised community of nations. Part of the activity is directly grounded in the explicit provisions of the Covenant and of other international instruments, *e.g.*, the securing of fair and humane conditions of work through the International Labour Organisation; the protection of Minorities through the supervision of the operation of the Minorities Treaties; the protection of undeveloped peoples through the mandate system. The humanitarian purpose and practice of the League, however, are not exhaustively covered by the express provisions of the Covenant and other international instruments. A wide and ungrudging interpretation has been given to the principle that the League of Nations has for its object “the establishment of universal peace” and that “such a peace can be established only if it is based upon social justice” (Preamble to Part XIII of the Treaty of Versailles).

Procedure before the League.

Any member of the Council may take action and raise the question as one of international concern, either because it touches the principles and understandings of the law of the international society, or because it is calculated to affect the peaceful relations of Germany and her neighbours. Apart from Germany, there are four permanent members of the Council of the League, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, and nine elected members. It is understood that Japan, since she announced her intention to withdraw from the League, will not take part in meetings of the Council; and of the three other permanent members, Italy would not be likely to wish to raise the question because of relations between her Fascist Government and the Nazi Government. France might be suspected

of unfriendly designs. But it would be in accordance with the long tradition of Great Britain to take action on behalf of a persecuted people. The representative of Great Britain at the Council would raise the question most appropriately, because Great Britain cannot be suspected of ill-will towards Germany and nobody could throw at her the stone of inconsistency.

The action which is within the scope of the Council would be free from any idea of intervention. It would be limited to the public ventilation of the matter as one of international concern, and possibly to the passing of a resolution which would affirm the principle of equal citizenship without distinction of race or religion. The value of the procedure would be that it would bring the question of the treatment of the Jews in Germany before the tribunal of world opinion; and that step could hardly fail to move public opinion in Germany. The resolution, although taking the persecution of the Jews in Germany as a starting-point, need not be directed against Germany. It could be limited to a clear re-statement by the League of Nations of the principle of non-discrimination on grounds of religion or race. And the discussion would throw on the dark story the light of publicity. There is reason to apprehend that a great part of the German population is to-day in ignorance of the opinion of the world; and on the other hand, there is reason to expect that Germany would be sensitive to the expression of the opinion of the League, for there are large minorities of German subjects in the neighbouring States. If Germany were to flout the opinion of the League with regard to the treatment of a religious and racial section of her own subjects, she would be depriving herself of the possibility of effective representation on behalf of these German minorities in other States. The resolution, if accepted, would, in the first instance, have only a moral and political as distinguished from a legal significance. Subsequently, it could afford a legal basis for further action on the part of the League.

The Note of the State (or States) bringing the matter before the Council would in itself be a document of considerable importance. It would be accompanied by an Annex giving the details of the scope and intensity of the persecution. This document must be automatically circulated among all the Members of the

League. It becomes a public document reported or copied in the press. Once brought before the Council the substance of the resolution must be discussed. It does not matter whether it will be so discussed on the merits or on the preliminary question whether the League is competent to deal with the matter. A discussion, which in any case will necessarily be a consideration of the merits, there will be, with all the advantages attaching to a public debate of the matter. There is only one way in which the discussion could be cut prematurely, and this is by a peremptory declaration by Germany that she would regard a consideration of this matter by the League as a reason for withdrawing from the League. Such a declaration, even if successful, would morally be as damaging to Germany as the adoption of the resolution by the Council.

Importance of Action.

The edifice of racial and religious tolerance is threatened by the action of the German Government. If the civilised world still prizes these principles, it should take steps to vindicate them before the one international body which is recognised as expressing the conscience of humanity. Lastly, it is commonly acknowledged that the oppression of minorities is one of the danger-spots of world order; it has been called "the skeleton in the cupboard of the League."

If extreme nationalism in Germany is allowed to trample on the rights of Jews, established not only by the constitutional law of the Reich but by the public law of Europe, the rights of minorities will be imperilled elsewhere in any country in which there may be a recrudescence of extreme nationalism. And one of the bases of the new international order, which is equality of citizenship, will be undermined generally. For the sake of humanity and for the sake of world peace the League of Nations should consider the treatment of a people which, although not technically a minority, is oppressed because of its racial distinctiveness, and which, having no separate State, must rely on international action to vindicate on its behalf the rights of humanity.



NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 2, 1933

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Mr. Thomas W. Williams, Assistant Secretary
National "Buy American" Association
271 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

At the President's request, we take pleasure
in acknowledging your communication of recent date.

Please be assured that this Administration
appreciates greatly the offer of assistance extended
by your Association. All efforts designed to induce
our people to "Buy American" are indeed worthy and
should, in themselves, be of the greatest help in
furthering the purposes of our great program. We ask
you to extend our thanks to Mr. Kraus and to believe that
your letter has been of decided encouragement to us.

Very truly yours,

A. R. Forbush
Chief, Correspondence Division

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GUGGENHEIMER & UNTERMYER

30 PINE STREET

NEW YORK

September 4th, 1933

Bernard G. Richards, Esq.
Jewish Information Bureau
103 Park Ave.
New York City

My dear Mr. Richards:

I am greatly indebted to you for your letter of August 31st enclosing copy of the admirable Paper by Mr. Bentwich entitled "The League of Nations and Racial Persecution in Germany". It is a masterly and lawyerlike document, although I do not agree with his conclusions. Mr. Bentwich, in my judgment, is far too timid and is far too conservative in his conclusions.

Thanking you for your courtesy, believe me,

Very truly yours,

SU:B

(S) Samuel Untermyer

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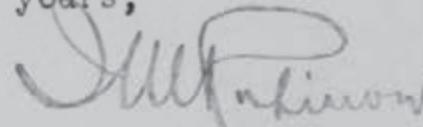
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Mr. Bernard G. Richards,
103 Park Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Richards:

I have your letter of August 30. The problem of an official attitude of the B'nai B'rith to the propaganda for an official and militant world boycott of Germany will be submitted to our Committee at its next meeting. It would be unwise for me to make any commitments at this date, but I want to say that the fact of Mr. Untermyer's speaking before a B'nai B'rith Lodge through an arrangement in which the National Headquarters of the B'nai B'rith had no part at all would not be sufficient reason for shaping the policies of the B'nai B'rith. In considering the whole question it is the probable effects in helping German Jewry that should, in my mind, be the foremost consideration.

Cordially yours,



Secretary.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

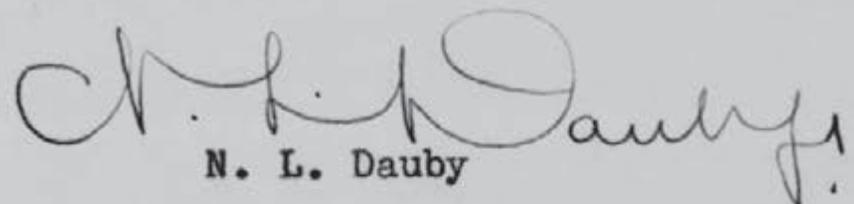
I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 16th in reference to attending a meeting in New York City on Sunday, September 10th.

I regret to say it will be impossible for me to attend that meeting.

With kindest regards

Yours very truly,

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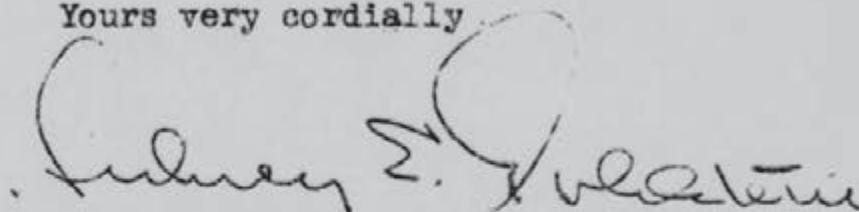
Allow me to enclose herewith a pamphlet that I have prepared in the conviction that our chief hope of saving the Jews in Germany lies in the League of Nations.

You will undoubtedly discuss this crisis in the life of Israel and I do trust that you will find in the pamphlet some material that will emphasize the part that the League must play in the solution of our problem. You will note that in the pamphlet I have outlined four bases upon which to build our appeal: (1) The pledges Germany made to the Principal and Allied Powers during peace negotiations. (2) The implications of the Covenant and the Articles in the Peace Treaties. (3) The principle that governs Minority problems, namely, that Minority rights constitute obligations of international concern. (4) The humanitarian purposes for which the League was established.

The point we must emphasize is not legal jurisdiction but the sense of justice that should move the League to action. The League is not a Court of Law; but an Association of Nations that have come together to establish justice between groups as well as between Nations.

I should be very grateful for any comment upon this pamphlet.

Yours very cordially



SIDNEY E. GOLDSTEIN

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MORRIS A BLACK.

103 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

September 12, 1933

Dr. Abta Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

1- I do not want to seem to impose myself upon any one in the office of the League, but if you thought well of the idea of volunteering my services in this connection I would gladly undertake to prepare and see through the press report of the dinner and conference, especially the addresses, so that they may appear as speedily as possible. I assume that this material will, in any event, be issued without loss of time.

The observations you made on Sunday afternoon with reference to the psychological effect upon the protestors of futile protests and on the other hand the influence upon a people's morale which comes from the knowledge that something is actually being accomplished, is worth while including or better still elaborating into a special article or address. It is a point of very great importance.

2- I do not know whether you receive the New York Times and therefore am forwarding the enclosed clipping which is somewhat puzzling and may antagonize the president, though of course, the campaign idea has to be put forward and pressed as early as possible.

3- You ^{will} ~~would~~ be interested to see the enclosed from Dr. Rubinow, ^{to} whom I wrote pointing out that the I.O.B.B. ought not to be lagging behind in connection with ~~the~~ activity that will have such wide support as the boycott will receive.

4- With regard to the enclosed, our friend is coming back from Europe in a furious state of mind and has declined to have the committee meet him at the railroad station (he is arriving via Quebec) and has also refused to come to a meeting which has been arranged to receive his report from Europe. The reason for all this is the failure of the officers of the Congress here to defend him against ^{and to attack} Mr. Untermyer.

Hoping to hear from you and with all good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bernard S. Richards

September 12, 1933.

Mr. Morris Black,
The Lindner Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Black:

I was sorry that you could not come to our meeting in New York but was pleased to receive your telegram which was read at the meeting. The thought which you suggested in your telegram was in the minds of many of the delegates and determined the deliberations of the Conference as well as the results which were adopted. An appeal was made to all freedom-loving, peace-loving men and women regardless of race or creed, on the basis of defending the elementary rights of civilization which have been violated by the Hitler regime in Germany.

I am sorry that you did not get to attend the evening banquet which was a brilliant affair and where our message was carried to the American people by many non-Jews such as former Ambassador Gerard, the former Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby, Alfred E. Smith and others.

I will keep you in touch with the program of the work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

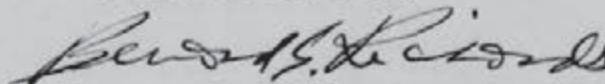
The enclosed will interest you as information.

You may, at the same time think it advisable to back up the Civil Liberties Union and issue some kind of a statement in behalf of Mr. Untermyer and yourself.

Then, of course, Cleveland organizations both Jewish and non-Jewish could be of help in the matter.

I had lunch with Dr. Coralnick today and his suggestions coincide with your own.

Yours sincerely,



BGR:DK

JEWISH COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW YORK

103 PARK AVENUE

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September 13, 1943

Roger B. Baldwin, Esq., Director
American Civil Liberties Union
100 Fifth Ave.
New York City

My dear Mr. Baldwin:

Our people here are very much interested in your appeal in behalf of German refugees fleeing from persecution. I have suggested that the Joint Council representing the American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee and the Independent Order B'nai B'rith get behind the effort of your Union. The arbitrary Executive order of 1930 suspending nearly all immigration should have been revoked some time ago, but of course, in all such matters much depends upon the attitude of organized labor and I presume that you have in connection with this appeal been in touch with the A.E.L.

Mr. Green spoke at the large protest meeting in Madison Square Garden on April 27 and has pledged to assist in combatting the Nazi Terror and assisting its victims.

In today's New York American there is a letter from Mr. W. R. Hearst which indicates that he would assist in helping to open the doors to the victims of racial and religious oppression.

Of utmost importance is, I believe, the fact that Congressman Samuel Dickstein, Chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization feels very keenly on the subject and is eager to be of service. Congressman Dickstein, who is now in Washington has given considerable thought to the problem and has, I believe, been awaiting the opportunity when larger support will be given him. If

If I can in any way be of assistance kindly let me know,

Yours sincerely,

(S) Bernard G. Richards

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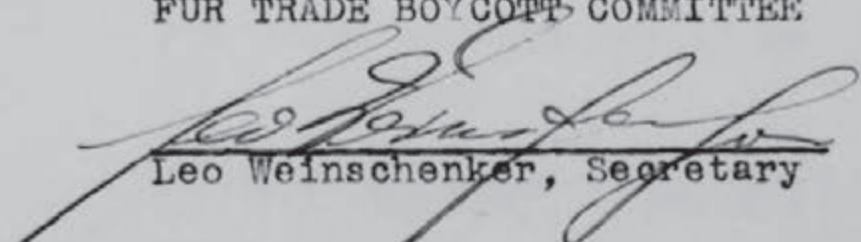
Permit me to draw your attention to the wording of one of the resolutions of the "steering committee" which we adopted at last Sunday's conference.

When we, in the fur trade started our boycott activities, some members of our trade were under the impression that they have to abstain only from buying German furs, but they thought that our boycott did not include the purchase of furs shipped to Germany by the Soviet Union.

It is therefore, that I am enclosing a copy of our boycott pledge which has been signed by almost every important firm firm in the fur trade.

Respectfully yours,

FUR TRADE BOYCOTT COMMITTEE


Leo Weinschenker, Secretary

LW:EG

SIEGFRIED F. HARTMAN
46 CEDAR STREET
NEW YORK

September 13th, 1933.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Perhaps I am taking too seriously my responsibilities as a member of the Committee of Fifteen, but since Sunday I have been a bit worried over the delay in completing our organization by a formal meeting of the Committee. Perhaps I am exaggerating the importance of that phase of the work, but in any event I am writing to ask you whether pending the holding of a formal meeting there is anything you can suggest for me to do in helping the movement along. If there are any meetings to be attended or addressed I shall be very glad to do my share.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Siegfried Hartman

September 14, 1933.

Mr. Siegfried F. Hartman,
46 Cedar Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hartman:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of September 13. I have called a meeting of our Administrative Committee for Sunday 24th. You will no doubt receive the official notification from the secretary. If there are any ideas that you may have for the executive prosecution of our work, I would be very grateful to you if you would outline them to me before the meeting or discuss them with Mr. Untermeyer or the secretary, Mr. Rabinowitz.

Looking forward to our meeting again on the 24th and with all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Sept. 16th, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Celveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The first meeting of the Administrative Committee under the chairmanship of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will be held at Mr. Untermyer's home in Greystone, Yonkers, N.Y., on Sunday, September 24th, at 2 P.M.

Your presence on time is of utmost importance and we will appreciate your letting us know whether you will attend.

Sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
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September 17, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of September 14th. In view of the fact that the Philadelphia delegates will most probably start for New York on Sunday morning, I called the meeting for two p.m. Until about ten in the evening there will be ample time for two sessions, should they be necessary.

An informal preliminary meeting of some of the members might be advisable, if we could have the Philadelphia delegation participating. I am suggesting this for the following reason: Dr. Coralnik has been doing some missionary work among the New York members of the Administrative Committee with the purpose in mind of punishing your humbleservant for his "mischief" of bringing about the election of Mr. Untermyer as President and drawing in of the few outstanding people to lead the movement together with Mr. Untermyer. The publicity item to which you refer is indirectly a result of this "punishment crusade". Hadn't I been so terribly tired out from the strain of the work for the past five months, this item would never have appeared.

I shall try to prepare a detailed agenda as per your suggestion, and shall also take up with Mr. Untermyer the question as to further negotiations with the American Jewish Congress.

I am looking forward to seeing you before the meeting. Are you planning to come to New York Saturday or Sunday morning? I shall appreciate it if you will let me know in advance.

Very sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

ER:AM

P.S. The meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2 p.m., at Mr. Untermyer's home, Greystone, Yonkers.

358 Oak Avenue
Cedarhurst, Long Island,
September 18, 1933

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio,
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The work of the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights interests me very much and I believe I could be of unusual service in helping to raise the needed funds, in view of my past experience as National Director of the American Jewish Relief Committee.

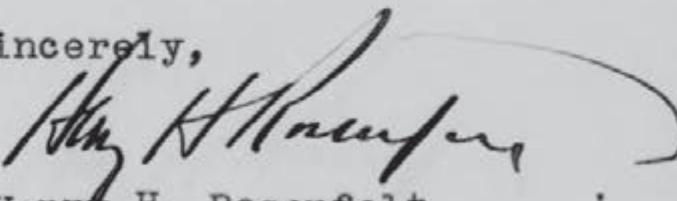
As Chairman of the Administrative Committee you might be interested in a revised program which I think would make for a successful appeal among those Jews and non-Jews who with the present set-up might not respond so readily.

I wrote to Mr. Untermeyer about it some time ago and he replied that he had referred my letter to the executive director. There the matter rested.

It has been a long time since I have seen you. I hope you have been enjoying good health.

With kind regards and New Year's greetings, I am,

Sincerely,



Henry H. Rosenfelt

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Dear Mr. Silver
Thank you very much
for your letter
re: new edition

September 19, 1933

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Secretary,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, Inc.,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you very much for your kind thoughtfulness in sending to me copy of the Resolution adopted at the recent conference at the Hotel Astor in New York City.

It was a matter of keen disappointment to me that I was unable to attend the conference in person, because I am very much exercised about the Nazi activities in Germany, and wished to express a view point that seems to me of great importance to the success of the objectives that the League is endeavoring to attain. Therefore, I sent to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver the following telegram, which Mr. Silver tells me he was thoughtful enough to have read at the conference:

"Deeply regret my inability to attend conference. I hope Defense League will be broadened to League for Defense of Religious and Racial Freedom, in which Jews will actively participate. It is of utmost importance that Hitlerism be combatted as destructive of fundamental American principles, and the appeal be not narrowed to defense of Jewish victims, critical and supremely important as is their situation. Wise generalship makes such broadening of issues, and enlisting of active adherents in addition to Jews fundamentally important."

My conviction has been supported by a number of people to whom I have spoken, both non-Jews and Jews. That conviction is that the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights should be a subordinate organization, part of and included in a broader League for the Defense of Religious and Racial Freedom; that it is along this line that the most effective work can be done, and that the very name of the organization should express this broader principle.

Principles vitally important to the American people --

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the principles of religious and racial freedom -- are under attack by the Nazi program. The Nazi attack is directed against these principles with the Jews and other groups of Germany as the point of attack. It is only by allying actively all the forces that believe in these broader principles, that this attack can be successfully combatted.

In addition, I should like to suggest that the Committee that will be appointed to carry out the boycott, can do so much more effectively if it is under the banner of the League for the Defense of Religious and Racial Freedom, than they can possibly do if under the banner of the League as now named and constituted.

With best wishes for the success of the cause, I am

Sincerely yours,

MORRIS A BLACK

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September 20, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple Emanuel
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In compliance with your request, I am enclosing herewith an Agenda for the meeting of the Administrative Committee, and also proposals for work covering each item of the Agenda.

With best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
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September 27, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

Enclosed herewith is photograph
of Babbi Silver as requested in your telegram
of today.

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
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September 28, 1933.

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(Committee in formation)

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The meeting of the Actions Committee was held yesterday and your telegram to Mr. S.U. had a telling effect. If I had taken up this matter on your behalf, he would have been jealous, but your direct communication changed the situation completely. The majority of those present would have voted for the Congress, but he ruled them out of order, stating that he was looking forward to your cooperation and would not undertake an important step which is not in accordance with your approval.

So far, so good. However, from an organizational point of view we are in an awful mess and if you will not step in, as chairman of the Administrative Committee, to save the situation, I can foresee that within a few weeks the Jewish Congress may have to step in as a receiver to save us from bankruptcy and chaos. The old man is all up in the air when it comes to details. He is still working under the assumption that we are going out for a half million dollar drive. I am very much afraid that the creation of a big machine will eat us up and that we will be so busy in raising funds, that the actual boycott work will be forgotten.

The situation is very complicated. Dr. Coralnik is making the most of it. I urge you, if I may, to write Mr. Untermyer, telling him to instruct me to call a meeting as soon after Yom Kippur as you possibly can make it, of the small committee which he appointed at yesterday's meeting (consisting of Messrs. Coralnik, Hartman, Fredman, Ginsburg, and Mrs. Harris), so that they may report to you, as chairman of the Administrative Committee, of all the contemplated plans, and that you, with his approval, will appoint an acting chairman to represent you in your absence, and that this is the only way whereby you can share the responsibility with him.

It is my deep conviction that if you do not do so, the situation will take a turn which will not be to your liking. On the other hand, I, as secretary, must also know to whom, besides the president, I am responsible.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver - continued

It is very unfortunate that I had no opportunity of seeing you before we went to the Administrative Committee meeting at Untermeyer's last Sunday. I wish you would let me know by wire, if possible, when you expect to be in New York, so that I may have a chance to acquaint you with the details of the situation.

Mr. Untermeyer is looking to you as the main money raiser for the boycott movement, (for that matter, all of us share this opinion).

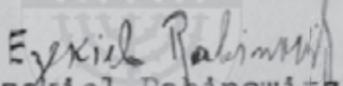
If this is to be the case, you are surely entitled to the leadership in action and not only in name.

Wishing you a good "quitel", I am

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Sincerely yours,


Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

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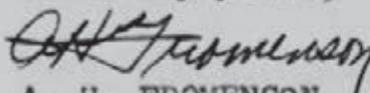
Dear Abba Hillel Silver:

For old times sake, and because also after two years compulsory idleness due to serious illness (from which now I have virtually recovered), I need to earn some money, and finally, as well as primarily, because of mine and my associate's often proved ability in our field, I want to enlist your good offices to the end that we shall be retained to do the publicity for the League for the Defense of Jewish Rights.

I have reason to know that your intervention in our behalf will have great weight with the officers, including Mr. Untermyer. Won't you?

With the season's greetings?

Cordially yours,


A. H. FROMENSON

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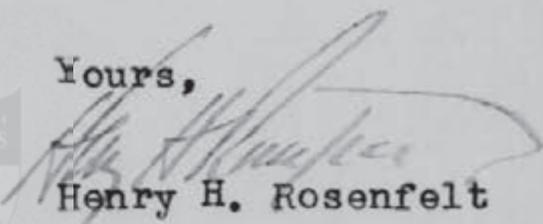
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I shall be happy to see
you on Friday at the Commodore at 9 A.M.

Kind regards,

Yours,


Henry H. Rosenfelt



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October 2, 1933

PO Box 424
SAMUEL A. HALPERIN, RABBI

Doctor A. H. Silver, Rabbi
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Doctor Silver:

Perhaps there may be an opportunity for me to serve the cause of German Jewry. If the plan to publish a periodical and to establish a number of regional offices is about to materialize, might not my experience in campaign and allied work be utilized? If you are in a position to help me in this matter, it will be highly appreciated.

Of course, I prefer a pulpit, but will consider any other opportunity within my experience.

May I refer to you in case an opportunity presents itself? You have been kind enough to permit me to do this in the past.

Sincerely yours,

S. Halperin

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 GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR WIRING UNTERMAYER IN MY BEHALF =
 BERNARD G RICHARDS..

October 3, 1933.

Mr. A. H. Fromenson,
103 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fromenson:

Thanks for your letter of September 29th.
I do not know what arrangements have already been
made for the publicity work of the League. I shall
be in New York over the week-end and shall enquire.
Of course I shall be very happy to keep you in mind.

With all good wishes for a very happy
new year, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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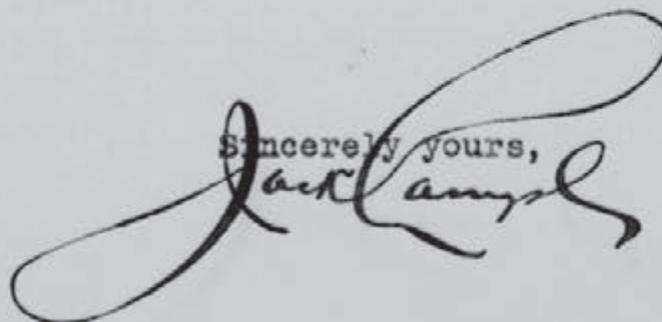
My dear Rabbi:

The enclosed came to me by this morning's mail from New York. The sender is a member of the New York stock exchange and somewhat of an influential citizen.

I am taking the liberty of passing this on to you and imposing, if I may, on your time in asking for your opinion as to the effectiveness of this sort of a campaign, and I am wondering whether this letter is part of a definitely organized program or just some one individual's ideas.

At your leisure would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Lampel". The signature is written over the typed name "Jack Lampel" and extends significantly to the left and right.

J. Lampel
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October 10, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copy of the minutes of the Administrative Committee held on October 6th.

If you find the meeting correctly reported, kindly O.K. them with your initials and send back to us by return mail. Of course, they will be read at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Hartman was out of town for a few days. The first meeting of our Actions Committee will, therefore, be held tomorrow.

Messrs. Stone and Rosenfield are already at work and by tomorrow they will be ready with the details of their plan for work to be submitted to the meeting of the Actions Committee.

Hoping that you are well, I am with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

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October 10, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

Would you please send me a few
glossed photographs of Mr. Untermyer which I
may use in connection with his coming to
Cleveland on Wednesday, November 1st?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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October 10, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
% Temple Emmanuel,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I commenced work yesterday morning but it is only to-day that I have been able to secure the services of a secretary. There is very little that I can report and Mr. Rosenfelt asks me to tell you that the same applies to him.

I have telegraphed to Chicago, asking them to arrange for me to visit there to pave the way for Mr. Untermyer's arrival, but have received a reply from Mr. Korshak that Monday is too soon and that he would let me know as soon as possible when it would be the proper time. In the meantime they are conducting important conferences on the matter and I expect to hear further from Chicago sometime to-morrow.

Joe Ehrlich of Detroit has written to me concerning the work in that city and recommended that I get in touch with Mr. Samuel B. Keene. I have written to Mr. Keene and have notified him of your visit to Detroit on October 31st and have also told him that I would ask Rabbi Fram to arrange for a luncheon on the same day so that you can meet the leading people interested in the boycott in order to arrange a campaign. I will let you know when I hear from Mr. Keene.

I am awaiting word from Philadelphia, Washington, Providence and other points with which I have already communicated. Next week, after the Yom Tov, I expect to be on the road.

We have settled a number of matters and are considering to-day the proof of a pamphlet which explains why we need the money. I hope this will be agreed upon to-day.

We have arranged to have daily conferences with Mr. Brainin or Mr. Postel, his associate, and I trust this arrangement will prove to be most satisfactory.

I am writing, as you suggested, to Rabbi Samuel Wohl with respect to working southern Ohio, Kentucky, etc and will keep you informed as to what he replies.

Rabbi Silver

I am wondering whether you can help me by suggesting the names of speakers who are located in the Middle West whom I can approach with a view to provide the speakers for us so that we can avoid the expense of having speakers from New York. Naturally, everyone requires headliners so that you know the kind of men we need.

Hoping you are well and trusting you are making progress with the plans for Cleveland campaign, I am

Sincerely,

Bernard Stone



October 10, 1933.

Mr. Samuel H. Keene,
515 Barium Tower,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Keene:

I have just been appointed National Campaign Director for the purpose of raising a \$500,000.00 Defense Fund to prosecute the German boycott.

I am sorry that when I was in Detroit a few weeks ago, I did not get the opportunity of meeting with you personally. I know that you are deeply interested in the welfare of our German co-religionists and would do anything in your power to put an end to the brutal outrages which they are compelled to suffer from the criminal Nazi regime.

I feel that you will be interested in the enclosed literature which I hope you will read and upon which you will let me have your comments.

On September 10th we had a conference in New York, presided over by Mr. Samuel Untermyer, President, at which resolutions were passed, copy of which are attached. Naturally we are interested in securing a reasonable quota towards our \$500,000.00 Defense Fund from Detroit, and if necessary, I would be happy to come to Detroit to spend a day or so to coordinate the existing groups and organizations and set the machinery working for an immediate campaign.

Both Mr. Samuel Untermyer, President, and Rabbi A. H. Silver, Chairman of the Administrative Committee are arranging for tours to cover the more important centers. Mr. Untermyer will open the Cleveland Campaign on November 1st and may possibly be in Chicago a day or two later. If it is possible for you to arrange a Detroit Campaign, we could have Mr. Untermyer visit Detroit or we could make a date for a suitable occasion at which Rabbi Silver will speak. Rabbi Silver informs me that he is to address a gathering at Temple Beth-El on the evening of October 31st. We have written to Rabbi Silver that it might be possible to arrange to have our friends who are interested in the boycott meet with him at a luncheon the same day in order to lay plans for securing the Detroit quota on that occasion.

I hope, however, that it will not be necessary for us to put a paid field worker in Detroit but that you will be able to manage the whole thing yourselves. We are deeply interested in keeping expenses down to a minimum. In this work we should be glad to secure the cooperation of Gentiles, both as contributors and workers.

Mr. Samuel B. Keene,
Detroit, Mich.

Please write me your thought on all that I have mentioned here
and especially take up with your colleagues the question of
immediate action.

Sincerely yours,

BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

P.S. - The resolutions referred to, will be mailed to-morrow



Copy
for
Rabbi
Silver

Dear Rabbi Silver -
I don't know if
I sent you a copy of
this -

October 11, 1933.

RS

Mr. Hiram Weisberg,
355 Onondaga Street,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am happy to inform you that I have just been appointed National Campaign Director for the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights.

As you know, it was decided by the League to organize an economic boycott on German goods, and for this purpose a Defence Fund of \$500,000.00 is needed.

Naturally, it is my duty to see that a reasonable proportion of this \$500,000.00 Defense Fund is forthcoming from Syracuse. I am anxious to keep down to a minimum all expense of the Campaign and would like very much indeed to have a group in Syracuse organize itself to conduct whatever Campaign will be needed to raise the quantity, without having to send a field worker to Syracuse for any length of time.

If the Campaign Committee to raise this quota will be formed, we might arrange to have Rabbi Silver, or perhaps Mr. Samuel Untermeyer, both of whom are touring the country, speak at a gathering or at a function.

Please give us your advice and tell us what you think is the best way to start the Campaign. I know that we have your sympathy and that of all the other Zionists, as well as many non-Zionist organizations in Syracuse.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

BARNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

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October 11, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
% The Temple,
East 105th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have not so far given any publicity to the campaign that is to open in Cleveland on the first of November. In order to do this, I would like to have a statement of the facts of the case so that we can have Mr. Brinain give it the proper attention.

I require to send letters to various people to serve as officers of our local campaigns. In some cases it will be possible to use Mr. Untermyer's name, but there are many cases where your name would be the greatest attraction and carry additional weight.

I wonder whether it will be possible in such cases to send out letters, over your signature, on our stationery, from these headquarters, of which I attach draft.

Please let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

Bernard Stone
BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

CONGREGATION BETH EL
DETROIT

October 11th, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have heard from Mr. Bernard Stone of the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights. I have undertaken to arrange a meeting of some Detroit leaders to meet with you ^{next} at lunch in connection with the ~~prospects~~ *project* of the League.

I want to give you the following information with regard to the situation in Detroit as it affects organization in behalf of German Jewry:

1. The Jewish Welfare Federation will in December conduct a campaign for relief funds in behalf of German Jews to be turned over to the Joint Distribution Committee.

2. So far only unknown leaders of obscure organizations in the city have been trying to organize the boycott here. They have tried to get the co-operation of the organized community leaders but have constantly met with indifference. Last Sunday the B'nai Brith called a meeting of various organizations to see if some defense organization or a branch of a national organization of that character could be established, and there were no definite results. Dr. Leo M. Franklin is opposed to any action other than relief to the extent that he devoted the New Year Eve sermon to a plea for such refraining from protest boycott or defense action.

I am giving you these facts so you shall know the full difficulty of attempting anything more than a relief plea in Detroit. Nevertheless, as far as the main body of the Jewish community is concerned, they are ready for some definite defensive action and only awaiting leadership. I personally have made public statements favoring the organized boycott and other defensive action, but I cannot undertake the organizational work.

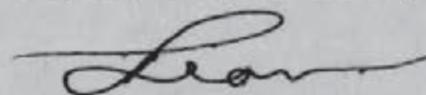
I will be out of the city on the day you are in Detroit, but I shall arrange to have as representative and influential group as I can muster to meet you at lunch on that day, Tuesday, October 31st.

Rabbi Silver:2

October 11th, 1933

I shall write you again confirming this.
Please regard this letter as confidential.
With kindest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Leon Fran



October 11, 1933.

Mr. Jack Lampl,
The Sun Finance & Loan Co.,
312 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lampl:

Let me thank you for forwarding to me the interesting statement from your friend in New York. I approve highly of this method of propagating the national boycott against everything made in Nazi Germany. The American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, of which Mr. Samuel Untermyer of New York, is president, and of which I am chairman of the Administrative Committee, is carrying on a very extensive and effective campaign to this end. Anything you can do in this matter would be of great service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

October 13, 1933.

MS

Mr. Bernard Stone,
The American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stone:

In reply to your kind letter of October 11th, I wish to say that you may use my name in connection with the letter which you plan to send out to various people asking them to serve as officers of the campaigns in their respective communities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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October 13th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I hope you will not hold me too strictly to the agreement regarding a report every other day -- at least for the time being until we get started.

Many important developments are under way already. Mrs. Estelle M. Sternberger, who undoubtedly knows more about women's organizations and their leaders than any other woman in the United States, has graciously consented to cooperate with Mrs. Harris, much to the joy of the Chairman of our Women's Division. I am sure Mrs. Sternberger can develop a great organization for us among the women.

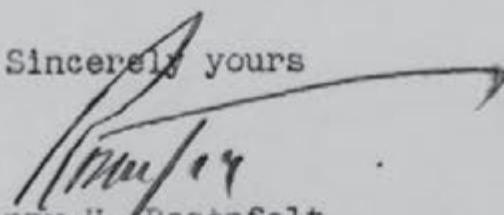
One of the important things on which I am working now is the preparation of literature which up till now seems not to have been thought about.

I wish you would let me know when you intend to be in New York as there are so many things which cannot be talked about in a letter about which I would like to see you.

You may be assured that no time is being wasted by any of us.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours


Henry H. Rosenfelt
NEW YORK CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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October 13, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I am enclosing herewith a letter
from Mr. Elliott W. Finkel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

MO
October 13, 1933.

Mr. Elliott W. Finkel,
235 W. Pike Street,
Canonsburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Finkel:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 26th. I have forwarded it to the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, 729 Seventh Ave., New York. You might wish to communicate with the League directly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

October 13, 1933.

Rabbi Leon Fram,
Congregation Beth El,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Leon:

I am very grateful to you indeed for your kind letter of October 11th. I am sorry that you will not be in Detroit on the day that I shall be there as I wanted to discuss with you in great detail the work of the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights. I hope that you will arrange to have as many of the worthwhile people of the community as possible attend the luncheon as I am most anxious to persuade them of the importance of the anti-German boycott. I believe that as the result of such a meeting, the organization of a Detroit branch of our League will proceed rapidly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

October 13, 1933.

Rabbi Samuel A. Halperin,
P.O. Box 424,
Middletown, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Halperin:

I am in no position to know whether the American League of Jewish Rights is in any position to accept your services. You might be interested in going up to see its executive, Mr. Bernard Stone, at the offices of the League, 729 Seventh Ave., New York City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

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October 13, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I would suggest that you write to Mr. Untermeyer - if you have not already done so - of his promise to visit Cleveland on November 1st. It is important that his secretary puts this date on his calendar.

The next regular meeting of the Actions Committee will be held on Monday evening, October 16th, at 8 P.M., at the offices of our League. It would be of great service to the cause if you could see your way clear to be present at this meeting. Things are not moving as smoothly as they should. Our campaign needs more attention than Mr. Hartman can give it.

Mr. Untermeyer would like you to be present at the weekly meetings of the Actions Committee for at least the first four or five weeks. If Monday night is a bad day for you, kindly let me know and I'll see to it that it is changed accordingly.

Sincerely yours

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

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October 14, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I not remind you of your kind promise to send along a letter giving your criticism of the "Wandering Jew", the showing of which was especially arranged for you.

AMERICAN JEWISH
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Yours for the Boycott,

Louis Myers

Louis Myers,
Treasurer

LM:BZ

Copy for Rabbi Silver.

This is being sent to many prominent leaders, with whom I am on excellent friendly relations.

Bernard Stone
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October 16, 1933.

Mr. Bert C. Broude,
East Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Dear Mr. Broude:

It is more than two years since I saw you and quite a long time since I heard from you. I hope you and your wife are in the best of health.

I don't know if you are aware that I have just accepted the appointment as National Campaign Director for the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, of which Mr. Samuel Untermyer is President and Rabbi Silver of Cleveland, the Chairman of the Administrative Committee.

My task is to secure the funds needed by the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights for the purpose of prosecuting the boycott. You being a keen student of Jewish affairs, I do not have to go into details. You know all about it.

I know you have many calls on your time but I am certain that you are deeply interested in the welfare of our German Jewish brethren and I hope you will have time to read and answer this letter, even if it be only a short note.

The plan of operation for the Campaign and the fact that we have no machinery available compels us to discard the idea of sending field workers into every community to spend any length of time there to organize and carry through the Campaign to collect the money. Instead, we seek to establish reliable groups in each center who themselves will undertake to raise the money, to keep down expenses as far as possible, and to remit a reasonable quota towards the \$500,000 Fund to the National Headquarters.

It is the intention of the League to use the bulk of the money to carry on local boycott activities, to organize the consumers, the women, and the importers, and to arrange for substitution of American and the products of other countries, for German goods.

Mr. Bert C. Broude,
Milwaukee, Wisc.

October 16, 1933.

Moreover, the League will conduct a great deal of research work and will be in touch with consular, as well as trade representatives of other countries, to carry on a thoroughly anti-Hitler boycott. We would like also to cooperate with other non-Jewish groups, such as liberal groups and the A.F. of L. groups which are interested in boycotting Germany.

Naturally we expect to get a reasonable sum towards these activities from Milwaukee, and the question I ask of you is that you give us your expert guidance as to how to start this undertaking so as to secure satisfactory results.

The Campaign which we are conducting is a three months Campaign, at the end of which time we hope the whole operation will be concluded as far as fund raising is concerned, at any rate.

With kindest regards to you and to Mrs. Broude, as well as to my other friends in Milwaukee, I am

Yours sincerely,

BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

October 16, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Stone has gone on to Chicago, against his better judgment.

I don't know how much you are aware of the situation in Chicago, but briefly it is this: -

Ira Wolfe has been communicating with Mr. Untermeyer and Mr. Rabinowitz. He has informed them that there are two factions in Chicago - the majority wants an aggressive, loud boycott against Germany, the minority wants a more discreet boycott.

Judge Max M. Korshak, originally one of the majority, seems to be leaning towards the quiet campaign, and he is apparently negotiating with some of the leaders so that the policy will be agreeable to most. Until this is settled, he does not want anyone to come to Chicago.

Mr. Wolfe urges that we intervene with what may be called aggressive tactics on behalf of the majority which favors the leadership of Mr. Untermeyer and his methods - a noisy boycott.

This does not appear in Korshak's letters but appears in the correspondence between Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Untermeyer. I have no means of judging how much weight is to be attached to Mr. Wolfe's statements but I am afraid of anything that will antagonize Mr. Korshak. It may spoil the possibility of a Campaign in that city.

BERNARD STONE

P.S. Mr. Stone will be in Chicago Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and will probably register at the Hotel Sherman. It is on Mr. Untermeyer's instructions that he has gone there.

COPY

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

Washington, D.C.

October 17, 1933.

Mr. Samuel Untermyer, President
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights
729 Seventh Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Untermyer:

Thank you for your telegram received today. The convention with very real enthusiasm adopted the recommendation of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to boycott German goods and German services until that government changed its policy toward organized labor and ceases its persecution of the Jewish people. I want to give the application of the boycott resolution my attention as soon as possible.

I shall be glad to give very direct and sympathetic consideration to the suggestion you offer just as soon as I can spare the time to do so.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. Green

President,
American Federation of Labor

Mr. Samuel B. Keene,
515 Barlum Tower,
Detroit, Mich.

October 17, 1933.

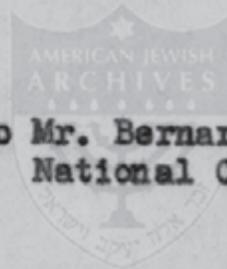
I am glad that you will meet with Rabbi Silver on the afternoon of October 31st. Rabbi Fram of your city is arranging a luncheon meeting on that day, and we are writing him that you will be happy to be at the gathering.

As for your suggestion that we try to get a share of the funds that are being raised for the relief of German Jews, we did write to Mr. Kurt Peiser, executive of the Federation Board. Copy of this letter was sent to you, but in the event it never reached you, duplicate is enclosed. We have not as yet received a reply from Mr. Peiser.

We will keep in constant touch with you, and with kind regards, I am



Sec'y to Mr. Bernard Stone
National Campaign Director



Copy for Fannie Silver

October 17, 1933.

Mr. Samuel B. Keene,
515 Barlum Tower,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Keene:

In Mr. Stone's absence from the city,
I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter of the 14th.

First of all, I want to thank you for the promptness of your response and for the information contained therein. Please feel free to offer any suggestions you may have, or any criticism on our proposed plans.

Answering your letter paragraph by paragraph, please let us know as soon as possible the outcome of the joint conference held at the Hotel Statler this coming Sunday.

Your suggestion as to a circular letter containing quotations from the speeches of William Green and other labor leaders, to be sent out to the members of labor unions, is an excellent one, I think, and will be taken up by the Committee at their next meeting. Many thanks. I am trying to get a copy of the speeches delivered at the A.F. of L. convention - I believe the New York Times ran it. It will be mailed to-day if possible, otherwise to-morrow surely.

The form letter you enclosed was an excerpt from Mr. Untermeyer's reply to the Dry Goods Association. It is very good, yes, and is being used generally.

We have no pamphlet similar to "German Drugs and their American and British Equivalents" that is to be distributed direct to the consumers. Moreover, we cannot print the names, that is tradenames of German products. That would be libel. We could mention the commodity but are not allowed to give the trade names. On second thought, this suggestion should be handled by Mr. Rabinowitz, who is taking care of the actual boycott work and he will reply direct, under separate cover. Mr. Stone is in charge of the fund raising activities.

Under separate cover, I am mailing the sample "library". I believe we sent you this material before. New literature is in the process of being printed and will be sent you when it is ready.

As for Mr. Untermeyer's presence in Detroit, I believe this can be arranged. Mr. Stone will supplement this letter at a future date.

October 18, 1933.

Mr. Louis Myers,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.



My dear Mr. Myers:

I enjoyed the preview of the "Wandering Jew" very much. It is a timely expose of the iniquities of the Hitler regime in Germany. The tragedy of the eminent Jewish artist, humiliated and betrayed by everyone because of his race, as portrayed by Ben Ami, is indeed very moving. The fundamental note of optimism, courage and faith which runs through the entire picture and which is symbolized by the eternal wandering Jew is of especial value in Jewish life today.

Very cordially yours,

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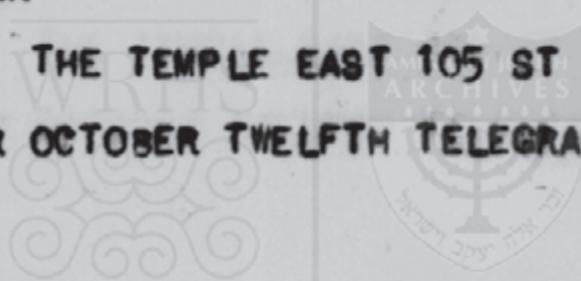
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PHILADELPHIA - I conferred Monday with Mr. Stern, Mr. Meltzer, Mr. Martin O. Levy Mr. Sundheim and Mr. Galter. At lunch I also met Mr. Ellis Gimbel and Judge William M. Lewis.

Both Mr. Stern and Mr. Meltzer were strongly in favor of a non-sectarian rather than a Jewish Campaign. They think that both in Philadelphia and New York the organization should be a reflection of the non-sectarian character of the Campaign and doubtless Mr. Stern will pass on to Mr. Untermyer his suggestions to this end.

All are agreed that our Campaign must be delayed for a few weeks because the Welfare Federation Drive is commencing now and will not be over before November 15th. Our Campaign, therefore, cannot come out in the open before the end of November.

In the meantime, Mr. Stern and the others are getting contributions from individuals so as to enable them to send in, (if they have not already done so) the \$5000. they promised to advance. They raised no objects to going out for a quota of \$50,000. for the city of Philadelphia. They agreed to run the Campaign themselves, engaging Mr. Galter to conduct it and to keep expenses down to a minimum.

I urged speedy opening of Headquarters for the Campaign and that Mr. Galter be asked to cover besides Philadelphia, certain Eastern Pennsylvania cities, Wilmington, Delaware, Atlantic City, Camden and Wildwood, New Jersey. To this they agreed also, if Mr. Galter should prove willing. Subsequently Galter agreed to do this and to begin with initiating Campaigns outside Philadelphia first. Galter promised to start in as soon as our Committee in Philadelphia formally asks him to commence which I hope will have been done by the time this letter reaches New York. Galter asked that Mr. Brainin should place his name on his mailing list for releases.

Judge Lewis promised to speak for us whenever we call on him, whenever his time permits. He will be willing to travel to other cities for this purpose.

CHICAGO - Last night I met Korshak and later went to Judge Fisher's home and there also came over Mr. Korshak, Rabbi Goldman, Mr. Charles Schwartz and Mr. Jacob Siegel of the Jewish Daily Forward. Korshak and Schwartz are completely dominated by Fisher and will only go through with our plans if Fisher wishes them to. Goldman has a will and mind of his own but the only one upon whom we can rely amongst those I saw last night is Siegel.

As soon as Korshak got back from New York City in September, Fisher got him to go and see Mr. James H. Becker, the banker, and Rabbi Louis Mann, the reform Rabbi. Becker called a number of conferences of the German Jewish leaders of Chicago and also had Korshak, Fisher, Goldman, Schwartz and Siegel present to represent the other elements in the city. As far as I can gather, it was the best and most powerful Jewish group that could be gotten together if the purpose is a money-raising Campaign. It contained

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Rabbis Freehof and Levy and Gerson Levi and Mann, Abel Davis, Mr. Wormser. Moreover, each of the persons named is stated to have personally stopped purchasing German goods. Nevertheless the sentiment so far disclosed indicates a consensus of opinion that

- (a) An official Jewish boycott would damage the Chicago Jewish Community because of the existence of the very large German-American population who would institute reprisals
- (b) That a non-Jewish boycott should be supported with funds contributed greatly by Jews in Chicago
- (c) The most should be made of the A.F. of L. boycott

Becker and his colleagues decided to call on Thursday evening a larger group of about 20 or 25 persons to take final decision on this matter. Amongst those who has stated to take part in this meeting is Mr. A.D. Lasker who I know is opposed to the boycott altogether.

Fisher himself regards the boycott as too dangerous a weapon to use by the Jews and the most I could do with him was to secure his promise to see that our case would be stated fully and fairly and that if contrary to expectation, the decision went in our favor, he would get on the bandwagon. Goldman also favors a Jewish boycott that will be with us in the end because he will not separate himself from the Jewish masses who are of course wholly on our side. Korshak is too weak to count either way. Siegel is determined if Thursday night's meeting fails to get positive results, to wait no longer but to organize a mass movement for the boycott, although of course he knows that without the German Jews and without Fisher's group, not much money can be hoped for.

Accordingly, I am remaining here for the rest of the week and will do all I can to line up support for Siegel with whom I will meet Friday to organize our own group in the event of Thursday's meeting going against us as would seem to be a foregone conclusion. It is quite clear that any presence in Chicago earlier would not have been able to change the course of events or to have speeded them up. In the circumstances, it does not seem to be possible for me to be back in New York before next Sunday. During my stay here I will try to run over to Milwaukee to explore the Wisconsin situation.

In reply to the telegram from Mr. Rabinowitz urging me to visit the larger cities so as to enable Mr. Untermeyer to expand his Cleveland visit into a tour, unfortunately nearly all the larger cities in the U.S.A. are engaged now in the drives for their Federations and Welfare Chests which rules out any immediate Campaigns for us or any other funds until later. This applies to Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Boston, etc. Fund raising in these centres being impossible right away, a tour by Mr. Untermeyer could only be for propaganda purposes and I doubt whether Mr. Untermeyer would lend himself to this. I understand he wishes to reserve himself for money raising gatherings.

With kindest regards,

BERNARD STONE

COPY OF LETTER

BERT C. BROUDE COMPANY

741 W. Wisconsin Ave.,

Milwaukee, Wisc.

October 19, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone, National Campaign Director,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Stone:

I hasten to reply to your cordial letter of the 16th inst.

At the very outset I must advise you that I regret exceedingly my inability to be of any service to you whatsoever, as far as Milwaukee is concerned.

Last August we had a campaign here for Jewish-German relief and since that time the Federated Jewish Charities have merged with the local Community Chest and we are now in the midst of a campaign for an amount in excess of \$1,000,000. at this very moment of writing.

On November 6th, Mt. Sinai Hospital goes out for a \$75,000. campaign and on November 19th, the Talmud Terah goes out for a campaign of \$20,000.

As you can readily understand, I am in the very thick of these campaigns and they are right up to my neck.

I have always had a theory that it is a tactless blunder to foist too many responsibilities on the shoulders of too few, who have willingly assumed the responsibility of leadership and cooperation in communal affairs.

You can readily see that I am almost at the breaking point and very often I am tempted, quoting your good friend and "cousin" - Bill Shakespeare, to say - "A curse on both your houses."

I hope you will understand that my reason for giving you such a flat refusal as far as responsibility is concerned, is not based on necessarily an indifference to the cause, or out of discourtesy to you, but rather is it done because I have definitely reached the point of saturation.

With all good wishes to yourself and family, and with my very kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

BERT C. BROUDE

*Copy for
Rabbi Silver*

October 19, 1933.

Mr. Abe M. Luntz,
Harter Bank Building,
Canton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Luntz:

I am sorry that you were unable to attend the National Conference held in New York City on September 10th by the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights.

You must have seen reports of this gathering at which a resolution was carried unanimously to organize a nation-wide, non-sectarian boycott of all German products, services and shipping. This involves complete organization of boycott by importers of German products, the assembling of necessary information as to substitution of goods hitherto obtained from Germany, as well as considerable research in a variety of directions with the necessary dissemination of the information thus gathered.

To do this, a Defense Fund of \$500,000. is to be raised in the next three months.

It is contemplated by the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights that of the sum raised, a considerable proportion should be utilized in local boycotts in the various communities, the balance being needed for propaganda, research and national activities. Mr. Samuel Untermyer was elected President of the League and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland was appointed Chairman of the Administrative Committee.

I understand that you are opening a Campaign on October 29th and I was wondering if it could be arranged to include a reasonable sum in your budget for the work of the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights. This would avoid the necessity of a separate Campaign for the League. In our judgment, \$1000. would be a fair quota from Canton towards the \$500,000. Defense Fund.

I do not know if this cause commends itself to you but I certainly will be very happy to hear from you. I know how essential it is to secure your cooperation if we are to get proper financial support from Canton

Yours sincerely,

BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

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October 19, 1933.

Mr. J. A. Goodman,
Real Silk Mills
Indianapolis, Ind.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED SEPTEMBER TENTH TO LAUNCH NONSECTARIAN NATIONWIDE BOYCOTT OF GERMAN GOODS SERVICES AND SHIPPING STOP LEAGUE IS ORGANIZING CONSUMERS AND IMPORTERS ARRANGES FOR SUBSTITUTE PRODUCTS AND CARRIES ON NECESSARY RESEARCH WORK STOP CONFERENCE ADOPTED NATIONAL QUOTA OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS STOP APPEAL TO INDIANAPOLIS COMMUNITY TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THIS BOYCOTT WORK AND TO INCLUDE IN BUDGET OF JEWISH WELFARE CHEST AN ITEM OF THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AS INDIANAPOLIS SHARE TOWARDS THIS UNDERTAKING STOP THIS IS ONLY METHOD REMAINING TO PUT AN END TO OUTRAGES DISCRIMINATIONS AND BRUTALITY PRACTICED BY NAZI REGIME

SAMUEL UNTERMYER
AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS
729 SEVENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

*Copy for
Rabbi Silver*

Thursday, October 19th.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Enclosed you will find copy of Mr. Stone's report from Chicago.

I am also attaching copy of telegram sent to Mr. J. A. Goodman, President of the Jewish Welfare Fund in Indianapolis. You see, we have previously written to Mr. Hl Joseph Hyman, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund. Mr. Hyman wrote to Rabbi Wohl suggesting that we communicate direct to Mr. Goodman. Hope this will bring results.

We have a letter from Mr. A. M. Levin of St. Louis advising that check would be sent us next week, on account.

Report has come from Canton, Ohio that the orthodox community is outspokenly in favor of a boycott movement, but not the Reform Jews. Perhaps Mr. Untermeyer will write to the leading Reform Jew, a Mr. E. J. Schanfarber. I am holding this matter in abeyance until Mr. Stone's return.

Galveston, Texas has pledged an annual sum to the American Jewish Committee, but Rabbi Henry Cohen will bring our cause before the Committee.

Of course I shall keep you fully informed.

Sincerely,

Ruth Marks

P.S. - You will also find attached copy of letter to

Mr. Abe M. Luntz, President
or some executive of
the Federation in
Canton

Sec'y to
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National Campaign Director

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October 19th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

You will be gratified to hear that meetings have already been held by the Women's Belt Manufacturers and the Covered Button Manufacturers. The former at the Hotel New Yorker on October 17th, the latter at the same address on October 18th. The Women's Belt Manufacturers raised \$300 as a starter and appointed a committee of 5 to solicit the industry. Our appeal was presented by Mr. Elias Ginsburg. The meeting of the Covered Button Manufacturers was addressed by Mr. Robert Altshuler. A committee of 5 was appointed and about \$400 was raised as a starter.

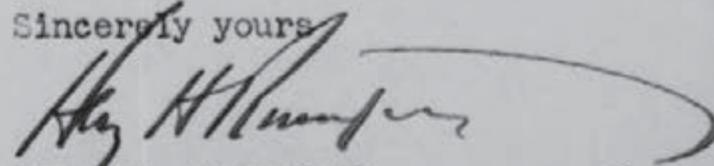
You will also be happy to hear that Emanuel Cohen who is vice-president in charge of the productions for Paramount, consented to prepare a picture for us of Nazi Jewish activities. This picture will be very helpful to us at meetings thruout the country. I am to go to Paramount to-day about it.

Frank P. Walsh is in Washington. I asked him to see William Green and induce him to accept our invitation to the dinner at which Mr. Green is to be the guest of honor.

New literature is being prepared and is in the hands of the printer.

These are the high spots.

Sincerely yours


Henry H. Rosenfelt

NEW YORK CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:-

I have your letter of October 17th, telling about the coming visit of Mr. Untermeyer on Wednesday, November 1st. If I am in town, as I hope to be, I shall be very glad to attend the luncheon and meet Mr. Untermeyer at that time.

In the meantime, I am disappointed at what seems to me the slow progress that is being made in two particulars:

1st: that is being made in the broadening of the movement, of including a broader aim and a broader membership, than if it be confined to Jews alone;

2nd: what seems to me the slow progress of the local committee in getting under way and interviewing the different store managements.

No doubt much work is being accomplished of which I am not cognizant, but these two matters seem so important to me that at your convenience I should like to have a half hour's talk with you on this subject.

I know how untiring your own efforts are in this matter, so that I am sure you will understand that this letter is dictated only as an expression of anxiety and not in any way of criticism.

With genuine regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Monte Blank

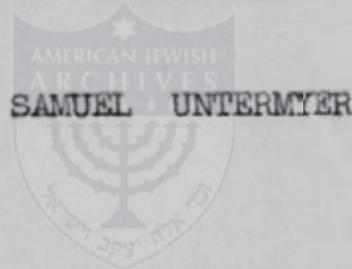
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October 19, 1933.

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NOT GENERAL CLINNIN SEEN HE IS ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE
ASSETS WHOM YOU HAVE APPARENTLY OVERLOOKED

Sent to Mr. Bernard Stone
Hotel Sherman
Chicago, Ill.

WRHS



Copy for [unclear]

From Mr. Bernard Stone's report at Chicago, October 19th.

I saw Mr. Max Shulman yesterday and got him to promise his assistance to make a new group for us when Korshak's efforts fail, as fail they will.

I also conferred with the Administrative Committee and the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of Chicago and got the assurance that they will take the lead in calling promptly a conference before the end of this month to launch our new organization here.

To-day I am going to run over to Milwaukee but will be back this evening.

Rabbi Silver

C O P Y

THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION OF DETROIT

51 WEST WARREN AVENUE

October 20, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone, Nat'l Campaign Director,
Defense of Jewish Rights, Inc.
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Stone:

We are inviting Rabbi Silver to address a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, October 31st. At that time he will meet the Board of Governors of the Jewish Welfare Federation and a number of additional friends who have been asked to attend.

I hope that we shall be able to make arrangements at that time which will be satisfactory for all concerned. Will you please notify Rabbi Silver officially from your office.

Very truly yours,

KURT PEISER
Secretary.

P.S. We have been disturbed by a group of young people who have been active in the local boycott situation. May I suggest that you ask the Chairman of the group to get in touch with us and carry out such suggestions as will be given to him officially.

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In
Palm
Selman

From Mr. Bernard Stone

REPORT ON MILWAUKEE

October 20, 1933.

The city has about 450,000 German-Americans and 20,000 Jews, whose livelihood for the most part depends on the trade they do with their German-American neighbors. This factor determines the attitude of the local Jewish Community to our boycott plans.

I visited and spoke to the following:

1. Rabbi Joseph Baron, Temple Emanuel, E. Kenwood Blvd.
For boycott willing to help us in all ways but unable to take any open public stand.
2. Bert C. Broude, 741 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Sympathetic but unwilling to help us raise funds.
See letter enclosed herewith.
3. Dr. E. C. Heifetz, Chairman of Zionists.
Sympathetic but cannot help. German patients, clients, etc.
4. Mr. Arthur Shulkin, Chairman of Amer. Jewish Congress.
Owing to German clients, afraid to help much.
5. Charles W. Sand, attorney, 606 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Willing to help in every way. Suggest we secure as our Chairman, Mr. Joseph A. Padway, Brunder Bldg. He is counsel here for the A.F. of L., and also that we write the following asking them to join our Committee:

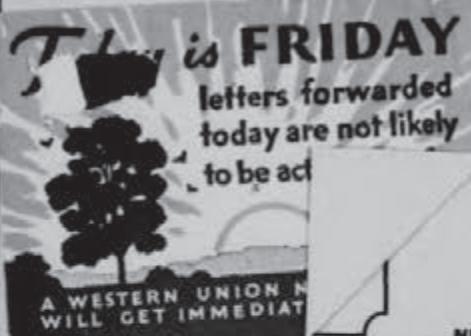
Max Raskin, City Attorney, City Hall
Harry Goldsmith, 744 N. Ford St.
N. B. Goldstein, Boston Store
Oscar Greenwald % Gimbel's
Mrs. Michael Levin, Council of Jewish Women,
2922 N. Marietta Ave.

Finally, both Rabbi Baron and Mr. Sand feel that to get money will be only possible if we can get it by a private canvas amongst a few of the wealthy men who can get up a small number of anonymous contributors. They therefore urge a letter with this end in view be written by Mr. Untermeyer to

Judge Charles L. Aarons, 2831 N. Prospect Ave.

and a copy should be sent to both Baron and Sand and they will follow it up at once.

I have just received the enclosed wire from Mr. Untermeyer in which he expresses himself in such a way as to raise the question as to whether he does not mean to ask for my resignation. Considering that my last Chicago report was written a few hours after my arrival in the city and before I had a chance to do more than meet and confer with Korshak, Fisher, Goldman, Siegel, Schwartz, Mr. Untermeyer's wire is entirely unjustified.



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C O P Y

ERWIN I. FELDMAN
Attorney at Law

1308 Munsey Bldg.

BALTIMORE, Md.

October 21, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, Inc.,
279 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stone:

Miss Ruth Marks, your secretary, wrote on
October 20th that you would be able to come to Baltimore
Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

Mr. Gamse informed me to-day that he thought Sunday, October 29th
would be convenient for most of the Baltimore people because a
number of them would be out of the city during the week.
I would appreciate if you would let me know if the day suggested
by Mr. Gamse is satisfactory to you.

Mr. Gamse also wishes to know what position the League members
should take in connection with the drive now under way in
Baltimore under American Jewish Congress auspices.
Is this a drive for a boycott fund? If so, are we to support it?

We should like to hear from you as we have been approached and
asked to assist in the drive.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN I. FELDMAN

October 21, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

Please let me know whether the one hundred thousand circulars on Drugs have already been distributed. Also whether Untermeyer's reply to Macy's was printed and circularized as we had voted.

I have been organizing the campaign locally in anticipation of Untermeyer's coming. I believe that we may have some money for him for the League when he gets here. I would suggest that Mr. Untermeyer get in touch with Mr. William Green of the American Federation of Labor. Perhaps ways can be found to cooperate in prosecuting the Boycott.

Whatever Boycott activities are you engaged in now?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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OUR SITUATION VERY COMPLICATED STOP VERY IMPORTANT MEETING
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October 23, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:-

In addition to the names that you no doubt have received from Mr. Iglauer, I am also suggesting the following who have pronounced liberal tendencies and would be helpful in the Committee work that you have in mind:

— Mrs. McQuait, Past President Federation of Women's Clubs
Mrs. Malcolm McBride
Mrs. Fred H. Goff
Mrs. Stanlee T. Bates
Miss Ida P. McKean
Mrs. Edward S. Bassett
Mrs. Arthur Loesser
Mrs. John Seaver
Miss Ruth Stone
Mrs. Thomas J. Bryson
Mrs. Max Hellman
Mrs. M. J. Mandelbaum
Mrs. Howard Thayer
Miss Mabel Ferris
Mrs. Benedict Crowell
Miss Grace Treat
Miss Mildred Chadsey

It seems to me that visiting committees of five, of whom the majority, or three, should be non-Jewish, would make the most effective committees to call upon the store executives -- one group calling upon department stores, another upon food stores (chains), etc., etc.

May I suggest that Mrs. L. J. Wolf could, I believe, be very helpful in helping to secure this broader membership, that would be so desirable in broadening the appeal. With genuine regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mona A. Beck



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October 23, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I would like to remind you that in an earlier letter, on October 11th to be exact, I wrote asking if you would be good enough to let me know what arrangements there are for Mr. Untermeyer's visit to Cleveland. I take it the proposition is to open the Campaign there and the publicity material would be furnished us for publication here in New York as well as other parts of the country.

I hope you will give your secretary instructions to let me have this information as soon as convenient.

With further reference to publicity material, I spoke to Mr. Brainin on the matter of releases for Detroit meeting. He feels that it will be very helpful if we could receive, if possible, ahead of time, copy of the address you will deliver at the luncheon, leaving out, of course, such parts as the amount to be negotiated for the Campaign.

I am enclosing a copy of letter which I have this day received from Dr. Kurt Peiser of Detroit, the contents of which explain itself.

In accordance with the postscript on this letter, I am writing to Dr. S. S. Wittenburg of Detroit. Copy of letter is attached.

You will remember from previous correspondence of which I sent you copies, that the task in Detroit is to secure an adequate quota to be included in the drive which the Welfare Federation is sponsoring for the German Jews during the month of December. From all that I can learn, an independent drive is practically impossible.

The quota that I have in mind is \$10,000 which I think is reasonable, in view of the circumstances. I have not mentioned this amount to Mr. Peiser, but if you think it can be obtained, I am sure you will make every effort to obtain at least this amount.

As far as Chicago is concerned, Mr. Korshak has written a letter to Mr. Untermeyer of which I received a copy. Same is enclosed. I also received a wire from Mr. Korshak this morning, telling me that it is imperative that I come to Chicago. I am leaving tomorrow morning, and I hope to be able to leave Chicago Saturday afternoon in order to be in Baltimore Sunday morning.

Here is a letter from Baltimore and also copy of my reply. The situation in Baltimore is also complicated by reason of the

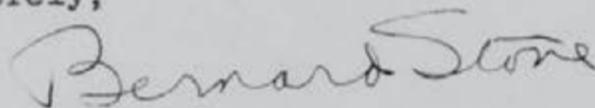
Rabbi Silver

October 23, 1933.

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fact that there is a strong branch of the American Jewish Congress with good local leadership. Mr. Sabeloff who is the U.S. attorney for Baltimore is Chairman. They will unquestionably want to make some sort of division with us, but as you will note from our reply, we are making a definite stand.

Sincerely,



BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director



Rabbi Silver

October 23, 1933.

Mr. Kurt Peiser,
The Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit,
51 West Warren Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Peiser:

In reply to your letter of the 20th,
I have notified Rabbi Silver of the arrangements.

Will you please let me know if you wish us to give
any publicity to this meeting, in New York, or are
you taking care of the publicity from your end?

With reference to the postscript in your letter,
I have written to Dr. S. S. Wittenburg and hope
there will be no difficulty in securing harmonious
cooperation.

Sincerely,

BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

Rabbi Silver
note

October 23, 1933.

Mr. Samuel B. Keene,
515 Barlum Tower,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Keene:

Upon my return to the office this morning, I found your letter of the 14th, which my secretary has answered in part.

I hope that you will write me, now that the conference that was held yesterday at the Hotel Statler is over, what progress has been made. I hope that whatever is being done will not interfere with the arrangements we are trying to make through Dr. Kurt Peiser. Please keep in touch with him, also, so that there may be no overlapping or misunderstanding.

With reference to Mr. Untermeyer's visit to Detroit, may I suggest that you take the matter up with Rabbi Silver when you see him on October 31st at the luncheon.

Awaiting to hear from you, and with kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

Copy file

October 23, 1933.

Dr. S. S. Wittenburg,
2441 E. Milwaukee Avenue,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Dr. Wittenburg:

I very much regret that although I wrote to you and also to Mr. Wiseman on several occasions, I have not been favored with a reply.

However, I would like to inform you that I have been in correspondence with Rabbi Fram, Dr. Kurt Peiser, Mr. Milton Alexander and Mr. Samuel B. Keene, as well as a number of leading personalities in the city with respect to our work.

As a consequence of this correspondence, a luncheon meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, October 31st, at which Rabbi Silver, Chairman of our Administrative Committee will meet with the board of governors of the Jewish Welfare Federation and a number of friends who have been asked to attend. It is Dr. Peiser's hope that at that meeting arrangements will be made for a reasonable sum of money of the amount that is to be raised in Detroit in December will be donated to the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights and its work.

Will you please be good enough to get in touch with Dr. Peiser? I think that as far as possible you should carry out any suggestions he makes that will achieve the objects which we, the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, have in view.

I would be grateful to hear from you of the activities of your group and I hope you will do me the courtesy of sending me a reply.

With regards,

Sincerely,

BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

Copy
for Rabbi Silver

October 23, 1933.

Mr. Erwin I. Feldman,
1308 Munsey Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Feldman:

On my return to New York this morning,
I found your kind letter of the 21st.

I shall be out of town at the end of the week, but I will make an effort to arrive at Baltimore Sunday morning next, in order that I might attend the meeting which you and Mr. Gamse are calling. Later I will notify you the exact time of my arrival. I expect to register at the Southern Hotel.

As you know, the American Jewish Congress is interested in various undertakings, such as the establishment of a World Jewish Congress, the holding of democratic elections in America for delegates to attend the sessions of the World Congress, and is also engaged in political work, and finally, is of course, an exclusively Jewish organization.

Until recently, the American Jewish Congress was opposed to the boycott and that they finally did endorse the boycott is only due to the efforts made by Mr. Samuel Untermyer, President of the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights.

The American League is the only body that devotes itself to the boycott exclusively. The American League is non-sectarian, having both Jews and non-Jews on its Committee. It proposes to organize non-Jews, as well as Jews in every city in the country for the boycott. This would be impossible with a purely Jewish organization such as the American Jewish Congress.

We therefore think that money raised for Boycott purposes should be sent to the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights which has no interest but the Boycott.

Moreover, if our group is to expend its energy in securing money for the American Jewish Congress, it would afterwards be unable to approach the same people again for the American League.

This is the situation as we see it here and I hope it will commend itself to you and to our friends in Baltimore.

Yours sincerely,

(Bernard Stone)

← NATIONAL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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October 24th, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The temple
105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We are getting some very important non-Jews on our Committee. Among them are James H. Post (see Who's Who in America), Judge Arthur S. Tompkins of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in New York. Dr. Hunt is working on this division.

You will be interested to know that Judge Otto A. Rosalsky has consented to speak for us on one or two occasions. Frankly, I am surprised that he is willing to ally himself with our group. He can be utilized very effectively in certain quarters.

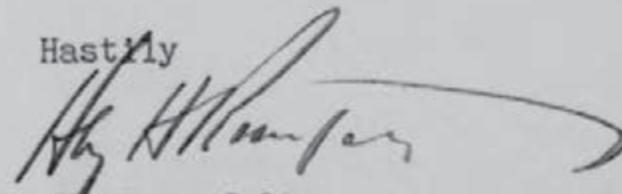
The printer has a striking piece of literature which should be coming out of the press within a few days.

The certificate that I planned to use for mail campaign among non-Jews chiefly has struck a snag, in that Mr. Untermyer refused to permit his signature to appear on it. Without his name or another of prominence, the certificate is valueless. It was on the press when Mr. Untermyer out of a clear sky (he had approved the idea when I spoke to him at his home) suddenly cancelled it. I am hoping that he will reconsider it.

We are trying very hard to get William Green of the American Federation of Labor to accept our invitation as guest of honor at a big "dinnerless dinner".

With kindest regards.

Hastily



Henry H. Rosenfelt
GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

HHR:HJB

*Judge Edmund Lazansky has also
said he must serve on the
Committee.*

C O P Y

JULIUS LIVINGSTON

Trustee
Commercial Building

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

October 24, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 18th, and I certainly want to cooperate with you in your work and do what I can to be of service.

I understand Mr. Untermeyer and Rabbi Silver are appearing throughout the country in behalf of the German boycott. Please advise me if this is so and if it is possible to have them come to Tulsa. If they would speak here, I believe we could not only get Jews to come from all over the State, but also adjoining States, and if the meeting is open to non-Jews also, we would have an audience of around five or six thousand people, and I am sure we would do our part toward your Campaign fund.

If we could have Mr. Untermeyer and Rabbi Silver down here, please advise me if this could be done under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith Lodge here. I am State president of the B'nai B'rith in Oklahoma and I believe I could have a more successful meeting if it was sponsored by our organization.

This letter is, of course, confidential, and anything you may write will be treated as such, also.

With kind personal regards, and awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS LIVINGSTON

C O P Y

Levinson Becker Gilbert Peebles & Swiren
Attorneys & Counselors

One North LaSalle Street
Chicago

October 24, 1933.

Dear Mr. Untermyer:

Your generous telegram of the 23rd came this morning.

After an absence of several months, I got back to Chicago a few days ago and wholly unexpectedly, became involved in the Chicago snarl. As frequently happens, a late comer plunges in head over ears. However, the Jewish status in Chicago is so different from that which obtains in New York that the affair has been largely one of wrangling and oratorical debate.

I can't at this time say what I will do, although I don't think the burden of chairmanship should be put upon me in view of my other tremendous commitments. You know, it has only been a relatively short time since I got over the effects of my three major operations, and, although I feel real well again, I ought not to get into indefinite and what may be, overwhelming burden of work. Nevertheless, in whatever capacity, whether official or in the ranks, I will do my utmost, as I feel very deeply on this subject. I appreciate profoundly your tremendous devotion and accomplishment.

One of my favorite self-maxims is, "There are no degrees of death." The Hitlerites started a war of extermination against the Jews and I feel that there are here no degrees of death. Thrice slaying the slain has never interested me. However, there are five or six tremendous angles to Nazi truculence and I would feel the same way as I do, if theoretically, no Jewish question were specifically involved. I therefore feel like putting great emphasis also on the other outrages. I am at this moment drawing a resolution for the HADASSAH, who are insisting upon my appearing this afternoon and talking to them.

The net result is that I will probably not accept the chairmanship, but I would like to see that we get a vigorous and effective head to the Chicago Committee.

Sincerely yours,

SALMON O. LEVINSON

To Mr. Samuel Untermyer
120 Broadway
New York City

C O P Y

JULIUS LIVINGSTON

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Sincerely yours,

JULIUS LIVINGSTON

OKLAHOMA STATE B'NAI B'RITH

Office of President

717 Commercial Bldg.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

October 27, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stone:

I am in receipt of your wire upon my return to Tulsa this morning, and am sorry to advise you I am not in position to head a campaign in Oklahoma and adjoining States at this time.

However, if Rabbi Silver and Samuel Untermeyer (or either of them) come to Tulsa, I am positive they will raise considerable funds. I would extend an invitation to prominent Jews all over the State and adjoining States to be with us and am sure we would have representatives from all around here, and probably committees could be formed to undertake a campaign after our distinguished guests have left.

If you will advise me the minimum amount you think Tulsa should contribute, I will let you know whether or not you could expect same, and am sure Oklahoma City will contribute as much as Tulsa. We would also have visitors from Ardmore, McAlester, Muskogee, and other communities in our State, and I know if Rabbi Silver or Mr. Untermeyer visit us here, they will not regret it.

We just completed a drive a few months ago, of which I was Chairman, wherein we raised over \$3000 in Tulsa in behalf of the German Jews, the money being sent to American Jewish Congress, American Palestine Committee, American Jewish Committee, Zionist organization, etc. I am also State President of the B'nai Brith and have just concluded a membership drive in our State wherein we increased our membership from around 200 to approximately 600, and as I have been doing this work practically alone, am sure you understand why I cannot at this time undertake to conduct another campaign. However, as I said before, if these men are our guests, I am sure Tulsa and Oklahoma in general will more than measure up to your expectations.

If Rabbi Silver or Mr. Untermeyer can come to Tulsa, will appreciate you advising me approximately what date they could be here.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) JULIUS LIVINGSTON

October 30, 1933.

INTERIM REPORT ON CHICAGO

Although Mr. Levinson, at this time of writing, has not yet definitely accepted the chairmanship, he is nevertheless giving his whole time to the matter. I got him to confer with General Clinnin and they are now working in unison with the following objectives:

1. Getting up a committee or list of prominent Gentiles of all religions and backgrounds to help in sponsoring a great mass meeting to be held quite soon, early in November, at which a resolution on the boycott (text which has still to be slightly modified enclosed) will be adopted.
2. All pro-boycott Jewish groups are to be adequately represented on the Committee mentioned in (1).
3. The organization and the boycott is to be formally launched at the mass meeting.
4. Mr. Untermyer is to be invited to speak at the meeting which is to be broadcast.

I am doing my best to get him to add one more item to this program, i.e., that the organization is to be part of our National Organization and also that prior to the mass meeting, a luncheon to get money, is to be held. I am meeting with Levinson daily and am hopeful that I can put it across despite all obstacles.

The radical conference was duly held under Mr. Siegel's chairmanship. The speakers included Mr. Levinson, Norman Thomas, Rabbi Goldman (who is playing an unfriendly part, hoping to destroy our plans) and myself. They passed a resolution which does not definitely commit them to affiliate with us but leaves the matter open. The gathering, beside purely radical Yiddish elements, had many Landsman Shaften. It is claimed 252 organizations were represented. The Chairman they appointed is Mr. Sam H. Holland, attorney, 160 North La Salle St. I am meeting him to-day.

I enclose under separate cover newspaper accounts of the gathering.

On Tuesday evening a meeting is to be held in the La Salle Hotel of other non-radical Jewish groups. The Zionists, Synagogues, B'nai B'rith groups, etc, will be there and the intention is to appoint a committee to cooperate with Levinson in forwarding our plans.

There is very great dissension in the Chicago Jewish Community on various grounds so that the organization of the pro-boycott elements into one committee affiliated with us into one committee with Gentiles, as planned by Levinson, is quite a major problem which precedes our fund-raising purpose. I am working on it day and night.

Bearing on the question of affiliation with us, Mr. Levinson asked me to wire to you that he wants the names, addresses and standing in the community (a whose who as it were) of the Gentiles affiliated with us. What I have received is merely a list of names, no addresses, etc. Please let Mr. Levinson or me have this complete information by return mail. By the way, Judge Nova is not a Gentile, he is a Jew.

I hope to have further progress to report in my next letter.

BERNARD STONE

Report from H. Stone

October 31, 1933.

Record of events from October 24th to date.

CALIFORNIA

Oakland - Mr. Rabinowitz spoke to Michael Grodin, Chairman of the Welfare Fund.

DIST. of COLUMBIA

Washington - Changed appointment to meet Committee either Nov. 7th or Nov. 9th.

ILLINOIS

Chicago - Still trying to get Salmon O. Levinson to accept chairmanship -
See detailed report from H.S. dated October 30th.

INDIANA

Ft. Wayne - wrote to G. Irving Lutz, head of state-wide committee to take care of all matters pertaining to German situation.

LOUISIANA

New Orleans - Community divided on "spontaneous boycott" headed by Rabbi Leipziger and organized boycott - wrote to Isadore Seelig

MARYLAND

Baltimore - Changed appointment to meet Committee on November 8th

MASSACHUSETTS

Newburyport sent check for \$45.48 collected at mass meeting.

MICHIGAN

Detroit - Meeting at Statler Hotel on October 26th of the Detroit League for Defense of Jewish Rights and group organized by Samuel B. Keena. Fifty organizations represented. Samuel B. Keena, president. Working with A.P. of L. Rabbi Silver will meet board of governors at luncheon ~~tomorrow~~, to-day.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

wrote to Mr. P. Holzman, Pres. of Federation for inclusion in their fund.

NEW JERSEY

Atlantic City - Samuel Morris will lay boycott plans at meeting of presidents of all local Jewish organizations, and will start Campaign

OHIO

Cincinnati - Request for inclusion in Chest arrived too late. Rabbi Silver wrote to Mr. J. Schroder, Chairman for change of decision.

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa - State President of B'nai B'rith wants either Rabbi Silver or Mr. Untermeyer to address gathering. Julius Livingston cannot head the campaign for funds but believes committees will be formed after visit. Will invite entire state to attend.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh - well-organized group under chairmanship of Morris Neeman.

TEXAS

Dallas - Rabbi Leikowitz will refer matter to Finance Committee of Federation.

WASHINGTON

Seattle - Max A. Silver wrote that a Campaign for funds is already under way. We wrote asking names of members of committee.

October 25, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I enclose herewith statement dated as of October 24th, showing the status of a number of cities with which I have made contact.

From previous correspondence, you are familiar with the facts up to the end of last week. You know that I attempted to secure Mr. Salmon O. Levinson as Chairman. Mr. Levinson is heartily in favor of the boycott, is an excellent speaker, and as you know, a man of decided ability, important in national and international affairs. He is "persona grata" in Chicago and has broken with the leaders in Chicago community who are opposed to the boycott.

When I left his office last Friday, he had practically promised to assume the chairmanship, but there were two points that still remained to be overcome - first, that the Campaign and the propaganda should be non-sectarian in character and should not center as much as it does around the Jewish question, inasmuch as the Jews, while suffering, are not numerically the largest group who are oppressed in Germany. He is bitter against the oppression of art and culture, against the Nazi policy of suppressing the freedom of the press, and bitterest of all, against the military spirit introduced by the Nazis. As a peace leader, he regards Hitlerism as the greatest menace to the peace of the world.

He thinks, therefore, that the Jews should unite with other elements and change their propaganda so as to give greater prominence to other causes of oppression than the oppression against the Jews. He does not by any means wish to hide the Jewish question, but he feels that we do not say enough about other aspects of the situation.

The second point about which we have to clinch him is the coordination with national headquarters in New York City. He thinks that Chicago could run an independent boycott, supported by funds from the Middle West and wants to be shown the necessity of affiliation with New York.

On both of these points he was wavering when I left and I felt that to finally clinch him, it would be necessary to do two things:

- (1) Have Mr. Untermeyer send him a wire asking him to assume the chairmanship as part of our national movement
- (2) Invite him to speak at some prominent gathering in New York

This would enmesh him in our activities so that he would never be able to extricate himself. Mr. Untermeyer wired him yesterday but nothing has so far been done on the second point. If we could secure Mr. Levinson as Chairman, I feel that we can build a good non-sectarian group around him and then we would be able to have a Campaign which might get us as much as \$75,000. from the city of Chicago and Illinois.

While I was negotiating with Mr. Levinson, a group in Chicago, under the leadership of Mr. Siegel, who represents the Jewish Daily Forward, was eager to call a conference for Wednesday last, in which they would launch the boycott. Mr. Max Shulman, the Zionist leader and Mr. Max Korshak, our temporary Chairman

Rabbi Silver

October 25, 1933.

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and other representatives of non-radical circles felt that the boycott work and the proposed Campaign would suffer if it was launched under the auspices of a Yiddish radical group and that it would only prosper if these circles would join with other elements in the city to call a far more representative Conference.

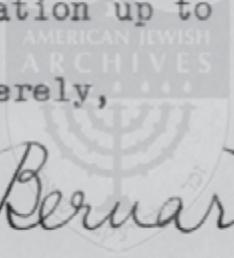
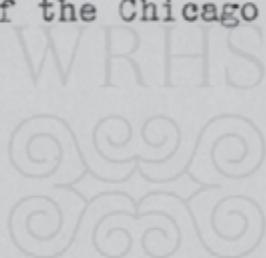
Accordingly, under the advice of Mr. Korahak and myself, Mr. Levinson induced Mr. Siegel to call off the Conference which he planned to call for last Wednesday. Mr. Levinson then made a final effort to get together with James H. Becker and his associates to get them to agree upon a united Chicago boycott plan. This having failed, Mr. Levinson has expressed his intention to be a free lance and press the boycott by every means in his power, even if it means that he must stand alone.

Mr. Untermeyer telephoned me to-day stating that Mr. Siegel of the Forward group had wired him from Chicago that they had called a Conference for next Sunday and invited him to speak. Mr. Untermeyer answered Mr. Siegel's wire by saying it was impossible for him to be there on Sunday but that he would be in Cleveland on November 1st and might be able to be in Chicago on the 2nd.

That is the status of the Chicago situation up to the present writing.

Sincerely,

Bernard Stone.



October 26, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stone:

I received, this morning, a copy of a
publicity item published by the League entitled
"Why a Nazi Boycott." I wish you would send
me two or three thousand copies to be used in our
local campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

October 26, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is confirmation of telegram sent you to-day regarding the rejection by the Quota Committee of Cincinnati's Welfare Fund of our request for inclusion in their chest. You will recall that I sent Mr. William J. Shroder, Chairman of the Community Council, Cincinnati, a telegram in Mr. Untermeyer's name for a share of their funds in the amount of \$5000.

Rabbi Wohl wrote as follows:

"To my amazement, I discovered last night that the Quota Committee has rejected your request for funds. By resolution a few weeks ago, the total of the Campaign could not be changed by the Council and was formally approved. Your telegram came too late to be included in the Campaign.

"However, I would present a very strong case before the Campaign actually begins, which will have to be done as soon as you read this letter, appealing from this decision. This was again done because no new agency was accepted this year."

I really feel, Rabbi Silver, that you are the best person to write this letter. Your name carries a great deal of weight, and if anyone can make the Council change its mind about including us, it is you.

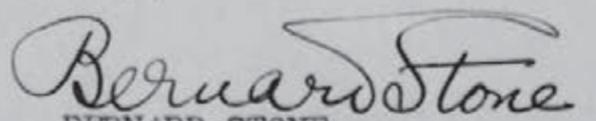
Please send me a copy of the letter you write.

JULIUS LIVINGSTON, TULSA, OKLAHOMA, wrote us, as per copy attached, asking for both you and Mr. Untermeyer as speakers. I replied by wire. Copy of telegram is enclosed.

And now, more about Chicago. When I wrote you yesterday, I told you that Mr. Untermeyer wired to Salmon O. Levinson asking him to be Chairman. Mr. Levinson wrote back, and I am enclosing copy of his reply.

I really feel that Mr. Levinson can be persuaded to assume the Chairmanship and at Mr. Untermeyer's request, I am leaving for Chicago by 'plane to-morrow noon. If I can induce Mr. Levinson to be on our Committee, I think Chicago will be lined up. I will let you know what happens, and in my absence, my secretary will keep you informed of what develops through the mail.

Sincerely,


BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

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Mr. Julius Livingston
Commercial Building
Tulsa, Oklahoma

DAY LETTER

IF YOU COULD ARRANGE MONEY RAISING LUNCHEON AND MASS MEETING
IN EVENING AND START ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR OUR DEFENSE FUND
THROUGHOUT OKLAHOMA AND ADJOINING STATES WILL ENDEAVOR TO
SECURE DATE FOR UNTERMYER OR RABBI SILVER VISIT STOP
PLEASE WIRE REPLY

BERNARD STONE

copy

October 26th, 1933

Mr. Siegfried Hartman
46 Cedar Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Hartman:-

I understand that no action was taken at the meeting on Tuesday regarding the suggested mass-meeting in early November. I need not point out that something must be done about this without delay for reason with which we are all familiar.

Hon. Irwin Steingut has accepted the chairmanship for the Brooklyn Campaign and on November 9th I will meet with him to lay out the plan of action.

The following have accepted membership on our Associate Campaign Committee:

George Gordon Battle	Hon. Mitchell May
Nathan Burkan	Hon. Algernon I. Nova
Joseph P. Day	Nathaniel Phillips
Hon. James W. Gerard	James H. Post
Gustave Hartman	Hon. Otto A. Rosalsky
Hon. Edward Lazansky	Hon. Arthur S. Tompkins

These gentlemen will be called together to a luncheon to be arranged preferably by Mr. Untermyer some time next week, if possible. They will be asked to give of their time, money and influence.

I trust you have given some thought to the luncheon at the Lawyers Club, which is to be sponsored by you. It is expected that other members of the Committee will arrange similar gatherings or otherwise aid in the solicitation of funds.

I am planning to have a number of outstanding men seen within the next week, who will be asked to make a personal contribution immediately. Any help or suggestion that you can give me in order to make this effective, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Henry H. Rosenfelt
GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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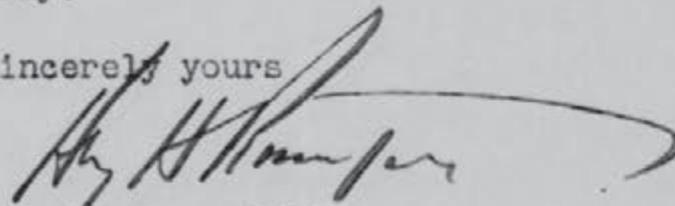
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

William Green has accepted our invitation to be guest of honor at a big testimonial dinner to be held in early December. Congressman Samuel Dickstein negotiated in regard to this matter.

I hope to have a date fixed either to-day or to-morrow so that we may go ahead with the arrangements. It should be held on Sunday, December 17th, which is little enough time to make the elaborate arrangements that are necessary.

Sincerely yours



Henry D. Rosenfelt

GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

HHR:HJB

no

October 27, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stone:

As per your request, I wrote to
Mr. Shroder of Cincinnati. I am enclosing
herewith a copy of the letter I wrote.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours

AHS:BX
Enc.

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October 27, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please excuse the delay of my reply to your letter of October 21st.

In your last telegram you asked me what our problems are. Our problems are manifold and they do not lend themselves to the written word.

I can reiterate what I wrote you on October 13th; things are not moving as they should. In order to carry on a campaign for a half million dollars, we are compelled to expand our organization at a pace unwarranted by the immediate possibilities for fund raising, nor by the means at our disposal for campaign purposes.

The old man is all up in the air when it comes to details. Frankly, he is driving me crazy. He changes his orders in accordance with his whims, which in turn change every five minutes during the day. Add to this the fact that I am constantly compelled to go to him for money -- and you have the picture in its entirety.

It is very unfortunate indeed, that you did not send in the thousand dollars which we looked forward to receiving from Cleveland. Philadelphia is also very much behind. They promised \$5000.00 and it is only today that we received from them a check in the amount of \$1250.00. If not for this check, the payroll for this week would not have been met.

I am also sorry to state that Mr. Hartman, with all due respect to him, is not the man to have been chosen to act as chairman in your absence. He is all wrapt up in his personal affairs and even a telephone conversation is a great sacrifice. This information may serve as an answer to your question as to whether the 100,000 circulars on drugs have been distributed. They are not even printed. How could they have been printed. We haven't the money to do it.

As to the actual boycott activities, we are ready for the Bulletin which is absolutely the only channel and the best medium not only to

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, continued

focus public attention on the actual daily problems of the boycott but also to help solve ^{them} adequately. But you cannot issue a Bulletin when there is no money to meet the weekly payroll.

As to your question regarding the American Federation of Labor -- we are enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Green which is in answer to Mr. Untermeyer's telegram congratulating him on the resolution passed by the convention of the American Federation of Labor and suggesting that they appoint a boycott committee to cooperate with that of the League.

When are you planning to come to New York?

Sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz

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REPORT ON THE CHICAGO STATUS as of November 1, 1933.

CHAIRMANSHIP

All pro-boycott elements in the city look to Mr. S. O. Levinson for leadership. His prestige is enormous and no one else would be considered. Levinson is actually devoting most of his time to the work but declines to allow his name to be given publicity as chairman until he has completed his recruitment of non-Jews to the Committee, a work which he pursues himself with exasperating slowness and deliberation.

JEWISH GROUPS

There are now two Jewish groups organized for the boycott awaiting Mr. Levinson's call to positive action. These are:

1. A group under the leadership of Mr. Siegel of the Forward. This is large, well organized, but financially of no account. They represent chiefly, but not entirely the radical element.
2. A group organized last night under the leadership of Mr. Max Shulman. This group represents the Zionist forces, the orthodox rabbinate, the Kehillah, the synagogal presidents and about 12,000 women. They are, however, financially weak. This group is for affiliation with us in New York and will try to move Levinson in that direction. This group also is awaiting the call of Mr. Levinson.

There is also a group of doctors, druggists and dentists already strongly organized for the boycott and for affiliation with us. From now on this group will be part of Mr. Max Shulman's group.

All the foregoing groups have expressed themselves as ready to combine forces with Mr. Levinson's non-Jewish group and to work unitedly for the common efforts. The group under Mr. Max Shulman owes its existence to my personal efforts since my arrival in Chicago on Friday night.

The Chicago Daily Forward and the Courier are 100% with us. The Courier has proposed that after the Mass Meeting which Mr. Levinson has agreed shall be held, the Jewish newspapers shall open a subscription for our Defense Fund in their columns. Mr. Ginzburg believes that ten to fifteen thousand dollars could be obtained in this way.

We have, however, formidable opposition to our plans. The opposition comes from the most influential and powerful Jewish leaders in the Community. Mr. James H. Becker is the Chairman of this group and I believe that they have in mind sending two or three of their number to New York and Washington to interview Dr. Wise, Judge Brandeis, Prof. Frankfurter, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Mr. Deutsch and Judge Cardozo, as well as Mr. Untermyer, ostensibly to see if a line of action on the German situation which would harmonize all these men's views could be determined. This deputation will then report back to Becker's group for final consideration. In the meantime, they are using all their influence to prevent any effective action here in Chicago. Rabbi Goldman and Judge Fisher are devoting a great deal of time to this destructive work. Goldman is doing all he can to spread discord in our ranks, to secure delays, is trying to scare Levinson from doing anything and even went so far as to take Mr. Sol Klein, president of the Jewish Federation with him to see Mr. Newton D. Baker the other day when he was in Chicago so as to get a statement from him unfavorable to the Boycott and reflecting on Mr. Untermyer's activities. Thanks to Mr. Levinson who got wind of this, Mr. Baker refrained.

REPORT ON THE CHICAGO STATUS as of November 1, 1933.

AFFILIATION

Mr. Levinson thinks our work is on too narrow a basis and wants to have in effect a League for human rather than Jewish rights, and would affiliate only if we changed in this direction. I think that a personal discussion with Mr. Untermeyer himself is the only way to win him over.

MASS MEETING

Mr. Levinson has agreed to the plan to have a big stadium mass meeting soon with fund raising to commence promptly after the mass meeting. Mr. Max Shulman and I called on him yesterday to ask him to fix a date so that we might begin to work on the technical arrangements. He agreed to have Mr. Untermeyer as the speaker at the meeting, but asked us to give him a few days longer before fixing the date. We could not move him from this. Unfortunately, this delay holds up all our plans but we have no alternative but to await Mr. Levinson's pleasure.

My view is that as soon as Mr. Levinson is ready to call the Jewish pro-boycott group leaders into conference with the non-Jewish leaders, he has gotten so far that all the foregoing reasons for delay will disappear and action will follow - a preliminary fund for covering immediate expenses can be secured, an office, a stenographer and a campaign director secured and the active work begun. I am going to devote my efforts to getting Mr. Levinson to call his little round table conference. I hope he will do this during the next day or two so that I may then return to New York. Mr. Levinson, although he doesn't know how to raise funds, has the best contacts with wealthy Jews and non-Jews and should, I feel certain, be good for about \$10,000. from his own circles.

I think this covers fairly all the chief points in the Chicago situation.

BS

November 1st, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I don't think we ever thanked you for writing to Mr. Salmon O. Levinson and to Mr. William J. Shroder. We meant to. Many thanks.

Mr. Stone is still in Chicago, and as far as I know, Mr. Levinson is still juggling with the idea of chairmanship. Mr. Untermeyer wrote him yesterday and we all hope everything will be settled shortly.

I received Mr. Shroder's reply to your letter. I am holding it for Mr. Stone.

Enclosed you will find Mr. Stone's interim report on Chicago and also a record of events that occurred between October 24th and 31st. Mr. Stone's status report, of which I sent you a copy, was dated as of October 24th and these happenings took place after that date.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Sec'y

Thursday, November 2, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Julius Livingston, State president of the B'nai B'rith in Oklahoma, wrote to ask if you or Mr. Untermeyer would come to Tulsa to address an audience there in behalf of the German boycott. He said he would invite Jews and non-Jews in the entire State and adjoining States. He asked if this could be done under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith.

To this letter, Mr. Stone wired as follows:

"IF YOU COULD ARRANGE MONEY RAISING LUNCHEON AND MASS MEETING IN EVENING AND START ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR OUR DEFENSE FUND THROUGHOUT OKLAHOMA AND ADJOINING STATES WILL ENDEAVOR TO SECURE DATE FOR UNTERMYER OR RABBI SILVER VISIT STOP PLEASE WIRE REPLY

Mr. Livingston replied, stating that he could not head a campaign in Oklahoma and adjoining States at this time, but he is positive that if you were to come to Tulsa, considerable funds would be raised.

For your perusal, I am attaching the two letters sent by Mr. Livingston.

Would you go on the conditions outlined? I have not replied to Mr. Livingston, pending receipt of your response.

You will also find enclosed copy of Mr. Stone's report as of November 1st on the Chicago situation. It certainly is a mess, isn't it - but I am sure everything will straighten itself out nicely.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,

Lucie Marks

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MEMORANDUM FOR AMERICAN LEAGUE
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The League is a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York. It now has a Board of five Directors.

No by-laws have as yet been adopted.

In order to place the corporation upon a legal basis and integrate its activities with those of the various committees heretofore appointed it is proposed:

That the Board of Directors be immediately increased from five to fifteen or more so as to take in the present so-called Administrative Committee. It is suggested that the Board number as many as twenty-five or thirty-five so that a fairly large and representative group embracing both Christians and Jews may be available.

The Board of Directors could then appoint an Executive Committee corresponding to our present Actions Committee and consisting of a small number, say seven, who would carry on the actual administrative work of the League.

Provisions will also have to be made by resolution of the Board that all funds collected

in the present boycott campaign shall be devoted exclusively to boycott purposes as distinguished from the other objects enumerated in the Certificate of Incorporation of the League.

A set of by-laws will have to be prepared. These by-laws should define with particularity the functions of the officers, particularly the secretary, and should provide that the Executive Committee may adopt rules defining and regulating the jurisdiction and activities of the Executive Director and Director of Publicity so that the secretary, the Executive Director, and the Director of Publicity will be able to work in harmony and without clash of jurisdiction.

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(COMMITTEE IN FORMATION)

November 5, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

A regular meeting of the Actions Committee
will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, at the offices
of the League, at 3 P.M.

Please make an effort to be on time.

Yours for the Boycott,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

ER:CS

Monday, November 6, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just returned to the office this morning from Chicago. Enclosed is a supplementary report of the status of Chicago.

I haven't heard of what transpired either in Cleveland or Detroit and would appreciate very much hearing from you. Won't you please dictate a few words to your secretary, giving me some information about both these matters.

With kindest regards,



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, "Bernard Stone", is written over a circular seal. The seal contains the text "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES" and "1917".

BERNARD STONE
National Campaign Director

A meeting took place in the office of Mr. Salmon O. Levinson, 1 North La Salle St. on Friday, November 3rd at 9:30 A.M.

There were present, beside Mr. Levinson, Mr. Max Shulman, representing the Zionist Organization of Chicago, Rabbi Saul Silber, representing the orthodox community and the Kehillah, Mr. I. Siegel of the "Forward" group, Samuel H. Holland, attorney, who acted as secretary of the group, Dr. J. Spiro, Chairman of the Committee of Physicians, Dentists and Druggists, and Dr. Meyerovitch, Treasurer of the same group, and Bernard Stone, representing the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights.

Rabbi Saul Silber presented a plan for the establishment of an organization to prosecute the boycott in Chicago. The organization, according to this plan, is to consist of a general committee of 100, of whom 65 are to be non-Jews and 35 Jews; an executive committee of 25, divided in similar proportion of Jews and non-Jews. The organization is to be under the chairmanship of Mr. Levinson and is to be formally launched and inaugurated by a mass meeting to be held in the Stadium at a tentative date of approximately around November 22nd; that an office be opened with a staff consisting of an executive director who is to be a non-Jew and an assistant director who is to be a Jew; that Mr. Untermeyer be invited to be present at the launching of the organization and deliver the main address; that Mr. Untermeyer remain in the City to address two other functions of which one is to be a fund raising function and the other a gathering of the Chicago Bar Association.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Levinson appointed a committee consisting of Max Shulman, Mr. Holland and Mr. Siegel to work out detailed plans for the organization, the mass meeting and the office which is to be opened, and to report back to the group meeting which is to be held later. Mr. Levinson expressed himself in general agreement to the ideas put forward, but did not approve of the name American League for Defense of Jewish Rights. He would prefer a broader title such as "Human Rights". A special committee is undertaking to meet this morning at 10 A.M. and to present this report at an early date. In the meantime,

Mr. Levinson reported that he is making excellent progress in the recruitment of non-Jewish personalities to be members of the new organization. He also stated that no publicity should be given to the new organization until he authorized such publicity, which is to be on the eve of the mass meeting.

The group which Mr. Korshak has been conferring with in Chicago is under the chairmanship of James H. Becker and has recently decided to take care of all matters arising out of the German American situation, including the boycott matter. My previous reports have indicated that this group is bitterly opposed to any boycott although of the individuals who are members of this group, there are a few who are strongly in favor of the boycott. One of these is a prominent Rabbi - Rabbi Gerson Levi. Becker's group appointed a special committee to bring in a report of what course of action it is to adopt. This committee is to report at a meeting that is called for this evening. Mr. Levinson received an invitation to attend, but on Friday last said he saw no advantage in going to the meeting as his course is along the lines indicated in my previous reports. However, some of our friends will be at the meeting and have stated that we shall receive a report of what transpires at that meeting.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:-

We had a delightful evening last night as guests of Mrs. Silver and yourself. We enjoyed every moment of it thoroughly.

It proved stimulating too, and now I am transmitting to you two or three ideas suggested by this meeting:

1. Mrs. Edward S. Bassett would probably make the best possible selection for committee chairman.
2. A paid secretary, on a part time basis, would be not only helpful but probably essential, even though the amount of work itself may not be large. If such a position be provided, I believe Miss Mildred Chadsey might make an ideal secretary, and her time might be available on a part time basis.
3. The committee acting as a clearing house could offer to the stores protection from unfounded rumors, as well as its activity in urging German economic pressure.
4. This committee could work in friendly co-operation with a similar committee appointed by the American Federation of Labor. Thus the approach would be made to these merchants from two sides, and information could be interchanged.
5. Your idea of the preliminary luncheon with Mr. Untermeyer was an excellent one, in spite of some of the unexpected delays. Why not repeat this idea, particularly in connection with the future committee woman in connection with Mr. Mowrer's visit, and other sim-



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ilar guests.

6. The enclosed letter was received Saturday. While its zeal is commendable, some of its phrasing is unfortunate. This letter, therefore, indicates an additional need for a central guiding committee which you have in mind.

I am sending this letter to you by special delivery, so that you may have it at the earliest moment for such use of any part of it as you may find worth while.

With genuine regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris Black

REPORT OF MR. BERNARD STONE'S VISIT TO BALTIMORE

November 8th & 9th, 1933.

On reaching Baltimore I conferred with Erwin Feldman and Joseph E. Katz. Herman Gamse was out of town. I, therefore, did not see him. Messrs. Feldman & Katz informed me that a few days after the return of the Baltimore delegates from our September 10th conference they were asked to attend a meeting at the Southern Hotel, called by the American Jewish Congress at which there were present representatives of every group and section of the Jewish population, including the leading Jews of the City. As a result, Senator Altfeld decided to throw in his lot with the Congress and Messrs Katz and Feldman promised to take no action to establish a branch of the League. Under the circumstances, the only one who still pledged his word is Herman Gamse.

The American Jewish Congress is very strongly organized in Baltimore having 600 members. Its chairman, Mr. Sobeloff, is very influential and very able. All the leading Jews, including the German Jewish leaders and the Rabbis, are members of the Congress.

The conclusion is, while the Baltimore branch is strong, the composition of the leadership of the Jewish Congress thruout the country is such that when sterilized, will fall short of accomplishing the object of the Jewish Congress. The leaders of Baltimore will act with extreme caution. The German Jews will see to it that no great noise be made and that nothing be done that is in opposition to the most conservative elements in Jewish life. On the other hand, without the cooperation of the group which formed the Congress, no money can be raised.

Under the circumstances I went to see Mr. Sobeloff and spent 2 hours conferring with him. I finally made him a proposition that a campaign be run under the auspices of the Jewish Congress for the purpose of raising a fund and that our quota for Maryland be included and that we receive our share of the proceeds of such a campaign.

Mr. Sobeloff seemed favorably impressed by the arguments which I used, but was non-committal. He said he had to receive the consent of his associates before action can be taken. He advised me to see Mr. Walter Sondheim, one of the German Jewish leaders of the community. Mr. Sondheim is the principal member of the Hochschild Kohn & Co., which is one of the leading department stores in Baltimore. Accordingly, I saw Mr. Sondheim and presented my case to him. He was inclined to be sympathetic but was also non-committal. He said he would talk the matter over with Mr. Sobeloff and Mr. Sobeloff would let me know what their decision would be. Later I conferred with Mr. Morris L. Polin, manager of the office of the Jewish Daily Forward, 1029 E. Baltimore Street, who told me of his intention to organize a conference on a large scale within 2 or 3 weeks in order to launch a ~~summa~~ ~~sign~~ boycott movement. I promised Mr. Polin our cooperation in arranging this conference which should not be exclusively of radical groups, but should be signed by representatives of Orthodox Jewry, Synagogues, Rabbis, Workmen's Circles, women's organizations, radical groups, etc. To this Mr. Polin agreed. I also suggested that Mr. Polin get in touch with Mr. Sobeloff.

We are now awaiting further word from both Messrs. Sobeloff and Polin.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR DEFENSE OF JEWISH RIGHTS

729 SEVENTH AVENUE
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SAMUEL UNTERMYER, President

November 8th, 1933.

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Dear Rabbi Silver:-

William Green has accepted our invitation. A "dinnerless" dinner is to be given with Green as guest of honor, at Hotel Commodore, Sunday evening, December 17th. The tentative program is as follows:

- 1) Motion picture
- 2) Opening address Hon. Samuel Untermyer
- 3) Address Hon. Fiorello H. LaGuardia
- 4) Address Guest of Honor - William Green
- 5) Address Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver *(Hope you agree to do it.)*
- 6) Address Joseph P. Day (Appeal for funds)
- 7) Collection of funds
- 8) Buffet supper

This function is to be preceded by a luncheon to 50 to be held late in November for the purpose of obtaining larger contributions which are to be announced at the Green dinner. This is to safeguard the possibility of inadequate financial response at the dinner.

We ought to be able to build up a great boycott sentiment from the dinner and also raise a substantial sum of money. It undoubtedly would give the drive the necessary impetus.

The program is planned to start at 8 P. M. which, ofcourse, means 8:30 and the speeches should be concluded by 10:30, after which a buffet supper will be served in adjoining rooms. Tickets are \$1.00 each which about meet expenses.

The Paramount News took a picture of our Honorary Committee at Mr. Untermyer's office last Friday. The speakers were Mr. Untermyer, Major LaGuardia, Rev. Dr. Hunt and Mrs. Harris. As soon as I am advised of the release date, I shall let you know.

We have collected a few hundred dollars by indivi-

dual solicitation, but as I found that the returns are not satisfactory, I have dispensed with it. For instance, I saw Louis J. Horowitz, President of Thompson-Starrett Co., at his office and asked him for \$1000. He sent us a check for \$100, which is ridiculously small. If Mr. Horowitz attended one of our luncheons or the Green dinner, I am sure he would be ashamed to give \$100. The same is true of others.

Thru the splendid "salesmanship" of Mrs. Harris we have enlisted the active help of Mr. Allie Freed, an outstanding personality and very prominent in Jewish Philanthropic circles, especially in Federation and the J. D. C. As soon as Mr. Freed came into the movement I have been able to breathe deeply. He is bringing in with him some splendid workers who will undoubtedly put this campaign over.

As I said before, the program submitted for the Green dinner is tentative and I hope it meets with your approval.



HHR:HJB



With kind regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry H. Rosenfelt", written over the typed name and extending to the right.

Henry H. Rosenfelt

GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

November 9, 1933.

Mr. Bernard Stone,
American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stone:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which I sent to three thousand people in Cleveland. I will advise you of the responses in the near future. One hundred of the more prominent people will be interviewed personally.

I believe that a similar letter should be utilized as the means of raising funds in most of the communities in this country. I believe that you will find it very difficult to organize old fashioned types of campaigns. There is too much division of opinion and the leadership of the communities who may be in sympathy with the cause will not lend the use of their names in any official campaigns. The same end can be achieved by sending such a letter to every Jewish member in every community, the letter to be signed by one leader in the community, rabbi or layman.

Please keep me informed about the progress of the work in Chicago and Philadelphia.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

MILTON P. ALTSCHUL
CLEVELAND

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Enclosed please find my check in response to your recent appeal.

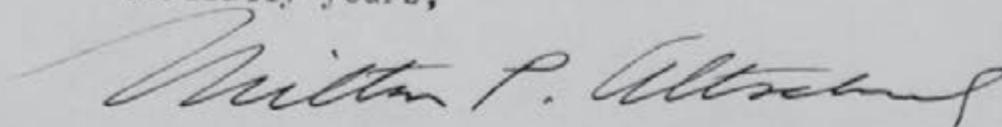
The thought occurs to me which probably has come to some of you who are active in the work, that among the larger contributors to this cause should be those who will benefit in a business way in the working out of a Boycott Program. I realize the need for reaching the rank and file of the liberal thinking public, for after all it is necessary to arouse them in order to make the Boycott in any way effective.

It is also necessary to raise at least a nucleus of whatever sum may be needed from the public, but by far the largest portion of the fund should come from those whose goods will be purchased to replace those that have heretofore been imported from Germany. There are many concerns who stand to profit tremendously from this movement, and it should be relatively easy to convince them that theirs is the financial burden to carry forth this Program. With the work of your organization paving the way for development of profitable business for such concerns, added to the fact that under the N.R.A. Program many of them will be able to secure tariff protection on their particular products, the cost of reaching the buyers of their products should certainly be borne by them, as it represents a very small part of their usual cost of securing business.

The fact that the nucleus of such a fund is to be raised by the public removes it from the possible accusation of a "racket", plus the fact that whatever funds are raised are to be administered by such people as yourself. From a purely selfish standpoint therefore such business concerns have enough at stake to contribute liberally to this cause.

With my kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Nov. 10, '33.

REPORT OF BERNARD STONE'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

November 10th, 1933.

As a result of the visit made by me last August to Washington, two delegates came to our September 10th conference and on their return a committee was established as a branch of our League. They opened an office in the Jewish Community Center and have appointed Mr. Morris Klass to take entire charge.

I received a letter from Mr. Klass stating the his Committee felt that the needs of their own local office and their own local work require all the money they can raise and that they, therefore, do not see why they should be called upon to contribute to the expenses of the National headquarters. I wrote Mr. Klass that he should call a meeting of his committee so that I may discuss the matter with them. This meeting was duly held on November 10th and we talked the matter over very thoroly and the Committee agreed that as soon as the Community Chest is called in, which will be at the end of this month, an effort will be made for to raise from \$2,000 to \$2500 for National Headquarters. With this in view, I was asked whether it would be possible to arrange for Mr. Untermyer or Rabbi Silver to attend a luncheon or some other fund-raising function in Washington. I said if they would fix a date, I will try to make arrangements.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you for your kind letter of
November 9th.

I consider the letter you sent to the
Cleveland prospects an excellent one and propose to use
the same letter to circulate in San Antonion, Texas, and
Oakland, Calif., as a start. Later I might use the letter
in other cities.

Upon my return to the office from Wash-
ington I found that there was a complete reorganization,
under the leadership of Mr. Allie S. Freed, the result of
which was that I am deprived, for the time being, of a
secretary and I am, therefore, unable to send you a full
report.

In the mean time, I have to tell you
that Max Shulman wrote a letter which I received to-day
from Chicago, stating that events are moving very slowly
in Chicago and that the mass-meeting will be held at the
end of the month.

Mr. Meltzer has written to me from
Philadelphia a day or two ago, stating that Mr. Sundheim
will write me this week asking to arrange for Untermyer
to go there to address a small dinner meeting. I am
awaiting Mr. Sundheim's letter.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Bernard Stone

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NATIONAL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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November 14, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You seem to be under the impression that we are doing very little boycott work. I wish to assure you that we are doing much more than ^{is} deduced from the publicity that is being released. Of course, we could do much more if sufficient funds were at our disposal.

We have been circularizing all the importers of German made goods throughout the country and the replies coming in, in response to the circular, are quite encouraging.

We are also trying to lay our hands on information giving us the customers of those firms who insist on maintaining business relations with Germany. We are appealing to the customers to use their influence with the importer to desist from carrying German merchandise. The results are exceedingly encouraging. Of course, all this is very prosaic work and it is being done as part of our daily routine.

In spite of the fact that we should have at least 50 people working in our research department - which is far from being the case - we have been of late quite successful in furnishing reliable information on how to replace and substitute German products and merchandise.

Of course, the bulletin is of utmost importance, but unfortunately, we are not yet ready for it due to lack of funds.

Very sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
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Sehr Geehrter Herr Doktor Silver:

Ich schliesze mich hiermit als gut denkender Deutscher zu ihren guten hilfswerkan, zum ausschlieszen Nazi erzeugnisse in Amerika.

Hiermit sende ich funf dollar zue starkung des funds und hoffe das es uns mit vereinten kraften gelingen moge zum segen der menschheit in der welt. Es ist angebracht in dieser zeit das alle gut denkende burger oder nicht burger sich zusammen schlieszen mogen, zu einer stark geeinten front somit es uns vergonnt sein kan zu enten was wir seahen und gutes zu guten vereinen.

In dieser barbarischen zeit wo heut unsere landsleute in der alten Haimat schmachten ist es die hochste zeit zum protesttieren um ihnen die gewünschte erleichterung zu geben die sie alle erhoffen und erwarten.

Ich wurde mich sehr freuen wen ich ihnen geehrter Herr Doktor Silver persönlich kennen lernen würde. Vileicht können wir einen clup gründen wodurch wir dan besser in der lage wären unsere protestekund zutuhn.

Ich bin ein geborener Deutscher, habe militärische ausbildung genossen wärind des krieges drei meiner brüder standen 4 jahr an der front. Mein Vater starb warind des krieges. Mine Mutter ging ihm neun jahre spater der ruhe nach, und einer meiner brüder starb gestern for, 2 jahres hier in Amerika. Drei meiner geschwister sind verheiratet in Deutschland, und ein bruder lebt hier mit seiner familie. Er ist vorarbeiter in der American Steel and Wire Company.

Ich würde mich freuen etwas näheres mit ihnen unterhalten zukönnen sollte es ihnen geehrter Herr Doktor an zeit erlauben, so können wir uns mündlich besser unserer sache wüdmen zum segen der allgmeinheit. Nun will ich schlieszen und hoffe das ihnen diese zeilen bei bester gesundheit und wohlergehen antreffen mögen.

Hochachtungsvoll,

Paul Schilling

Paul Schilling,
3422 West 86th St.
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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
East 105th and Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi:

Enclosed please find check in the amount of \$5.00, as per your request, made payable to the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights.

In my opinion if the present system of livelihood could be eliminated it would do away with all kinds of jealousy and hatred, and by doing so, this boycott situation would be unnecessary.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the Cleveland Weekly, November 4th edition, and call your attention to an article which I have written and which I know you will find interesting.

Yours very truly

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PRESIDENT

November 16, 1933.

Mr. E. Sperling,
2374 Euclid Heights Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Sperling:

Mr. Emanuel Ein tein has turned over to me your contribution of \$5 for the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights. I wish to thank you for your cooperation. The response from the community has been gratifying and the cause is deserving of the support of every right-thinking individual.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 16, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I am enclosing herewith a second check for \$500 as Cleveland's contribution to the work of the American League. I hope that I will have some more money for you in the very near future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I have this day received from Mr. Levinson of Chicago.

On November 8th I wrote to Mr. Julius Livingston of Tulsa, Oklahoma, telling him that I have asked you to let me know if you would visit Tulsa on the terms as stated in Mr. Livingston's letter to me of October 27th. I think I owe it to Mr. Livingston to write and tell him what your decision is, so will you please let me know?

We have also received a letter from Mr. Isadore Lindenbaum of Los Angeles to the effect that they can raise the sum of \$5,000 cash, if any date after the 15th of December both Mr. Untermyer and you would address a mass meeting in Los Angeles. Please let me know if you would consider making the trip for this purpose, if a time suitable for Mr. Untermyer can be arranged. Mr. Lindenbaum requests a telegraphic reply, so I hope you will let me know quickly.

I enclose you also herewith two reports, from Baltimore and the other from Washington.

Yesterday I went to Plainfield, New Jersey where I addressed a meeting of all the members of our local committee which has recently been organized under the chairmanship of Mr. Leonard Gidding. A number of sub-committees were ^{appointed} ~~granted~~ including a fund raising committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Cantor, who is said to be the richest Jew in Plainfield.

The campaign for funds will start in December as at the present time the Community Chest Campaign is going on. They have assumed a quota of \$1,000. and the indications are that this sum will be raised.

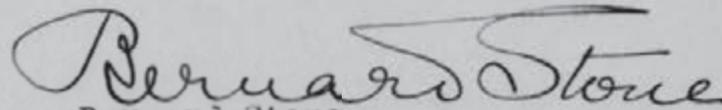
The Plainfield committee is fully representative of every section of the Jewish community.

I have learned that it has been decided to cut my salary 40%. If this cut is to be permanent I am afraid I will not be able to continue as I cannot make a living on \$60.00 a week, my obligations being more than double this amount. If, however, the cut is to be for a few weeks only then I will do my best to carry on.

I am very greatly handicapped by not having a secretary and have to secure such work as I can from girls that are working for other men so that I am very much behind in my contacts with the country. I am hoping that Mr. Fried will shortly be able to put things on a sound basis so that I can go on with my work in a normal way.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Bernard Stone

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

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The Heights Temple Sisterhood
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Nov. 20, 1933.

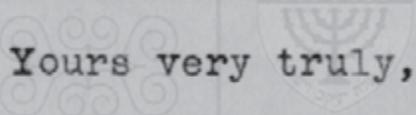
Rabbi A.H. Silver,
Chairman, Administrative Committee,
American League for the Defense
of Jewish Rights,
The Temple, E. 105th & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

In reply to your letter of
Nov. 8th "A War Chest for the Defense
of Human Rights", our Sisterhood voted
to donate \$ 100 towards this campaign
fund and are inclosing our check for
the same.

Our Sisterhood has gone on
record 100% in favor of the Boycott.

Yours very truly,


Mrs. A. Adelstein

Secretary.

November 20, 1933.

Mr. Morris Black,
The Lindner Co.,
Euclid Ave. at 14th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Black:

We should like to get a room as headquarters for our work. I understand that Mr. C. K. Sunshine has an office building at ninth and Vincent wherein there is considerable unrented space. I wonder if you could persuade him to let us have the use of a room free of charge. Our finances will not enable us to pay rent. We would, of course, pay the light, heat and janitor service. As soon as we have headquarters I shall make final arrangements with Miss Chadsey.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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- (Committee in formation)

Dear Rabbi Silver!

It was a happy coincidence that I just came in to the office of the League while you have called up. I am glad of the opportunity to communicate to you my doubts and misgivings concerning the League.

As you know, the Am. League of Defense of J. Rights was conceived and founded by me as result of a long and deep meditation about the Jewish Problem not only in Germany but in all the other countries.

I am not a fanatical and one-sided Zionist and I don't expect from Palestine a miracle of resurrection. Zionism is a wonderful movement, but its main strength is in the mystical roots of Judaism. Zionism cannot save the Jews from destruction wherever the social forces are against them. We must therefore readjust Jewish

life to the conditions of modern times.
We must reactivize, revitalize Jewish
life. The existing organizations - the Am.
Jew. Comm., the House of Congress - and
as you are unable to cope with
the problems.

Therefore - and as a result of this
analysis - I decided to build up a
new organization ~~set~~ along the lines
of the aforementioned general program.
It was logical that this Organization
shall be the main promoter of the
- primary movers - of the Boycott.

But the lack of funds and other
reasons have compelled our organiza-
tion to submit for a certain time
to the wishes of Mr. S. Untermyer
which were altogether opposed
to our heretical views.

It was clear to me that sooner or
later there will come a cleavage.

What I have expected is coming
now true.

Mr. Untermyer and the new leaders
of the Movement Mr. A. Freed
and others (connected, if I am not

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Jewish Committee) have
decided to change name
and substance of the organization
They want to have a Jewish organization in
disguise, under a pseudonym of ^{non-secular} Anti-
Boycott-Committee - or something
like that. While in itself a just
and laudable undertaking it may
not nevertheless express the fun-
damental ideas of the League.
The problem now before us is: shall
we agree to the liquidation of
the Am. League and leave the
Jewish field free to the Am.
Dr. Wise or Dr. Adler or shall
we go on independent of Mrs.
Untermyer and his friends.
It is clear to me that the disap-
pearance of the League will not
strengthen in any way the work
of the Boycott nor be helpful

is a general way as far as Jewish political
life is concerned.

My original committee is too weak to
make a fight. ~~We~~ we need your support.
We'll have to reorganize our forces.

Will you be in line?

Mr Undermyer urges speed. Please, send
me a wire. It would be advisable

also to wire Undermyer (without
referring to my letter) your opinion
about the change.

Please, consider

Forgive my
hurry.

This letter ^{is} confidential.

impossible handwriting.

Yours sincerely
B. Crabbin

My home address:

Dr B. Crabbin

243 W. 70 St.

November 20, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I am enclosing a letter which you
may be interested in following up. Please
reply to Mr. Berman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

November 21, 1933.

Mr. Paul Schilling,
3422 W. 82nd St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Schilling:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of November 14th and for the contribution of \$5 which you enclosed. I am profoundly appreciative both of your letter and of your contribution.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting you sometime in my study. I am in my office every day until three P. M.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Situation very complicated and not only warrants but absolutely demands you sacrifice to come New York immediately stop Please wire.

Rabinowitz

C O P Y

November 23rd, 1933.

Samuel Untermyer, Esq.
30 Pine Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Untermyer:

Permit me to submit for your consideration the following points:

1. The name of the League (and also the World Jewish Economic Federation) has been so prominently displayed that any retreat - irrespective of how lofty the causes behind it - will be misinterpreted, regarded and hailed by the Nazis and all those who opposed the boycott as their victory.
2. Your name has become the symbol of the movement. You have endeared yourself to tens of thousands of Jews who have now learned to look upon you as their leader. You have endeared yourself to them not only because you championed the boycott, but mainly because you have the faculty and the courage to call a spade a spade and to fight all those who opposed the boycott with a determination which forced them into silence.

Is it fair to first arouse Jewry to the need of such a movement and then turn it over to forces which may kill it altogether?
3. In spite of the fact that Mr. Freed has been very nice to me, I nevertheless feel it my duty to tell you - and I know what I am talking about - that the forces behind Mr. Freed - if they can be called forces at all - are aiming at your elimination as leader because they are constitutionally unable to understand and evaluate the tactics which you applied in this boycott fight and because they sincerely believe that by surrounding you with "saner" forces, they will be able to conduct the boycott silently until it will die of its own inertia.
4. The correspondence which comes into the office from all parts of the country indicates beyond doubt that the results of our last six months work - in spite of the inadequacy of our machinery due to lack of funds - is beginning to bear fruit. The League has become the only center to which people turn for direction and advice on boycott. Even the possibility of financial support from those business forces - both local and foreign - in whose interest it is to foster the boycott, is beginning to show the first sign of realization.

Samuel Untermyer, Esq., - continued

5. You are giving up something which is established for something that is still in the air, without even a program to define its objectives.
6. The question of broadening the movement and interesting more gentiles is indeed very important, but the change of name in itself cannot and will not perform the miracle. It is primarily an organizational question.

Permit me, in conclusion, to tell you - and I am telling this with great pain - that of late - probably prompted by intrigues against me, you have been very brutal and unjust to me for no reason at all. Strange to say, you have been accusing me of the very things against which I warned you. I wish to assure you that I stood for all these abuses only because I regarded them as my additional contribution to the cause.

You may also be interested to know that I have decided to become a voluntary worker once more. Beginning with Saturday, November 25th, I am off the payroll and until things are settled one way or another, I will continue my duties in a voluntary capacity.

Sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

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November 27, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find receipt for the \$500.00
which you sent us.

I can hardly express to you how sorry I felt
upon receiving your telegram that you could
not come to New York.

Mr. Stone is no longer with the organization
and Mr. Rosenfelt and myself are continuing
in a voluntary capacity. We are just drifting
into a sure abyss. Whether you will still be
able to do something when you come here, I do not
know.

The situation is too complicated and does not
lend itself to writing. I am enclosing herewith
copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr. Untermyer
which will give you some picture of the situation.

Sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

ER:BZ

November 28, 1933.

Dr. A. Coralnik,
243 W. 70th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Coralnik:

Let me thank you for your kind letter. I read it with a great deal of interest. I plan to be in New York next Monday and Tuesday, December 4th and 5th. We will then have an opportunity to talk over the matter in greater detail. Please make sure that Mr. Rabinowitz calls a meeting of the general committee on either one of these days.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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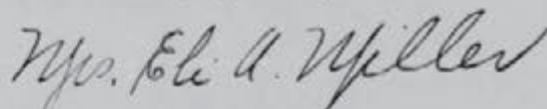
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Kindly accept this contribution as a token of our approval of your efforts to check the spread of intolerance and hatred of a maddened people against its helpless minorities.

May the German People soon see the error of its ways and upset this ruthless regime of Nazism.

I am happy to place the Ohio Federation of Temple Sisterhoods on record as being in accord with the spirit of the purposes of the League.

Cordially yours,



Mrs. Eli A. Miller
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December 1, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The following is a copy of a letter we sent
to the members of the Administrative Committee.

"At the request of Rabbi Silver, you are
cordially invited to attend the meeting
of the Administrative Committee which
will be held at the offices of the League,
729 Seventh Avenue, New York, Tuesday,
December 5th at 8 P.M.

Please make every effort to be present."

Sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

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December 2, 1933

Mrs. Eli A. Miller, President,
The Ohio Federation of Temple
Sisterhoods,
566 Glenwood Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Miller:

Permit me to thank you for your generous response to the appeal of the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights for the check of \$50.00 which you sent me and which I hereby acknowledge.

I have informed the headquarters in New York of both moral and financial support which your organization is extending to our important cause. Please convey our thanks to the officers and members of the Ohio Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:AY

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December 2, 1933

Mrs. A. Adelstein, Secretary,
The Heights Temple Sisterhood,
3130 Mayfield Road,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Adelstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind note of November 29 and the check for \$100.00 which you enclosed as the gift of your sisterhood to the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights. I am deeply appreciative of the fine spirit of cooperation which your organization has manifested.

The work which the League is engaged in is of utmost significance, and your financial support will make it possible for it to extend its activities.

Please convey our grateful appreciation to the officers and members of your esteemed organization. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

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December 2, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I received your telegram informing me that you have arranged a meeting of the Administration Committee for Tuesday evening, December 5th.

Inasmuch as I am to be in Chicago this coming Sunday for the Boycott meeting arranged by Mr. Levinson, I shall stay over in Cleveland, Monday and arrange to arrive in New York on Tuesday morning. I will stop at the Commodore Hotel. Please come to see me at ten a.m. Perhaps you would wish to bring Mr. Coralnik up with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dec 5, 1933

My dear Rabbi Silver:

From several sources, we have learned that a local committee has been formed to which inquiries relative to the boycott and current Jewish questions can be brought.

As our Board meets Tuesday, December 5, we feel the existence of this group should be brought to the Board's attention. If you think this is advisable, and, of course, we shall be guided by your decision, would you please write us a letter, explaining the functions and purposes of this group, which letter we could read at our meeting.

Thanking you so much for any information on this subject, we are,

Sincerely yours,

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Viola S. Deutsch

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December 6, 1933

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio,
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Here is your letter with a few minor changes to make it appropriate for non-sectarian use. I would like to have your suggestions on it.

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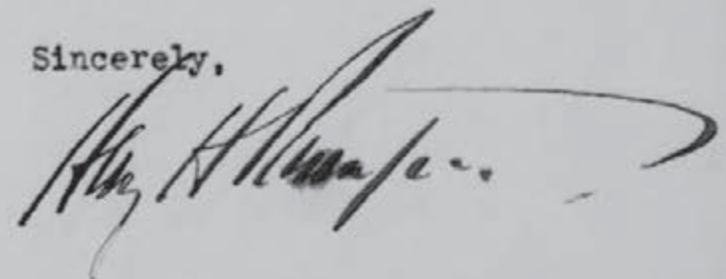
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I wish you would make it clear as to my own personal status in the future work. Is it your understanding that I am continue and to take charge of the fund raising work both through the mail and such other means as may be necessary? It is important that we have a full understanding without delay so that no time is lost in the preparatory work.

Immediately after the new Board is created and the letter heads printed, the money raising machinery should be prepared to go into action. This I can do, if I am authorized to proceed at once. If not, then I would like to get busy looking for other connections.

Shall be glad to hear from you at once.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,



MRS. BERTHA S. BLUM
1701 EAST 87TH STREET
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dec. 4th 1933.

To Rabbi Silver, -

Enclosed, please find
check of five dollars to add
toward Chest for the Defense
of Human Rights. - I wish I
could afford more. - Its a very
important cause. -

Sincerely Yours

Mrs. Bertha S. Blum

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Dec. 7th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We take pleasure in enclosing check for \$25.00 which our Board, at its Tuesday meeting, voted to contribute to the American League for the Defense of Human Rights.

We thought you would be interested in knowing that the Mid-Eastern Conference of Council Sections, which recently met in this city, voted to contribute in the neighborhood of \$300.00 to this Cause, the money being sent to the National Office. The alternative was, permitting this money to revert to the Treasuries of the individual sections, but the sections were unanimous in voting that it serve this purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Cleveland Council of Jewish Women

Viola S. Deutsch
Executive Secretary

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December 8, 1933.

Mr. Henry H. Rosenfelt,
American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosenfelt:

Thank you for your letter of December 6th. I am returning the draft of the letter to be sent out in connection with the New York campaign. It will, of course, have to be approved by Mr. Untermyer.

Regarding your status within the organization. Under the new set-up I am no longer Chairman of the Administrative Committee. Any arrangements, therefore, with regard to appointments will have to be made by the Board of Directors at its next meeting or by Mr. Untermyer if he persists in running the whole show himself. You will have to wait until the next meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. In order that no time be lost, you might advise Mr. Rabinowitz to set about procuring the lists from the Federation of Jewish Charities.

December 8, 1933.

Mrs. Viola S. Deutsch, Executive Secretary,
National Council of Jewish Women,
10616 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Deutsch:

Permit me to thank you and through you the officers of the Cleveland section of the National Council of Jewish Women for your contribution of \$25 to the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights. I need not tell you that we are deeply appreciative of your fine spirit of cooperation. The cause is tremendously vital and the support which you are giving it will make it possible for us to carry on some very important work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. You might be interested in the address of our national office. It is - The American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, 729 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y.

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December 10th, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the "Non Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights."

The meeting will take place at the offices of the League, 729 Seventh Avenue, room 306 on Tuesday, December 12th at 4:30 P.M.

Sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
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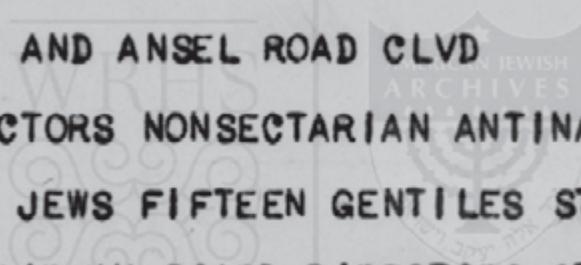
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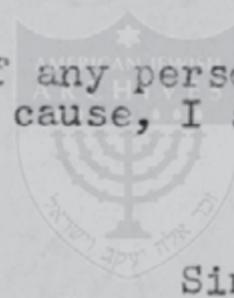
Rabbi A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Enclosed please find my check in the sum of \$7.50 as a contribution on behalf of my mother, Mrs. Morris Woodle, and myself, to the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights.

If I can be of any personal service in connection with this very worthy cause, I shall be happy to have you call upon me.

Sincerely yours,


Edwin F. Woodle
EDWIN F. WOODLE

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December 14, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

Thank you for your telegram. I am not satisfied with the set-up agreed to at the meeting of the Board of Directors. You are not clear in your telegram. Does the Board wish me to function as first vice-President? Is there to be an executive committee, and who is chairman of it?

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$500 from Cleveland contributors to the Fund of the League.

I do not at the present writing know just when I shall be in New York. I will let you know later on. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Have you received the \$2,000 which Mr. Untermeyer has promised?

December 16, 1933

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz, Sec'y.,
American League for Defense of
Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Mr. Abraham Levin of St. Louis. Please bring it at once to the attention of Mr. Untermeyer.

It is clear that the changing of the name of the organization is being capitalized by the American Jewish Congress to spread false reports that the league is disbanding. An official statement should be issued at once and given publicity as to the reason for the change of name, and that the league is continuing on an even larger scale to carry on its activities.

Please communicate this information at once to Mr. Levin.

With all good wishes, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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December 18, 1933.

Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

You write me about a Youth Conference but you do not indicate the nature of this Conference, what its purpose is to be or who is to be invited. Please tell me a little more about the project.

I should also like to know what has happened to the William G. Green dinner. Has that been definitely called off? I am convinced that this dinner should be held at the earliest possible moment. Have we contacted at all with the American Federation of Labor with the view of their prosecuting the boycott more aggressively in the country? I think that it should be suggested to Mr. Green to circularize the member unions of the Federation at the earliest possible moment summoning them to effective work in behalf of the boycott.

Have you begun your mail campaign in New York? There should be no delay.

Has anything been done further with regard to the publication of our Economic Bulletin?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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NEED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS TO PROPERLY PREPARE A YOUTH CONFERENCE
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To Mr. Ezekiel Rabinowitz

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WOULD BE FREE TO COME TO YOUTH CONFERENCE, WEDNESDAY,
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S. B. ABRAMS, M. D.
10515 CARNEGIE AVENUE
CLEVELAND

December 23, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find a check for \$10.00
which will be followed by another check in the very
near future.

This contribution is toward the fund for the
Defense of Jewish Rights.

Sincerely yours,

S. B. Abrams M.D.
S. B. Abrams, M.D.

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December 26, 1933

Dr. S. B. Abrams,
10515 Carnegie Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Abrams:

Thank you so much for your kind contribution to the League for the Defense of Jewish Rights, and for the interest which you are manifesting in this cause. It is deeply appreciated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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January 2, 1934

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I thank you for the frankness of your letter of December 31st but am sincerely distressed at its contents and at your point of view, which does me a grave injustice, especially when you say that-

"My (your) contribution in the National office of the League was not important nor particularly desired".

I know of nothing that has been more desired or appreciated by me, from the outset. Nor do I at the moment recall your earlier correspondence with me on this subject, or that you ever directed my attention to or voiced any such feeling. There is nothing in the whole range of the movement more desired or appreciated, or more valuable, than your cooperation. And that remains as true today as it has been from the outset.

You say of me- "You (I) have your (my) own way of running an organization and inasmuch as you (I) largely finance this organization you are, I suppose entitled to your way."

In fairness to myself, let me say in this connection that when I was urged, against my inclination, to accept the Presidency of the original League, I did so with great hesitation, because of my many other activities, and finally agreed only on the assurance that it would not involve my time, and that I would not be required to make any contribution. I was assured, both by Dr. Coralnik and Mr. Rabinowitz who first approached me on the subject, that there would be no difficulty in raising the money necessary to finance the campaign. I did not contemplate being required to give any substantial time or to supply any large part of the funds. I was literally forced, against my own inclination, into activity because of the inactivity of the Executive Committee and of the Board, and have since been forced to supply most of the funds. I advanced

over \$35,000 during the year just ended, in addition to my previous advances, but have never for a moment believed that this afforded me any reason or excuse for attempting to "run" the organization. Nothing has been further from my thoughts, and if I have done so it has been unconsciously.

If there has been any "dictatorial" action by me, or any "continual or frequent interference" on my part I am, frankly, unaware of it. Nor am I aware that you wrote me on that subject, either on your own initiative or upon the solicitation of any member or members of the Board; or that I "chose to misunderstand the purpose and spirit" of your writing. I am not aware of any such situation.

You refer to the resignation of Mr. Rabinowitz as Secretary. You must know that this was not my doing and that I regretted the occasion of asking for his resignation. I appreciate all that Mr. Rabinowitz has done for this organization in its early stages, but he made his continuance there impossible by his insulting action toward at least four of the members of the Executive Committee, including Mrs. Harris, whom he openly insulted in the presence of other members- so that it became impossible for her to continue her valuable services to the organization if he remained. He was at open warfare with Fredman, who has been a faithful and useful member of the Committee, and with Messrs Kleinbaum and Freed. I do not see how it would have been possible for a man to retain the post of Secretary who was on such terms of enmity with so many of the active members of the Executive Committee,- although my personal relations with him continued of the most friendly character. When Mr. Rabinowitz asked that the subject be placed before the Board, I cheerfully assented to that method of disposition as relieving me of an unpleasant responsibility.

Such a meeting had been called and was about to be held when you wired suggesting a delay. It had been difficult enough to get the Board together, which we could not have hoped to do if we again delayed the meeting. I had arranged to be away on business for some days after the meeting. You were away on a vacation, and it seemed to me that it was not too much to ask that you should come here.

There were ten members of the Board present, including Judge Tompkins, Mr. Battle and other non-Jewish members, whose attendance had been secured at great difficulty at that season of the year. After a full hearing of Mr. Rabinowitz, in which I took no part, seven of the ten members, although many of them were personally friendly to Mr. Rabinowitz and recognized his valuable services,

voted to accept his resignation. There was, in point of fact, no alternative.

When you say there was no urgency about deciding this question you are mistaken and are not in touch with the situation that then existed. For weeks before that the affairs at the office were at a complete standstill and there was virtual pandemonium there. Mr. Rabinowitz was spending his time campaigning against the acceptance of his resignation. So far as I am concerned, I never spoke to a Director on the subject, and carefully refrained from participating in any way in the decision, although it was apparent to me that the affairs of the League could not go on with a divided camp among the Committee and re-creminations flying back and forth.

We had previously tried, on a number of occasions, to secure your attendance at Executive Committee meetings, but without avail. A decision could not be longer postponed without disrupting the organization. You have no idea of the intense feeling of hostility that had developed between Mr. Rabinowitz and certain members of the Committee. If you had been here I am sure that, notwithstanding your friendship for Mr. Rabinowitz and your appreciation of his services, you would have agreed with me as to the expediency and urgency of the change.

I did not know, however, that I had ignored your telegram, but it appears that in the pressure of business I failed to answer it, for which I humbly apologize. It was certainly not an intentional rudeness. But when you say that I have acted as if the League were my private enterprise, you are carrying your criticism very far, and entirely contrary to any fact of which I am conscious. It has been a great burden to me. I have taken no action of any importance, so far as I know, without consulting the Executive Committee.

I realize, of course, that you will continue to work for the boycott as zealously as ever, but you cannot do so as effectively without attending the meetings of the Executive Committee and taking an active part.

I have been urged to stop over at Cleveland on my way West, to consult Dr. George Crile and have him 'go over' me. I have written him today asking him whether a few hours would be sufficient for the purpose. I could get there at 12 o'clock but would have to leave at 3 p.m. in order to connect at Chicago with the airplane for Palm Springs, which arrives at Los Angeles at 7 o'clock the following morning. If I hear that he can give me this time and that it will be sufficient I would very much like to utilize a half-hour in going over the situation with you—unless you are expecting to be in New York before the 10th. In which event I wish you would let me know.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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As I am therefore leaving for my Winter home at Palm Springs on the 10th, I am hoping that you will reconsider your determination and that during my absence you will give the League the benefit of your aid at the meetings of the Executive Committee which it may be possible for you to attend. We need your aid and guidance, and I am appealing to you in the interest of the cause that you have done so much to create and for which you can hereafter do more.

I think that, however valuable Mr. Rabinowitz was in certain phases of the movement, you will find Mr. Harriman much more valuable. We cannot afford to lose the men who started this enterprise with us.

Now that you have rather belatedly 'had your say' concerning my management of this venture, and you have certainly been outspoken and not lacked plainness of speech, let us see if we cannot reconcile our views and establish a status of genuine harmony and good will on your part. It has never for a moment been lacking on mine. In fact, I have been quite unconscious of what you now tell me.

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Sincerely yours,

Sam. Untermyer
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January 5, 1934.

Dr. A. Coralnik,
American League for Defense of Jewish Rights,
729 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Coralnik:

I was very much pleased with the meeting on Wednesday evening over which you presided. It seemed to have the right kind of fighting spirit. Such meetings should be duplicated in many parts of the city and speakers should be enlisted to address them. I regard the work of utilizing the youth in the Boycott effort as of utmost importance. Their numerous organizations in New York City should be promptly brought into line and set to work canvassing stores and homes.

Would you take charge of planning these meetings throughout the city and of enlisting the speakers as well as of carrying through the purposes of the resolutions adopted last Wednesday. I understand that a list of the organizations whose representatives attended the meeting is in hand. You can start with that. Let me hear what you think about it. If properly managed this activity might become the most important one of the League.

I am sorry that I did not get to talk over with you some of the things which you mentioned to me over the telephone. We will have a chance to do so when I am in New York next time which I hope will be in the very near future. I believe that now for the first time we are really free to carry on the activities of the League in a systematic and comprehensive manner.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

C O P Y

LOUIS ABELSON, M.D.

145 Central Pk. West

New York, N.Y.

May 16th, 1934

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Enclosed please find check covering the subscriptions for the following, the first name may be familiar to you,

Mrs. A. J. Feitelberg-Park Central Hotel, N.Y.C.
Dr. Emanuel Deligtisch - 1815 Riverside Dr. "
Dr. S. T. Freidman- 4495 Fieldston Rd., Fieldston, N.Y.
Dr. H. Krauskopf - 145 Central Pk. West, NYC
Dr. A. A. Landsman - 545 West End Ave.
Dr. Edw. Bleier - 267 W. 81st St.
Dr. Sidney Epstein - 454 Ft. Washington Ave.
Dr. Moses Bacher - 2065 Morris Ave. Bronx, NY
Miss Diana Krezmer - 11 Dongan Pl., NYC
Dr. Frank Tannenbaum - 1916 Grand Concourse
Dr. Edward Hoenig - 146 Central Park West

The recent literature abounds with references to Lord Deterdlin being the financial backer of the Nazi regime for future concessions in his field. Verification of this statement should be followed by full publicity, for my part I have already stopped using SHELL OIL PRODUCTS.

I hope to hear from you on this matter. For the future I will do my best to spread the gospel you have launched so capably.

With best personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

May 24, 1934.

Dr. Louis Abelson,
145 Central Park West,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Abelson:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of May 16th and for the subscriptions which you sent to the League. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The office will look into the matter of Lord Deterding and the Shell Oil Products and it will undoubtedly communicate with you in the near future.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Mr. William J. Shroder, Chairman,
Community Council of Cincinnati,
512 West 9th St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Shroder:

May I appeal through you to the Cincinnati Welfare Federation to reconsider its action and to include the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights as one of its beneficiaries in its forthcoming campaign? It is quite possible that our appeal came rather tardily, but it took the League a few months to organize and to plan its activities before it felt justified in going out to the country for its half-million dollar campaign.

I am confident that I need not urge upon you the importance of prosecuting in the most vigorous manner the Boycott against Nazi Germany. It is the one weapon left to us with which to fight this iniquitous regime which has undermined Jewish life in Germany and which has destroyed so many of the most cherished values of our civilization. In this Boycott movement we have been joined by large circles of non-Jews, more recently by the American Federation of Labor, and our campaign is projected on a non-sectarian basis. The enclosed circular will indicate to what uses the monies which we are seeking to raise will be applied.

We want as far as possible, in every community, to avoid unnecessary publicity--the kind of publicity which is inevitably involved in launching campaigns for popular support. We are therefore endeavoring to work through existing Jewish Welfare Funds and Community Chests. Where these Welfare Funds do not exist, or where, for one reason or another, the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights is not included, we are prepared to launch independent drives before the end of the year.

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At a National Conference held in New York City on September 10th by the American League for Defense of Jewish Rights, it was unanimously decided to organize an economic boycott on German goods. It was felt that this was the only method by which the humane and decent people the world over could express their abhorrence of the attack on humanity and civilization by the Nazi regime.

Such a boycott cannot be carried out without an efficient organization and it was decided to raise a Defense Fund of \$500,000.00 for this purpose.

I am sure that your community will gladly do its share of the work. It will be necessary to organize a Campaign in your community for the purpose of raising \$ ----. This Campaign can succeed only if it has the best leadership in the community and I therefore turn to you and ask that you accept the Chairmanship of a Campaign committee in your community. We have every confidence that the desired results will then be achieved.

Please let me know if I may count on your cooperation. We will gladly place the facilities of our headquarters at your service and you may be assured that Mr. Bernard Stone, our National Campaign Director, will cooperate with you in every possible way.

May we hear from you very soon?

Sincerely,