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Anti-Defamation League, 1935.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

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July 31st, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & E. 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Brother Silver:

President David Copland has appointed you a member of the Advisory Committee and the Anti-Defamation Committee for the ensuing six months term.

Your acceptance of the appointments will be greatly appreciated.

It is hoped that you will make every effort to participate in the work of your committees.

Cordially and fraternally yours

Edward S. Klein
Secretary

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B'NAI B'RITH INSTITUTIONS

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Jewish Orphan Home, Cleveland
National Jewish Hospital, Denver
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Better Understanding Program

August 5, 1935

Edward S. Klein, Secretary,
Cleveland Lodge No. 16,
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1013 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Klein:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 31 advising of Rabbi Silver's appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee and the Anti-Defamation Committee. Rabbi Silver is abroad on his vacation and will be gone until the middle of September. He will answer your letter when he returns.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

September 25, 1935

Mr. Edward S. Klein,
1013 Society for Savings Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Klein:

Upon my return from abroad I found your letter of July 31 apprising me that President Copeland has appointed me a member of the Advisory Board of the Anti-Defamation Committee. I shall be very pleased to serve on the Committee although, as you know, I am extremely busy and will not be able to devote much time to this office.

With all good wishes for a happy new year,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 28, 1935

Richard E. Gutstadt, Director,
Anti-Defamation League,
130 N. Wells St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Gutstadt:

Someone showed me a copy of the "American Gentile" published in Chicago by the Right Cause Publishing Company, P.O. Box 245. You have probably seen it. If you haven't, you would want to follow it up. It is a cesspool of anti-Semitic propaganda. You probably have a long story to tell about it. I should be glad to hear from you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Recent Activities of the Anti-Defamation League

B'nai B'rith members should know the following:

TEXT BOOK published by Charles Merrill Co. contained objectionable references in re the Crucifixion. The League protested; the Company admitted the justice of our position, and referred the passage to the author for correction which correction has been made to our satisfaction.

A SECOND BOOK contained erroneous recital of alleged Jewish instigation of the Crucifixion. Contacted publishers and League position transmitted to authors, who requested historical authorities. These being submitted, the matter was properly adjusted by text modification.

THREE PRONOUNCED anti-Semitic propagandists scheduled for appearances before important audiences. League contacted communities where scheduled, and conveyed information. As a result their presentations were strictly regulated, precluding anti-Semitic expressions.

THREE OBJECTIONABLE ITEMS appeared in as many publications at different points. Proper representations immediately made, resulted in definite assurance of no future recurrences.

REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST prejudicial versions Passion Play made to leaders of important non-sectarian organizations. These admitted propriety of League's position and issued letters counselling their branches against sponsoring such spectacles.

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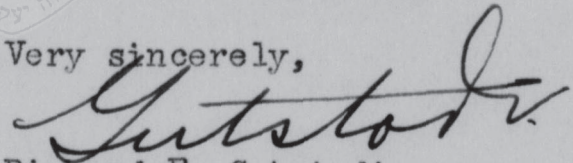
My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are quite familiar with the "American Gentile", published by the Right Cause Publishing Company. The "American Gentile" was originally issued with the cooperation of Mr. Harry Augustus Jung. When the latter gentleman became financially embarrassed by reason of the limitations which had been imposed upon his capacity to exploit the gullible, he turned it over to a former white Russian, who travels, however, under an American name. The organization is being very carefully watched. Their reading list is presently very limited. Sooner or later someone's foot will slip, and then I think the periodical may cease to publish.

Should there be any further information in this connection which you would like me to forward and of which I am possessed, I should be happy to supply it.

With personal regards in which Mrs. Gutstadt joins me, I am,

Very sincerely,


Richard E. Gutstadt
Director

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CHICAGO,
December
18
1935

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith two copies of a tear sheet from the "New York American" of December 18th. It contains a powerful editorial by William Randolph Hearst, in which he plainly reveals his condemnation of religious suppression in Hitler Germany.

It is expected that this editorial will appear in all newspapers of the Hearst chain from coast to coast. This should have a very salutary effect upon the public mind of America, because in many quarters, even from religious leaders, there appears to be a grave under-evaluation of the significance of the Nazi religious methods.

We believe that the most effective use of these tear-sheets is through important religious leaders of your community. The subscribers to every religious faith must be impressed with the crucial struggle in which the religions of Germany are now engaged, and as these facts become more apparent, the condemnation of Hitlerism will become more emphatic.

Should you desire a few additional copies of this editorial, please write in for them.

Very sincerely yours,
Richard E. Gutstadt
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Director

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