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Anti-Nazi activities, 1933-1934.

February 6, 1933

Mr. Paul Bellamy,  
Editor of The Cleveland Plain Dealer.

My dear Mr. Bellamy:

I have been in Germany during these exciting weeks, and I have watched the German political scene as it unfolded itself day by day. I have written down some of my impressions of these tense days. They may perhaps be of interest to your readers.

I shall remain in Germany for another few days, watching the developments, and then I shall go to Prague and visit Czechoslovakia and eastern Europe. Thence to Palestine and Russia.

I send you my warmest greetings.

With all good wishes I remain,

Very cordially yours,



Oberlin, Ohio

May 17, 1933

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

Sir:

On the front page of yesterday's Plain Dealer appears a news item about your return from Europe. Being a Jew yourself, and the Rabbi of a Jewish temple in a large American city, you owe your Jewry a certain obligation in joining the anti-Hitler protest-meetings.

On account of your Jewish connections, you naturally have a strong racial sympathy with the Jews who are being discommoded by a certain small minority of young people or the younger generation in Germany.

It is unfortunate that any group of human beings should need to suffer, be humiliated, be in want and lose their social and professional connections. However, things cannot be quite so wide-spread and degrading as the front-page news make them out to be in Germany. In fact, I cannot conceive of the Jews in Germany having suffered as much as our great western people, here in the United States, have suffered in the last four years at the hands of bankers and brokers who do their stuff under the banner of American Kultur.

AH 2--May 1, 1933

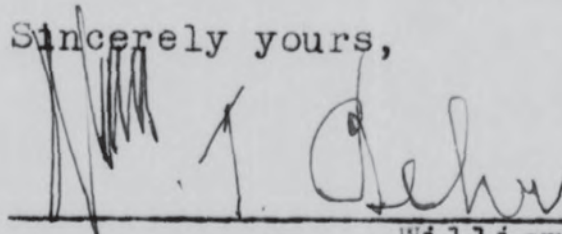
When you return to Cleveland, I hope to see you organizing some protest-meetings on behalf of our millions who have been fleeced by the "money-changers" of our own Temple. This is the wrong time, Sir, to be kicking up the dust about another nation's birthpains--we're not quite grown up ourselves yet; look at the last fourteen years!

However, I see your duty to your own people, and, when you deliver your lectures on Europe, as you no doubt will, give the people some of the inside dope that runs back to the Christian yoke that a certain American preacher's son laid upon an unborn generation of German boys and girls--a generation that has been innocently caught up in the maelstrom unloosed by the iniquities of the Versailles Treaty.

You're a smart man, and I believe you will be able to make this plain, without at the same time having to condone such acts of the recent Hitler campaign; acts that don't look so good especially at this distance--14 years from the solemn-faced ceremony that blessed the Treaty of Versailles.

In conclusion, a bit of light from a great German poet;  
"Es ist dafur gesorgt, dass die Baume nicht in den Himmel wachsen!"

Sincerely yours,



William T. Behr

WTB\*HER



May 18, 1933.

Mr. William T. Behr,  
Oberlin,  
Ohio.

My dear Mr. Behr:

It is nice to live in Oberlin and maintain a detached and objectively cool attitude to what is happening to six hundred thousand people in Germany, especially if those people happen to be Jews and you a German. It is a stroke of genius to say that the men and women who have been driven to suicide and the thousands of others who have had their careers suddenly wrecked and themselves and their children driven to destitution for the crime of being Jews were "discommoded by a certain small minority of young people, or younger generation in Germany". You blandly ignore the fact that these measures were legal measures taken by legally constituted authorities and are today on the statute books of the German Reich.

Perhaps if you will consult the files of The Cleveland Press of the war and post-war years you may find that I was as vigorous in defense of the rights of the German people as I am now in defense of my own people.

Please do not attempt to atone for everything that is going on in Germany today by pointing to the iniquities of the Versailles Treaty. It is too easy a dodge. The values and vicious race theories with which Hitler and his crew have poisoned the minds of the youth of Germany during the past fourteen years are not part of the Versailles Treaty.

Sincerely yours,

AHS: BK

JOSEPH N. SCHNEIDER, D. D. S.  
630 OSBORN BUILDING  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 22, 1933.

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

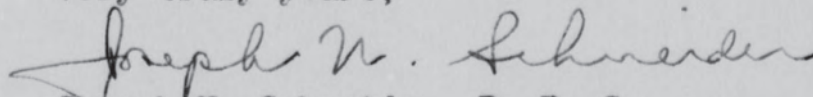
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Yesterday morning I witnessed one of the high-spots of my life--your sermon on present day conditions in Germany. Never before have I been so deeply moved and so proud of my faith as I was when I listened to you read the message of the Jews of Germany to the rest of the world.

If in my humble way I can assist you in any way towards reaching the goal we all desire, do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall be glad to devote whatever time is necessary to this cause.

The years of depression have weighed rather heavily upon me financially, but in spite of that I shall feel it my duty to contribute to the aid of our brethren in Germany.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph N. Schneider, D. D. S.

JNS:GP



MORRIS N. SHAEFFER  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 22, 1933.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As one of the hundreds who was visibly stirred in your audience on Sunday morning, let me join in expressing my poignant joy in finding you so inspired and inspiring a leader in the present Jewish crisis. During the harassed months to come it is plainly to be discerned that you, together with Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, will be the cynosure of devoted Jewish gaze-----and of all attention that is directed to the amelioration of the dire plight of the Jews in Germany.

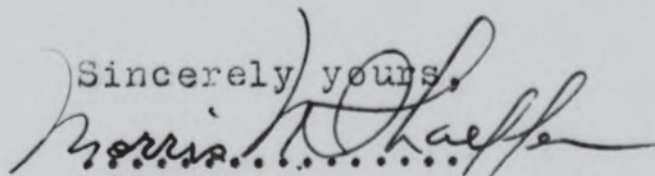
I shall deem it a privilege to serve you and the Jewish cause on any of the committees you will cause to be chosen, whose purpose is such amelioration.

By way of brief introduction (my family and I having joined The Temple about the time of your departure for Europe in September, and thus having been denied the pleasure of meeting you in person) I am recently come from Pittsburg. While there I was a member for many years of Rabbi Samuel H. Goldenson's Temple Rodef Shalom and served in several capacities during my affiliation.

I am known to several members of your Temple and perhaps, to friends of your immediate circle, since my connection in Cleveland with The May Company.

I shall welcome the opportunity of meeting you and hope you will allow its speedy materialization.

Sincerely yours,



16719 Fernway Rd.,  
Shaker Heights, Ohio.

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



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May 23, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have read with the greatest interest the excerpt of the speech which you delivered day before yesterday on the German situation. I wish to congratulate you on the keenness of your analysis and the new light which you have thrown on this tragic situation. On the basis of my connection with German political and social life for several decades and of most reliable information which I received from several brilliant American students of mine studying in Germany, and in the knowledge of the connection of the present situation with the German race-and-violence ideology, I am led to support fully your argumentation. I was especially attracted by a point of your discussion which was unmentioned in this country until now. This is the role of President Hindenburg in the destruction of the German Republic. It cannot be doubted that without the aid and the connivance of the head of the state Hitler could never have gained power. The friends of the truth should unrelentingly assert that Hitler's victory was not a revolution but a coup d'état supported by all the counter-revolutionary elements of old Prussia. It would be dangerous for the future to allow historical antecedents to be falsified concerning the advent of the Nazis. American public opinion is rapidly, almost hysterically, changing. The last highly Machiavellian speech of Hitler sufficed to acquire for him an almost enthusiastic press; and I would not wonder if he should become in a short time a kind of peace hero.

Your great influence on public opinion will surely help in the creation of a sound popular judgment in this matter.

Thanking you again for the pleasure which your speech afforded me, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Oscar Jászi*



May 23, 1933.

Mr. Morris N. Shaeffer,  
16719 Fernway Rd.,  
Shaker Heights, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Shaeffer;

May I thank you for your kind letter of May 22nd and for the kind things which you say about my address of last Sunday. The situation in Germany is very critical and all of us must do our utmost to help our brothers there. I am grateful to you for your willingness to assist. The Jewish Welfare Federation will, within the next ten days, announce the campaign. I shall send your name in as a volunteer worker and I am sure that they will welcome your cooperation. I am delighted that you joined the fellowship of The Temple and I look forward to our early meeting. Please come up after the service on Sunday morning and introduce yourself. I want to get to know you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 23, 1933.

Dr. Joseph N. Schneider,  
630 Osborn Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Schneider:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of May 22nd and for the kind things which you say about my address last Sunday. The situation is very critical and we must do our utmost to assist our brothers in Germany.

The Relief Campaign will be launched, I believe, within the next ten days. I shall refer your name to the Campaign Organizations which, I am sure, will be very grateful for the services which you have volunteered.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 1, 1933.

Mr. Oscar Jaszi,  
Oberlin College,  
Oberlin, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Jaszi:

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging your kind letter of May 23rd. I have been so extremely busy since my return from abroad. I am very appreciative of what you say about my lecture on the German situation. There is one other fact which I believe has not been brought out and that is the role which the East Prussian relief scandals had to do in hastening the appointment of Hitler. The German people were profoundly stirred up about it when I was there and the German papers were full of the horrible scandal of misappropriation of the relief funds by men very high in the circles of German Junkerdom, reaching very close to the family of Hindenburg. The American press seemed to have very little about it.

I hope that we may have the pleasure of getting together some day soon and talk over some of the things which are happening in the Old World at the present moment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

159 Main Street,  
Painesville, Ohio.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel and 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Your article in today's Cleveland News called forth cheers in the office where I am employed. None of us are Jews and none of us have been to Germany, but we thought Mrs. Gerstenberger must have been a very dense person, or thoroughly sold to Mr. Hitler to have written such tripe as the News published.

Some years ago we used to live in Cleveland during the Winter time and it was often my pleasure to attend your Sunday morning lectures at The Temple, and I am sorry I don't have the opportunity now.

I sincerely hope Germany will come to her senses soon, but perhaps that is too much to hope for when one considers the length of the last Great War.

Sincerely,

*Marguerite Harrell*

July 11, 1933



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G. BERNARDI  
1017 EUCLID AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, O.

July 11, 1933

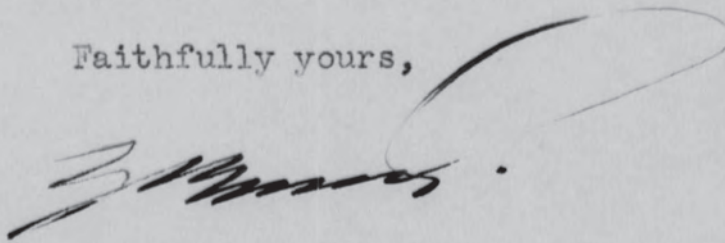
Rabbi Abba H Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

I feel that I owe you many thanks and much gratitude for taking the different issues you have lately with so many hipocrites who have been trying their best to help those that they are being paid by on the other side. Many times in the past I have expressed to you that I was very proud of you, again in this black day and age I want you to know that I am always happy to see your dignified face and most sensible and protective articles that I feel will eventually make people see the light.

I was wondering when I saw the last article by that Mrs. Gerstenberger whether there would be any rebuff from either you or Rabbi Brickner. It does seem that our American born people know so little about Europe and are so easily misled, if these articles were not written by you or Rabbi Brickner and did not counteract their influence I am afraid that our people would be losing what friends we have made of the opposite religion in our lovely America.

Faithfully yours,



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July 12th, 1933

Rabbi Abbe H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Allow me to congratulate you  
for the masterful way you answered Mrs. Gerstenberger  
in last night's Cleveland News.

It is a masterpiece as only  
Doctor Silver can write. With kindest regards,  
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel Goldstein*

SG:HC



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7-12-33

My dear Rabbi Abba, - In the classic language  
of the "Pirke Aboth," your reply to Mrs.  
Berstenberger was a "knock-out!" I liked  
particularly the concluding paragraph.  
This morning I noticed in the Plain  
Dealer a statement by Anthony J. Drexel,  
Philadelphian banker, just returned from  
Germany, to the effect that only the  
Jewish communists have been forced  
to leave Germany. Such an observation,  
of course, is of a piece with Mrs. Bersten-  
berger's propaganda. -

I had a two hour session with Dr.  
Borshes last Saturday and am  
very anxious to tell you about it at

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The first opportunity.  
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Sincerely yours  
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July 17, 1933.

Miss Marguerite Harrell,  
159 Main Street,  
Painesville, Ohio.

My dear Miss Harrell:

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter and for your thoughtfulness in  
commenting on my article which appeared in  
the Cleveland News.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS;BK

July 17, 1933.

Mr. Samuel Goldstein,  
412-418 Broadway,  
Lorain, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter and for your thoughtfulness in  
commenting on my article which appeared in  
the Cleveland News.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



July 17, 1933.

Mr. G. Bernardi,  
1017 Euclid Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bernardi:

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter and for your thoughtfulness in  
commenting on my article which appeared in  
the Cleveland News.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Victor F. J. Glach  
CONSUL - GENERAL FOR AUSTRIA  
Cleveland, Ohio

1397 East Boulevard  
July 29th, 1933

The Very Rev. Rabbi A. H. Silver  
2651 Fairmount Boulevard  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,

Many thanks for the really very clever  
extract from the "New York Times" and the skit on  
the National Unity achieved by the Hitlerites.

Most unfortunately in the process of  
showing it to many people it became lost, but if you  
want it back I'll procure it through some back number.

I do not know whether you have seen the  
enclosure from the Literary Digest of July 8th, which  
please do not return.

I also came across, in a report by the  
State Department in Vienna, the interesting enclosures  
(Pages 382/3) showing that Palestine is still in great  
need of a large increase of the working population.  
Surely in view of conditions, particularly in Germany,  
there should be everything else but resistance to fur-  
ther immigration, and I understand that this matter  
has been taken up in the House of Commons, London, and  
with all liberal thinking people, Jews and Gentiles  
alike, I share the hope that the Mandatory Government  
of Palestine will not fail to open the most natural  
haven of refuge to those who are now-a-days suffering  
so keenly under the illiberal, not to say barbaric  
treatment by the present government in Germany.

As soon as I am through with the book  
which I have mentioned, and which contains a short  
but most interesting article by Count Condenvove Kalergi  
on "Anti-Semitism" I shall have great pleasure in send-  
ing it on to you or I may take the opportunity of per-  
sonally bringing it.

With very kindest regards also to Mrs.  
Silver, also from my better half

Very truly yours,

Victor F. Glach



no  
August 16, 1933.

Mr. Paul Bellamy, Editor,  
The Cleveland Plain Dealer,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bellamy:

I have just finished reading Mr. McDermott's article in this mornings Plain Dealer on the status of the Jews in Germany under the Hitler regime. It is as fine and fair and understanding a presentation of the subject as I have read anywhere in recent months. Mr. McDermott has a remarkable gift for cutting through and getting at the heart of facts. He has a seeing eye and an unbiased mind. He does not permit himself to be swayed one way or another by the tempests of propaganda which have been let loose in the world and which are overwhelming so many minds today.

Mr. McDermott's articles both on Russia and Germany have been a remarkable contribution to the education of our community in some of the most important events which are transpiring today.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

THE FEDERATION OF  
JEWISH CHARITIES OF PHILADELPHIA  
330 SOUTH NINTH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

September 11, 1933.

Dear Abba:

I am enclosing copies of two letters:

- (1) To Herbert Lehman
- (2) To Judge Julian W. Mack

Nothing new in my Lehman letter so far as you are concerned.

What would impress you, of course, is my fairly intimate conversation with Messersmith and Dodd, and which conversation I am not in a position, at this moment, to put on paper, but will keep you posted. Suffice it to say that I mean to 'cash in' on some of my observations and conclusions.

Hope you and Virginia had a delightful summer and with best wishes to you and yours, as ever,

Devotedly,

*Billie*

P.S. I know you will respect my wishes and not give publicity to my Lehman letter, though you are at liberty to show it to friends, if you so desire.

Mrs. Pinchot is a very colorful personality and a vivid speaker.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver



September 1, 1933

Dear Herbert:-

On Friday night, August 11th, Prof. Manley O. Hudson (Harvard), Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Ruth and I dined in a restaurant in Geneva. There Dr. Magnes gave us a most graphic and poignant picture of conditions in Germany, from which he had just returned. Never have I heard Magnes speak so feelingly. For nearly five hours he related one tragic story after another. Every now and then he would lower his voice, look around nervously to make sure there were no dictaphones - no espionage. Every now and then he would say: "I forget that I am no longer in Germany, but am breathing the free air of Switzerland."

As we were about to part, I remarked to Magnes: "It was my original intention to visit Germany and obtain first hand information about the status of our people. Now that I have heard the stories of refugees I interviewed in London, Paris, Geneva, Prague and even Italy; now that you have given us such a brilliant analysis of conditions, what added knowledge can I possibly hope to get by visiting Berlin or any other community in Germany? To which Magnes responded: "It is your duty to go. You may not obtain a single additional bit of information; but go to Frankfurt, go to Berlin, go to Munich - to any or all these towns and shake hands with the people. Assure them of the sympathy of American Jewry. You have no idea what comfort these words will be to them." Whereupon Ruth remarked: "We will give up our other plans and leave for Germany tomorrow."

And so we went to Frankfurt. From there to Berlin and then to Nürnberg. In these three cities I aimed to get in touch with folk, eminent in their respective fields of activity. Nor did I limit myself to Jews. I had an extraordinarily interesting two hour conference with our Consul\*General Messersmith; a rather confidential talk with Ambassador Dodd. Discussed the question from every angle with Knickerbocker, of the Public Ledger and New York Evening Post; Fred Birchall, the head of the New York Times European Bureau; members of his Staff; correspondents of London papers, particularly Cummings, chief editorial writer of the London Chronicle. Yes, I also conversed with 100 per cent Aryans. An hour spent with men or women in Germany yielded much more fruitful information and impressions than if I had spent days with the same persons outside their country.

Take, for instance, my conversation with Justizrath Dr. A. For nearly two hours I submitted Dr. A. to a catechism. Every question was answered with force and clarity. Probably no new facts in his recital, but at least five or six times during our conversation, in his office, he rose from his chair to satisfy himself that the windows were closed, that our conversation was not overheard, that there was no one on the outside, ready to break in and possibly place us under arrest. The changing expression on A.'s face cannot be described and these expressions spoke volumes. Dr. A. was cautious, extremely conservative in his statements. In response to my inquiry whether the more than 200 Jews who were arrested in Nürnberg between the hours of 4 and 6 A.M. (I think it was July 19th) were actually forced to clean a plot of ground by pulling up the grass with their teeth and perform other bestial work, the instant reply was: "Don't believe the story. Cruel as the Nazis are, they would not resort to such barbarism."



"Are you certain?" said I.

"Yes, morally so."

"Have the leaders in your community attempted to find out what actually transpired in Nürnberg?"

"Though we are only a few hours' ride from Nürnberg, not one of us would have dared visit that town for the purpose of making an investigation. Nor would a Nürnberg Jew venture to come to Frankfurt to report what has transpired. For, according to a new law, recently issued, anyone reporting an atrocity is guilty of treason and the offense is punishable by death. Nevertheless, I feel that the story of these 200 Nürnberg Jews is grossly exaggerated." Nor could Herr L., of Frankfurt, a fairly large manufacturer, tell me what happened to his brother in Nürnberg. For all practical purposes the brother, sister-in-law and four children might have resided in Tahiti. More about that later. Suffice it to say that in my search for information, I sought out men of the type of Dr. A., who would understate, rather than overstate facts, and I managed to come in contact with dozens of individuals not unlike Dr. A., intellectually and culturally.

"No greater crime in history than that which the German Government is committing against the Jews," was the statement thrice repeated by our up-standing and courageous Consul-General Messersmith, of whom German Jews and American correspondents spoke with justifiable enthusiasm. From his lips I received a brilliant account of the political and economic set up in the Reich. While Messersmith discussed many things in confidence, I am sure he would have no objection to my quoting (not for publication) the above. "The Nazis are determined to confiscate all Jewish property," was another of the many important statements made by him. "How? By what methods? And are there any actual cases of direct confiscation?" "No," replied our Consul-General. Whereupon he proceeded to give one example after another, how the Jew, by subtle and inhuman methods, is being deprived of his business - his means of livelihood. Messersmith was not referring to the 4000 Jewish lawyers, the 8000 doctors, the 2000 dentists and thousands of other Jewish employes in private and in government services, who were being thrown out of their positions through direct actions. No refinements practiced in this particular sector. I shall have something more to say about the so-called bloodless pogrom later on.

Now, tragic as is the condition of the Jews in Berlin, more tragic is it in Frankfurt, Munich, Cologne, Breslau, Mannheim and the four or five other substantial urban communities. The Sword of Damocles constantly suspended over their heads. In Frankfurt I had considerable difficulty in persuading acquaintances to take me to the parks, where memorials to Börne and Heine were located. Their busts had been removed because they were of Jewish antecedents. Reluctantly, did Herr A. take me to a small park where there was a magnificent monument, the symbol of which, A Mother in Grief, was removed because the sculptor, Benne Elkan, noted throughout Germany, is a Jew. And, mind you, this monument, the "Opfer Denkmal", in memory of those who fell in the War of 1914-18, was erected by popular subscription!

I said conditions in Frankfurt were tragic. But ever so many leaders in that community remarked that their status was enviable by com-



parison with that of the 8000 Jews in Nürnberg. For that matter, any of the small towns, particularly in Bavaria. It may be noted that of the nearly 560,000 Jews in Germany, two-thirds live in Berlin and the eight or nine other large cities; the other third, in provincial towns where conditions literally beggar description.

"Take my advice, don't go to Nürnberg," said Dr. S., a representative of our Joint Distribution Committee, with headquarters in Berlin. "I am not a coward, but why take chances?" And our own Dr. Maurice Hexter, whom we saw in Prague, exacted the promise that we would send him a message the moment we left Nürnberg - a message with the single word 'Greetings', meaning that we were safely on the train. And if it contained the additional word 'Love,' it would imply that my search for information had met with success.

With me I carried letters of introduction to leading Nürnberg Jews. They were furnished by Prof. M., noted Orientalist of the University of Berlin, now discharged, as were virtually all other Jewish professors at the University. Letters also from that great and universally beloved scholar, Prof. G., of Breslau University, with whom we spent a never-to-be forgotten evening. Naturally, we had to exercise the greatest caution on our arrival in Nürnberg. If an address read 57, we would ask the chauffeur to take us to No. 1 Wilhelmstrasse. Certain that the chauffeur was out of sight, we would make our way to No. 57, with the rather oppressive feeling that someone might be shadowing us. No one at No. 57. We went to the other places. Houses hermetically sealed or signs on them, "for rent." Many such signs, especially in districts where Jews predominate. Later I learned that many fled with whatever belongings they could gather. Some were in concentration camps on the charge of holding Marxist (?) views; others detained as a "matter of safety." Still others away from the city, as the Nazis were about to hold their Annual Conference in Nürnberg, - a conference, which we gathered later from the press, was attended by over 400,000 members of the Party. The Führer himself, the new Germany deity, "the greatest German since Luther" and, according to still other disciples, "the greatest personality since Jesus" (aren't the photographs of Jesus and Hitler displayed in many book stores in Berlin and elsewhere? And didn't a death notice appear in one of the party newspapers that the deceased died "in full faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and Adolf Hitler?") -- the Führer himself was in Nürnberg that day, and, naturally, the Jews were fearful of another riot or possibly pogrom - this time not a bloodless pogrom.

Through a strange combination of circumstances - so strange that it is almost unbelievable - we came across three Aryans - 100 per cent Aryans. From their lips we heard that on July 19th (or was it on the 20th?) Jewish homes were invaded between the hours of 4 and 6 A.M., the oldest and youngest male members of the family (minimum age - 17) were told to dress speedily. Some 260 were marched through the streets and amidst jeers were taken to some spot outside the city. There, these men, ranging in age from 17 to 76, were compelled to do the most bestial work. They were told to clear a plot of ground by pulling up the grass with their teeth! That task accomplished, other cruelties of an unmentionable nature were practiced. Released at the end of the day, they were given this admonition: "If you dare reveal what happened here, if you dare spread "Grolle" (atrocities) propaganda, then we will show you what we can do. Today you have just gotten a taste of what is in store for you! Since July 19th many Jews in Nürnberg (among them some who had been



arrested that day) have been sent to concentration camps. Several "committed suicide." Others were killed because they attempted to "escape". Thus ran the story of the three Aryans whom we met under peculiar circumstances.

In Nürnberg lives the notorious and implacable Nazi leader, Julius Streicher, he who had charge of the nation-wide boycott on April 1st and who was frustrated in his efforts to prolong the official boycott because of the outcry raised throughout the world. Streicher publishes a paper called DER STÜRMER, entirely devoted to anti-Semitic propaganda, so vile and so hideous, it is unbelievable that in the year 1933 there should be folk anywhere who would tolerate such a despicable sheet. I bought five copies and would have purchased several more as an exhibit of what sadistic minds are capable of perpetrating had I not been fearful of arousing suspicion. DIE JUDEN SIND UNSER UNGLÜCK (The Jews are Our Misfortune) is the slogan which appears in big letters, not only on the front page of DER STÜRMER, but the other papers published in Nürnberg. Daily caricatures of prominent Jews with the vilest attacks on them. Perhaps the mildest article in DER STÜRMER, copy of which I had previously purchased in Frankfurt, contained a criticism of President Roosevelt, because he appointed Jesse I. Straus Ambassador to France, 'that he may destroy Germany through Paris.' The article went on to express the hope that the Roosevelt Administration would fail and that anti-Semitism would spread in America. But, then, papers edited by Rosenberg and Goebbels, namely, the Volkischer Beobachter and the Angriff, both with a nation-wide circulation, are equally notorious. For that matter, such dailies as the Frankfurter Zeitung, the Berliner Tageblatt and the Vossische Zeitung - the three greatest papers in the Germany of Yesterday, two of which belonged to Jews - must, of necessity, also carry anti-Semitic propaganda. Speaking of the Tageblatt, prior to March of this year, it enjoyed a circulation of 250,000. The Nazis took this and all other publications away from the heirs of Rudolf Mosse. A million or two in bank debts made it an easy matter for the Nazi rulers, who hold the big German banks in their hands, to wrest the Berliner Tageblatt from the Lachman-Mosse and carry out their complete process of "gleichschaltung." Gleichschaltung - how many crimes are committed in they name! Conservatively, the Berliner Tageblatt was worth anywhere from seven to eight million dollars. Lachman-Mosse, son-in-law of the founder, was told to get out, but was promised \$15,000. to \$20,000. a year for his equity in the paper. So, Mosse and his family emigrated to Switzerland. Within the past few months the circulation of the Tageblatt has dwindled to 25,000. The present Tageblatt looks like a phantom of its former self. Now the Nazi press is waging a bitter warfare on Mosse because, "through neglect and mismanagement he deliberately ruined the paper." By this time Mosse has probably been informed that he can expect no further income. In fact, there is a demand that he be further penalized. Here is a case, typical of so many others, which Consul-General Messersmith had in mind and showing how the policy of confiscation is being systematically and relentlessly pursued.

But to come back to Nürnberg. In the course of conversation, our three newly formed Aryan acquaintances gave this bit of interesting information about the existing economic and political set-up in the Reich. In the Nazi Cabinet there is going on now a sharp conflict between the Right and the Left Wing - the former represented by such men as Neurath, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Herr Schmitt, Minister of Economics and until a month or so ago Director of the largest insurance company in Germany. Among those in the immediate entourage who belong to the Right Wing, though not members



of the Cabinet, are Schacht and Thyssen - the latter one of the leading German industrialists. These men have virtually persuaded Hitler that if the Reich is not to collapse, he must scrap the essential features of the economic programme issued by the National Socialists in the pre-office days. So there have been abandoned such notions as the breaking up of big estates; interference with trade and industry by establishment of shop cells, fashioned after the Soviets; the further notion that Interest is to be eliminated from the economic scheme. The 'Thralldom of Interest' was a cardinal principle - to be tackled. Literally dozens of other features contained in the elaborate Nazi program have had to be sacrificed. Thus, Hitler has been compelled, through the brute logic of events to yield on the economic front. Then, again, when Der Führer came into power one of his greatest ambitions was to hand over Austria to Germany. That was to be his contribution to the Reich. The least he, as a former Austrian, could do! But he soon discovered that the other Powers would not let him get away with it. This has been a frightful disappointment, accentuated by the fact that "Dolfuss is kept in power by dirty Jewish money."

In the pre-office days, Adolf Hitler would again and again declare: "Our Programme is fixed. Never shall I suffer changes in the principles of the movement as laid down in its Programme. We refuse to vary it for reasons of expediency, as other Parties do, to suit so-called altered conditions. We propose to make conditions suit our Programme by mastering them!" After five or six months Hitler has been forced to capitulate on most of the essential points in his socio-economic Programme. Instead of making conditions suit that Programme, it is actually mastered by them.

But there is one plank in the Programme on which there is complete unanimity of opinion and which is being sadistically pursued - Jewry delenda est! Jewry must be destroyed. It is possible that a Neurath or a Schmitt or a Schacht or even a Thyssen would like to bring about a partial Nazi retreat on this particular front, not so much out of affection or consideration for the Jews as out of respect for world-wide public opinion, which has already been reflected in considerably reduced exports. It is possible that these men are sincere in their desire to bring about some relaxation of the present cruel policy in relation to the Jews. But not one of them (I have in mind particularly Neurath and Schmitt) have as yet been able to get the least satisfaction out of Hitler, because - and this comes from authoritative and unquestionable sources - the Führer becomes violent and literally foams at the mouth when two subjects are mentioned to him: the Jews and Austria. Jewry delenda est is a sacred dogma. So sacrosanct that the most devout Jew or most pious Catholic may as well be asked to abandon his faith. Throughout the entire Programme there runs through this motif: "Anti-Semitism is, in a way, the foundation of the feeling underlying our entire movement. Anti-Semitism must drive the Jew out of our State and our economic life. The anti-Semite must not worry his head about How and What next." Read the "Programme of the Party of Hitler and its General Conceptions" by the Intellectual Genius of the Party, Dr. Gottfried Feder, and you will be amazed at the contents: am not now referring to the Jewish portion of that Programme.

I cannot say that what these three Aryans, who presented me with a copy of Feder's Magnum Opus, said, came as a revelation. Merely confir-



mation of - what Messersmith told me; what Knickerbocker, Fred Birchall, James G. McDonald of the American Foreign Policy Association, also in Berlin during my visit there, and others revealed in their conversations.

Illuminating, though frightfully depressing, as were the views expressed by the Aryans I met in Nürnberg, I was greatly disappointed in not locating any of the men to whom I had letters of introduction. How could I leave Nürnberg without seeing a single Jew? And Sunday was not a propitious day on which to do exploratory work. Perhaps we should visit the Synagogue - was a thought which constantly flashed through my mind. Possibly there I might find some co-religionists. The hunch was a good one. But the folk we met in the Synagogue were disinclined to talk. Their lips were sealed. My magic formula met with only partial success. Just what was that formula? My relationship to Louis Marshall! The knowledge that Ruth was Louis Marshall's daughter unsealed many a lip. But in the Synagogue not even that name, so revered by European Jewry, enabled me to get a connected story as to what happened in Nürnberg on July 19th. There, in a corner of that historic Synagogue, on the walls of which was a Hebrew inscription, rescued from a more ancient Synagogue built in the 15th century -- there, in the corner, sat an old man, 74 years of age, a patriarch in appearance, his head bent and his eyes glued to a Hebrew prayer book. He was one of those who, on July 19th, was compelled to march through the streets of Nürnberg. I had hoped to get a story of what happened to him personally. Not a word! A question, however tactfully worded, met with this response: the application of his index finger to his lips. But, as I was about to leave, he turned to me and with an expression in his eyes which I shall never forget, said: "Does your grosser Führer know what is going on?" I was not quite sure what he meant, inasmuch as the phrase, der grosse Führer, is applied to only one person - the new German deity. It then dawned on me that he meant Franklin Roosevelt. My assurance that our President knew what was happening and that he had abundant sympathy for the persecuted Jews not only in Nürnberg, but Germany, gave the old man evident relief. Offering a brief prayer in Hebrew, in which mention was made of the President, he added: "For us older people there is only one season - the season of grief and sorrow. The very sun and moon have been taken from us. But our children....." "But our children" was the cry I heard wherever I went, a refrain underlying every conversation. As we shook the old man's hands, it was with difficulty that we checked the tears in our eyes.

Luckily, someone in the Synagogue was good enough to call up Herr C. and arrange an interview for me. Herr C. is an outstanding leader. He has been honored repeatedly by his fellow Jews; also by the Christian community. Formerly President of the ..... Association, he wielded enormous influence not only in Nürnberg, but the surrounding territory. The name he bears has been most distinguished in Bavarian Jewry for generations. If I do not give more details it is because I do not wish, for obvious reasons, to have him identified. As might have been expected, Herr C. was in a broken down and dejected condition. Despite repeated assurances that I came to Nürnberg to find out how we, in the United States, could help the Jews in Germany, it was with the greatest difficulty that I managed to obtain a response to any question. Naturally, the conversation lacked cohesion and consecutiveness. And so I am piecing together what Herr C. said. To begin with, he was one of the fortunate ones not arrested on the morning of July 19th. Both he and Frau C. were out of town that week; so



were Rabbis Feuerbach and Heilpern, whom I tried to see, but without success. All of their houses were searched between the hours of 4 and 6 A.M., so they were informed on their return to Nürnberg. In response to my question: "were the arrests carried on indiscriminately?" "No," was the reply. The Nazis had a list of the local B'nai B'rith membership and this served as a guide." I did not have to inquire why the arrests were confined to B'nai B'rith members because in DER STÜRMER of August 20th, purchased by me on our arrival in town, there was an article with this caption: B'NAI B'RITH BEHERRSCHT DIE WELT (B'nai B'rith Rules the World) and from it I quote just two brief paragraphs:

"The man who played the greatest part in the development of B'nai B'rith, was one Jacob Schiff, associated with Warburg, Marshall and Morgenthau. Their influence has affected the entire political, financial and economic situation as it exists today in the United States and it is the Jewish-masonic international bankers who derived the greatest benefit from international commerce.

"One may rightfully and properly affirm that the American diplomatic corps is the proper and authoritative organ of world Jewry, for the realization of its world-wide interests, the subjugation of the world under a Jewish Masonic sect."

To continue with the story. C.'s apartment had been searched three times for supposedly Marxist literature. On one occasion the police spent three hours ransacking every nook and corner. All they could find were works of Goethe, Schiller, Lessing, Shakespeare, Plutarch, Dante, Mommsen and other such "Marxist" writers. Since April 1st Herr. C.'s business has been virtually paralyzed. Aryan customers are threatened with exposure in the press if they patronize Jewish concerns. Old customers come to tell him how sorry they are; but they are afraid they will be marked by the Storm Troopers.

"How many employes have you in your establishment?" I inquired.

"A hundred and thirteen," was the reply.

"How many of them are Jews?"

"Only a few. Some time ago when I engaged a Jewish friend to do a highly specialized piece of work, the Nazis ordered that he be discharged and that an Aryan be immediately employed in his place, with which order I naturally had to comply."

"Inasmuch as your business has fallen off so disastrously, why don't you curtail your force, thus reducing overhead expense?"

"Because I dare not discharge a single Aryan employe." Which answer did not come as a surprise because, even in the Frankfurt Jewish Hospital, formerly the pride of the community, with a capacity of 200, but which has been reduced to 60 beds, because the Kranken Kassen refuse to send even Jewish patients to the hospital, revenues thereby having been materially curtailed --



even in the Frankfurt Jewish Hospital the authorities have been denied the right, for the sake of economy, to discharge a single one of the 39 Aryan employees. A typical instance of what goes on in many Jewish concerns, private or charitable. Not only is Herr C. inhibited from dispensing with a single one of his Aryan employees, but the relations between the management and the employees, which in the past had been "extraordinarily cordial," have been fearfully disturbed. Formerly a happy family - now the employees are sullen and insolent.

"I assume you own some property," said I. "If so, do you get any rental from your Christian tenants?"

"Rarely, and if I were to protest you know what would happen."

Not unlike the story, again typical of others, told me by a Mannheim cigar manufacturer, who received a communication from an out of town Aryan customer, saying that he wanted to settle his account for 33 per cent. Within twenty-four hours a Nazi representative called the manufacturer on the long distance and told him, unless that settlement was accepted immediately, he would be denounced in the press as one who is deliberately and maliciously attempting to ruin an impoverished Aryan customer. The 33 per cent settlement looked mighty good then. Incidents like this occur constantly. Just one of the many methods of confiscation.

As we were carrying on our desultory conversation the bell rang. You should have seen the fright on the faces of Herr and Frau C. and the others. All literally petrified. There was a rush from window to window to see who was ringing the bell downstairs. The three or four minutes seemed like hours. I, too, had a vision of the S.A. or the police, following us from the Synagogue or the railroad station and was debating how to meet this novel situation. Then I recalled what Hexter said: "If I failed to send a message he would be in Nürnberg in 24 hours. But the frightful tension was over when Herr and Frau C. emerged from the kitchen to tell us that the bell was rung by Frau C.'s aged mother. And this is the atmosphere in which 8000 Jews in Nürnberg are forced to live - an atmosphere in which the Jews in all of the small towns and even the Jews in the large towns, are compelled to exist. Every household in terror. All living in an agonized suspense, wondering whose turn will come next.

The motif running through the conversation of Herr C and his friends was: To whom can we apply for help? How can we save some of our vitally essential communal institutions? Shall we communicate with Berlin? Should we write to Dr. Bernard Kahn in Paris? How can he be reached, etc., etc. Having answered these and kindred questions, I tried to elicit further information about Herr C.; his family or the community at large.

"You say you have four children, the two oldest of whom, a married daughter and a son, are no longer in Nürnberg. Where are they now?"

"My daughter is married to an engineer. They managed to escape to Prague. My son-in-law is still out of work; not likely to find employment for some time. But, thank God, they are safe. My son, 25 years old, was with me in business; graduated with honors from the University of Jena; speaks French and English fluently. He is now in Brussels, but cannot find a job. He receives from me 200 Marks a month, all I am permitted to send out



of the country. If only he were allowed to get into the United States! With his education; with his other attainments he would surely make a place for himself."

A momentary lull in the conversation. Then Frau C., who all the time was surveying every nook and corner; pulling down shades or cautioning us to modulate our voices, remarked: "From time immemorial we, Jews, have prided ourselves on the fact that we managed to keep our families intact. To have our children nearest us was our greatest passion. And now, our sole thought is centered on: What countries are there to which we could send our children? It no longer matters which country it is, just so we might save them the humiliation, the agonies and cruelties to which we older people are resigning ourselves." The maid having left the sitting room, after placing a pitcher of water on the table, Frau C. remarked: "As a child of six, I learned to swim. And ever since have been enormously fond of swimming. It is my favorite sport. Think of it! My Dienstmädchen has the privilege of bathing in the river; but I, as a Jewess, am denied that opportunity. But we have no right to complain," she added. "In Furth and the other small neighboring towns the Nazis have issued a rigid order that Aryan storekeepers would be penalized if they sold bread, milk, eggs or other provisions to Jews" The idea, of course, being to drive the Jews out of town and thus confiscate their property or reduce them to a state of starvation.

One of those present at our little gathering expressed a desire to visit a sick daughter in Strassburg. She, too, was a refugee. "What is there to prevent you from going to Strassburg?" I inquired. Came the reply: "The Nazis will not grant a visa to any Jew unless he signs a statement that he will not spread 'Grolle' propaganda on foreign soil."

"Assuming that you do sign such a statement, what means have the Nazis to ascertain whether or not you did spread what they call 'Grolle' propaganda? How would they know unless you were betrayed, whether or not you told friends in Strassburg that you were one of those so savagely treated on July 19th? "Ah," said this gentleman, "the Nazis demand a deposit of 2000 Marks as a guarantee that we will maintain silence." He did not have to tell me that on his return from Strassburg the Nazis would have "abundant evidence" justifying not only the forfeiture of the 2000 Marks, but the imposition of a further fine.

None of those present had any illusions as to the future. For generations they thought of themselves as Germans: Now they are regarded untouchables. They feel that, in a comparatively short time, they will be deprived of whatever property they have left. For a small consideration they would be willing to part with whatever possessions they can still claim as their own and leave the country. For which particular country? They do not know - but isn't any place preferable to the inferno in which they live? But here is the rub. They cannot take more than 200 Marks out of the country. For, isn't DER STÜRMER publishing, daily, caricatures of Jews who committed the heinous crime of abandoning virtually all their possessions and disappearing with a few thousand marks? Isn't DER STÜRMER demanding, not without some success, that relatives be held as hostages or placed in a concentration camp, unless the Jews who are



die Juden, who are the 'Reich's Unglück', return with the moneys they managed to smuggle out of the country? Wasn't the entire property of Herr Hugo Artner, a Jewish merchant at Stuttgart, confiscated because he was alleged to have taken capital out of the country? And wasn't Herr Erwin Schweizer, another Stuttgart Jew, sentenced to three months' imprisonment for a somewhat similar offense and fined, in addition, 10,000 Marks? On the one hand, then, the local papers rejoice at this mass emigration from City. On the other hand they demand that not a penny be taken out by the unfortunate victims. So Herr C., Frau C. and all the other Herren and Damen realize only too well that they are lost. No hope for them!

"But if only our children were admitted to the United States! If only our sons and daughters were allowed into your great country!"

I explained to them the difficulties connected with our immigration laws: also pointed out that there were still large numbers of unemployed in the United States. "But our children would never become a burden on public charities," was the response. "They have a splendid education. They have character. They possess fine family traditions. Why can't America with its wonderful resources, absorb some of our youth? You say there is still a lot of unemployment in the United States. But it is inconceivable that your great country, with its vast wealth, cannot find a place for 8000 or 10,000 of the best of our youth. Your President is so humane: he has shown his humanity on so many occasions. Can't you tell him that the greatest service he can render the Jews of Germany, a service for which posterity will bless him, is to open the doors to some of our young people.. We want to remove them from an atmosphere which gives them such a frightful sense of inferiority, which is so destructive of their morale. We are not asking anything for ourselves; we, older people will have to remain here, and suffer. But our children....."

I greatly comforted this as I comforted other little groups elsewhere, by telling them that I had already discussed the matter, in its entirety, with Consul-General Messersmith; that I was hopeful there might be a reinterpretation of our visa system. "It should not be difficult," said they in unison, "to persuade your authorities to relax the rigors of the present system. There is little Palestine which has already absorbed 6000 Jews and is ready to take care of many more. There is Holland, to which 3000 or 4000 Jewish refugees have fled. Several thousand in Czecho-Slovakia. And France, which already is burdened with a multitude of problems, has its doors wide open. About 40,000 refugees in Paris and Alsace-Lorraine, of whom some 25,000 are Jews. We are even informed that the French Government is placing at the disposal of the refugees some of its large barracks, accommodating about 2000 men. Both France and Holland have been magnificently generous."

Now that I am back I am looking forward to an opportunity to take up this particular matter, already discussed at length with Consul-General Messersmith, with the Committee in this country which, I understand, is concerned with the problem. I am hopeful that I, too, may have the added opportunity to present my views to Frances Perkins, as well as Messrs. Carr and Phillips of the State Department. The latter has had considerable correspondence with Mr. Messersmith on the subject of consular visas.



Well - we reached the Frankfurt station at 6.45 P.M. There, awaiting us, were three fairly prominent Jews, who came with an appeal in behalf of the Jewish Volksschulen, now needed more than ever in the history of German Jewry; but likely to be closed for lack of funds. They reported a fact with which I was already familiar, that there were being prepared in Bavaria text-books, containing an analysis of the new Rassen Theory according to which the Jew is an inferior human being; that he is a hated interloper, etc. Jewish children would be compelled to commit to memory passages in the new text-books, one of which had already been shown me in Paris. I gave these gentlemen, as I gave others in Berlin, Frankfurt, Nürnberg and elsewhere, assurances that American and English Jewry will not let their institutions perish.

Our train pulled out. Desperately I tried to fall asleep, but in vain. Picked up Midsummer Night's Dream and my eyes lit on this line: "Madmen have such soothing brains!" Further on, another highly significant line: "In time the savage bull doth bear the yoke." Not a wink of sleep. At 4 A. M., when we arrived in Cologne, I was quite awake; also as we crossed the border in the early hours of the morning. When we emerged from Germany - what a sigh of relief!

As we were approaching Nancy, I met a refugee from Frankfurt on the train. He, too, sought relief by telling us what happened to 38 leading Jewish merchants, arrested on March 30th, two days before the official boycott, and marched through the streets of Frankfurt. But I had already heard that story from the lips of one of the victims. What happened was this. The Aryan Vice-President of the Frankfurt Chamber of Commerce, a kind and sympathetic soul, invited some 40 or 50 leading Jewish merchants to meet him for the purpose of taking counsel about an important matter. 38 responded. After expressing personal regret that the Nazis should be resorting to a boycott, a friendly expression for which he was later kicked out of the Chamber, the Vice-President suggested that the Jews should close their business establishments immediately and not wait till the fatal day, April 1st. He also suggested that there should be no retaliation. The situation might become even more dreadfully complicated if a single Aryan employe were discharged. Just as they were deliberating, in rushed a number of Storm Troopers. The Captain jumped on the table and in a melodramatic fashion told those present to hold up their hands. They were searched and then, amidst the jeers of the Nazis, were marched through the main street, hands clasped behind their heads. Luckily, they were taken to a police station, not to a concentration camp. In the station they were held five or six hours: then discharged, although on three or four successive days they had to report to the police authorities. It so happened that this particular story was told me by an aged and highly respected Jewish merchant in Frankfurt, himself a victim, within a stone's throw of Goethe Haus, a quaint sixteenth century building in which the great poet lived. Said I to him.

"And didn't you send a cablegram some time in April to one of your customers in New York stating that there have been no atrocities; that he should not believe any of the reports that there have been excesses against the Jews?"

"Of course, I sent many such cables; but I hope the customers



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Mr. William Green, President,  
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Dear Mr. Green:-

I was so glad to read in Sunday's papers that the A. F. of L. intends to make a definite protest - a protest which will have teeth in it - against the Reich's attitude, not only toward the Jews, but other elements of the population.

Read the unexpurgated edition of Hitler's MEIN KAMPF and again and again you will come across passages in which he vitriolically attacks Labor Unions. Or read that remarkable book GERMANY PUTS THE CLOCK BACK by Edgar Ansel Mowrer and you will note that Hitler was financed by large sections of German Big Business and that German Big Business has not been disappointed in Hitler. His first move like that of every other Fascist dictator, was to crush the Labor Unions and all other working class organizations. The Reich's trade unions were the finest and best organizations in the world. They had been paying unemployment relief to more than half of Germany's 6,000,000 unemployed. They were a real protection against wage cuts. Comes Hitler and provides an object lesson in Fascism. The union treasures are confiscated, their buildings seized, their leaders killed or imprisoned. And one of the Government's first orders is to permit wage cuts of from 6 to 30 percent.

Is it any wonder that the International Federation of Trade Unions has declared a boycott of all German goods in protest against Hitlerism? Or that the great British and Swedish trade union Federations (the latter our purest approach to real "Nordics") have joined so vigorously in the Boycott.

American Labor cannot stand aside from the fight on Fascism. The American worker must join with the European worker in the war on a movement that is a menace to freedom and to labor standards everywhere.

I am enclosing copy of a self-explanatory letter to Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, presenting my observations and impressions of my recent visit to Germany. In it you will get abundant confirmation for the views expressed in your courageous speech at Carnegie on the night of April 1st.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

JACOB BILLIKOPF



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Very Reverend Rabbi,  
Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

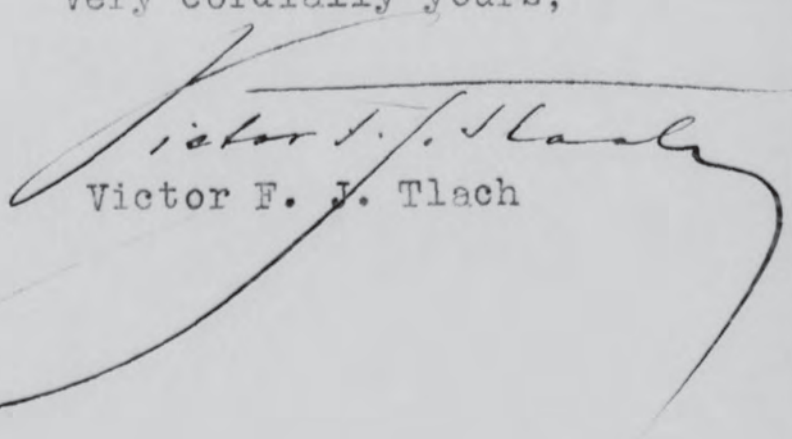
It was indeed very thoughtful and kind of you to send me the tickets for the very interesting and instructive lecture by Mr. E. A. Mowrer.

It was almost too horrible in its details to leave anything else but the most poignant regret that the remainder of the civilized world should have to stand helplessly by while a nation of such antecedents as the great German Nation is in the grip of a terror exercised by sadists and psychopaths.

As an American citizen, no less than as a Consul representing in these parts the Republic of Austria, I stand firmly upon the grounds of not only our more liberal views but also on those taken by Chancellor Dollfuss against the Hitler Regime and I only hope that the nearly forty percent of dupes in Austria who have been influenced or spellbound in Austria by the Hitlerites, will not increase and help to upset the balance which I think my native country is called upon to hold in the center of Europe.

Again thanking you for your great courtesy which is very much appreciated, I remain with kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

  
Victor F. J. Tlach

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November 11th, 1933.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

A friend of mine attended a lecture at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church last night and heard Dean Trautman of Western Reserve give a talk on Germany and Hitler, which was evidently Nazi propaganda.

I am wondering what we can do to check men of his kind.

Sincerely yours,

*Nate*

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EARL R. HOOVER

November 29th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

The enclosed clipping relates to a subject which  
I discussed with you recently.

I think the Cleveland clergymen have been particu-  
larly lax in this respect. Perhaps you can stir them up to some  
activity.

Sincerely,

*Nate*

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**For the Defense of Human Rights Against Naziism**  
THIRTY NORTH LA SALLE STREET  
TELEPHONE STATE 6674-6675  
Chicago, Illinois

December 19, 1933

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are printing the speeches in pamphlet form which were delivered at the Stadium on December 3rd. I wonder if you would care to use some of them. We are having 5000 printed.

I keep hearing comments on your remarkable address on that occasion. You stirred everybody very deeply. With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*James M. Yard*  
James M. Yard  
Secretary

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December 21, 1933.

Mr. James M. Yard, Secretary,  
Chicago Committee for the Defense of Human Rights  
Against Nazism,  
30 North La Salle Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Yard:

Let me thank you for your kind letter  
of December 19th. I would appreciate it if you  
would send me twenty or twenty-five copies of  
the pamphlet which you are publishing.

The Chicago meeting was in every way an  
outstanding one. I was profoundly moved by it --  
particularly by the high level of courageous  
and universal religious idealism reached by  
all the speakers on the program. More power  
to you.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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January 2, 1934.

Mr. Nathan Loeser,  
National City Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Nate:

I am enclosing herewith the letter which I received from Dean Trautman as well as a copy of the letter which I sent him. In view of the Dean's evident desire to be friendly, I doubt the advisability of re-opening the issue.

I believe, however, that the question of Jews on the Faculty of Western Reserve University should be raised. That is very important. The possibility of bringing German professors to the University should also be canvassed. The University, the professors and the cause would all alike be benefited by such an arrangement.

I do hope that you will succeed in procuring a few hundred dollars for the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights from the source which you mentioned. I also hope that you will persuade some of your friends in contributing to the cause.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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P.S. Please return the letters to me.



Dear Abba:-

Let the Goyim do it!

WRHS



J. B.





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EARL R. HOOVER

January 5th, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi:

Many thanks for permitting me to see the attached  
correspondence with Dean Trautman.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Mate*

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11:00 o'clock  
January 27, 1934

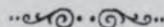
Telegram from James M. Yard, Chicago

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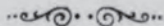
We earnestly request our members and visitors to assist us in maintaining the traditional dignity and devotional character of our service.

Please refrain from all conversation from the time you enter the Temple.

Do not put on hats or coats until after the Benediction.

Be in your pews before 10:30.

Bring your prayer book or procure one from the usher.



**“Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness”**



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January 23, 1934.

Dear Friends:

Lord Marley, International Chairman of our movement to aid victims of Hitler fascism, Vice President of the House of Lords, England, has just sent a cablegram to our National Committee, informing all individuals and organizations in the United States who oppose the Hitler regime, all those who are for aiding victims of this regime and that he will address meetings in a number of cities in this country. HE WILL BE IN CLEVELAND, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1934.

So that Cleveland can prepare an outstanding meeting for Lord Marley we invite you to be present at Hotel Statler, Room 345, Friday, January 26, at 8 P.M.

This reception and meeting should include every individual and organization, irrespective of other points of view, that desires to be counted among those opposed to the atrocities of Hitler's agents in this country, for aid to the victims and the children of victims of the Hitler regime.

A cordial invitation is extended to all these to cooperate in making the Lord Marley reception and meeting an immense demonstration against fascism.

To our meeting in Boston, Prof. Albert Einstein sent the following message: "Now, America, it is for you to show whether you love liberty and justice and will defend them. We others can only be silent and hopeful." This message should arouse Cleveland to action and your presence on Friday to help organize the Lord Marley meeting is earnestly requested.

Fraternally yours,

*E. Wagenknecht*  
Secy. Cleveland Committee.

Among those on the Cleveland Reception Committee are - Peter Witt, Rabbi Barnett Brickner, Max S. Hayes, Ted Robinson and Rev. D. Ormond Walker.



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LORD MARLEY RECEPTION COMMITTEE  
328 W. Superior Avenue, Room 306  
Cleveland, Ohio.

January 31, 1934.

Dear Friend:

To all who attended the first meeting of the Lord Marley Reception Committee, we wish to say that the next meeting will take place on Friday, February 2nd at 8 P.M., in the Hotel Statler (North Foyer, Mezzanine) to make further arrangements for Lord Marley's reception and mass meeting on Sunday, February 11th.

To those who were subsequently invited, Lord Marley is Vice Chairman, House of Lords, England, and Chairman of the World Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism, of which Prof. Albert Einstein is Honorary Chairman.

Your presence and co-operation will help make Lord Marley's visit in Cleveland one that will be remembered and befitting to this world renowned crusader against Hitler Fascism.

Fraternally yours,

*E. Wagenknecht.*  
Secretary,  
Lord Marley Reception Com.

Included in the Cleveland Lord Marley Reception Committee are: Rabbi Abba Silver, Max Eisenstat, Jack Raper, Prof. J. M. Rogoff, Prof. Alfred Bosch, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Peter Witt, Ted Robinson, Rev. D. Ormond Walker, Max S. Hayes.



EDWARD A. LIEBENTHAL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1344 UNION TRUST BUILDING  
CLEVELAND  
MAIN 9626

February 17th, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi:-

Enclosed herewith please find my check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.) which is my contribution to the Anti-Nazi League. I regret that my donation to this needy cause is so meager, but it is really more than I can afford out of earnings as a struggling attorney, who must be satisfied by meeting expenses - a goal I am just reaching now. I hope that I will be able to give enough of my personal services to our cause to make up the deficiency of my money contribution.

Although I am selfish enough to prefer my donation to be given to the local group, I feel that your knowledge of the national and international situation is so much more inclusive than mine and that you must know where the money is needed most so that you will be able to allot even this stipend wherever it will do the most good.

Please remember to call on me at any time I could possibly be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward Lieberthal*



February 19, 1934.

Mr. Edward A. Liebenthal,  
1344 Union Trust Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Ed:

Let me thank you for your kind and  
generous contribution to the Anti-Nazi League.  
I am happy to know that you are actively  
identified with this most important activity and  
I shall certainly call upon you for work whenever  
the need arises.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



WILLIAM HARD

1028 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 23, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi:

I shall be glad to write the article at some time in the near future. You doubtless have printed much material about the boycott. I should prefer to discuss certain other aspects of the Nazi problem if you will let me. The philosophy behind the Nazi movement deserves, I think, certain analytical comments that it has not yet thoroughly received.

With many respects,

Yours most sincerely,

*William Hard*

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February 27, 1934.

Mr. William Hard,  
1028 Connecticut Avenue,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hard:

I was very happy to receive your letter stating that you would write an article for our Economic Bulletin. Would it be possible to have the manuscript by the middle of March? Please feel free to write on any phase of the Nazi problem that you wish. If you can indicate in the article the importance of bringing economic pressure upon Germany by means of the boycott, it would be highly desirable.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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JAY IGLAUER  
1228 EUCLID AVENUE  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

March 6, 1934.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Yesterday I had the pleasure of having luncheon with Dr. Boehler of the Boehler Steel Corporation, Mr. Gegenhoffer of J. Henry Kuene Co., Exporters and Count Seefried, three of the four members of the Austrian Commerce Commission which has been visiting the United States, in the interest of reciprocal tariff relations and the renewal of imports and exports between Austria and the United States.

You will be interested to know that they are quite confident that Dollfuss supported by Mussolini, will be able to continue his regime, and that at least as long as Hitler remains in power, Austria will maintain its independence. Dr. Boehler told us that other nations of Europe would probably not permit them to join with Germany even though Hitler were out of the picture.

I sent you a copy of an address given recently at the Rotary Club which I should like you to read and give me your opinion upon it. It looks like the cleverest kind of Hitler propaganda. Perhaps I am unjust to the speaker.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jay.

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March 8, 1934.

Mr. Jay Iglauer,  
1228 Euclid Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Jay:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 6th. I was very much interested in what the members of the Austrian Commerce Commission had to say to you. The situation in Austria, as far as our people is concerned, is very delicately poised and anything might happen. I hope that the gentlemen of the Commission were right in their prophecies.

I read the address of Mr. Bucher which you sent me. Our League had a representative at the luncheon and from him I had a report of the address. Of course it is part of the widespread propaganda of the German government to "sweeten" American public opinion and to counteract the anti-German sentiment in the country. Germany has adopted a new line of propaganda, the quiet and subtle kind, having learned from sad experience that the noisy anti-Jewish type does not work in the United States.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Have you seen the second issue of our Economic Bulletin? It contains some very valuable information on substitute goods.



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March 16th  
1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver

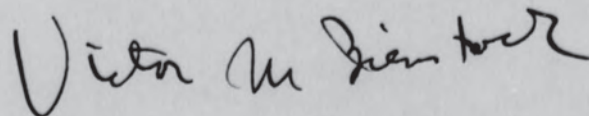
Thank you for your very telling rejoinder to Seward Collins. I am sure your refutation of his statements is going to draw much attention.

I am enclosing a copy of an interview with Lawrence Dennis, one of the more active young Fascist leaders, who has been attracting much attention by his use of the arguments contained in the interview.

In view of the fact that his contentions may have to be faced by the Jews in this country, we here feel it advisable to print the Dennis statement, along with material furnishing ammunition for refutation.

I wonder whether you would care to devote one of your editorial articles in the near future to answer the Dennis statement? We would like to publish them together.

Very sincerely yours,



VICTOR M. BIENSTOCK  
NEWS EDITOR

VMB:MW





March 19, 1934

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
E. 105th at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been appointed to the publicity committee in connection with your forthcoming visit to Pittsburgh, and as we are anxious to attract as large an audience as possible to the Y. M. & W. H. A. Building, I wonder if you would cooperate to the following extent:

Please send us, if you can, several quotable statements regarding your interview with Mussolini, President Masaryk and any other political leaders from whom you have had an expression.

I would also like to get photostat copies or tearsheets of some newspaper stories regarding yourself and some of your activities in Cleveland.

If you have any of your sermons or lectures in pamphlet form, I wish you would send us copies of same.

Trusting you will give this your prompt attention, I am

Respectfully yours,

*Samuel Whitman*

SAMUEL WHITMAN

SW:mw





# UNITED ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE

ROOM 407 - 737 PROSPECT AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 10th, 1934.

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Aid the Victims of German Fascism

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Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are sure that it will interest you  
to learn of the United Anti-Fascist Committee  
Conference that will be held at the City Club, May  
25th, at 7:30 P.M.

The Conference is being called on the  
basis of the minimum four point program mentioned  
in the Call enclosed.

As the Jewish people are subjected to  
the brutalities of the Hitler Fascist regime I have  
been asked to communicate with you (as well as  
Catholic, Labor and other representatives of persecuted  
people in Hitler Germany) for the purpose of bringing  
greetings to the Conference.

Trusting that we may have the courtesy  
of an early response, we are

Very truly yours,  
United Anti-Fascist Committee

*E. Paskell*

Chairman Publicity Committee  
Telephone Endicott 2120

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*Wants letter  
of greeting  
to Conference*



# JEWISH DAILY BULLETIN

221 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK.

May 12, 1934.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road  
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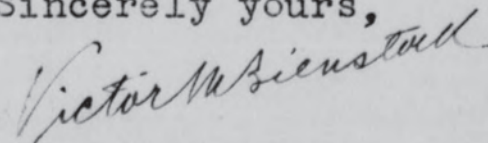
My dear Dr. Silver -

You may recall that sometime ago  
I sent you a copy of an interview that Lawrence  
Dennis, American Fascist leader, gave one of our men.

Dennis and his associates have  
been very active here in recent weeks. If you were  
to answer the arguments he sets forth in the interview,  
it might prove most effective at this time.

You may be interested in learning  
that your editorial of May 6 on Father Coughlin has  
brought us several requests for permission to reprint  
and has been sent to all papers subscribing to the  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency service.

Sincerely yours,



Victor M. Bienstock  
News Editor

VMB:B



May 16, 1934.

Mr. Victor M. Bienstock,  
The Jewish Daily Bulletin,  
221 Centre Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

I am not sure that I wish to write an editorial on your interview with Mr. Lawrence Dennis. I find nothing in it that calls for especial comment and I cannot undertake to answer every anti-Semite in the country. I shall have some day an editorial on the Fascist movement among some of the American intelligentsia as reflected in their official magazine, the successor to the "Bookman". I shall incorporate in it some of the views expressed by Dennis.

When is Mr. Landau coming home?

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



Phone, CHerry 4361

# CLEVELAND WOMEN'S COMMITTEE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

Organized by American League Against War and Fascism

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

Elect Your Delegates to the  
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June 29th at 7:30 P. M.  
Central Y.W.C.A. 1710 Prospect Ave.

Regular Meetings  
Every Friday Evening at 8:00 P. M.  
Room 406, 737 Prospect Ave.

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May 24, 1934

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your name was referred to me by Margaret Forsyth, the  
chairman of the American Section of the International Women's Congress  
Against War and Fascism.

The Cleveland Women's Committee Against War and Fascism of  
which I have been appointed secretary, has started an anti-war and anti-fascist  
campaign in Cleveland, with the perspective in mind of reaching as many churches,  
organizations, groups, clubs, temples and unions as possible for the support of  
the Paris Congress Against War which convenes on the 28th, 29th and 30th of  
July, 1934.

We are struggling against odds in our efforts to penetrate  
these above mentioned organizations due to the newness of our local  
organization.

The enclosed calls are self explanatory. I would appreciate  
an interview at your convenience so that I can more clearly explain our  
organizational campaign.

Sincerely yours,

*Frances Field*

Frances Field



# Elect Your Delegates!

## CALL

for a

### United Anti-Fascist Conference

   
**Friday May 25th 1934**  
at 7:30 P. M.

**CITY CLUB**

712 Vincent Ave., Cleveland, O.

### United Anti-Fascist Committee

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# **TO ALL UNIONS, CLUBS, GROUPS AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GREATER CLEVELAND AREA**

## **To All Men and Women Opposed to Hitler Fascism**



For over a year, the Hitler fascist government of lies, suppression, brutality and execution, has continued in power in Germany. Thousands of men, women and children have been brutally mistreated. The concentration camps are filled with trade unionists, pacifists, Socialists, Communists, Catholics, Jews and even Nazi storm troopers who dare to oppose the fascist regime, which is inflicting torture and even murder upon innocent men and women.

All rights of labor have been denied by the Hitler government and the unions have been destroyed. Women in fascist Germany have lost their hard-won equality with men and today are being subjected to the slavery of the middle ages. Culture has been uprooted and a vicious campaign of anti-Semitism has been launched against the Jewish people, forcing thousands of them to leave their native Germany, committing them to slow starvation.

The Hitler government with its forced labor, accentuation of national hatreds and militarization, is driving headlong into another imperialist war. The foreign program of the Nazi regime, the war-like statements of its leaders, the intensified preparations for war, are an immediate threat to the peace of the entire world. The Hitler government is not content with its regime of imperialist war and destruction of human rights in Germany, but is spreading its propaganda to other countries including the United States. Here in Cleveland paid Hitler agents are actively spreading their poison.

Under various titles, Fascist groups are at work in many sections of city and country, spreading their vicious doctrines, fomenting hatred of the Jews, Negroes, and other minorities, attempting to pave the way for a similar type of fascist government here. Hitler agents have invaded the local territories, colleges, organizations, and hundreds of Nazis have been smuggled into this country to carry on their activities. The Hitler fascist



program of intolerance, hate, persecution of religious, racial and radical groups, has already contributed to the growth of fascist tendencies in the United States, to the increase of anti-Semitism, and to the growth of American fascist groups, such as the Silver Shirts, Khaki Shirts, Union of Fascists, and others.

The protest of men and women everywhere has been aroused against the Nazi regime of terror and persecution. **A strong unified anti-fascist movement, embracing all organizations and individuals opposed to Hitler fascism and the growth of fascist organization in the United States is the only effective weapon in checking this menace to civilization and world peace.**

Lord Marley of the House of Lords in London, England, member of the Labor Party, chairman of the World Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism, who was recently in Cleveland, made a strong plea for united action and stated that the need for unity in the struggle against fascism has never been so great as it is at the present moment.

**We call upon you to join us in organizing a broad city-wide movement and to endorse an Anti-Fascist Conference to be held Friday, May 25th, 1934, on the following suggested program:**

1. To aid all victims of the Hitler Fascist regime.
2. To arouse public opinion and action against the Hitler Fascist government and against the spread of Nazi propaganda and organization by Hitler agents and supporters in the United States.
3. To co-operate actively in the boycott movement against German goods.
4. To request asylum for political refugees in the United States.

**No time can be lost. We must unite our forces and act at once against the growing menace of fascism.**

**WE CALL UPON EVERY ORGANIZATION OPPOSED TO HITLER FASCISM TO ELECT DELEGATES TO THE UNITED ANTI-FASCIST CONFERENCE, FRIDAY, MAY 25th!**



## ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Delegates should be elected or appointed from all local groups and organizations in the Greater Cleveland area. Each organization is entitled to two delegates.

### DELEGATES CREDENTIAL FORM

FRIDAY MAY 25th 1934 at 7:30 P. M.

CITY CLUB, 712 Vincent Avenue, Cleveland

Name of Delegate -----

Address -----

Name of Delegate -----

Address -----

Organization -----

Address of Organization -----

Secretary -----



### DUPLICATE CREDENTIAL FORM

To be sent as soon as possible to the United Anti-Fascist Committee,  
Room 407 - 737 Prospect Ave. Cleveland, Ohio

Name of Delegate -----

Address -----

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Organization -----

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Secretary -----



May 29, 1934.

Miss Frances Field,  
737 Prospect Ave.,  
Room 406,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Field:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 24th. I shall be very glad to see you in my study any morning after June 4th. I shall be out of the city until then.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

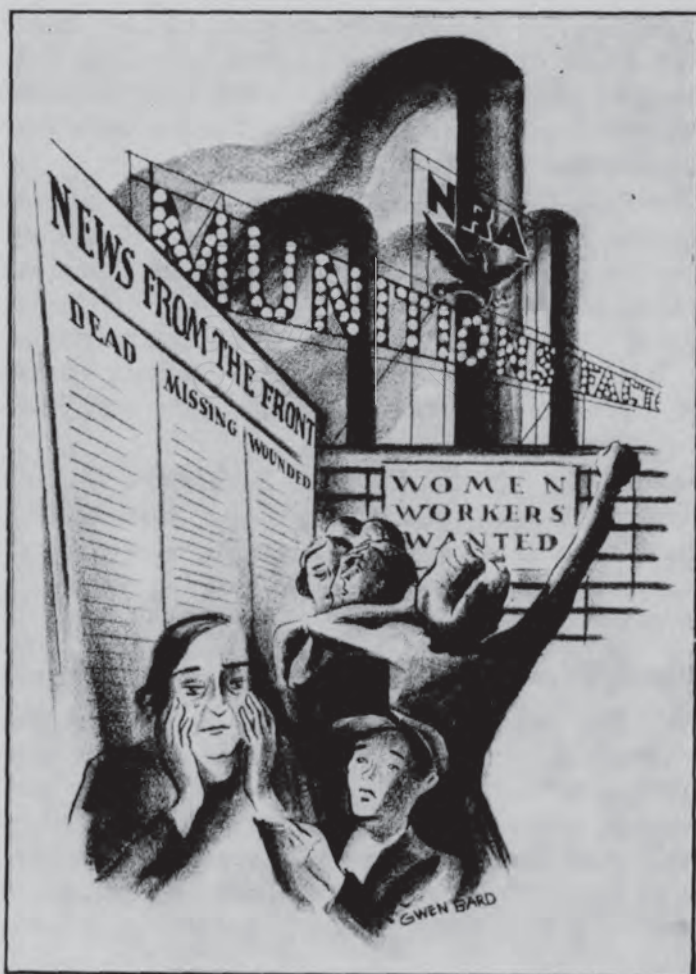
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# Against War and Fascism

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## A CALL to the Women of the United States



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Because the United States, like all the imperialist powers, will send your son, your husband, your brother, to war to protect foreign investments and loans—although they will tell you it is for some noble cause.

## What War and Fascism Bring to Women

The fifth year of the crisis, intensified by conditions resulting from the World War and the equally cruel "peace" that followed, finds fifteen million Americans unemployed and starving in the midst of plenty. American women—you see the effects of this crisis in your children's torn shoes and your empty cupboards. You know what it means to make ends meet on present day wages, on the scanty relief the governmental "charity" sometimes furnishes. You women who work in shops and mills and fields know that this post-war crisis has driven your wages down below standards necessary to maintain health and decency.

*American Women!* You whose husbands, sons and sweethearts were sent to "make the world safe for

democracy"—you know how many came back crippled in mind and body, and how many never came back. Another war means more crippled and dead, more poverty—and maybe a gold star to show for a dead son, husband or sweetheart. This is what war means to you!

**American Women!** See what has happened to the women of the fascist countries—domestic slavery, no jobs, prizes for women who make the best breeding machines to build the armies of a Hitler or a Mussolini.

## What Can You Do?

*American Women!* Ten and a half million of you work in America's factories and mills. You weave the cloth, make the clothes, make the shoes that America wears. You work in the metal plants that turn out bullets and shells, in chemical and dye plants that will at a moment's notice produce the deadly materials for chemical warfare. You teach the youth of the country. Millions of you are housewives and domestic workers. You have a great responsibility.

Will you use this power to aid in preparing another war? Will you let the industrial and financial magnates, the profiteers of the last war, throw the world into another war? Will you weave the cloth for uniforms, make shoes for the army, make bullets with which your men will be sent to kill sons, husbands and sweethearts of other women like yourselves?

## Organize Against War and Fascism!

On the Twentieth Anniversary of the World War, July 28th to 30th, a World Congress of Women Against War and Fascism will convene in Paris, to plan international action against war and fascism.

*The American League Against War and Fascism calls on all women, of every walk of life, of every point of view, to help send a strong delegation of working, farm and professional women, to unite with the women of all countries in this struggle. Build anti-war, anti-fascist committees in the factories and mills, on the farms, in the schools, in the hospitals, in the neighborhoods, wherever you live and work.*

Regional conferences and mass meetings will be held during the next two months to elect delegates. Build and support the regional conference in your community. Help by reaching your friends and sisters with the program against war and fascism.

*Will you join in this fight which is your fight?*

*Join together, women of America! United we are  
an invincible barrier against war and fascism!*

# UNITE

**With Women of All Countries.**

## HELP

*Send a Representative American  
Delegation to the World Congress  
of Women Against War and Fascism*

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*American Section*  
**International Women's Congress  
Against War and Fascism**

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WILLIAM HARD

1028 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 18, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been much under the weather and then I have been obliged to go away on a considerable trip to the West and I have not been able to re-write that article for your magazine. I hope very much, however, to be able to do it within the next fortnight. I will then send it along to you in the hope that this time you will find it useful for your purposes.

Yours most faithfully,

*William Hard*

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June 20, 1934.

Mr. William Hard,  
1028 Connecticut Ave.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hard:

Thank you so much for your kind letter  
of June 18th. We shall look forward with pleasure  
to your article which we hope to publish in our  
July issue.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK



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July 10, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in the enclosed clippings  
of a story syndicated by the Seven Arts Feature  
Syndicate to its affiliated publications.



AMERICAN JEWISH  
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Cordially yours,

*Bernard Postal*

Bernard Postal  
Managing Editor

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Telegram of Secretary of Labor Ferkins, dated July 18th,<sup>7</sup> to  
Governor Frank P. Merriam of California:

"Answering your telegram to me in regard to action by the federal immigration authorities, I assure you that the Department of Labor will cooperate with California officials to the full extent authorized by law.

"The applicable immigration statutes authorize the department to take into custody and deport, first, any alien who has entered the United States unlawfully; second, any alien who advocates disbelief in or opposition to all organized government or teaches communism or otherwise falls within the scope of the act of Oct. 16, 1918, as amended by the act of June 5, 1920; and third, any alien who is sentenced to imprisonment for a term of one year or more because of conviction in this country of a crime involving moral turpitude committed within five years after the entry of the alien into the United States, or who is sentenced more than once to such a term of imprisonment because of conviction in this country of any crime involving moral turpitude at any time after entry.

"The San Francisco district director has been keeping in close contact with the situation. The Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization at Washington has today again wired to the district director at San Francisco to act with promptness in any case in which there is evidence presented to or discovered by him indicating that an alien is deportable under these or other provisions of law."

The above was a reply to the following telegram of Governor Merriam:

"For your information I am sending you herewith a copy of a message sent today to President Roosevelt at sea because of the gravity and urgency of the problem confronting the people of California with respect to radical agitation and communistic activities in this state.

"I respectfully request that you instruct the federal immigration authorities to arrest and hold for deportation aliens in this state who shall be found guilty of participating in or in any way aiding any violent and unlawful action or riot.

"The State of California is prepared to maintain law and order and to protect the liberties and persons of its citizens, but I feel justified in seeking the support and cooperation of the federal government in ridding California and the nation of men and women who are not citizens of the United States and whose active, willful purpose is to cause disruption of our governmental institutions and destruction of our economic and social organizations."

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July 31, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir:

Recognizing the immediate danger of the outbreak of a new war in Europe and the effect this would have upon the youth in this country, we have determined to call a Conference against War and Fascism, to be held sometime this September. We, the Provisional Committee for this Conference, are endeavoring to get as broad as possible a representation of Ohio youth organizations and prominent individuals to endorse the calling of this Conference.

If you as an individual are opposed to war and fascism, we ask you to signify that you endorse the calling of this Conference by writing to the address given below. We would appreciate a prompt response.

Sincerely yours,

Provisional Committee for Ohio State Youth  
Conference against War and Fascism  
c/o Grace Brown  
737 Prospect Ave.--Room 407  
Cleveland, O.



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August 3rd, 1934.

TELEPHONES:  
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*Ans. Aug. 9.*

*opened Aug  
evening in  
week of Oct. 14.*

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver,  
Moose Iecmeguntic House,  
Haines Landing, Maine.

Dear Dr. Silver:

At Atlantic City last Sunday, I met some friends from Pittsburg. They inform me nothing has been done there on the boycott, with little prospects of action. It seems that eight months ago, the American Jewish Congress assembled a committee to hold a mass meeting, but that's as far as it got.

I sold them the idea of holding a meeting similar to that held June 27th in Philadelphia, with one Jewish speaker, and the rest gentiles. They thought they could get such outstanding men as Dr. Church, head of a university there; Secretary of State Beamish, a Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, etc. The only condition they made was that you be the Jewish speaker. They are willing to make it any evening that is convenient to you, and they think it should be the early part of October, to give them sufficient time to prepare.

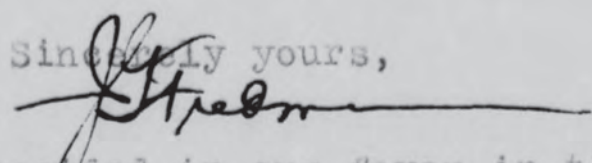
Immediately they receive your acceptance, they will build up the rest of the committee and program. It is understood, of course, that they are to pay incidental expenses. My thought was that all interested organizations cooperate.

With the attendant publicity, I think such a meeting would be a fitting "opening gun" for our Fall campaign--such a meeting in Pittsburg, would reach to the Middle West.

I shall be happy to hear from you, and whether you will accept; also any suggestions you may have.

I hope you are enjoying a deserved rest, and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you shortly. With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



P.S. The Vice Chancellor today decided in our favor in the case of Friends of New Germany vs City of Union City, argued about 6 weeks ago.

Have a letter today from Holland stating Boycott there is very poor, and recommending a conference, but suggesting Antwerp or Brussels, rather than Geneva, because the former have Boycott organizations that could prepare details in advance; also more convenient for majority of delegates. Boycott in England also not so extra. We evidently will have to "pep" Them up.



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August 11th, 1934.

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

A few days ago, I wrote to your summer home in Maine, asking if you would consent to address a monster mass meeting in Pittsburg, Pa., early in October, for the purpose of rejuvenating the boycott movement there. I have received several inquiries from Pittsburg, and would greatly appreciate your early reply.

The boycott seems to be quieting down considerably both here and abroad. I have received letters from several European countries, from which I gather there has been a serious let-down. I believe an International Conference imperative, as well as an intensive campaign here early in the Fall. The impression prevails that Hitler is about through and that the bars can be let down. Consequently many firms are again beginning to buy German merchandise.

You saw where we defeated the Nazis here in their injunction suit against the City of Union City. Their parading in camps in New Jersey, teaching youngsters goose-stepping and militarism is not helping their cause.

I hope this finds you well. With warm regards

Sincerely,

*J. George Fredman*



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August 18th, 1934

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Rabbi:

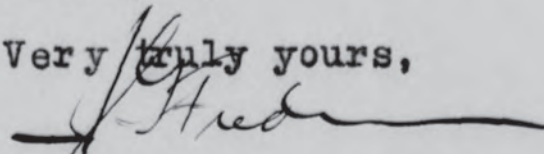
I was pleased to receive your favor of August 9th indicating your willingness to address a mass meeting in Pittsburgh the week of October 14th.

I have forwarded your letter to Harry Schaffer, Commander of the Pittsburgh Post of Jewish War Veterans of the United States, and they are giving the matter serious consideration. He has been in communication with one, Louis Borkon, editor of the Jewish Leader, and they have agreed that the meeting could be made national in scope if we could assist them in procuring one or two gentile speakers, such as Raymond Moley and William Green. They further believe that if it could be called a Memorial Meeting, as veterans, they could procure the Soldiers Memorial Hall, free of charge. This is a wonderfully large building seating about 6000 to 7000 and would be ideal for such a meeting.

There seems to be much discussion at this time in Pittsburgh due to the fact that Father Cox who recently interviewed Hitler made a statement advocating the German type of government here.

If you have any further suggestions I will be pleased to hear from you.

Very truly yours,



P.S. Rabinowitz insulted Mrs. Harris terribly last week, and Mr. Untermeyer is confirmed that we must get rid of him. We have in mind retaining Mr. Rosenfeld temporarily, at least until we can find a better man. I have an appointment with Mr. William Green to-day in Atlantic City, and will discuss closer cooperation on the boycott.



I met one of the Vice Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmens last week, and she has promised to speak on the boycott at every meeting she addresses-- 3 or 4 each week. I am also contacting the other Vice Presidents for a similar purpose.

I hope you are enjoying your vacation and when you return you will be in shape to revive the Boycott campaign.





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JEWISH WAR VETERANS HOLDING NATIONAL CONVENTION NEW BRITIAN CONN  
LABOR DAY IF WE CAN ARRANGE NATIONAL HOOK UP WOULD YOU BE WILLING  
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August 20th, 1934.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Commander-in-Chief of the Jewish War Veterans was at my office last Friday, and stated he could probably get a coast to coast hook-up on WJZ or WABC for Labor Day, in connection with our National Convention, provided, we could get a suitable speaker. I immediately telegraphed our contact man in Washington, asking if you would be acceptable, as the service will be granted gratis. I received a reply this morning stating that they could not go to the broadcast company, with a possibility at this late date, and suggested I telegraph you first and learn if you would accept, if so where you would speak from, how long you would want and what your subject would be.

I then considered it best to send you a telegram reading as follows:

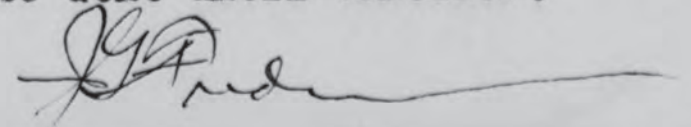
"Jewish War Veterans holding National Convention, New Britain, Conn. Labor Day. Stop If we can arrange National hook-up would you be willing broadcast, either from New Britain or other key city. Stop. If so, state subject, time required and where you desire speak from and will try arrange. Please telegraph reply."

Copy of instructions from Washington are enclosed. Last year, Mr. Untermeyer spoke in conjunction with our convention. I have in mind that a proper subject might be Jewish contribution to the wars of our republic, and also an opening gun for our Fall boycott campaign. The broadcast will be widely publicized, so that you will have a very wide audience. As you see, broadcast can be from any key city in the United States. We had a similar broadcast on July 4th, when Senator Tydings. I imagine we can get time up to one half hour. However, it takes time to arrange such a program and would like to get your reply as soon as possible.

I had conference with Mr. William Green last Saturday, and I think we will be able to get together. He has called meeting for this week off his boycott committee, and they will confer with us thereafter. There is much can be done along these lines, and they are willing.

Understand Rabinowitz was about to resign, but I am informed he is now waiting for official "firing" from Executive Committee. This is not official, but rumor. Mr. U. has not been in since last Friday, and nothing can be done until tomorrow.

With warm regards,





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September 12, 1934.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I quite agree with you that The Bulletin should have more material in behalf of the boycott. For this issue, however, it was not possible to adopt your suggestion because in the first place I received copy late and then the High Holidays and Labor Day further delayed matters. I believe that material of this sort should come from the office because I do not want to assume the responsibility of making the selection. Moreover it is not always easy to obtain such material. Statements by prominent non-Jews on the boycott have not been very frequent of late and what few there were made were largely stale. I am going to make-up today and I have not heard anything about Mr. Hard's article.

A Happy New Year to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Bernard Postal*

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Because the United States, like all the imperialist powers, will send your son, your husband, your brother, to war to protect foreign investments and loans—although they will tell you it is for some noble cause.

## What War and Fascism Bring to Women

The fifth year of the crisis, intensified by conditions resulting from the World War and the equally cruel "peace" that followed, finds fifteen million Americans unemployed and starving in the midst of plenty. American women—you see the effects of this crisis in your children's torn shoes and your empty cupboards. You know what it means to make ends meet on present day wages, on the scanty relief the governmental "charity" sometimes furnishes. You women who work in shops and mills and fields know that this post-war crisis has driven your wages down below standards necessary to maintain health and decency.

*American Women!* You whose husbands, sons and sweethearts were sent to "make the world safe for

democracy"—you know how many came back crippled in mind and body, and how many never came back. Another war means more crippled and dead, more poverty—and maybe a gold star to show for a dead son, husband or sweetheart. This is what war means to you!

*American Women!* See what has happened to the women of the fascist countries—domestic slavery, no jobs, prizes for women who make the best breeding machines to build the armies of a Hitler or a Mussolini.

## What Can You Do?

*American Women!* Ten and a half million of you work in America's factories and mills. You weave the cloth, make the clothes, make the shoes that America wears. You work in the metal plants that turn out bullets and shells, in chemical and dye plants that will at a moment's notice produce the deadly materials for chemical warfare. You teach the youth of the country. Millions of you are housewives and domestic workers. You have a great responsibility.

Will you use this power to aid in preparing another war? Will you let the industrial and financial magnates, the profiteers of the last war, throw the world into another war? Will you weave the cloth for uniforms, make shoes for the army, make bullets with which your men will be sent to kill sons, husbands and sweethearts of other women like yourselves?

## Organize Against War and Fascism!

On the Twentieth Anniversary of the World War, July 28th to 30th, a World Congress of Women Against War and Fascism will convene in Paris, to plan international action against war and fascism.

*The American League Against War and Fascism calls on all women, of every walk of life, of every point of view, to help send a strong delegation of working, farm and professional women, to unite with the women of all countries in this struggle. Build anti-war, anti-fascist committees in the factories and mills, on the farms, in the schools, in the hospitals, in the neighborhoods, wherever you live and work.*

Regional conferences and mass meetings will be held during the next two months to elect delegates. Build and support the regional conference in your community. Help by reaching your friends and sisters with the program against war and fascism.

*Will you join in this fight which is your fight?*

*Join together, women of America! United we are  
an invincible barrier against war and fascism!*

UNITE  
With Women of All Countries.

## HELP

*Send a Representative American  
Delegation to the World Congress  
of Women Against War and Fascism*

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Drummer boy of a type of Fascism, to which "even Jews" may adhere, Lawrence Dennis, scholar, writer, and rightist radical intellectual, foresees the end of American democracy and the establishment of a Fascist government at Washington.

"Fascism", Dennis said in an interview, "can or can not be racist. In a country like the United States it couldn't possibly stress racial qualifications for membership. To attain the "pure Nordic state", of which Hitler and his American protagonists speak so much would be out of the question in the American polyglot. The large American population of Italians, Slavs, Greeks, Jews, and, to be sure, Negroes, could not submit to a status inferior to that of the Nordic minority".

Dennis set forth nationatism as the essence of his Fascistic platform. "Without a strong sense of nationalism", said he, "we can not enforce the many economic, political, and social reforms for which the country is beginning to cry to heaven".

Dennis said that the Jews, their race and their culture, should be absorbed in his conception of a strongly nationalistic America, and he urged the Jews to insist on participating in any nationalistic movement.

"American Fascism", he observed, "will have no room for international authorities or operations when such powers or activities hinder the unity of the people of this country. Hence, religions and all allegiance to foreign authorities must be



subordinated to the welfare of the people who live in this country and regard themselves first and foremost as Americans.

"Fascism is not a godless, atheistic, or agnostic movement. It is merely based upon the principle that when one's God interferes with his being a good citizen then he must choose another --- a right kind of --- God.

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"With regard to race, there should be no need in this country for the rest of the people to compromise with the Jews. Such a compromise may be found necessary in the case of the Negro, because it may require hundreds of years before people will become so educated that they will no longer recognize the black-white race barrier.

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"The religion of the Jew should be preserved, but Jewish discrimination against intermarriage with other peoples is bad and can not be tolerated. History has revealed and present day conditions further clarify the fact that no people can hope to maintain group solidarity within a larger troupe without exposing themselves to attack by the majority. In a Fascist America the Jews must either become Americans or nothing. They can not be an inviolate minority.

Hitler

"Fascism seeks to overcome race and religious exclusivism so that there may be a truly nationalistic fraternity among the people. Governed by a nationalistic theory, the people of a country in time are bound to recognize their fellow-citizens as brothers regardless of race or creed. It may require generations for color discrimination to die down, but under the pressure of a truly nationalistic government the Jew and all other races and foreign nationalities represented here eventually will become Americans without class, caste, or color discrimination.



"The Fascist state is not one in which groups are  
'tolerated' by the state as a whole. Those living within the  
borders of the state are expected to become full-fledged members  
of the state without either restrictions or special privileges.  
Every race and creed can become a member of my theoretical American  
Fascist state, and all must become active participants. To have  
members join the state to be tolerated would be much the same  
as inviting a man to join a club and telling him 'we have decided  
to tolerate you in our organization.' In the Fascist state,  
toleration is intolerable."

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Dennis warned that "if nationalism is coming, no minority  
group can stop it, and that if the Jews or any other group attempt  
to fight nationalism, nationalism will fight them."

He pointed to French Jewry as an ideal plan which  
Jews of other nations might copy. "French Jews", said he, "are  
to be found in the army, the navy, and in all industries and  
occupations. They try to identify themselves with La Patrie  
whenever possible and they attempt to lose the cultural solidarity  
which marks them as being different from the rest of the people."

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Dennis expressed the opinion that current Fascist  
movements in the United States, such as William Dudley Pelley's  
Silver Shirts, are unimportant except for their significance  
of growing radicalism among the people.

Dennis termed as "likely" the creation of a political  
army much the same as the brown shirts in Germany or black shirts  
in Italy in American Fascists' bid for power. He said, however,  
that an enlightened Fascist movement would not practice  
terrorization nor violence, "which will be unnecessary once the  
people of the country become acquainted with Fascist policies."

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"It is generally remarked that Jews are Jews before they are American, or German, or English, or French. This is not by any means applicable to all Jews. Many of them most eagerly wish to become known as nationals rather than as Jews.

"Charges of being Jews before they are Americans are frequently lodged against the more ardent Zionists. Yet, even these Zionists are nationalistic. They are most ardently nationalistic perhaps than the Fascists of other countries. It so happens, however, that their nationalism is for Palestine rather than for America. Under a Fascist American government, these nationalistic Jews would be given full opportunity to exercise their Jewish nationalistic tendencies, but of course they should do so in the country to which they pledge allegiance, not in the United States.

"The ticklish position in which the Jewish nationalistic Jew finds himself in a foreign country is well illustrated by the tragic fate of Jews in Germany, a great many of whom were truly Germans but who suffered from the Jewish patriotism of a few.

"The Jew is by no means the only one who must be changed under a nationalistic, Fascistic government. Those who entertain religious beliefs which set them apart from the rest of the people, those who consider themselves in a class or caste above the rest of the people, and those who consider themselves heir to certain privileges which set them off as a chosen group must all be whittled down to the standard of other persons and their worth thereafter determined by their contributions to society."

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