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THE LEAGUE  
FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS AGAINST NAZIISM

608 Ninth Chester Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730

September 3, 1937

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

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was unable to arrange a speaking engagment for Gerhart Seger for this week-end. However I have an appointment for Mr. Seger with Mr. Fred Sowers, who is chairman of the program committee of the Rotary Club. Mr. Sowers thinks that he can arrange to use Mr. Seger at a future date.

We are all glad that you are back in Cleveland, because your absence was a real loss to all social thinking needed during this summer.

Sincerely yours,

*Yvan E. Myette*  
Director



OFFICE HOURS:  
9 TO 12 A. M. 1 TO 4:30 P. M.  
9 TO 12 SATURDAY

DIRECTOR  
GRACE E. MEYETTE  
SECRETARY  
LAURA GROSS

# The League for Human Rights

608 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730



September 8, 1937

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

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you have Miss Klein phone me about Friday the 17th for a noon board meeting. I want very much to have you there and if that date is impossible will you be good enough to mention one when you will be available.

The first meeting of the boycott chairman will be held in the Temple school building at 8:00 P.M. Monday the 13th. Perhaps you will find time to drop in during the evening.

I am enclosing a list of our present Committee of Fifteen and the suggestions made by the Council.

With best wishes for a new year,

Sincerely yours,

*Grace E. Meyette*  
Director



September 17, 1937

Miss Grace Mayette,  
League for Human Rights,  
Chester-Ninth Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Mayette:

A mother whose child attends Shaker Junior High, seventh grade, just called me and said that yesterday, in class, the music teacher said the following to the class of which this boy is a member: "It was so quiet the day before. The Jews are so noisy. That is why they say the things about them that they do in Germany."

I wish you would contact with the Principal of Shaker Jr. High and bring this matter to his or her attention and learn the facts. If true, that is an outrageous piece of impertinence smacking of Nazism on the part of the music teacher for which the individual should be sharply reprimanded.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK



SHAKER HEIGHTS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
SOUTH WOODLAND AND WOODBURY ROADS  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 23, 1937

RUSSELL H. RUPP  
PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

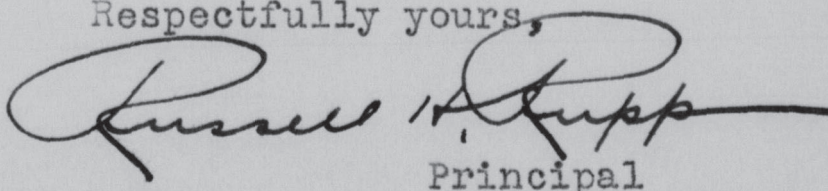
Miss Mayette from the League of Human Rights was in conference with me regarding an alleged statement made by one of our music teachers before a seventh grade group. According to Miss Mayette the statement made was supposed to have been as follows:

"It was so quiet the day before. The Jews are so noisy. That is why they say the things about them that they do in Germany."

It is my understanding that the mother of the 7th grade child acquainted you with this.

In the first place I wish to assure you that such a statement is not consistent with our school philosophy and policies. If the statement was made it was a mistake. Until I investigate it further, which I certainly shall do, I would like to think that the child misunderstood and misquoted the teacher. In the second place I want you to know that we have made an effort to have our parents and patrons feel free to come to us to discuss any item that concerns them. I feel that we have been reasonably successful in realizing this objective. To this end I would appreciate it if you would suggest to the mother that she or her husband come to see me. It is my personal belief that this is the only way to satisfactorily clear up a matter of this nature.

Respectfully yours,

  
Principal



September 28, 1937

Mr. Russell H. Rupp, Principal,  
Shaker Heights Junior High School,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Rupp:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 23. I appreciate the spirit of your communication. Miss Mayette has been in to see me and has told me of the conference which she had with you. I suggested to the mother of the child to go to see you. The mother has hesitated to go because of the child's fear of being singled out. I agree with you fully that in all such matters, it is most desirable for the parent to go directly to the head of the school.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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February 10, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am arranging to have the Committee of Fifteen meeting, Thursday noon, February the 17th, at the Mid-day Club. I am sorry that it seems more convenient to have the meetings here than any other place, because I do not like that stuffy place any more than you do.

It is important, to me, that you be at the meeting and I will appreciate your recording the date and the time.

Sincerely yours,

*Grace E. Meyette*  
Director



1809. No. 49th St.,  
Milwaukee Wis.,  
March 4, 1938.

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
Euclid Ave. Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

When in Cleveland, I have had the pleasure of hearing you speak, and I am confident that you will understand my motive in writing this letter to you.

My husband has been informed that a certain petroleum company has been contributing to Nazi movements. This information supposedly originated from your pulpit in Cleveland. We are interested in learning the truth of this statement before giving our business to another concern; as the Shell Company has faithfully served us. However, we would not consider patronizing an organization in direct opposition with our religious beliefs and ideals.



you realize in cases of this sort there have been so many whispering campaigns and idle rumors started by competitive concerns that we would like to be sure of the truth of this matter before taking any final step.

Hoping you will give this matter your prompt and personal attention, I am

Most sincerely yours,  
Miriam Lubotsky  
(Mrs Hyman)



March 10, 1938

Mrs. Hyman Lubotsky,  
1809 No. 49th Street,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

My dear Mrs. Lubotsky:

Let me thank you for your letter of March 4. The information concerning the petroleum company to which you refer in your letter which has been contributing to Nazi movements did not originate from my pulpit. I made no statements about this company at any time. I have heard reports that the president of "Shell" has made substantial contributions to the Nazis. I would suggest that you get in touch with the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, 20 West 47th Street, New York City whose Research Department will be in a position to give you all the facts available.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 28, 1938

Miss Grace Mayette,  
League for Human Rights,  
Chester-Ninth Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Mayette:

The enclosed account in the New York Times of the action taken by a British chain store organization may prove of help to you in connection with the local chain stores. You might also ask the New York office to bring this to the attention of the national offices of chain store organizations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



May 2, 1938

Miss Grace E. Mayette,  
League for Human Rights,  
510 Ninth-Chester Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Miss Mayette:

Enclosed please find my check for the  
Box at the Mann lecture.

It was a great evening. There was an  
extraordinary mood and quality about it, apart  
from the remarkable attendance - all credit to you.

Most cordially,

AHS:BK

Enc.



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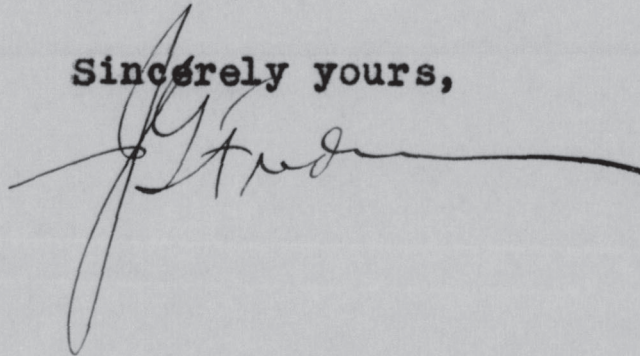
Miss Grace E. Meyette,  
c/o The League for Human Rights,  
510 Ninth Chester Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Meyette:

I shall be very pleased to meet  
with you sometime on Saturday afternoon  
in New York City.

Lacking information as to what  
hotel you will stop at, I suggest that  
tentatively we arrange an appointment at  
2 P.M. at the headquarters of the Jewish  
War Veterans which is at 276 Fifth Avenue,  
corner 30th Street. If this is not con-  
venient or satisfactory, please telephone  
me at my office Saturday morning, and we  
can arrange to meet at some other time  
or place that afternoon.

Sincerely yours,



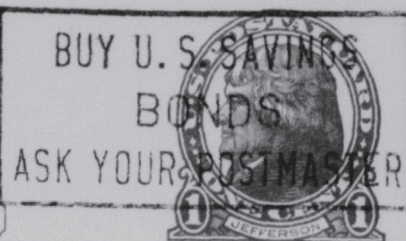
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COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN LUNCHEON MEETING

Allerton Hotel

Lounge Room

WRHS  
Tuesday April 12, 1938



12:00 Noon

R.S.V.P.  
Please