



## Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and  
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

### **MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.**

Series I: General Correspondence, 1914-1969, undated.

Sub-series A: Alphabetical, 1914-1965, undated.

---

Reel

47

Box

17

Folder

1114

League for Human Rights Against Naziism, Cleveland, Ohio,  
1939-1940.

---

#### **Western Reserve Historical Society**

10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106  
(216) 721-5722  
[wrhs.org](http://wrhs.org)

#### **American Jewish Archives**

3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220  
(513) 487-3000  
[AmericanJewishArchives.org](http://AmericanJewishArchives.org)

**RASSEMBLEMENT MONDIAL CONTRE LE RACISME  
ET L'ANTISÉMITISME**

WORLD RALLY AGAINST RACIALISM AND ANTISEMITISM  
WELTBEWEGUNG GEGEN DEN RASSISMUS UND ANTISEMITISMUS

PRÉSIDENT : BERNARD LECACHE

**60 MILLIONS D'ADHÉRENTS**

ANGLETERRE  
ARGENTINE  
BELGIQUE  
BRÉSIL  
CANADA  
DANEMARK  
ÉGYPTE  
ÉTATS-UNIS  
ESPAGNE  
FRANCE  
PAYS-BAS  
PALESTINE  
ROUMANIE  
SUISSE  
SUÈDE  
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE  
URUGUAY, etc. . .

**COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF INTERNATIONAL**

40, RUE DE PARADIS, 40 — PARIS (10<sup>e</sup>)

Tél. : PROvence 47-47

Télégr. : Liginter-Paris

Paris, le 30/5 1939

**Dr. ABBA HILLEL SILVER**  
5-th Str. & Ansel Road  
CLEVELAND, Ohio

Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure to let you know that our next Antiracism-  
list International Congress will be held in London, the 21, 22 and  
23 rd. July, 1939.

Your authority in the question that interest us is well known,  
as well as the sympathy you showed for our ideas, and your acceptance  
to take a part in the Patronizing Committee of our Congress will be  
a great honour and a great pleasure for us.

Hoping to receive from you a favourable answer,  
We beg to remain, dear Sir,  
Yours very faithfully

The President

*Bernard Lecache.*

Bernard Lecache



# RASSEMBLEMENT MONDIAL CONTRE LE RACISME ET L'ANTISÉMITISME

WORLD RALLY AGAINST RACIALISM AND ANTISEMITISM  
WELTBEWEGUNG GEGEN DEN RASSISMUS UND ANTISEMITISMUS

PRÉSIDENT : BERNARD LECACHE

## 60 MILLIONS D'ADHÉRENTS

ANGLETERRE  
ARGENTINE  
BELGIQUE  
BRÉSIL  
CANADA  
DANEMARK  
ÉGYPTE  
ÉTATS-UNIS  
ESPAGNE  
FRANCE  
PAYS-BAS  
PALESTINE  
ROUMANIE  
SUISSE  
SUÈDE  
TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE  
URUGUAY, etc. . .

## COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF INTERNATIONAL

40, RUE DE PARADIS, 40 — PARIS (10<sup>e</sup>)

Tél. : PROvence 47-47

Télégr. : Liginter-Paris

Paris, le 21/6 19 39

Monsieur Abba Hillel Silver  
"THE TEMPLE"  
East 105 Street, CLEVELAND

Cher Monsieur Hillel Silver,

Je réponds immédiatement à votre aimable lettre du 11/6 dans laquelle vous nous informez de votre voyage en Europe qui vous permettra d'assister à notre Congrès International.

Je m'empresse de vous dire au nom de l'Exécutif International combien cette nouvelle nous fait plaisir.

Mais avant tout nous devons vous informer au'après avoir entrepris une enquête minutieuse en Angleterre, nous avons crû préférable de transférer le III<sup>e</sup> Congrès International Antiraciste à Paris et de le tenir les 29/30 Septembre et 1<sup>o</sup> Octobre.

Je ne vous donne pas la raison de cette décision: vous devez vous en douter.

Nous avons l'impression, -et ce n'est qu'une raison parmi tant d'autres, -que le Gouvernement Britannique n'accorderait pas le visa à des délégations telles que la délégation égyptienne ou à des représentants des colonies.

Aurez-vous la possibilité de prolonger votre séjour en Europe jusqu'à la fin de septembre? Nous sommes persuadés que vous ne regretterez pas de participer à nos travaux.

...



Car nous voulons tout tenter pour unir les forces antira-  
cistes dispersées dans le monde.

Je vous prie de croire, cher Monsieur Hillel Silver, à  
mes sentiments très sincères

Le Président

*Bernard Lecache*

Bernard Lecache





RASSEMBLEMENT MONDIAL CONTRE LE  
RACISME ET L'ANTISEMITISME  
Paris-40, rue de Paradis(X°)

Paris, le 20/6/39

III<sup>e</sup> CONGRES INTERNATIONAL ANTIRACISTE  
les 29/30 Septembre et 1<sup>er</sup> Octobre  
1939, à PARIS

Font partie du Comité de Patronage d'ores et déjà:

France:

M. PAUL-BONCOUR, ancien Président du Conseil  
M. JEAN PERRIN, Prix Nobel de la Paix  
ROMAIN ROLLAND  
M. FRANCOIS DE TESSAN, ancien Ministre  
M. EDOUARD HERRIOT, Président de la Chambre  
M. MAURICE VIOLETTE, ancien Ministre  
Mme GENEVIEVE TABOUIS, journaliste  
M. JULES ROMAINS  
M. GRATIEN CANDACE, vice-président de la Chambre  
M. GALANDOU-DIOUF, Député du Sénégal  
M. le Pasteur COOREMAN



Suède:

COMTESSE KERSTIN HAMILTON  
Professeur GUNNAR DAHLBERG de l'Université d'Upsala

Suisse:

M. le Pasteur I. SCHORER  
M. HENRI GROSSELIN, anc. Député

Etats-Unis:

W.E.B. DU BOIS, Professeur de Sociologie à l'Université d'Atlanta



BENESCH, MARSTELLER, FRIEDLANDER & MORRIS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CITIZENS BUILDING

CLEVELAND

ALFRED A. BENESCH  
WILLIAM F. MARSTELLER  
JEROME M. FRIEDLANDER  
I. R. MORRIS  
ROBERT I. KOPPER  
FRANK W. BRITTON  
EDWARD A. LIEBENTHAL  
BENJAMIN S. GERSON

TELEPHONE  
CHERRY 0240

September 1, 1939

Arthur S. Meyer, Esq.  
c/o General Jewish Council,  
295 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I received a long distance telephone call today from Mr. James I. Ellmann of Detroit, who requested that I explain my views to you in connection with the refusal of Station WJR of Detroit to allow Reverend Cole to give his broadcast Wednesday last. I write this letter as an individual and as President of the Anti-Nazi Federation of Cleveland (also known in Cleveland as The League for Human Rights).

I have a very strong feeling, and Mr. Alfred A. Benesch of this office concurs with me on this, that suit should be filed by Reverend Cole or the Unitarian League against WJR, and I advance the following reasons in support of this thought.

1. I realize that all radio contracts provide that the station has the right to reject the program or the script. However, they must exercise this right reasonably. Conditions in a contract cannot be unreasonably used as an excuse for the purpose of cancelling or negating the contract. The radio station must have reasonable grounds for refusing to allow the broadcast to go forward.

WJR cannot argue that the address is inflammatory because they accept, and permit to be broadcast, inflammatory material every Sunday afternoon, and I would say that it is material of a much more highly inflammatory character than that presented by Reverend Cole.

2. The suit would create national interest and would greatly publicize Reverend Cole; in fact, it would transform Reverend Cole from a prominent person in the Middle West, to a national figure.

3. Even though the suit results in an unsuccessful conclusion, the objective will have been accomplished.

4. The suit should be for a mandatory injunction to compel the station to go forward and complete its contract; it should not be a suit for damages, because that would give the opposition too much to talk about; they would say that Reverend Cole is proceeding on a purely meretricious basis.



Arthur S. Meyer, Esq.  
Page 2

September 1, 1939

If you should decide upon a course of action which means litigation, I strongly urge that a non-Jewish law firm be engaged in Detroit. The reason for this is, of course, obvious. The firm which is engaged should be retained in the regular manner by Reverend Cole and should take the case on a regular retainer basis. By that I mean it would be unwise to employ a firm to handle the matter as a favor or gratuity.

I would be pleased to hear your reactions to the above.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) I. R. Morris

IRM:LK  
Air Mail  
Special Delivery  
c/c/ to James I. Ellmann, Pennsylvania Hotel, New York.

WRHS





C O P Y

GENERAL JEWISH COUNCIL  
295 Madison Avenue  
New York

September 5, 1939

Mr. I. R. Morris  
Attorney-at-Law  
Citizens Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Morris,

I am passing over your letter of September 1st to our Radio Committee with the request that they give same early and careful attention.

The entire matter is not only difficult in itself, but is further complicated by the rapid changes which are being brought about through the War, - changes which are likely to affect all patterns of alignment and opinion.

My personal opinion (and it is my personal opinion only) is that we ought to go slow, study these new patterns and re-orient ourselves before making any drastic move in these troubled and quickly moving times.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur S. Meyer

ARTHUR S. MEYER  
CHAIRMAN  
POLICY AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE

asm:is



BENESCH, MARSTELLER, FRIEDLANDER & MORRIS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CITIZENS BUILDING

CLEVELAND

TELEPHONE  
CHERRY 0240

ALFRED A. BENESCH  
WILLIAM F. MARSTELLER  
JEROME M. FRIEDLANDER  
I. R. MORRIS  
ROBERT I. KOPPER

FRANK W. BRITTON  
EDWARD A. LIEBENTHAL  
BENJAMIN S. GERSON

September 7, 1939

Copy  
Mr. James I. Ellmann  
1041 Penobscott Bldg.  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ellmann:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 6th. I received an answer to my letter from Arthur S. Meyer, and I am pleased to enclose a copy of it. It is completely in line with the policy of the General Jewish Council, namely, that of caution until it is too late to cure the problem. They have done a great deal to hinder and thwart Jewish defense activities.

The General Jewish Council has a bad case of New York myopia. They have no conception of the strength and penetration of the radio priest in the mid-west area. In fact, they do not know what is going on in this part of the country.

The broadcast last night was perfect. I have only one criticism. I strongly believe that whatever extra expense is involved, it would be worth it to have the broadcast wired from its source rather than have electrical transcriptions. The record which we heard last night was very scratchy, which made it quite disconcerting. Furthermore, most people when they hear the words "electrical transcription" turn on some other station.

Our best wishes from Cleveland for continued success.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) I. R. Morris

IRM:HP  
Enc. 1



# Temple Anshe Emeth

ELM STREET AT PARK AVENUE  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



NATHAN KOLLIN  
RABBI

PAUL DISCOUNT  
CANTOR

IRVING I. KATZ  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Erev Yom Kippur, 5700

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I do not believe it can ever be too late to wish one a very happy New Year. May I extend to you and to yours the heartiest wishes of Mrs. Kollin and myself for a year of "be-ro-cho v'hatlachoh".

I am taking the liberty of noting the following for your consideration, though I am prepared to wager that the thought certainly has occurred to you already. I have been reading "The Voice", splendid publication of the Catholic Committee for Human Rights (Against Anti-Semitism) In connection with the announced Coughlin rally in Cleveland for this coming week (heard over the radio) ..at which the demagogue himself will be present..it struck me that a serious effort might be made to get some of the outstanding genuine Catholics to address another public rally either that same night, or shortly thereafter. I have been won over lately to the belief that we ought fight back with dignified demonstrations on large, appealing scale, as a foil to the specious measures employed by our detractors.

Personally, I am doing whatever little I can to anticipate the trumped-up lie that Jews would drage this country into war. Coughlin most likely will make strong hints at his coming "peace" rally, with the usual malice and untruths. My own holyday sermons include of-course such warnings to our people.

Again, believe me to be,

Very sincerely yours,

*Nathan Kollin*



III<sup>e</sup> CONGRÈS INTERNATIONAL ANTIRACISTE  
III<sup>rd</sup> WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST RACIALISM  
III INTERNATIONALER KONGRESS GEGEN RASSISMUS

PARIS - 29-30 Septembre et 1<sup>er</sup> Octobre 1939

CENTRE MARCELIN-BERTHELOT, 28 bis, Rue Saint-Dominique

15 Septembre

COMITÉ de PATRONAGE

FRANCE

Edouard HERRIOT, J. PAUL-BONCOUR, François de TESSAN, Maurice VIOLLETTE, Yvon DELBOS, Gratien CANDACE, GALANDOU-DIOUF, Richard BRUNOT, Jean PERRIN, Edmond VERMEIL, Romain ROLLAND, Jules ROMAINS, Pasteur COOREMAN, Geneviève TABOUIS, Joseph SZIGETI, Walter SCHEVENELS, Gaston MONNERVILLE, Irène et Frédéric JOLIOT-CURIE, Léon JOUHAUX, Henri SELLIER, Léo LAGRANGE, Suzanne LACORE, etc.

ANGLETERRE

La Duchesse D'ATHOLL, Sir Norman ANGELL, Vyvyan ADAMS, M. P., Mrs Corbett ASHBY, Professeur Norman BENTWICH, Robert BOOTHBY, M. P., Professeur BRODETSKY, Rr. Honorable Arthur GREENWOOD, M. P., Louis GOLDING, Victor GOL-LANCZ, Professeur HALDANE, Docteur Julian HUXLEY, Edward HULTON, A. CREECH JONES, M. P., Professeur Harold LASKI, The Very Rev. Dr. MATTHEWS, J.-B. PRIESTLY, Dame SYBIL-THORNDYK, D.-N. PRITT, F. C., WATKINS, M. P., Miss Monica WHATELY, Graham WHITE, M. P., Josiah WEDGWOOD, M. P., etc.

BELGIQUE

Isabelle BLUME, etc.

ARGENTINE

Docteur Emilio TROISE, etc.

ESPAGNE

ANGEL OSSORIO Y GALLARDO, etc.

ÉTATS-UNIS

Hon. Samuel UNTERMYER, W. E. B. DU BOIS, Henry Smith LEIPER, etc.

SUÈDE

Professeur GUNNAR DAHLBERG, Mme GUNHLD TEGEN, Comtesse KERSTIN HAMILTON, Mme Sonja BRANTING, sénateur Georges BRATING, etc.

ITALIE

Francesco NITTI, Professeur Lionello VENTURI,

BULGARIE

KOSTA TODOROFF, etc.

SUISSE

Pasteur SCHORER, Henri GROSSELIN, etc.

TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE

Stefan OSUSKY.

Comité d'organisation :

40, RUE DE PARADIS, PARIS-X<sup>e</sup>

Téléph. : PROvence 47-47

Télégr. : Liginter - Paris

PARIS, le ..... 1939

A TOUTES LES ORGANISATIONS  
ET TOUS LES AMIS ANTI-RACISTES.

Chers amis,

Le CONGRES INTERNATIONAL ANTIRACISTE des  
29-30 Septembre et 1<sup>er</sup> Octobre 1939 est ajourné.

Alors que la France, l'Angleterre et la Pologne  
luttent, les armes à la main, contre l'hitlérisme,  
alors que tant des nôtres sont mobilisés, il eut été  
indécent que nous persistions dans notre projet.

Ce Congrès International Antiraciste se pré-  
sentait sous des auspices singulièrement favorables.  
Des adhésions massives nous parviennent de tous côtés.  
Déjà, bien des amis étaient en route de tous les coins  
du monde pour rejoindre Paris.

Mais le moment est grave. Nous attendrons des  
jours meilleurs pour tenir le Congrès.

Nous vous prions de rester étroitement en liaison  
avec nous et de travailler pour le triomphe des alliés  
contre la barbarie raciste.

Croyez-moi, chers amis, très cordialement vôtre.

Le Président

*Bernard Le Cache*

Bernard Le cache



October 6, 1939

Rabbi Nathan Kollin  
Temple Anshe Emeth  
Elm Street at Park Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio

My dear Kollin:

I hope you will pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been so busy, and so much out of town. I heartily reciprocate your good wishes for a very happy new year.

We did not think it advisable to hold a counter demonstration meeting to that of Coughlin. We were, however, pleased to learn that the Archbishop Schrembs did not preside at the meeting and that no Catholic clergy attended it. You may readily understand that that was not entirely automatic...

In connection with our attitude to the war, you may be interested in the enclosed copy of the address which I delivered last week before the Convention of the American Legion in Chicago.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

October 12, 1939

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

My dear Miss Meyette:

The calls and telegram regarding  
the Rev. Cole Broadcasts about which I spoke  
to you amounted to \$8.65. Please make check  
out to Rabbi Silver.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





October 16, 1939

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

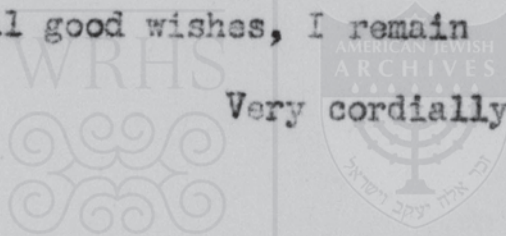
My dear Miss Meyette:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. Richard Gutstadt. I should like to discuss the matter with you at your earliest convenience.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.





October 17, 1939

Mr. Joe B. Cohn, Editor  
The Modern View  
5156 Delmar Blvd.  
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Cohn:

In looking over the issue of the Modern View of October 12th, I found the statement of the President of St. Louis University with reference to the distribution of anti-Semitic literature at a meeting held in the Gymnasium of the University by the Missouri Friends of Social Justice; also a letter from the Auxiliary Bishop of your city on the same subject. It is, of course, very gratifying to have such statements.

The Jewish Telegraphic Bulletin of yesterday quotes a statement of a member of the faculty of the St. Louis University, who is in charge of the broadcasting program of the School, published in the last issue of Coughlin's Social Justice, in which the gentleman suggests that the Jews of America are responsible for the new radio code which he fears will curb the activities of Father Coughlin and wherein he threatens the Jews of America with a frightful wave of anti-Semitism unless the code is changed. Just why is the radio station of St. Louis University so much concerned with Father Coughlin's right of free speech which under the terms of the code, are no more curtailed than the rights of any other citizen in the United States - that is, no curtailment at all. Has not the St. Louis University consistently rejected all requests to put that anti-Semitic fakir and breeder of hate off the air? Why? I am wondering whether the letters of Father Crimmins and Bishop Winkelmann were not rather the result of the public rebuke which they received in the editorial of your local newspaper.

This is not written for publication but only in the hope that you will follow through on the letter of the St. Louis University teacher which appeared in Social Justice.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 1, 1939

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

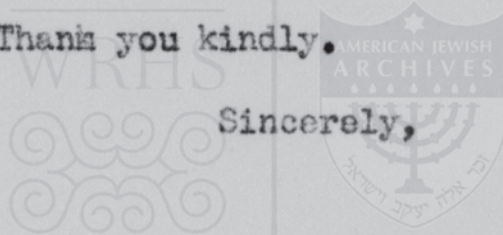
Dear Miss Meyette:

There was one long distance call  
which appeared on this month's bill that was  
made by Rabbi Silver regarding the radio code.  
The amount is \$4.20. Please make check payable  
to the Rabbi.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

BJK





November 7, 1939

Mr. Walton Rankin, Religious Editor  
The Cleveland Plain Dealer  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Rankin:

You may be interested in seeing what the Social Justice Magazine of October 30 did with the report of my sermon of October 9 as printed in the Plain Dealer. I have marked the paragraph as it appeared in the Plain Dealer. The following is the paragraph as it appeared in "Social Justice":

"Commenting on Adolf Hitler's vague proposals for a European conference to bring about peace, Rabbi Silver said: 'If there is to be such a conference it should be stipulated in advance that....the rights of the Jewish minorities shall be given first consideration.'"

"In other words, Rabbi Silver believes that, unless the Jewish question can be solved, the war must go on -- even though this might mean the slaughter of thousands and millions of Christians."

You will note that the significant words "that the just claims of free and independent Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Poland" are omitted and in their place are substituted a few dots in order to give the impression that the only freedom that I was interested in was the freedom of the Jewish minorities and that "unless the Jewish question can be solved, the war must go on even though this might mean the slaughter of thousands and millions of Christians." For a piece of deliberate distortion, this is matchless.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

ESTABLISHED AS THE EVENING PLAIN DEALER IN 1845    MORNING AND SUNDAY  
EDITIONS FOUNDED IN 1885 BY L.E. HOLDEN

LARGEST MORNING AND SUNDAY CIRCULATION IN OHIO

B. P. BOLE, PRESIDENT

JOHN S. MCCARRENS, VICE PRES & GENL MGR

PAUL BELLAMY, EDITOR

November 9, 1939.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road,  
City.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was indeed extremely interested in the story about what "Social Justice" did with your sermon on "America's Stake in the Present War," and I thank you very much for telling me of it. I confess I don't follow the "Social Justice" magazine. It is an abominable sheet, and when it doesn't make my blood boil, it leaves me so depressed that I feel all creative effort in the world is futile. However, it is a good thing to keep track of what is said in the magazine, and distinguish such egregious distortions of the truth as that found in the comment on your sermon.

I took the liberty of showing your letter and enclosed clipping to Mr. Bellamy, our editor-in-chief, and he was very much interested in it. As an example of the kind of journalistic ethics practiced by Father Coughlin in the editorial comment in "Social Justice," is, to borrow your own phrase, "matchless." Common sportsmanship would forbid such tactics on the part of the humblest laymen: for an ordained man to indulge in such practices is quite unspeakable.

Very sincerely yours,

Walton W. Rankin



LAW OFFICES  
**Ellmann & Rosin**  
DETROIT

PENOBSCOT BUILDING  
CADILLAC 7400

November 11th, 1939.

JAMES I. ELLMANN  
HENRY R. ROSIN  
ROBERT W. KEFGEN

Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor:

Because of recent developments, this communication is being sent under instructions unanimously agreed upon at the Executive Committee meeting of the Council held on November 8th, 1939.

On September 17th, you will recall, at the conference it was agreed that we would support a thirteen week program of radio talks. The necessity for highly effective technical advice was urged by us at the time. We pointed out the value of such technical assistance, and suggested the advisability of obtaining the same once again. (Before the American Jewish Committee group in New York you referred to it as "moral and financial support"). We were also to meet periodically to discuss direction of program.

We confess we were somewhat surprised at the time that the director of the League for Human Rights was to serve in the capacity of critic. What seemed of grave importance to us turned out to be a matter of but casual reference. However, we hoped that this situation would very likely adjust itself as soon as the problem is fully understood.

Since then members of our Council who had listened to these talks became perturbed. Many of us felt that a number of these talks were ineffective and in some respects objectionable. We also realized that no outsider, however earnest, could devote sufficient time in planning and writing of the material at this time when the war situation made direction of program considerably more difficult. It became, in our opinion, far more a question of greater craftsmanship just because of the narrower limits of possible approaches. We therefore felt particularly that any one who had the handling of church work, correspondence, telephone calls, public relation activities, etc. would not have left sufficient energy to write dynamic and effective weekly talks on a long range basis--talks which had to meet even censorship complications. This certainly was not intended as a reflection upon the capacity of this speaker or his advisors.

Some three weeks ago, after hearing one of these talks which we felt was particularly weak, we called Mr. Morris to point out to him that the program did not justify the great trouble and expense invested. He suggested that we have a meeting to "lay down the law to them". We pointed



<sup>not</sup> that it would be inadvisable to express criticism before the party to be discussed.

We met in Akron for that purpose. We did not want to express at that time the instructions received, namely, that unless these talks would be improved greatly, we would not have sufficient interest in their continuation, but we did express definite fears about the effectiveness and direction of the program. We were thereupon told by one of the gentleman present that "we were" presumptuous", and later on were personally insulted by the director of the League. We confess we were taken aback a little bit by the fact that employees of the community should be so lacking in good taste as to take an inexcusable view of disputed matters which laymen were asked to discuss freely and fully.

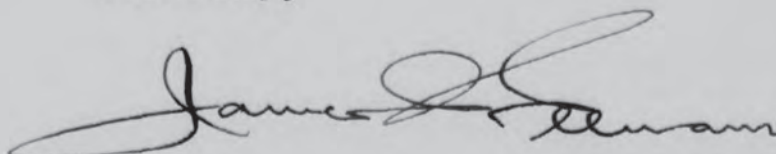
You are aware that Detroit has been exceedingly anxious to obtain the support of the American Jewish Committee. After all, we recognize the fact that if the work is satisfactory and effective and the need therefor continues, it will have to go on almost indefinitely. For that reason we sought to improve the sharp feeling which has existed between Cleveland and New York regarding the wisdom of the program. We in Detroit, as "middle of the roaders", have been seeking to get the Committee's technical support even if we could not obtain their complete approval. There are few, if any, other agencies so well equipped for the purpose. That is why we told Mr. Morris that we do not like to abandon the hope of bringing about a more friendly relationship through further meetings and discussions.

If we are going to continue to build up the speaker as a radio personality, it is particularly urgent that he be provided, not only with ordinary assistance, but with extraordinary skill. Our earlier experiences indicate that one program required practically an entire week of Mr. Bernstein's time in which he gave ten to fifteen hours per day. We do not like to see the feeling develop that anything will do. The speaker himself should be dissatisfied with anything less than perfection.

Every possible avenue should, in our judgment, be exhausted to reach an amicable understanding with the Committee by further conferences with them at New York, Cleveland or Detroit. It does not present an insurmountable difficulty. If we could settle our relations fully, or even half way, technical help would undoubtedly be forthcoming. Our whole interest in the program must inevitably subside unless such a situation could be brought about.

Let us have your views, *please*.

Cordially,



James I. Ellmann

E-B

Chairman, Public Relations  
Committee, Jewish Community Council



C O P Y

November 11th, 1939

Dr. Abba H. Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Doctor:

Because of recent developments, this communication is being sent under instructions unanimously agreed upon at the Executive Committee meeting of the Council held on November 8, 1939.

On September 17, you will recall, at the conference it was agreed that we would support a thirteen week program of radio talks. The necessity for highly effective technical advice was urged by us at the time. We pointed out the value of such technical assistance, and suggested the advisability of obtaining the same once again. (Before the American Jewish Committee group in New York you referred to it as "moral and financial support"). We were also to meet periodically to discuss direction of program.

We confess we were somewhat surprised at the time that the director of the League for Human Rights was to serve in the capacity of critic. What seemed of grave importance to us turned out to be a matter of but casual reference. However, we hoped that this situation would very likely adjust itself as soon as the problem is fully understood.

Since then members of our Council who had listened to these talks became perturbed. Many of us felt that a number of these talks were ineffective and in some respects objectionable. We also realized that no outsider, however earnest, could devote sufficient time in planning and writing of the material at this time when the war situation made direction of program considerably more difficult. It became, in our opinion, far more a question of greater craftsmanship just because of the narrower limits of possible approaches. We therefore felt particularly that any one who had the handling of church work, correspondence, telephone calls, public relation activities, etc. would not have left sufficient energy to write dynamic and effective weekly talks on a long range basis -- talks which had to meet even censorship complications. This certainly was not intended as a reflection upon the capacity of this speaker or his advisors.

Some three weeks ago, after hearing one of these talks which we felt was particularly weak, we called Mr. Morris to point out to him that the program did not justify the great trouble and expense invested. He suggested that we have a meeting to "lay down the law to them". We pointed out that it would be inadvisable to express criticism before the party to be discussed.

We met in Akron for that purpose. We did not want to express at that time the instructions received, namely, that unless these talks



C O P Y

-2-

would be improved greatly, we would not have sufficient interest in their continuation, but we did express definite fears about the effectiveness and direction of the program. We were thereupon told by one of the gentlemen present that "we were presumptuous", and later on were personally insulted by the director of the League. We confess we were taken aback a little bit by the fact that employees of the community should be so lacking in good taste as to take an inexcusable view of disputed matters which laymen were asked to discuss freely and fully.

You are aware that Detroit has been exceedingly anxious to obtain the support of the American Jewish Committee. After all, we recognize the fact that if the work is satisfactory and effective and the need therefor continues, it will have to go on almost indefinitely. For that reason we sought to improve the sharp feeling which has existed between Cleveland and New York regarding the wisdom of the program. We in Detroit, as "middle of the roaders", have been seeking to get the Committee's technical support even if we could not obtain their complete approval. There are few, if any, other agencies so well equipped for the purpose. That is why we told Mr. Morris that we do not like to abandon the hope of bringing about a more friendly relationship through further meetings and discussions.

If we are going to continue to build up the speaker as a radio personality, it is particularly urgent that he be provided, not only with ordinary assistance, but with extraordinary skill. Our earlier experiences indicate that one program required practically an entire week of Mr. Bernstein's time in which he gave ten to fifteen hours per day. We do not like to see the feeling develop that anything will do. The speaker himself should be dissatisfied with anything less than perfection.

Every possible avenue should, in our judgment, be exhausted to reach an amicable understanding with the Committee by further conferences with them at New York, Cleveland or Detroit. It does not present an insurmountable difficulty. If we could settle our relations fully, or even half way, technical help would undoubtedly be forthcoming. Our whole interest in the program must inevitably subside unless such a situation could be brought about.

Let us have your views, please.

Cordially,

(Signed) James I. Ellman

Chairman, Public Relations  
Committee, Jewish Community Council



THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

510 Ninth Chester Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Prospect 5730

December 6, 1939

Rabbi Louis Wolsey  
Rodeph Sholom Canan  
Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

I regret that I could not make arrangements to see you after the meeting yesterday instead of writing you this letter, as I wish to bring to your attention what seems to me a very serious mistake in your address.

If my assumption is correct that you referred to Richman Brothers in your illustration yesterday of good capitalistic attitudes, I must point out several things to you about Richman Brothers' organization. I think I am correct in assuming that Richman's is the firm you have in mind as it is the only large clothing manufacturer which is unorganized.

It happens that Richman's is not only an open-shop, but it is one of the most anti-union firms in this town. There were many people in that audience besides myself who were seriously offended by your complimentary comments in this direction.

Some years ago, I was the director of the Industrial Department in the YWCA and we had a large number of Richman girls in the Department. It was in the early days of serious unemployment and we were presenting to our groups "the causes of unemployment" and attempting to develop a sound program for unemployment insurance. You will be interested to know that the Richman Brothers coerced the girls that attended the YWCA and put such pressure upon them that the girls were unable to attend any classes or participate in any programs of that organization.

It also happens that Richman Brothers do not employ Jews in the productive and office departments.

It also happens that I was among a group of citizens in Cleveland who were interested in the organization of the Richman plant, and one time when I was distributing organization leaflets before the plant as the workers were leaving at night, the management called the police for the wagon to stop the distribution. They did not invite us into the office!

It also happens that a few years ago when the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America held their convention in Cleveland and had organized a bus sight-seeing tour, the Richman Brothers had the impertinence to call the police and use every effort within their power to prevent the busses from making that tour and passing the Richman Brothers factory. Their attempts, I am glad to report, did not succeed.



I could give you many other instances of their complete lack of co-operation with organized labor and you will understand the grounds, not only for my offense but the offense which you gave to many people in that audience.

I know of one good thing about the Richman Brothers organization, and in fairness to you and to them, I shall state it. They have achieved something in the way of stabilization of employment. They have not only achieved something, but they have probably done more in this direction than most firms in Cleveland.

I take the liberty of making these corrections because I am convinced of your sincerity and I am sure that you would be the last person to add fuel to the misunderstanding within these groups. For it is just this kind of a statement that makes labor feel in times of trouble, that religious groups and leaders cannot be counted upon to understand or support them in their struggle.

I think you ought to know that one member of that audience yesterday is doing to discuss that statement with Mr. Hillman this week in New York.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Cleveland is a very fine organization. Mr. Beryl Peppercorn, its leader, is a man of ability and integrity. Members of this group who were present are really disturbed over your remarks.

I wish you could have used the firm of Joseph and Feiss as an illustration of good capital and labor relationship. This organization was a very paternalistic firm and frankly did not see the need of a union organization in their plant. I have understood that Mr. Feiss, and by the way he was present yesterday, had always said that when Mr. Hillman could convince his workers that they wanted a union he would be ready to cooperate. The day came when the Amalgamated convinced the Joseph and Feiss workers that their interests would be better served fundamentally by their own organization, and on that day the Amalgamated received the most complete cooperation from Mr. Paul Feiss. I believe that Mr. Feiss has tried with honesty and sincerity to meet the wishes of his workers in this matter. Today he has a well-organized plant and has never failed to deal with the union workers in a just, co-operative manner. I should think he would have been amazed to have heard your praise of Richmans.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Grace E. Meyette

Director

GEM:bf



The issue is a very strange one. It is a publication of someone who no longer knows what to do. Firstly, instead of consisting of 20 pages, it has only 16. Secondly, it is full of editorials and special articles criticizing Social Justice, among them is an interview of the editors of Social Justice with Father Coughlin (!) who criticizes the wrong line of Social Justice and proposes a new one.

It is a kind of Social Justice self-criticism. Father Coughlin said to his editors (he seems to talk to himself): Don't try to compete with popular weekly magazines. Don't devote pages and pages on foreign affairs as long as the United States is not perfect. Print only a few lines on India, England, Germany and Russia. Even if it is our main concern to keep Communism out of the United States we should not attack the Communists for pages and pages. We have to attack the causes of Communism. Preach positive social justice and go easy on the negative side.

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

"Do not let the people entertain the idea that you are against labor unions by slamming every labor union. Praise labor unions but be careful to point out how they can be perfected by drawing the readers' attention to the inadequacies of the Wagner Labor Act and to the excesses of the National Labor Relations Board. We want a Wagner Labor Act and we want a National Labor Relations Board but we want them perfected to the extent that this radical, industrial warfare will have no excuse for continuing."

"You cannot win friends by constantly socking straw men."

"Social Justice is a structure. Its towers will never rise above the clouds of unrest if you continue excavating its cellar."

Let us propose constructive measures for the farmers and for the workers, and tell them that unsound money is at the bottom of all their troubles. Let us not whine about the situation: let us make proposals. If we are constructive with good proposals we will not have to worry about circulation.

Obviously Social Justice is in the red. In addition to cutting it by four pages, two complete pages are devoted to appeals made by Father Coughlin to



the readers of the magazine and to the broadcast listeners. One page contains an appeal to form Social Justice groups, each one having not more than twelve people and only close friends.

Separate definitely from all the Christian trouble-makers and radicals who only implicate the followers of Father Coughlin and Father Coughlin himself into difficulties! Father Coughlin has no representatives. He speaks only for himself. Therefore, do not organize with people pretending that they are with Coughlin. Do not organize at all. Form Social Justice groups!

And to complete his willingness not to organize people he takes in the new organization, The National Legion of Mothers of American Sons, founded in Hollywood. He forms with them a Social Justice Unit of the National Legion of Mothers in order to save these women from going the wrong way.

In this issue there are very few personal attacks. The only targets are Mr. Roosevelt and Cohen and Corcoran of whom he says that they now propose confiscation and nationalization of the aircraft industry, and some cracks on Jews in Mexico where they make trouble.

His first constructive step taken in this issue is the promotion of Martin Dies for president. One can only feel sorry for Mr. Dies in case he has political ambitions.

Even Mr. Barnes this time does not praise Germany and only promotes Mussolini as the greatest statesman of our times.

It looks as if Social Justice has nothing to say about the attacks and documents published in the New Masses. His answer on this is a kind of satire about the terrible situation the New Masses is in having lost all their readers.

It looks as if Archbishop Schrembs forced Coughlin to take back Social Justice's statements that he was forced by Cleveland Jews not to attend the Coughlin meeting. Social Justice publishes.



"The Cleveland correspondent who mailed the news story to the editorial offices of Social Justice did not incorporate the statement that Furth had called on Archbishop Schrembs. This inaccuracy is attributed to the re-write journalist in the local editorial office. It was not discovered until His Excellency, Archbishop Schrembs, informed Social Justice that at no time had he ever met Mr. Furth."





Again the issue has only sixteen pages. Again there is an urgent appeal for \$200,000 in order to continue the broadcast.

Social Justice of December 11th promised not to go into foreign affairs but to concentrate on the U.S.A. and to fight for just wages, relief, distribution of wealth and rearrangement of our internal economy. However, there is one article on England and Russia, one on England, one on Finland and one on India.

Instead of starting, as promised on December 11th, to explain the sixteen principles on Social Justice, there is just a new promise to do this soon.

#### National Labor Relations Act

The last picture page shows Senator Wagner, "Labor's friend"; criticizes the N.L.R.A., and asks Senator Wagner to amend the Act, supposedly for the benefit of labor.

Social Justice continues to organize "mothers" for resistance against conscription.

In this article we find, in quoting a Mrs. Decker:

"Some of my friends advise me to have the Constitution amended. But almost every informed person knows that the dear old Constitution is now in cold storage--and likely will remain there as long as the red flames of Communism are multiplying in Europe and in our own country."

#### Farmers

Social Justice sets forth a very unsound proposal of a two price system. One price, the higher "cost of production price" for the inner market, and the lower "world market price" for export. There is no admission that a fixed price would mean the breakdown of a free market and high costs of living, and, of course, a government controlled economy.

#### Anti-Semitism

England is the functionary of International Jews; therefore, in England the



Catholics are discriminated against not because of their faith but because of their race!!! (Irish) (Seems to be a new race)

An attack is launched against New York Commissioner of Licenses Moss because he took the license away from a truck company for "inciting riots" because this firm ran its trucks around with the posters "Buy Christian for Christmas." Social Justice dares to show the picture of this outrageous anti-Semitism, and concludes that:

"The truck's signs, calling upon the public to preserve Christianity in Christmas, have been ruled to be "an incitement to riot."





PRIVATE OFFICE OF  
**JACOB EPSTEIN**  
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEC. 20, 1939.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
% THE TEMPLE,  
CLEVELAND, O.

DEAR RABBI SILVER:

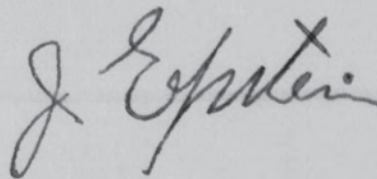
SOME TIME AGO I READ IN THE PRESS OF FATHER  
COUGHLIN'S DISTORTED CRITICISM OF AN ADDRESS YOU HAD  
DELIVERED.

AS I AM A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE BALTIMORE  
ROUND TABLE OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS  
AND JEWS, I DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH ONE OF THE CA-  
THOLIC MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO DID NOT KNOW OF YOUR  
ORIGINAL STATEMENT, ALTHOUGH I READ SAME BUT DO NOT  
RECALL THE EXACT WORDING.

I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD  
MAIL ME A COPY OF YOUR ORIGINAL STATEMENT AS WELL AS  
A COPY OF FATHER COUGHLIN'S DISTORTED VERSION.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

SINCERELY YOURS,





CC: Rabbi Silver  
George W. Furth

December 20th  
1939

Mr. I. R. Morris,  
Chester Twelfth Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Morris:

I spoke to Rabbi Silver on the telephone this morning and conveyed our viewpoint. I need not reassure you with respect to our desire to be as helpful as possible.

In this connection, however, I think it worthwhile to advise you of the St. Louis experience. There are two radio stations of equal coverage in that community. One handles the Coughlin broadcast and has refused to sell time to Cole. The other will take Cole. The fact that the former station has thus far declined to sell time for answer presents what to our mind is a very justifiable protest to the FCC and we are giving this our attention.

It appears to me that amongst the representatives to your meeting there will be a number who have contacts of influence in their several cities. In these communities likewise, it is the Coughlin coverage which causes them concern. Investigation should be made as to how many of these stations will abide by the codes and grant time for appropriate answer to be made by those who take the opposing view in the issues raised by the priest. It might be ascertained if the attitude of the stations is such as to permit of very substantial reduction in the cost of the program.

In St. Louis likewise the Social Justice Fellowship of the Unitarian Church made the arrangements. The community pays no part of the expense. The proceeds from the broadcast, however, go to the Social Justice Fellowship and the community council cooperates in whatever research is required and in such other manner as may invest the broadcast with additional weight.

We believe it advisable to canvass these possibilities, thus lessening as far as possible the financial burden.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard E. Gutstadt  
Director

REG:RER



December 21st  
1939

Mr. George W. Furth,  
1387 East Boulevard,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear George:

When Miss Meyette phoned I told her that directly matters which she had for discussion were being forwarded quietly, and, I believe, with tact. I think they are in capable hands.

With respect to the article which appeared in the Jewish Center Magazine, I wonder whether or not it should be answered. My reason is as follows:

We received a letter from Rabbi Emil Leipziger, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, criticizing the fact that we had endeavored to influence pulpit expression. His further criticism was that we had attempted to contact the rabbis through laymen of the congregation rather than writing them direct.

We replied to Rabbi Leipziger, analyzing our letter and pointing out that under no interpretation might it be properly construed that we had attempted to control rabbinical expression. As a matter of fact, it was quite clear that what we had conveyed was merely a suggestion, which we deemed appropriate in view of current efforts to assassinate Jewish good repute with the devilish charge of war-mongering.

We further explained that the matter had been brought to our attention from a very important source, and confidentially we referred to one of the greatest Christian industrialists of the country who is very close to the tops in American economic life. It happens that he has for years been a close associate of Jews for whom he has profound regard. He deemed this of sufficient importance to impel a visit by him to Chicago, in order to discuss with the prominent Jewish counsel representing the great firm of which he is president his apprehension unless some dramatic expression of the Jewish attitude toward peace reached the country. We made it clear that the shortness of notice did not grant us the time to secure the rabbinical list and we therefore asked our representatives to approach the rabbis tactfully and impart this word.

We were astounded to learn that there had thereby been created what several Chicago rabbis aptly termed "a tempest in a teapot." However, Rabbi Leipziger again wrote us requesting the assurance that hereafter any word intended for the rabbis be conveyed to them direct. Of course we had no reluctance to giving such assurance.

In Rabbi Leipziger's second letter he stated that the president of the conservative rabbis' group, Dr. Artst, was also writing us on the subject. We received his letter and we replied to him. To our reply we received no further answer. However, in the bulletin issued by the conservative rabbis, namely, the Reconstructionist, there appeared an editorial condemning the ADL on the grounds above set forth. Indubitably the rabbis of the Center took his material from the Reconstructionist.



Mr. George W. Furth, #2

December 21, 1939.

It would not be difficult for us to draft an adequate reply to the article. As to whether we should or, not do so is merely a question of policy. Were we to reply it would undoubtedly call for another criticism and the controversy might prove interminable. Unfortunately, publishers of bulletins and newspapers always have the last word, and the question arises as to whether any attempt to explain or justify the League might not by reason of the controversy to be provoked, do more harm than good.

We conceive work in such terms that we must be prepared to accept criticism, however unpleasant and sometimes undeserved it may be, rather than to add to disunity in our attempts at defence.

I think I have given you sufficient of the background to enable you to advise our friends of Glenville Lodge of just how little reason there is for the article.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Richard E. Gutstadt  
Director

REG:RER



December 27, 1939

Miss Grace E. Heyette, Director,  
The League for Human Rights,  
510 Ninth Chester Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of December 6, let me say that the general statement I made with regard to a just understanding between Capital and Labor, was based not alone upon a religious conception of justice, but also upon a statement made to me by an authoritative representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. When citing as illustration the obligation of justice to the working-man, I was only reciting what had been told me authoritatively by a recognized officer of the Union. Naturally, I took it for granted that what an official representative of the Union had stated to me in good faith in his own office, was utterly unimpeachable. The facts which you recite appear to qualify the statement, so that I should conclude that there is a difference of impression as between two representatives of Labor. I would not assume to act as a judge in the matter. My only concern is a humane and religious one. You must have gathered from my address that, as a representative of religion, I was both a friend and a critic of both that I believed in the capitalistic system; that labor itself is a form of capital; and that as between the two important groups of our society and productive endeavor, religion requires a just appreciation of one another, and an acknowledgment by both of each other's respective rights. I was guided by no partiality for any particular concern. As a religiously-minded man, my demand was for harmony between Capital and Labor, based upon the rights of each.

As to the concern against which you make protest, may I say that I have no interest in it or partiality for it, aside from a citizen's concern in the wellbeing of every plant. I have been told that during the depression, this



Miss Grace E. Heyette, 12/27/39.

concern eliminated all executives' salaries, in order that there may be no lay-off of help or any reduction in their wages, that their wages are higher than the Union's scale, and that their attitude toward the working-man was humane. I hold no brief for them, for the testimony was brought to me by Union labor, and not by the capitalist. I shall, however, take pleasure in talking with Mr. Hillman about the entire situation.

As to your comment upon my honest statement, testified to by Union labor, you say that "that makes Labor feel in times of trouble, that religious groups and leaders cannot be counted upon to understand or support them in their struggle." In view of all I have represented to you, I submit that that statement is altogether unfair and unjust. If you were thoroughly conversant with the part which all religious denominations have taken in the struggle between Capital and Labor, and the actual contributions of religious denominations toward a humanization of the problem, you would be willing to retract that statement. You should know of the two notable encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI, as well as of the very forward-looking statements of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, whose point of view is definitely a defense of Labor's rights and claims. It is not quite fair for you to turn upon religion under the circumstances. The workers of the United States Steel Company might still have been working in twelve-hour shifts if it had not been for the kindly interference of religion's representations.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Louis Wolsey

LM:Y



December 27, 1939

Mr. Jacob Epstein  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Epstein:

In reply to your note of December 20, I am enclosing herewith the report of my address which appeared in the Plain Dealer of Cleveland on Monday, October 9. I have checked the last paragraph in question which Father Coughlin's Social Justice Magazine of October 16, 1939 distorted by the dot trick to read as follows:

"If there is to be such a conference it should be stipulated in advance that...the rights of the Jewish minorities shall be given first consideration."

Social Justice then continues: "In other words, Rabbi Silver believes that, unless the Jewish question can be solved, the war must go on--(the underscoring is the Magazine's) even though this might mean the slaughter of thousands and millions of Christians."

When you are through with the clipping, I would appreciate it if you would return it to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



PRIVATE OFFICE OF  
JACOB EPSTEIN  
BALTIMORE, MD.

JAN. 2ND, 1940.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
% THE TEMPLE,  
EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD,  
CLEVELAND, O.

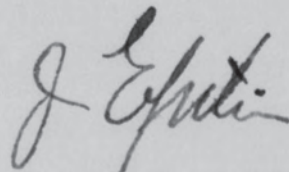
DEAR RABBI SILVER:

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOURS OF DECEMBER 27TH  
WITH ENCLOSED COPY OF YOUR ADDRESS OF OCTOBER 9TH - ALSO  
THE DISTORTED VERSION OF IT AS PRINTED IN "SOCIAL JUSTICE "  
FOR BOTH OF WHICH PLEASE ACCEPT MY THANKS.

I AM HAVING COPIES OF THESE MADE AND MAILING  
CATHOLIC  
THEM TO SOME OF MY INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS IN BALTIMORE. AF-  
TER THE COPIES ARE COMPLETED, I WILL RETURN THE CLIPPING  
TO YOU AS REQUESTED.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY YOURS,



PB CLIPPING IS RETURNED HERewith.





DR. ROBERT ROSEN  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN  
FIFTH REGIONAL DISTRICT  
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

512 FOX THEATRE BUILDING  
DETROIT, MICH.

January 17th, 1940

Rabbi Hilliard Silvers

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silvers:

I have met Gerald L. K. Smith several times, and he desires to become friendly with our organization, J.W.V.

Some of the members want him to address both posts here and are even considering him as principle speaker at the public installation. He referred me to you, as to his integrity and friendship. I shall appreciate an early reply at your convenience to this effect.

Cordially yours in Comradeship,

RR:MR

Dr. Robert Rosen  
National Executive Committeeman  
Fifth Regional District.



January 18, 1940

Dr. Robert Rosen  
512 Fox Theatre Building  
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Dr. Rosen:

In reply to your kind letter, permit me to say that I do not know Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith except as he called on me once and spent some time in an effort to persuade me that he is a very tolerant man, that at no time had he attacked Jews and Judaism or Catholics and Catholicism, and that his sole interest was in Americanism. I am in no position, therefore, to vouch for his integrity. His past record on matters of friendship and tolerance is not beyond reproach, I am inclined to think, although he has consistently denied it. I believe that the Anti-Defamation League in Chicago would be in a better position to give you accurate information on Mr. Smith. In the meantime, I would suggest that you do not commit yourself to any invitations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



January 18, 1940

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

My dear Grace:

I think you will be interested in the enclosed letter of Dr. Ferris. When you are through with it, please send it back to me.

Some of our friends have called my attention to the correspondence which you had with Rabbi Wolsey relative to his comments about the Richman Brothers. They were somewhat put out at the fact that you wrote your letter on the stationery of the League thereby involving the League in a matter which did not concern it. There may be some merit in their contention. Like Caesar's wife, the secretary of the League for Human Rights must be above suspicion...

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



We did not send out a digest of Social Justice of January 15th because it contained no important attacks except against President Roosevelt and Frank Murphy. The most interesting part in that issue was the regret offered that the Dies Committee report did not live up to the expectations of Social Justice. Social Justice says that the report was so restrained and liberal throughout so that the Committee may earn another appropriation. Father Coughlin seconds this appropriation but wants the Dies Committee to take off its gloves and dip further into the intimate connections between Browder and Moscow.

The issue also contained Father Coughlin's radio stations. They combine seventeen states, but the large stations do not carry him. For example, in New York Father Coughlin cannot be heard any more.

New York: Albany, Buffalo, Woodside, Rochester  
Maryland: Baltimore, Hagerstown  
Maine: Augusta, Bangor, Lewistown  
New Jersey: Bridgetown, Newark  
Ohio: Cincinnati, Cleveland  
Iowa: Des Moines  
Michigan: Detroit, Kalamazoo  
Wisconsin: Green Bay, Madison  
Pennsylvania: Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh,  
Wilkes Barre, Reading  
Indiana: Hammond, Indianapolis, New Albany  
Kansas: Lawrence  
Minnesota: Minneapolis  
Missouri: St. Joseph, St. Louis  
Massachusetts: Worcester, Boston, Fall River, Greenfield,  
New Bedford, Pittsfield  
Connecticut: Bridgeport, Hartford, New London, Waterbury  
New Hampshire: Manchester  
Rhode Island: Providence



The question before our minds concerning Social Justice is what will it say about the Christian Front and how will it defend the moral responsibility which Father Coughlin has in this conspiracy.

Of course the blow came when Social Justice was already in print. Nevertheless more than one page is devoted to the Bureau of Investigation and its arrests.

Father Coughlin's defense: he reprints his position towards organizations in which he states that he will not join any organization but support the good cause of the Christian Front, which was in Social Justice of August 14th:

"Therefore, while I encourage you to carry on in the spirit of Christ and in the spirit of America, I am sure that I can be of more service to the cause by refraining from participating in it either as an active member, an active officer, or an active organizer, and by continuing to be a voice that is friendly to your cause and to every other good cause without participating in their activities."

In an editorial on the same page Social Justice points out that eleven of the "plotters" are of Irish origin and that while England and the Jews are involved in a mortal struggle the Irishman Murphy discovers an Irish plot, and then in prominent print Social Justice says: \*

"For hundreds of years parallel procedure in respect to discovering plots has emanated from the British government in respect to the Irish."

Then Social Justice continues the attack charging Murphy and Hoover of cracking down on unimportant and ridiculous people instead of annihilating the revolutionists of athiestic Russia.

"Attorney General Murphy, in the dying days of his administration, promised this "investigation." Having proceeded against Earl Browder, Robert Wiener, and other Communists on charges of passport fraud, perhaps he believed that a "Christian Front expose" would temper the wrath of groups aroused by the Browder prosecution."

He then continues his vicious attack started January 15th on Murphy who supposedly defends Jews by fighting Christians. Social Justice devotes five and one half pages (about 10,000 words) to digging out a speech of Murphy's on democracy which he made December 11, 1927 at the 50th Anniversary

\*That is a definite implication that Murphy is an agent of England.



celebration of Yechiva College, New York. By the way, this speech is indeed worthwhile to reread. Murphy traces the historical development of democracy from Greece through the Bible, William Rogers in Rhode Island to our present situation. Social Justice composes in its attack a counter-speech trying to disprove Murphy's conclusions and then stating that the Jews were the first persecutors of creeds in the case of Jesus Christ, and that the eleven most outstanding Jews whom Murphy named in his speech were the real trouble makers. The eleven great Jews named by Murphy as promoters of democracy and culture are: Disraeli, Oscar Straus, the Rothschilds, Jacob Schiff, Spinoza, Marx, Stephen Wise and Nathan Straus, Einstein, Flexner and Rubinstein.

The greatest crime, however, Murphy has made in his speech is the following sentence:

"Added to these similarities in faith Christian and Jew have alike a common goal which, in a sense, is larger, more vital than religion itself. That goal is the fulfillment of the ideal of democracy in its every phase . . . political, social and economic."

Social Justice charges Murphy to descend from Catholicism and to give us the Catholic dogma because:

"Dogmatic intolerance is even more essential than the superficial toleration of persons or the deep abiding tolerance of ideas."

"Dogmatic intolerance is best expressed in the phrase 'He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be condemned.'"

"Saint Augustine wrote, 'Love men; slay error; without pride, be bold in the truth; without cruelty, fight for the truth.'"

Social Justice by this attack on the highest Catholic state official and added attacks on the Catholics Al Smith and Dr. Chapman, doctor of philosophy from Fordham University, has indeed rendered a great service to the Catholics of the United States who believe in the promotion of democracy.

Father Coughlin, however, naturally takes advantage of the ouster of the Jew Hore-Belisha in England. He praises Mr. Chamberlain and he



knows the real reason why Hore-Belisha was ousted. The Chamberlain government and the English people don't want to crush Germany. They want Germany to be a strong power in Central Europe against the common enemy of Christian civilization, Russia. But in political England there are saboteurs who desire prostration of Germany. They are Russian lovers, and Hore-Belisha was one of them.

It is hard to believe that Social Justice, after it dropped direct attacks, insults and lies about Jews and liberals and veiled them in long articles, still has any appeal to the masses because it is much too theoretical and too semi-intellectual. If Social Justice still sells many copies it can only be because the buyers want to participate in the contest which may bring a new car into their garages.





Digest of Social Justice

January 29th

The main topic in this issue is the defense of the poor seventeen young Christians. Father Coughlin's speech of Sunday the 20th is completely reprinted. The speech is called "I Take My Stand."

In an article on Page 2 the defense of the Christian Front runs like this:

"It is barely possible that these young New York Christians had become impatient with the delay of Attorney General Murphy and the Department of Justice in stamping out Red agitators who move among distracted American workers, and who are reputed to be very well supplied with arms and ammunition in their secret caches.

"Is it not possible that young Mr. Cassidy and his cohorts were honestly alarmed at attempts of Mayor LaGuardia's regime to sovietize the New York police force?

"Is it not possible that the young New Yorkers now in the toils were tossed into a frenzy of alarm by the Communist control so evident in their city school system?

"Would not their American blood fairly boil at hearing Mayor LaGuardia speak such fulsome praise of Soviet Russia at the opening of the World of Tomorrow exposition? Or at seeing the Soviet Star shining in their New York skyline higher than the Stars and Stripes?

"What would be the emotions of these young men at the unctious "white-wash" of Harry Bridges by Commissioner Landis after all of the evidence which was entered in the record of that hearing, and the man's complete absolution at the hands of the United States Department of Labor under Madame Perkins?

"How would these young men regard the safety of their United States and its beloved American institutions after reading day after day the evidence in the Bridges case and hearings before the Dies Committee?"

"Politics and War Mongering" is given as a reason for the arrest of the members of the Christian Front.

It is very ironical that in this moment when the Christian Front is under investigation, the ardent attacker of subversive activities writes a special editorial named "Sedition" in which he proves that the American Constitution knows only the treason of levying war against the United States



and no other sedition crime. He praises Thomas Jefferson for refusing to enforce the alien and sedition laws. Jefferson got America away "from these obsoleted occasions of political persecution" but now there is no Jefferson and such acts are re-enacted.

Again the split in the Catholic Church becomes obvious. There is a whole article directed against Monsignor John A. Ryan. Last week Murphy was attacked because he spoke to Jews; this week Ryan because he spoke at the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Washington. The article says:

"He can be interviewed any time when Father Coughlin is under attack. He is available on the radio, as he was on the evening of October 8, 1936, when the Democratic National Committee paid the bill. He is available on the editorial pages of the "Commonweal." Now, when Social Justice is in the limelight the good Monsignor has once more seen fit to utter publicly a new generality, SOCIAL JUSTICE is 'full of hatred, misery and incitement to injustice.'"

Another ardent attack is waged against Dean Landis because of his ruling that the examination of Harry Bridges has not proven that he is a Communist. Coughlin implies that Landis "whitewashed" Bridges because he is close to the administration, and as there is obviously no other possibility to smear Landis, he is attacked because he was born in China as the son of a missionary, and that therefore he lacks American traditions; that he worked during the World War in the British YMCA and that he left Harvard with the highest scholastic record "of any law student since former Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, the noted Zionist."

And to get in some more anti-Semitism the article continues:

"Two years after he had received his law degree, Landis spent a year in Washington as secretary to Justice Brandeis and then went back to Harvard as a professor, using his spare time to write books on jurisprudence with that other celebrated Jewish scholar, Felix Frankfurter."

Another long article again is devoted to attacking Hull's trade pacts.



We add to this circular a brief report on the "National Emergency Conference of the United Christian Council for Democracy."

The "patriotic organizations" of Cleveland attacked this Conference as the "Red Christian Front", a label which was promoted by the notorious "Christian Front". An elaborate folder which was distributed in front of the Euclid Baptist Church proves this because it contains all the Coughlin devices of attacks against Liberals as "Reds."

Fortunately the Cleveland broadcasting stations protected freedom of speech and carried several addresses of the main speakers.

The organizations participating were: the Episcopal Church League for Industrial Democracy, the Presbyterian Fellowship for Social Action, the Evangelical and Reformed Council for Social Reconstruction, the Walter Rauschenbusch Fellowship of Baptists and the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice.

The importance of this group is that it approached the issues of race, economic misery, suppression and war from the Christian principle: the equality of men before God. No opportunistic or tactical considerations entered discussions and decisions. It has an outstanding leadership, especially in Reinhold Niebuhr. The idealistic principle attitude of this group has created a courage which one will hardly find elsewhere.

The groups are united on questions of Civil Liberties and American Democracy, they differ in their attitude towards war, inasmuch as they have absolute pacifists among them as well as those who feel Christians should act militantly against fascists now because they have their share of responsibility for the situation. Both points of views are tolerated. The militant group will be of utmost importance in our fight against Hitlerism and race prejudice.

A resolution was passed to ask for an investigation of Father Coughlin by the Department of Justice.

Mr. Cole's broadcasts were recommended.



During the past year these groups have been publishing a monthly "Protestant Digest," 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which carries excellent articles on all questions of fascism from the Christian point of view. Some of these articles were outstanding because they were completely independent and not censored by fear, a "line" or tactical considerations. We recommend a study of this magazine.





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

DIRECTOR  
GRACE E. MEYETTE  
SECRETARY  
CAROLYN STONE

## The League for Human Rights

510 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730



February 1, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The annual meeting of the League for Human Rights will be held at 12:00 o'clock on Thursday, February 8th in Room E at the Mid-Day Club for the purpose of electing officers and appointing Committee members.

The nominating Committee has been appointed by Mr. Morris which is as follows: Adolph Weinberger, Chairman; George Kath; Daniel Sherby and Jack Lang. The Nominating Committee will meet at 11:00 o'clock in my office on February 8th.

Sincerely yours,

*Grace E. Meyette*  
Director

GEM:bf



Digest of Social Justice

February 12, 1940

Those who awaited Social Justice with the expectation of getting information on the reason why Coughlin did not speak last Sunday will be disappointed. No explanations are given.

Disregarding rumors during the last week, this issue of Social Justice hints in two directions. First, Father Coughlin's silence on Sunday may be nothing but a publicity stunt to build up his dwindling audience. The investigation sheet "The Hour" of last week tells that the sale of Social Justice in New York declined so much that the New York branch of the Social Justice Distributors Club has closed its doors. The mystery story thrill which was caused with the Sunday broadcast and the three statements which did not say anything is followed up in Social Justice on page 4 with a large box which says:

WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
"Attention, Please

"Owing to the tremendously important nature of the subject which Father Coughlin will discuss in his radio broadcast on Sunday, February 11th, Social Justice National Magazine takes this occasion to call special attention to that presentation.

"Since this edition will be on sale in most cases before the event, our readers have the opportunity not only to make sure that they will tune in themselves, but what is equally important, you will have time to call others' attention to this broadcast.

"Therefore, ask your friends to tune in on Father Coughlin's important broadcast.

"All true Americans - both Christian and Jew - will thank Father Coughlin for this clarifying discussion of an important national situation.

"Make sure that you tune in on a convenient station. A list of stations and the time at which Father Coughlin can be heard over their facilities is printed for your convenience on page 13 of this edition."

Second, the possibility that the Catholic Church stopped Coughlin is supported by several other hints in the current issue. Last week he had an article on the hirelings among the clergy. This week under the section: Behind the News and the headline "Campion and Father Coughlin" he speaks about



this good Catholic under Queen Elizabeth who opposed the Protestantism promoted by the Queen for materialistic reasons and became a martyr. The article ends in linking him with the martyr Coughlin:

"In our advice to the interviewers, the reporters, and the inquisitorial bodies so interested in the case of Father Charles E. Coughlin, we suggest to those assuming the role of examiners that they ply him with crabbed texts and isolated quotations from his own writings. As he attempts to answer, cut short the answers. Take turns lest one mind tire in cross examination. Make the number of topics so broad as to surpass belief. Permit no answer to any questions, but introduce the taunt and the sneer.

"YET, RECOGNIZE THAT THE HOUR OF TRIAL FOR THE ENEMIES OF FATHER COUGHLIN IS NOT TRIUMPH AT ALL.

"THE UTTERANCES OF THOSE IN HIGH PLACES ARE THE UTTERANCES OF DISPAIR."

And this is followed up on the same page by another large box.

"A Layman Advises Father Coughlin

"Thomas Pound, an English gentleman of Belmont, near Bedhampton, England, in the year 1581, served five months "in durance vile" because of his faith.

"He gratuitously sought out Edmund Campion to advise him, for Pound knew from bitter experience the manners and customs of those in high places in the days of good Queen Bess.

"Pound's words to the great Edmund Campion were as follows:

'You are going into the proximate danger of capture, and if captured you must expect not justice but every refinement of misrepresentation.

'You will be asked crooked questions and your answers to them will be published in some debased form.

'Be sure that whatever then comes through to the outer world will come out, poisoned and perverted.

'Let me therefore urge you to write now and to leave in safe custody, what you would wish to have published then in case of infamous rumors should be put about during your incarceration, rumors which you will then not be able to answer or to repudiate.'

"To Father Coughlin, we repeat the advice of Thomas Pound to Edmund Campion.

"You, too, Father Coughlin must expect not justice but every refinement of misrepresentation.

"You, too, Father Coughlin will be asked crooked questions and your answers to them will be published in some debased form.

"You be sure that whatever comes through to the outer world will come out poisoned and perverted."

It is more likely that it is the church and not Edgar Hoover after Father Coughlin, because if the government did investigate or persecute him, he would



be much more frank with his attacks.

### Defense of the "Franco Way"

He says about this:

"The Spanish people, both Franco's patriots and the misguided dupes of the Red "democracy" are still in Spain, sharing together the blessings of Christian reconstruction of a Spain for the Spanish. The much-publicized "refugees" of Spain--as of many another land--are for the most part anti-Christian Reds, not even Spanish or pre-war residents of Spain.

"The 'Franco way,' then, would seem to be the Washington way or the Lincoln way."

"Father Coughlin's employment of the phrase in his much-berated and misquoted broadcast was clear and unequivocal. He simply said in effect that All other means having failed, American Christians would not hesitate to use the Franco way, before they would accept Spain's fate for the United States. What's wrong with that?"

"We do not want the Franco way for America," is the common theme of these editorial critiques. To be sure we don't; neither did Spain! But the alternative is Islam, or, in our day, Red godless Communism."

There are the ordinary attacks on England and on the New Deal, and this time against Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and the Foreign Relations Committee. In an editorial he names the Democratic member of the Senate's Committee of Foreign Relations and says:

"Of these, Senator George and Senator Reynolds are thoroughly dependable, both from the standpoint of intellectual independence and strict adherence to traditional American principles.

"Of the remaining, eleven are strict New Dealers who can be expected to follow the President slavishly in whatever direction he might care to go."

Reynolds is known as the outstanding fascist among the senators. For example, in this moment he heads the campaign to promote more than seventy bills against "foreigners."

### Anti-Semitism

This is the most anti-Semitic number in many months. Pelly's frank admissions of anti-Semitism before the Dies Committee are almost a relief if one compares them with the vicious hidden attacks in this issue. The various attacks on Morgenthau and also on Mordecai Ezekiel are obviously not made for objective reasons but because of anti-Semitism.



On the front page an article "The Jewish Money Lenders" is featured. The article itself deals with the historical development of banking in Europe, and on the other hand the banker Giannini, President of the Bank of America is praised because of his fight against Morganthau.

In an article in which all federal agencies including the relief agencies are labeled as irresponsible competitors to private sound business, the author sums up the situation in the United States with the following quotation:

"We shall replace the money markets by grandiose government credit institutions, the object of which will be to fix the price of industrial values in accordance with government views. These institutions will be in a position to fling upon the market five hundred millions of industrial paper in one day, or to buy up for the same amount. In this way all industrial undertakings will come into dependence upon us. You may imagine for yourselves what immense power we shall thereby secure for ourselves..."

Where does this quotation come from? It is Protocol No. 21 of the Protocols of Zion. By this the author implies and the reader, of course, infers that the United States government is the functionary of international Jewish conspiracy.

But it comes still better. There is an article "Abraham Lincoln and Rothschilds" which tries to prove that the Civil War was in fact not caused by conflicts in the United States, but was decided upon in 1857 in London. The source for this new conception is an old English book of John Reeves, "The Rothschilds, The Financial Rulers of Nations." The Rothschilds were assembled in London and here Disraeli is reported to have said:

"Under this roof are the heads of the family of Rothschild - a name famous in every capital of Europe and every division of the globe. If you like, we shall divide the United States into two parts, one for you, James, and one for you, Lionel. Napoleon will do exactly and all that I shall advise him."

The North was to become a British colony annexed to Canada while the South would go to Napoleon.

Rothschilds' agent in the United States, Judah P. Benjamin, the member of the Confederate government, it is stated, executed their wishes. Lincoln would have been lost had not Czar Alexander of Russia stepped in. This czar is very favorably compared with the American government:



"The good Czar, Alexander II, had been responsible on September 19, 1861, by imperial decree, for emancipating the Russian serfs, in number over 47-million. Serfdom was ended by the stroke of a pen.

"But in the United States, it took billions of dollars and oceans of blood to free three millions, not serfs, but slaves--because of an infamous plot of English and European money lords."

Then follows a revelation Bismarck supposedly had made in 1876 to a friend who published it in France in 1921. This is what Bismarck said:

"The division of the United States into two federations of equal force was decided long before the Civil War by the High Financial Power of Europe. These bankers were afraid the United States, if they remained in one block and as one nation, would attain economical and financial independence, which would upset their financial domination over the world. The voice of the Rothschilds predominated. They foresaw tremendous booty if they could substitute two feeble democracies, indebted to the Jewish financiers, to the vigorous Republic, confident and self-providing. Therefore, they started their emissaries in order to exploit the question of slavery and thus to dig an abyss between the two parts of the Republic.

"Lincoln never suspected these underground machinations. He was anti-Slaverist, and he was elected as such. But his character prevented him from being the man of one party. When he had affairs in his hands, he perceived that these sinister financiers of Europe, the Rothschilds, wished to make him the executor of their designs. They made the rupture between the North and the South imminent! The master of finance in Europe made this rupture definitive in order to exploit it to the utmost. Lincoln's personality surprised them. His candidature did not trouble them; they thought to easily dupe the candidate woodcutter. But Lincoln read their plots and soon understood, that the South was not the worst foe, but the Jew financiers. He did not confide his apprehensions, he watched the gestures of the Hidden Hand; he did not wish to expose publicly the questions which would disconcert the ignorant masses."

"The death of Lincoln was a disaster for Christendom," continues Bismarck. "There was no man in the United States great enough to wear his boots. And Israel went anew to grab the riches of the world. I fear that Jewish banks with their craftiness and tortuous tricks will entirely control the exuberant riches of American, and use it to systematically corrupt modern civilization. The Jews will not hesitate to plunge the whole of Christendom into wars and chaos, in order that 'The earth should become the inheritance of Israel'."

In order to have an alibi the article ends with pointing out that these facts are not permitted to be published in the United States before 1965 and therefore the writer was forced to use European sources.

Next week we shall report on the John Reeves book which is available in the United States. The French magazine, La Vieille, is only available at Harvard and Yale and we shall try to find out whether this magazine is not an anti-Semitic publication.



Last News of Interest

The Catholic clergy has come out with a proposal to make the United States a "corporate state" after the model of the medieval guilds!

Police Commissioner Valentine in New York investigates his forces as to the membership of each policeman either in the Christian Front or the Communist Party.

The Joint Boycott Council of New York has published an investigation on American investments and business interests in Germany, naming the American firms and their connections to German industry.

Copies will be sent.





RN 1251  
IRVING B. HEXTER

812 HURON ROAD

CLEVELAND

February 19, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the Board meeting last week a peculiar situation arose. There was a question, in appointing a committee, as to whether Miss Meyette should serve on that committee, based on the question as to whether she is a member of our Board or an executive director.

I have a letter from her asking me to clarify her position and, rather than take this up at a meeting and possibly cause some embarrassment, I am writing to each member to ask their feelings in the matter. Whatever you tell me, of course, will not be transmitted to Miss Meyette.

The question as to who should serve on that particular committee was relatively unimportant, but it poses an academic question for future action and I believe that Miss Meyette deserves to have this cleared up.

My personal feeling is that, while she is an executive director, she should be considered a member of our Board. True, she is a paid employee, but I rather have the feeling that our non-Jewish sponsors should have some representation on the Board and I have always considered her as such. I do not see anything that would preclude her membership just because she happens to be a paid executive. That she is more than intensely interested in the work goes without saying. Also, she is heart and soul in the fight (aside from her job) and the battle is just as much her concern as ours.

If you were to consider her merely as a paid employee - while I do not believe it would affect her effectiveness - I think it would hurt her personally and psychologically, as she has been such a tireless, timeless and conscientious worker and has always considered herself so much a part of us that I am sure, if we judged her to be a separate entity, it would be very discouraging. However, this is for the Board to decide. I have given my personal feelings and I wish you would write me a letter giving me yours.

Sincerely

*Irving B. Hexter*

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



DIGEST OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

General Remarks

Father Coughlin has not yet given any explanation for his silence on Sunday, either in his broadcast or in the last two issues of Social Justice.

A news broadcast which we picked up from Des Moines, Iowa, said that the Bishop cancelled the Sunday speech and that the Vatican has demanded that Coughlin abstain from broadcasts which touch politics and economy. The Washington Merry-Go-Round by the columnists Allen and Pearson, February 13th, contained information in the same direction. The Bishop of Detroit objected to the attacks against Supreme Court Judge Murphy and as Coughlin refused to take out the part on Murphy the broadcast was cancelled.

We, meanwhile, sent out the photostatic proofs of Coughlin's fraud concerning his article about Lincoln and the Rothschilds in which was put forward that the Civil War was fought because the Rothschilds and Disraeli wanted to divide the United States. In the same article we mentioned that Coughlin used a story which Bismarck supposedly told, which was taken out of the French magazine "La Vieille France." We have obtained this source for the "truth." La Vieille France is a small weekly French magazine which appeared from 1916 to 1924. It is one of the most vicious anti-Semitic sheets we have ever laid hands on. The editor is Urbain Gohier. No articles or reports are signed. The main purpose of the magazine is to promote the distribution of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and to trace in all nations all evils to the Jews. One of the slogans of the magazine is "There are no bad and good Jews", and another, "Never help a Jew." The United States is very much in front of the text, and especially Wilson, who in each issue is called "Pecksniff Wilson." The main tendency, which is quite understandable, for a French magazine of 1916, is for Aryan France against Jewish Germany. We will be able in the future to document numerous cases in which Coughlin has used this irresponsible sheet as historical source for his articles in Social Justice. He tried to deny that he used Goebbels publications as sources. We are willing to take his word because we know now that he used this pre-Nazi anti-Semitism. This, of course, labels him more than anything else an anti-Semite.

Concerning the publication about Bismarck's revelation, Social Justice has translated rather correctly what is in La Vieille France. There is only one error. Social Justice says:

"Bismarck knew the truth and revealed it in 1876 to a German, Conrad Siem, who published it in "La Vieille France," (No. 216, March, 1921) forty-five years later."

Conrad Siem, whoever this may be, did not publish the article. In No. 216 of La Vieille France is an article "The Assassination of Lincoln." And we see on Page



13 "A man, Bismarck, who knew about it longer than anyone else, told his opinions about the death of Lincoln in 1876 to a young German Conrad Siem, who became a citizen of the United States and who has published the story of the chancellor. We give here an exact resume."

Bismarck whose opinions are used here against the Jews, is called in the same article of Social Justice the representative of the House of Rothschild in Germany.

In the same article about Lincoln is contained the strange praise of the Russian Czar, Alexander II:

"The good Czar, Alexander II, had been responsible on September 19, 1861, by imperial decree, for emancipating the Russian serfs, in number over 47-million. Serfdom was ended by the stroke of a pen."

This is taken out of LaVieille France No. 212, page 2, in an article called "Three Czars Killed by the Usual Murderers (The Jews)." The liberal czar who freed 20,000,000 Russian peasants by one decree, was killed on March 1881 by a bomb. The Russian who threw the bomb was the instrument of the Jews.

Digest of Social Justice, February 19th

It would be putting it mildly to say that Social Justice is trying as hard as Father Coughlin in his last broadcast, to jump on the bandwagon of the Catholic Church. In fact, Social Justice pretends to have lead the Catholic Church. The headline says, "Catholic Bishops Urge Social Justice." One could add - finally.

And on Page 3 in a box, Social Justice tells how gracious it was of God that after three days of prayer at Royal Oak that the Archbishops and the Bishops of the administrative board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference issued their notable statement on "The Church and the Social Order."

The whole tenor of this issue is supposed to serve Father Coughlin with a future alibi of what a good Catholic he is. And another alibi that he never has been an anti-Semite. Westbrook Pegler is strongly attacked because he, himself a Catholic, tries to smear Father Coughlin as an anti-Semite.

Most space is devoted to Coughlin's Sunday speech and to gold and silver currency, but a whole page is devoted to the Christian Century which carried an article making Coughlin responsible for the spirit in the Christian Front.

The page asking for contributions carries the headline "Beware the British Serpent!"



February 21, 1940

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

My dear Grace:

I am enclosing herewith a report  
from the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic  
Agency in Washington. I thought you might be  
interested in it.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



February 21, 1940

Mr. Irving Hexter  
Industrial Publishing Co.  
Caxton Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Irving:

I do not think that Grace ought to insist on having a vote in our League. I do not believe that the effectiveness of her work demands that she have a vote, and it is a departure from regular procedure. Mr. Goldhamer has no vote on the Board or committees of the Federation although he attends all the meetings and his opinion naturally carries weight; nor have I a vote on the Board of The Temple. Grace should be advised not to make an issue of this unimportant matter. The weight which she has and will have on the Board of the League depends not upon her right to cast a vote - which to my best knowledge she has never exercised - but upon the confidence which she inspires in her opinions and judgments.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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

DIRECTOR  
GRACE E. MEYETTE  
SECRETARY  
CAROLYN STONE

## The League for Human Rights

510 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730

57

February 21, 1940

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

My dear Rabbi:

I have given the matter of selecting a committee to re-examine the Turner Type Co. Case much thought and I have come to the conclusion that the best interests of everyone would be served by having Mr. Steiner present his case to the entire board of the League sitting as a committee.

In this way all shades of opinion will be represented and I am sure will give Mr. Steiner a most adequate hearing. Also we will not have the charge of a personal bias made by this gentleman in the event the decision goes against him.

Therefore I am calling a meeting of the entire board for Saturday afternoon, March 9th, at 1:00 P.M. at Mr. Philmore J. Haber's office in the Union Commerce Building. By setting the date for a Saturday afternoon we can devote the entire afternoon to it and yet not lose any time from a business day. With three to four hours Mr. Steiner can present his case fully and it can be disposed of finally.

Very truly yours,,

Chairman.

*Irving Haber*  
JEM



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

DIRECTOR  
GRACE E. MEYETTE  
SECRETARY  
CAROLYN STONE

## The League for Human Rights

510 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730

57

March 15, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Many members of the Board feel that the League ought to restate its policy in the administration of the boycott in clear and unmistakable terms.

There are many paths to pursue in the administration of a boycott. Attached you will find some suggestions which I would like to have you consider. Probably no one of these suggestions is the correct one, but undoubtedly the final method of administering the boycott can be found in some combination of these. Therefore, will you please study the suggestions presented herewith and come prepared to have an administrative policy decided upon. For this purpose I am calling a meeting for Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 P.M. at the Oakwood Club.

Sincerely yours,

*Irving Hexter*  
Chairman

IH:bf  
Enclosure



POSSIBLE BOYCOTT METHODS TO PURSUE

- 1 - An unrestricted boycott of any person or firm sell-  
or using German merchandise.
- 2 - A restricted boycott covering anyone selling German  
merchandise with certain exceptions, but each ex-  
ception to be a matter of special consideration by  
the League Board. In this category falls such mer-  
chandise as cannot be replaced by equal merchandise  
of American manufacture.
- 3 - A boycott of all German merchandise without boycot-  
ting the firm selling it.
- 4 - Consideration of supporting National Boycott Organi-  
zations in their new appeal for a moral embargo of  
American exporters.



League for Human Rights  
508 Ninth-Chester Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

WEEKLY REPORT

March 23, 1940

Coughlin's Broadcast

The Coughlin broadcast of Sunday, March 17th, was a sermon.

For the first time in several weeks Father Coughlin again propagandized Social Justice.

Father Coughlin's broadcast interrupts the New York Symphony Concert and excludes the excellent C.B.S. program "Pursuit of Happiness" from 4:30 to 5:00 P.M. for Clevelanders.

Antidote for Coughlin Broadcast

At a first glance Social Justice does not contain anything of interest. Closer investigation reveals the promotion of:

- (1) the renewal of political and trade relations with Germany, especially the cessation of the countervailing duties and the extension of a reciprocal trade agreement with Nazi-Germany.
- (2) and the hope that the Pope and Nazi-Germany will come to an agreement to protect the Catholics in Germany.
- (3) the fight against England and France.
- (4) and propaganda for Senator Reynolds, the sponsor of the anti-alien bills.

Social Justice laments about the decision of the Board of Higher Education in New York for reaffirming the appointment of Bertrand Russell as professor. The Board of Education is censured also because of "the nomination of George N. Shuster, left wing educator, as head of city-owned Hunter College."

Social Justice does not mention that George Shuster is a prominent Catholic leader and has been connected with the Catholic magazine "Commonweal."



A few weeks ago Social Justice ridiculed polls of public opinion. Now it reports elaborately on a poll conducted by Saint Joseph's Magazine. 80.4% of those questioned approved of Father Coughlin.

He does not make clear that there is a difference between a public opinion poll and a poll conducted only among the subscribers of a Catholic magazine.

In a letter from Cleveland a speech is quoted by the Jesuit Reverend Herbert Walker to the students at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy. Reverend Walker said that in the intellectual field Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" and "America" are among the best magazines we have.

Solicitors of Social Justice in Cleveland

Harry J. Brown

Edward Kane

James Davey

Willis Moats

Ruth Gavigan

Louise Nitz



## WEEKLY REPORT

League for Human Rights  
508 Ninth-Chester Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

April 20, 1940

The extreme tension in foreign affairs and its effects on the United States has made a longer report necessary.

### N I G H T M A R E S   C O M E   T R U E

The fantastic and perverted utterances of HITLER, contained in his book, "MEIN KAMPF" and in the discussions published some months ago by his former follower RAUSCHNING should have been accepted as serious planning rather than dismissed by "realists" as hysterical wish-fulfillment.

Many brutal designs outlined in "MEIN KAMPF" have been successfully carried out. RAUSCHNING'S quotations in "THE VOICE OF DESTRUCTION" have likewise been confirmed. On Page 7 of the "VOICE OF DESTRUCTION" RAUSCHNING quotes HITLER as saying:

"When I wage war.....in the midst of peace, troops will suddenly appear, let us say, in Paris. They will wear French uniforms. They will march through the streets in broad daylight. No one will stop them. Everything has been thought out, prepared to the last detail. They will march to the headquarters of the General Staff. They will occupy the ministries, the Chamber of Deputies. Within a few minutes, France, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, will be robbed of their leading men. An army without a general staff! All political leaders out of the way! The confusion will be beyond belief. But I shall long have had relations with the men who will form a new government--a government to suit me.

"We shall find such men, we shall find them in every country. We shall not need to bribe them. They will come of their own accord. Ambition and delusion, party squabbles and self-seeking arrogance will drive them. Peace will be negotiated before the war has begun. I promise you, gentlemen, that the impossible is always successful. The most unlikely thing is the surest. We shall have enough volunteers, men like our S.A., trustworthy and ready for any sacrifice. We shall send them across the border in peace-time. Gradually. No one shall see in them anything but peaceful travelers. Today you don't believe me, gentlemen. But I will accomplish it, move by move. Perhaps we shall land at their flying-fields. We shall be capable of transporting, not only men, but arms, by air. No Maginot Line will stop us. Our strategy.....is to destroy the enemy from within, to conquer him through himself."



On page 73 RAUSCHNING says:

"Every state, they reminded me, could by suitable methods be so split from within that little strength was required to break it down. Everywhere there were groups that desired independence, whether national or economic, or merely political. The scramble for fodder and distorted ambition--these were the unfailing means to a revolutionary weapon by which the enemy was struck from the rear. Finally, there were the businessmen, whose profits were their all-in-all. There was no patriotism that could hold out against all temptations. Besides, one could always dress these things up. It was really by no means difficult to find patriotic slogans that would cover all such enterprises and would at the same time win over men who were glad to salve their sensitive consciences with some such balsam. And ultimately it was all a question of money and organization."

And this is exactly what transpired in Denmark, and in Norway. A similar fate awaits other small neutrals.

RAUSCHNING says on page 122:

"We need space.....to make us independent of every possible political grouping and alliance. In the east, we must have the mastery as far as the Caucasus and Iran. In the west, we need the French coast. We need Flanders and Holland. Above all we need Sweden. We must become a colonial power. We must have a sea power equal to that of Britain."

Pages 124, 125:

"In the center I shall place the steely core of a Greater Germany welded into an indissoluble unity. Then Austria, Bohemia, and Moravia, western Poland. A block of one hundred million, indestructible, without a flaw, without an alien element, the firm foundation of our power. Then an Eastern alliance: Poland, the Baltic states, Hungary, the Balkan states, the Ukraine, the Volga basin, Georgia. An alliance, but not of equal partners; it will be an alliance of vassal states, with no army, no separate policy, no separate economy. I have no intention of making concessions on sentimental grounds, such as re-establishing Hungary, for example. I make no distinction between friends and enemies. The day of small states is past, in the west as well. I shall have a Western Union too, of Holland, Flanders, Northern France, and a Northern Union of Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

"There will be continual changes in the power relationships..... But, after a certain point, these changes will all work in favor of Germany. There will be no such thing as neutrality. The neutrals will be drawn into the sphere of influence of the great powers. They will be absorbed. These things will not all take place at the same time. I shall proceed step by step, but with iron determination."



Page 126:

"'In less than eight hours we shall break through to their coast,' he told me, in a tone of malignant triumph. A situation might arise, he explained, in which he might risk a great war. In that case, he would remain on the defensive, and leave it to the enemy to take the first aggressive step. On the enemy's doing so, he would then seize on Holland, Denmark, Switzerland and the Scandinavian states, improve his strategic positions, and propose peace under certain guarantees."

Pages 140, 141:

"In the conversation already recorded, Hitler had said that in a future war there would be no neutrals. And he added that the Northern States belonged to Germany quite as much as did Holland and Belgium. In the next war, one of his first measures must be to occupy Sweden. He could not leave the Scandinavian countries either to British or Russian influence.

".....there was no question of occupying the entire country, but only the important ports and industrial centers, above all the iron-ore mines.

"'It will be a daring, but interesting undertaking, never before attempted in the history of the world,' he pointed out. 'Protected by the fleet, and with the co-operation of the air force, I shall order a series of unexpected individual exploits. The Swedes will nowhere be prepared to put up a sufficiently strong defense. But even if one or other of these exploits should fail, the overwhelming majority of strategic points will be held.'

"On my expressing surprise, he added that to ensure the political success of this enterprise, it would be absolutely necessary to possess a close network of supporters and sympathizers in Sweden. Such a coup would lead to the permanent incorporation of the Northern States into the Greater German system of alliances only if the sympathizers for National Socialism could force an alliance by overthrowing their government. He was convinced, he said, that the Swedes would no more wage war now than they had done in 1905, when Norway broke away from the Swedish-Norwegian Union.

"'I shall in every possible way make it easy for them to adhere to this determination,.....more especially by declaring that I have no hostile intentions. I should tell them I did not wish to conquer them, but wanted only an alliance that was entirely natural and would certainly also be openly desired by Sweden if she were not, out of fear of Russia and Britain, withdrawing into a perfectly suicidal neutrality. I should explain that I came to protect them, and so give the friendly elements in the country the opportunity of deciding according to their own free will.'"



The shock we experienced in reading LELAND STOWE'S description of the conquest of Norway was not caused by the fact that Norway's citizens did not defend themselves but was occasioned because their leaders had been seduced by HITLER and:

"The Norwegian people were stunned as the Belgian people must have been stunned in 1914 and most of them still have not the slightest conception of how this incomprehensible tragedy could have happened."

Furthermore, in their anxiety to remain neutral, the Norwegians have for many years been trained to hold their tongues and not to aggravate or antagonize the Nazis. They became disassociated from vigorous democratic action. They had walked on tiptoe too long and were no longer able to set themselves quickly and throw a punch. The most distressing aspect is the betrayal by leading state officials, army officers and influential business men.

Berlin reports that the Norwegian population in Oslo had welcomed the Nazi army with open arms. According to Goebbels, joy reigned supreme. Another Berlin report states that all Norwegian snipers in Oslo preying on German troops, and there seem to be lots of them, will be summarily executed.

The Nazis have similarly undermined the morale and have established Fifth Column cadres in Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands and in the Balkans. They have succeeded in creating an atmosphere of fear and conciliation in these countries. In Rumania, the Iron Guard (Nazis) commands such respect that King Carol considers it necessary to negotiate and consult with them; in the Netherlands the Nazis have an organized underground Dutch movement of 80,000 persons, which includes army officers. The leader is Dr. Mussert.

Mussolini may act.

Russia might take a stand, although this is problematical. The fronts which would then be established would not simply be pro-Ally or pro-Nazi.



Italy can welcome neither Nazi nor Russian supremacy in the Balkans. The German advance in Scandinavia must, of necessity, be distasteful to Russia. Both Russia and Italy will pursue their own individual interests, and, in so doing, neither can constitute a reliable ally of Nazi-Germany, no more than either could assume a friendly role toward England or France. RAUSCHNING, in "THE VOICE OF DESTRUCTION" quotes HITLER'S deprecatory opinion of Italy. Page 126:

"The Italians can never be trained to become a warlike people, nor has Fascism ever understood the real meaning of the great upheaval of our era. Of course we can make temporary alliances with Italy; but ultimately we National Socialists stand alone, as the only ones who know the secret of these gigantic changes, and therefore as those chosen to set their seal on the coming age."

#### AUDACITY OF GERMAN PROPAGANDA

##### INSULT TO THE UNITED STATES - SHORTWAVE

On Sunday, April 14th, the German propaganda factory allowed itself a piece of gross impertinence in indulging in a complete mockery of the United States. It dared to present a sketch entitled "ABRAHAM LINCOLN" in which it praised the great emancipator and champion of freedom and independence. They began their travesty with the Gettysburgh Address and ended with the Star Spangled Banner.

#### ARE THEY ALREADY MASTERS OF EUROPE?

DR. WLSTRICK, newly appointed commercial attache to the German Embassy in Washington, proposes that "free and fair trade relations - - throughout the word" be observed at the termination of the war, and that the United States make a loan of five billion dollars to Europe!

#### THE UNITED STATES AND THE WAR SITUATION

The New York Post in an editorial on April 10th says:

"The stakes are so high, for us and for the world, that we must take whatever steps are necessary to maintain trade with Britain and France. We have the power to reduce tariff schedules by 50 percent.



We must use that power to permit Britain and France to sell us the goods which alone can pay for the goods these countries need.

"If necessary, we must prepare to cut below the 50 percent, by Act of Congress, even permitting the entry of goods competing with some of our own.

"This will be better than credits, which would not be repaid; better than gold, which does not increase our real wealth. But the best strength of such exchange of goods is its inner strength, its organic vitality as a system of trade that can live and go on. We must make it possible for England to pay, to make it possible for us to sell.

"We have only a short space in which to plan. The clock moves ahead crazily, challenging us to outpace it."

#### I C E - B O U N D   G R E E N L A N D

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has already resorted to the Encyclopedia Britannica to determine whether or not Greenland comes within the sphere of the MONROE DOCTRINE. The Chicago Round Table on Sunday, April 14th, and the American Academy of Political and Social Science voiced the opinion that the United States must defend the independence of Greenland.

These discussions and many others seem to be an indication that public opinion is deserting isolationism.

It is to be expected that Congress will pass a Naval Appropriations Bill. Congress eyes Japan with apprehension.

Nippon considers SECRETARY OF STATE HULL'S restrained but determined statement concerning the status quo of the Dutch East Indies a threat. Japan says that the United States and Japan differ on the interpretation of the "status quo."

#### J E W S   I N   D I S T R E S S

A report in the New York Times of Tuesday, April 16th, says:

"Berlin, April 15 -- Reports from Riga state that Jews in Latvia have recently instituted collective action to buy Latvian government bonds and thus support financially the nation that in the last few months has proven a haven for Jews driven out of other countries. The amount of bonds that will be purchased by Jewish communities in Latvia has not yet been definitely fixed, Berlin sources say, but it is understood that it may run to about 5,000,000 lat.



"A number of Jews exiled from Poland following the German occupation last Fall found refuge in Latvia. Many Jews likewise immigrated thither from Lithuania and Germany. It is asserted here that these purchases of government bonds are intended as a sign of gratitude by both Latvian Jews and those who have recently entered the nation. It is said here that anti-Semitic discrimination of any kind is unknown in Latvia today.

"Reports from Kaunas, Lithuania, vary somewhat, however. It is stated there that the Latvian Government contemplated a levy on the richer Jews in Latvia, the amount of which was provisionally fixed at 5,000,000 lat. It was later agreed to reduce this amount by one-half.

"The Russian newspaper 'Pravda' then brought the matter into the open through an editorial. Repercussions among the minorities caused the government to drop the scheme for the time being.

"It is asserted in well-informed quarters in Lithuania, however, that it may be taken up once more at some future date."

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION

Albany, April 9 -- Governor Lehman signed the McLaughlin Bill today to permit children in the public schools to be absent for religious observance and education under rules to be established by the State Commissioner of Education.

#### DIGEST OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, APRIL 22ND

This issue is full of political matters, especially concerning the international war situation. Strangely enough there is no mentioning of HITLER'S aggression in Scandinavia, but there are many articles and remarks on the "war mongering" of the United States government:

"Now, in March and April, 1940 when peace before the anticipated spring drives of the combatants is devoutly to be wished, many statesmen of America agree with President Roosevelt that our efforts for peace are presently untimely and must await that hour and the day which, in their judgment, will be auspicious.

"From the expressed desire to annihilate the totalitarian states, and the quarantining of these states, to the plea for peace, and finally to the discarding of peace efforts are steps which defy the human mind to interpret from the standpoint of principle."

The strongest attacks again are against the "capitalistic nations" England and France, and the tone towards the so-called non-capitalistic nations, Ireland, Portugal and Italy, is immensely friendly.



In a special article on East India the foreign correspondent, J. S. Barnes, promotes very openly the hope that East India at this time may revolt against England:

"They love to ape the customs of parliamentary England and to puff themselves up with the pride of office. The League of Nations is their ideal home, and because they are demo-liberals and anti-imperialists, they hate Fascism and Naziism.

"Consequently they sympathize in this war with the cause of their masters much more than with the cause of their master's enemies. They hesitate to play into the hands of Germany, Russia or Japan. They dread falling from the frying pan into the fire. Their anti-British activities are accordingly robbed of consistency and are to a great extent paralyzed. Indian politicians indeed are hopelessly immature."

The attack on Communists seems ineffective now, therefore, much space is devoted to attacks on Socialists, like Norman Thomas whose picture is carried on the front page. To Coughlin, of course, there is no difference between the Communists and Socialists

The first article on page 2 keynotes Coughlin's re-entrance into the political field, despite the repeated assertions of the Catholic Church that they are not interested in directing civil affairs:

"We who constitute the 'Church Militant' must not shirk that which is our legacy--the need to fight for justice and right as Christians, that we may merit salvation.

"If this way be difficult, the stronger must be the fight. But difficult or not, the place of the Church in labor, in political affairs, in business, in law and in the courts is made clear. 'That justice may prevail' must be the slogan."



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

DIRECTOR  
GRACE E. MEYETTE  
SECRETARY  
CAROLYN STONE

## The League for Human Rights

510 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730

57

May 27, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will remember that we postponed a meeting which we needed to have during the Welfare Campaign. Mr. Hexter has been out of town and has been unable to call a meeting. Because he finds he will be in Cleveland Friday, May 31, we are calling together the Committee of Fifteen for 12:00 at the Mid-Day Club.

We are planning to make a report on some of the investigations we have been making since our last meeting. We realize that this is short notice but we hope you will cooperate in the fine way you always do and attend if it is at all possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Grace E. Meyette*  
Grace E. Meyette

GEM:en



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

DIRECTOR  
GRACE E. MEYETTE

## The League for Human Rights

508 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730

### SPONSORING COMMITTEE

E. M. Baker  
Mrs. Clarence M. Ballou  
Mrs. E. S. Bassett  
Mrs. Stanlee Bates  
George Bellamy  
Rev. Phillip Smead Bird  
Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard  
Professor Henry M. Busch  
Miss Mildred Chadsey  
W. C. Connelly  
D. B. Cull  
Rev. Arthur Culler  
Prof. J. E. Cutler  
Gustav Dabringhaus  
Paul L. Feiss  
Miss Mabel Ferris  
Walter Flory  
Horatio Ford  
Mrs. J. W. Freeland  
Alice Gannett  
Edgar A. Hahn  
Joel B. Hayden  
Max S. Hayes  
Mrs. J. Preston Irwin  
R. W. Jelliff  
William C. Keough  
Rev. Miles Krumbine  
Thomas A. Lenehan  
Mrs. Herman Matzen  
Mrs. William A. McAfee  
Mrs. Malcolm McBride  
Sylvester McMahan  
Mrs. B. F. McQuate  
Prof. Jacob Meyer  
I. R. Morris  
Dr. Oscar T. Olson  
Rev. Harold Phillips  
U. G. Rich  
Elmer Scheuer  
H. Walter Stewart  
Clayton C. Townes  
Mrs. Howard Thayer  
Peter Witt  
Monsignor Oldrich Zlamal

June 3, 1940

To the Committee of Fifteen:

There will be a meeting of the Committee  
of Fifteen on Friday, June 7th at 8:00 p.m. at the  
Oakwood Club.

It is urgent that each member attend if  
at all possible.

Sincerely yours,

*I. Hexter*

Irving Hexter, Chairman

IH:bg



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

DIRECTOR  
GRACE E. MEYETTE

## The League for Human Rights

508 Ninth Chester Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

PRospect 5730



### SPONSORING COMMITTEE

June 10, 1940

E. M. Baker  
Mrs. Clarence M. Ballou  
Mrs. E. S. Bassett  
Mrs. Stanlee Bates  
George Bellamy  
Rev. Phillip Smead Bird  
Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard  
Professor Henry M. Busch  
Miss Mildred Chadsey  
W. C. Connelly  
D. B. Cull  
Rev. Arthur Culler  
Prof. J. E. Cutler  
Gustav Dabringhaus  
Paul L. Feiss  
Miss Mabel Ferris  
Walter Flory  
Horatio Ford  
Mrs. J. W. Freeland  
Alice Gannett  
Edgar A. Hahn  
Joel B. Hayden  
Max S. Hayes  
Mrs. J. Preston Irwin  
R. W. Jelliff  
William C. Keough  
Rev. Miles Krumbine  
Thomas A. Lenehan  
Mrs. Herman Matzen  
Mrs. William A. McAfee  
Mrs. Malcolm McBride  
Sylvester McMahan  
Mrs. B. F. McQuate  
Prof. Jacob Meyer  
I. R. Morris  
Dr. Oscar T. Olson  
Rev. Harold Phillips  
U. G. Rich  
Elmer Scheuer  
H. Walter Stewart  
Clayton C. Townes  
Mrs. Howard Thayer  
Peter Witt  
Monsignor Oldrich Zlamal

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver:  
The Temple, Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation  
of today in reference to the Committee Meeting on  
Thursday, June 13 at Mr. Hexter's home at 8:00.

The purpose of this meeting is to look at the  
program of the League for Human Rights in the light of  
present day events.

Sincerely yours,

*Grace E. Meyette*  
Grace E. Meyette

GEM:en



*A. M. Luntz*

*Cleveland, Ohio*

HANNA BUILDING

Phone PROspect 5670

June 22, 1940

Mr. Ed. T. Heald, Sec'y  
Y.M.C.A.  
3rd St. N.W.  
Canton.

My dear Mr. Heald:

Recently I found great pleasure in reading the address of Dr. Abba H. Silver on the subject "The Outlook For America". It impressed me that there are many who similarly would enjoy this privilege.

I am pleased to send you the enclosed pamphlets. You might desire to pass the message on to your friends. You, no doubt, will agree that in these times it is with relief that we come upon a declaration so clearly made.

With the hope that you find this interesting reading, I am

Sincerely,

*Abe M. Luntz*



*A. M. Luntz*

*Cleveland, Ohio*

HANNA BUILDING

Phone PProspect 5670

June 22, 1940

Mr. Jesse Mason, Supt.  
Canton Public School System,  
608 High Ave N.W  
Canton.

My dear Mr. Mason:

Recently I found great pleasure in reading the address of Dr. Abba H. Silver on the subject "The Outlook For America". It impressed me that there are many who similarly would enjoy this privilege.

I am pleased to send you 25 copies under separate cover. You might desire to pass the message on to your friends. You, no doubt, will agree that in these times it is with relief that we come upon a declaration so clearly made.

With the hope that you find this interesting reading, I am

Sincerely,

*Abe M. Luntz*



# The Jewish Welfare League of Canton

1528 NORTH MARKET AVENUE

Canton, Ohio

CANTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

*S*

*Board of Directors*

MRS. E. GOODMAN, HONORARY PRES.  
ABE M. LUNTZ, HONORARY PRES.  
DR. A. A. FISHER, HONORARY PRES.  
DR. EDW. M. FEIMAN, PRES.  
SIDNEY ERLANGER, VICE PRES.  
REUBEN F. JACOBSON, VICE PRES.  
A. S. KAHN, TREAS.  
IRWIN E. COHN, SECY  
SAMUEL L. BERKMAN  
CHAIRMAN CENTER COM.  
WARNER S. BLOOMBERG  
ERNEST H. COHEN  
BEN M. DREYER  
SAMUEL J. DREYER  
DR. DANIEL T. FEIMAN  
JOS. R. FREIFELD  
DR. HY GINGBURG  
MRS. E. GOODMAN,  
CHAIRMAN FAMILY SERVICE, COM.  
LILLIAN C. GOODMAN  
DR. A. A. GREENE  
JACK J. JOSEPH  
HERMAN KATZ  
MRS. LOUIS KAVEN  
ISADOR KRUGLIAK  
MRS. LEO B. LAVIN  
DAVID B. LIVINGSTON  
MAYER MARGOLIES  
IRENE MELCHER  
FISHEL S. RUDNER  
GEORGE SCHULMAN  
MAX S. SILVER  
MRS. SAMUEL J. STONE  
ABE STRIKOWSKY  
CHAS. S. WEINTRAUB

BERNARD TRUXTON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 22, 1940

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd at 105th St  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you 100 printed copies of your address, delivered at the Social Work Conference held in Grand Rapids, on the subject "The Outlook For America". Mr. Abe M. Luntz instructed me to have 10,000 of these printed. The booklets are going forward to you under separate cover.

In the distribution, the Jewish Welfare League has no official part. A young lady has been hired for the purpose and this expense together with the other items incidental to the project is being directly assumed by Mr. Luntz.

State Universities, Colleges, Chambers of Commerce, the Canton Ministerial Association, the School Superintendent and Principals and the Civic Clubs and Organizations are receiving this booklet in varying quantities according to their estimated sphere of influence. The attached are copies of the covering letters. Needless to say we are concentrating on the non-Jewish areas.

It has been my pleasure to be of service, For I appreciate the value of having your message widely broadcasted.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Bernard Truxton*  
Bernard Truxton

BT:FHT



THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
508 Ninth-Chester Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Digest of Social Justice  
June 24th

Coughlin, who writes five full pages in Social Justice of June 24th, directs his main attack on President Roosevelt's "war-mongering" speech at Charlottesville. Page 3:

"Before commenting upon Mr. Roosevelt's war-mongering words, it may be expressed as our opinion that the present European war would not have taken place this year, or next year, unless Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier had been given some assurance from Washington to take the fatal step which is now resulting in the dissolution of France and the betrayal of England."

The heading for the utterances below is "Ouster."

"For several years the world was waiting to read that a revolution had taken place in Germany; that Adolf Hitler had been de-throned.

"Fortunately, or unfortunately, that event did not occur. German forces consisting of Catholic, Protestant and non-religionist amalgamated to produce food, materials and national safety when the entire civilized democratic world was plotting against her."

And it ends:

"Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policy reminds one of the man who 'jumped backwards on a horse and rode off in every direction at the same time arriving nowhere.'

"It was the same pattern which he employed for his domestic program--a pattern of alienation, of befuddlement and of disaster.

"Let's have an ouster."

On page 4 Coughlin continues:

"We recognize that if there needs be war, democratic procedures must be moth-balled and totalitarian patterns must be followed..  
.....

"Shall we Americans, therefore, persist in maintaining our present foreign policy of hostility towards Germany to sustain the abuses of financial capitalism and the shortcomings of a bogus democracy, over which pontificates the same type of politician who is more concerned for his party and his ancestral race than for his country and his fellow citizens?"



Mussolini is highly praised on pages 4 and 5:

"Socialist though he was, and dictator that he is, Mussolini has done more for Italy in one generation than was accomplished by the Cavours, Garibaldis and Mazzinis of bygone years--and did it for his country at a time when the successors of Lord Palmerston in England were accomplishing little or nothing for the exploited of India and for the English laboring class.

"Let no pert columnist endeavor to cover with the lava of his Vesuvian paragraphs the accomplishments of Mussolini who restored God to the schools, the crucifix to the classrooms, and the longed-for liberty to the papacy under conditions less favorable than those which existed in the great democracies."

The whole issue gives the impression that Coughlin is again trying to incite the population to violence, or perhaps he would like to become a martyr.

Page 5:

"The hour has struck when, despite the possibility of being investigated by the F.B.I., the decent elements of this country will organize in groups to hold peace rallies at which the people's anti-war spirit can be manifested."

He states also on page 5:

"We have a foreign-dominated government."

Therefore, page 5:

"What America needs today more than anything else is a bloodless revolution against the internationalists, Communists, Nazis and politicians who have made us what we are--unprepared."

In an article "Hitler Over America" he states that South America is already Nazified and that the United States cannot match Hitler because no capitalistic system can.

His admiration for Hitler is expressed thus:

"Perhaps, nothing is greater proof of the rottenness of the 'empire system' than that one single unified, clean-living people, fired by an ideal to liberate the world once and for all from an orientalist gold-debt slave system of finance, can march tireless over nation after nation, and bring two great empires to their knees."



Mr. Roosevelt made a great mistake in antagonizing Hitler. Page 8:

"Because he could not make the sun stand still, he permitted himself to issue veiled threats against Adolf Hitler and the German people.

"Now that his foreign policy has failed, he resorts to force: to reprisals and to war.

"Was it or wasn't it 'force' when Mr. Roosevelt excluded Germany from the benefits of our foreign trade, going out of his way by devious means to include Britain and her Allies?"

A one-page appeal for the support of five-hundred refugee children and an attack on the Jews is combined with an appeal for a subscription for Social Justice.

"We are ready and willing to make ourselves responsible for feeding, housing, clothing and the education of 500 child refugees, if the Government of the United States will interest itself in the fate of the refugee war orphans of

England  
France  
Belgium  
Norway

Switzerland  
Holland  
Poland  
Scotland

as much as it did in behalf of the publicized Jewish refugees."

On the back page of the magazine Coughlin shows King George of England and the Duke of Windsor, and asks whether the Duke of Windsor will not return to be king of a post-war England. We wonder whether it is only a coincidence that the Duke of Windsor fled to fascist-controlled Spain.



The League for Human Rights  
508 Ninth-Chester Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

DIGEST OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, JULY 1ST

Anti-Government - Anti-Semitic

Page 19:

"There is a 'fifth column' of British interest working through the United States Government, the American press, radio and cinema--seeking to whip Americans into enthusiasm for a foreign war."

Page 3:

"Definitely, the New Deal party is pro-British and pro-Marxist.

"Definitely, the New Deal party is pro-war and pro-gold.

"Definitely, the New Deal party is pro-regimentation and pro-debt.

→ "Definitely, the New Deal party is pro-internationalist and pro-Jew."

Coughlin promotes WENDELL WILKIE as presidential candidate, the same WILKIE who is considered a good Republican choice by all militant anti-Nazis. He vigorously supports HULL'S reciprocal trade agreements and aid to the Allies.

Does Coughlin's hate for the Roosevelt government blind him in picking the Republican most likely to succeed even if he stands exactly for the same foreign policy as President Roosevelt?

Page 3:

"It is the only and final hope for America to set up a standard around which Christian patriots can assemble.

"By no means are we inferring that a spirit of hatred for Jews or Communists should be born on the platform in Philadelphia.

"But by all means we are inferring that the Republican party must give an opportunity to the voters of America to protest against the international control of money, and the international domination of politics by Communists.....

"Let the Republicans propose to make of the Department of Labor a real Department of Labor, taking it out of the hands of racketeers and radicals.....



"Daily we are being warned by Presidential pronouncement against a German invasion when the President has done all in his power to invite such an invasion.

"He will be the most disappointed man in all the world if it doesn't happen.

"He has gone out of his way to insult Italy and Germany and to favor the Allies.....

"Mark this well: although the people of Norway, Denmark, Belgium, France and England will choose peace, Mr. Roosevelt will not respect their choice. Rather, he will sustain their refugee leaders who, unlike King Leopold, ran from the enemy to the shores of America to involve this country in a blood bath for the welfare of the internationalists."


The next target is SIDNEY HILLMAN.

Page 4:

"The Youth of America, in one sense, is to be handed over to the gentle administration of Sidney Hillman.

"According to a White House news release, this gentleman has been placed in charge of a White House study of proposals to bring American youth into a compulsory national service.....

"When we consider that Messrs. Morgenthau and Bullitt were activists in our financial and foreign policies; that Miss Perkins steered our labor operations; and that Mr. Hillman now will be the motivating force behind the regimented youth of America, there is little wonder as to why we have grown so international-minded and pro-Marxist.....




"Possibly this foreign-born Jewish citizen, Sidney Hillman, is more capable of advancing Americanism in the minds and hearts of our regimented youth than is any native born Christian. If so, complain not about the Jews, but bemoan the lack of Christian leadership.

"Meanwhile, prepare for the best--or for the worst--as far as the boys and girls of America are concerned.

"Recollect that it is safer to damn Hitler for regimenting the youth because he is 3,000 miles distant, than it is to criticize Roosevelt for adopting the same plans.

"To criticize the former, you are only an anti-Nazi.

"To question the latter, you will become an anti-Semite.



"And it is safer to be a pro-Semite than it is to be a pro-American or pro-Christian."



Page 9:

"From the outset, Mr. Roosevelt has profited in dealing with the coin of hate and its attributes.

"He is responsible, in a great degree, for arming the Treasury Department with the sword of vindictiveness.

"He is responsible, in a great degree, for singling out the princes of privilege without discriminating between the good and the bad.

"He is responsible, in a great degree, for stirring up animosity against the Germans and Italians.

→ "He is responsible, in a great degree, for encouraging anti-Semitism insofar as he packed Washington with Jews far beyond the dictates of reason and prudence.

"He is responsible, in a great degree, for the hatred of the Constitution which he and his agents implanted in the minds of the laboring class.

"And when all these gross hatreds sink to their slimy level, he becomes responsible, in a great degree, for stirring up hatred against the largest Christian nation in the world-- Germany.

"Together with Duff Cooper, the barking butcher's dog of England, Mr. Roosevelt did all in his power 'short of war' to harass and ultimately destroy the 86-million German citizens, more than three-quarters of whom are practicing Catholics and practicing Protestants.

"The silk glove of unctious words with which he hides his gnarled fist of hatred has worn so thin that even his erstwhile admirers are aware of the menace which threatens us.

"How long must we kneel in the slime of Rooseveltian hate to insure his perpetuation in office?.....

"Following the absolute failure of the Roosevelt foreign policy, operated chiefly through Messrs. Morgenthau and Bullitt, the country paused to ponder upon the wisdom of the belligerency exhibited by the fanatic anti-German, pro-British-Judan President who practically excluded Germany from all trade relations with the United States.....

"Thousands of more letters and telegrams already are urging the Senators to keep hands off American womanhood.

"The Judaic-Britishers have always been fond of tampering with the womanhood of the world for their nefarious designs."



### In Praise of Hitler

Churchill said in a speech that a Nazi victory would mean the end of Christianity. Coughlin disagrees, page 6:

"It is true that Hitler and his Nazi coterie have had difficulties with Church authorities, both Catholic and Protestant. It is true that the Rev. Mr. Niemoeller is still in a concentration camp. It is true that there have been sporadic clashes between Nazi youth and the Cardinals of Munich and Vienna. It is true there have been 'morality trials' and so-called 'convictions' of priests and monks.

"But it is also true that these difficulties between Church and State in Germany arose principally out of the close unity still existing between the two in Germany, and from political enmities and rivalries inevitable in such a close relation...

"The Great Reich.....numerically and from the viewpoint of population statistics and religious avowal, is the world's leading Christian nation. Chancellor Hitler would find it difficult, even if he desired, to stamp out Christianity even in his own country, and especially when flanked with an ally such as Catholic Italy and a semi-ally such as Catholic Spain. That he even wants to do so has not been established.....

"Social Justice readers simply cannot accept Mr. Churchill's thesis that he and his set of orientalist are 'saving Christianity from those terrible Germans.'"

These are Coughlin's "Orientalists." Page 8:

"What America needs now is a reception committee to conduct a sort of Cook's tour of this Continent for the Blums, the Reynauds, the Rothschilds, Hore-Belishas, et. al., with only a brief stop-over permitted in New York City.

"However chilly the reception weather, the Committee should make it hot for them.

"We propose that America acquire British Bermuda and incarcerate the whole crowd of alien, orientalist-internationals safely there, some 600 miles out in mid-ocean.

"Once a week, we might have a transport plane drop provisions, mail, and new arrivals, into the island paradise; but no boats or airplanes would be permitted to communicate between the islands and the mainland.

"In other words, let us maintain a strict quarantine. Keep out these subversive internationalists as we would the dread bubonic plague!"



The Same State of Mind

Coughlin, Page 10

"To our mind, economic system which enforces the employment of women in factories and in places of public manual labor is not to be approved.

"The woman's place is in a home.

"In her father's home, to begin with, where she is instructed in the arts of home-making which should be the chief concern in any nation.

"In her husband's home, to end with, where she becomes a true home-maker, bearing children, educating them, and safe-guarding the domestic virtues productive of happiness; for, without these homes of happiness, no economic system is worth while saving.

"After all, patriotism is a virtue which inclines us to love our country and to sacrifice for it, ultimately for the common welfare of the country and immediately for the welfare of the homes which make up the country.

"Hands off our womanhood!

"Unfortunately, we have witnessed the breakdown of economics which forced feminine labor to become a part of a war-mongering era which resulted in the degradation of the daughters of every nation.

"Such a system cannot be tolerated except at the expense of losing the most precious ideals which make a country great.

"And an economic system geared for war which enforces this loss is not worth while saving."

Hitler, Mein Kampf, pp 284, 285, 287

"The liberal intellectualistic woman's movement contained many points in its program that took departure from so-called mind. The program of our National Socialist woman's movement contains really only one single point. This point is the child that must come into being and that must thrive."

"The man upholds the nation as the woman upholds the family. The equal rights of woman consist in the fact that in the realm of life determined for her by nature she experiences the high esteem that is her due...Woman and man represent two quite different types of being. Reason is dominant in man. He searches, analyzes and often opens new immeasurable realms. But all things that he approaches merely by reason are subject to change. Feeling in contrast is much more stable than reason and woman is the feeling and therefore the stable element...The movement therefore can take no other position toward woman than that of cherishing her as a life partner and life companion with equal rights."

"The outside world says, 'Yes, the men! But the woman, they cannot be optimistic with you. They are oppressed, downtrodden and enslaved. You do not want to give them any freedom, any equality of rights.' But we reply, what you regard as a yoke others experience as a blessing. What for one appears as heaven, for another is hell and the reverse.....An immeasurable vista of work possibilities exist for the woman. For us at all times the woman has been comrade in work and in life. I am often told, 'You want to force the women out of professions.' No, I want only to create to the greatest extent the possibility of founding a family and having children because our folk needs them above all things.

Teamwork?

Father Coughlin, Detroit, promotes Nazi propaganda.

Henry Ford, Detroit, refuses to deliver airplane motors to England.



The League for Human Rights  
508 Chester Ninth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

DIGEST OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, July 29, 1940

C O U G H L I N   W I L L   B E   B A C K   O N   T H E   A I R   I N  
O C T O B E R   T O   P U T   I N   H I S   W O R D   O N  
T H E   E L E C T I O N

In last week's Social Justice COUGHLIN had not yet made up his mind which candidate to support, but the drafting of ROOSEVELT made his decision easy. On July 22 he attacked Roosevelt and WILLKIE. July 29 he pulls for WILLKIE. The headline on the front page of the July 29th issue is:

"THIRD TERM ENDS THE LAST STAND OF DEMOCRACY IN THE UNITED STATES"

This issue contains the filthiest name-calling we have thus far seen in Social Justice -- name-calling of ROOSEVELT and the New Deal. Some quotations on comments of the Democratic Convention will serve as examples.

Page 3:

"We know that the aroused millions who were not represented at the Democratic Convention will await patiently until November to pay off the Sphinx, to dismiss his hostlers, to repudiate the politicians and jobholders and to rescue America from the unclean hands of the sewer mongers.

"At least, that is what many persons now think. Will WENDELL WILLKIE prove himself to be a better leader than FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT? Time alone will tell."

The main attack is on the foreign policy platform of the Democrats and coincides 100% with German propaganda against the United States in which the United States is blamed for the war.

Page 4:

"But the Democratic platform definitely invites Germany to declare war on us; definitely cashiers the Washingtonian program of 'no foreign entanglements'; definitely thumbs its nose at Europe and Asia; definitely invites the millions of Communists, Nazis and their supporters in this country to plan reprisals; definitely commits us to a prosperity-through-war program .....



"We excluded Germany from our policy of good neighborliness. Now Germany, most probably is the victor, with her Swastika flying over Europe for all practical purposes.

"As a matter of fact, we couldn't go into Europe commercially, economically or socially if we wanted to unless we went in on Hitler's conditions .....

"The above suggests the question: Who declared this world war in the first place? The answer is: Great Britain declared war on Germany.

"And a further question is: Who encouraged Great Britain to declare war on Germany? And the answer is: The Democratic Party through the mouth-pieces of Mr. ROOSEVELT, Mr. MORGENTHAU, Mr. HULL AND Mr. BULLITT."

Anti-Semitism is prominent in an attack on Hollywood movies.

Page 8:

"Mind you, the democratic France, the Jewish-controlled France, the anti-Christian France, was well watered with Hollywood tears. But the new France, the Petain France, the Catholic France, the free France (free from the Bank of England and the internationalists) was portrayed as a living plague.

"This Hollywood menace is just going one step too far. It is a menace controlled and operated, for the most part, by anti-Christian Jews. It is a menace which now openly supports Jewish 'democracy' under which cloak internationalism squirms and hides."

In our July 22 release we suspected that Father COUGHLIN was behind the MOTHERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. COUGHLIN assures us that that is not true.

Page 2:

"Because Social Justice has given publicity to two or three of these groups, there has arisen an impression, perhaps natural, that the organizations mentioned had some special sort of endorsement.

"This National Magazine has been glad to endorse the enthusiasm of all mothers working for peace. So far as we know, these mothers' groups are equally commendable."



C O N F I D E N T I A L

On April 22nd a meeting sponsored by the Ohio Chapter of Pro-America and the National Organization of Republican Women, Inc., was held at the Hotel Cleveland. Mrs. Carl H. Hanna is the president of this organization. Donald Hornbeck presented Mrs. Mattia and praised the organization. William Ball introduced John Cecil as the main speaker. The topic of his address was "Let Us Think of the United States for a Change."

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce sponsored this meeting by invitations to its members, stating: "Mr Cecil is a recognized authority on immigration and unemployment problems in the U.S.A." "His address will be non-partisan in character." But - - only Republican candidates were introduced to the audience of eighty and Mr. Cecil proved to be a propagandist instead of an expert.

The Chamber undoubtedly acted in good faith when it sponsored the meeting. Nevertheless, many Clevelanders are deeply concerned that a representative group of leading citizens, like the Chamber of Commerce, urged its members to attend this meeting without first having investigated the main speaker and his activities.

John Cecil is not unknown nor are his activities any less reprehensible or notorious. He is closely linked with the activities of Van Horn Moseley, Fritz Kuhn, Zoll and Father Coughlin. The New York Times of December 16, 1938 described him in detail, and "The Hour" of October 7, 1939 imparts the following information:

"A New York organization by the high-sounding name of the National Affairs Conference Board has recently begun the publication of "The Conference Report." The Hour learns that John Cecil, notorious alien-baiter and anti-Semite, is chairman of this new fascist-propaganda group. He is also president of the American Immigration Conference Board, which sponsored almost all of the anti-alien bills introduced during the last session of U.S. Congress. For over a year Cecil has been a speaker at Coughlinite, pro-Nazi and other "super-patriotic" rallies. He starts his typical speech by demanding "Jobs for Americans First," then launches into a tirade against racial minorities. He is on friendly terms with Senator Reynolds, of North Carolina, leader of the reactionary "Vindicators." Cecil boasts of having invited Fritz Kuhn and other Bundites to attend a meeting in the Hotel Astor in New York which Reynolds addressed last May."

The Hour of February 3, 1940:

"Supporters of today's anti-alien movement in this country number



hundreds of organizations. They include: American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Immigration Conference Board, Vindicators, Associated Farmers, American Nationalist Federation, Ku Klux Klan, Silver Shirts, American Nationalist Party, American Patriotic Guards, Black Legion, American White Guards."

"These organizations present a varied picture of social strata, motives and methods. At the genteel end we see the wealthy Mr. Trevor, the polished-mannered Mr. Mervin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council, or the equally elegant Henry Winslow Brooks, who wages his one-man campaign from his Park Avenue home. Scholarly terms of "race integrity" and "race improvement" are employed to cloak attacks upon the foreign-born by Mr. Harry H. Laughlin in his report for the Special Committee on Immigration and Naturalization of the New York State Chamber of Commerce. A Wall Street area address and far less distinguished language constitute the tools of Mr. John Cecil and his Immigration Conference Board. And no silken gloves at all conceal the brass knuckles of such anti-alien groups as the Christian Front, Christian Mobilizers, American Nationalist Party, Silver Shirts and the Ku Klux Klan."

The Hour of January 6, 1940:

"The National Affairs Conference, John Cecil's fascist and alien-baiting organization (see The Hour for October 7) has of late encountered financial difficulties. The group has been forced to suspend publication of Conference Control Reports after printing but two issues, and it has moved from its office at 92 Liberty Street in the financial district of New York to a post-office box in the same locality.

"Cecil, head of the unit, has resumed his speaking activities in behalf of several "super-patriotic" and Christian Front organizations."

In his speech in Cleveland John Cecil confined himself strictly to Americanism, but the manner in which he presented his material was not objective. Here are but a few of the inaccuracies in which he indulged. Cecil said:

"Recently an international conference was held at the White House. They called upon the President of the United States not to consider the plight of 10 million economic refugees from the depression but to consider the plight and future well being of 500,000 refugees from the German Reich. He told the international statesmen who had gathered that when they had solved that problem, they should brace themselves for the bigger job ahead, preparing to take care of 20 million refugees from the war. That at a time when the League of Nations commission had spent years studying a report during August last year just prior to the outbreak of the World War, saying that 70% of all the unemployed of the entire world were already in America, we should be getting ready to help take care of 20 million refugees from the war."

He was obviously referring to the preparations made by the President for the "Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees," composed of representatives from



the United States of America, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Brazil and Argentina. The full committee, for which this body acts, includes thirty-two nations. Its American representative was Myron Taylor; the permanent director George Rublee, also an American. The committee states that about 700,000 people must be aided immediately.

The President's appeal preceded the International Conference on Refugees which opened at Evian-les-Bains on July 7, 1938. This conference did not commit America or any other country to specification, and was not much more than a humanitarian gesture.

John Cecil continues:

"The sad part is that while millions of our own people are walking the streets looking for work, there are as many as four million aliens (I don't mean a foreigner) I mean a man or woman who is a citizen of a foreign country, owes his allegiance to that country.....there are four million aliens holding down jobs according to a statement made at least 20 times on the Senate and House floor and it has never been refuted; while millions of our people who are destitute, sick, lack clothing, shelter and food, and can't get relief, there are countless aliens in this country who are on the relief rolls of the country. I don't know how many aliens are holding down jobs, or how many aliens are holding down American relief rolls, nobody knows, and certainly the government has not made any effort to find out."

Mr. Cecil, as head of the American Immigration Conference Board, should know that immigrants who entered this country after 1929 are not eligible for relief or W.P.A. unless they are citizens. Relatives and friends who sponsored their entrance into this country by furnishing them with affidavits are responsible for their support in case they become destitute. Those non-citizens on relief rolls entered this country prior to 1929 and failed to become citizens due to lack of funds, lack of knowledge or negligence. None of these persons are refugees from Germany or Central Europe forced to flee Hitler persecution.

Cecil then drew an unfavorable comparison between the American Immigration laws and the English and French immigration policy and pointed out that no foreigner can work in England unless he secures a contract prior to his entrance.

Mr. Cecil evidently does not know that in order to protect American workers the United States immigration laws exclude such persons who attempt to gain



admittance into this country with either real or imaginary jobs in their pockets. This law is designed to exclude cheap contracted labor and to preserve jobs for Americans (The United States Immigration Law, Excluded Classes 3.)

Cecil states that the flow of immigrants into this country is an important cause of unemployment and quotes figures in order to prove that the New Deal has encouraged immigration thus increasing unemployment. He says:

"If I had time I would like to read the record of Madam Perkins in this regard so you could see where some of our jobs have gone in some of the last few years. In talking over the air about aliens living in this country, she left the impression that when one came in, another went out, so we are just where we started. That's not true. She states last year there were 28,000 aliens who went home. If you read farther in her report, 38,000 aliens came back to the U.S., so we actually gained 10,000. When she took office in 1933, our immigration was at an all time low. Hoover issued a ..... telling them to tighten up on restrictions in the interest of preserving jobs in America. In 1933 we had 8,242 quota immigrants into this country. Our immigration has increased by 50% over the previous year, each year since 1933 with one exception, and our deportation of alien criminals and undesirables has decreased accordingly."

The facts, however, are that from 1921 to 1930 under a Republican administration 4,107,000 aliens were admitted. But from 1931 to 1939 only 457,000 persons were admitted although the quota would have permitted the admission of one and a quarter million. Since more than 50% of these immigrants are women and children not seeking employment and who constitute consumers, this means that immigration has created an additional labor supply of only 225,000 in a period of eight years. Obviously this number cannot play any decisive part in our relief problems or in the aggravation of the plight of ten million unemployed. It is quite apparent that Mr. Cecil is fighting windmills. He attempts to charge Mme. Perkins with giving inaccurate figures. But in the year 1935 at least, more people left the United States than entered. Mr. Cecil ended his speech with an ingenious proposal:

"Once again we are asked to throw open our doors and bring in the unwanted people of the world. I am sorry for these people, but



if I were president, which is a laughable thought, If I were president, I would not call a conference of Statesmen in the White House to discuss the refugee problems, I would say to England and France, you owe us billions of dollars which you aren't going to pay; you have undeveloped fertile land in say, Africa (or some of their other possessions) turn it over to these refugees where they can go and live and we will relieve you of this debt because we can't take them in. I would tell Herr Hitler he had money which we loaned that rebuilt the German Reich. If he would offer to the refugees certain land .... we would cancel the debt. I think that's an answer to the refugee problem today."

Are these serious proposals? He proposes to waive the British and French war debts in favor of the refugees and calls upon these countries to throw open unpopulated areas in their colonies.

England and France are quite willing to open such areas to colonization if private capital would undertake the development of them, and they would do so without the cancellation of their debts. The difficulty however, lies in securing the capital for investment and not so much in finding areas of colonization. Even the United States is contemplating opening Alaska to such development. But does Mr. Cecil think that Congress will agree to cancel the debts and then make new loans to England and France?

His second proposal is even more fantastic. All German debts consist of private loans made to German municipalities and industries. However bad these debts may be it is doubtful that even Mr. Cecil would have the temerity to ask these private American entrepreneurs to cancel these debts. Is the government supposed to assume responsibility in this matter? Would not the cry of bolshevist expropriation of private enterprise then be raised? Does Mr. Cecil seriously propose to ask Hitler for land for refugees, and to reimburse him by relieving Germany of debts which Hitler does not permit to be paid in any case? These proposals are nothing more than clumsy attempts at propaganda.

We are enclosing a study of the refugee question by the Society of Friends which contains accurate factual material.



VERY CONFIDENTIAL

STATEMENT ON PRO-AMERICA

Pro-America is an organization of Republican women. They state as their main purpose the defeat of the New Deal. Officially, they are an independent organization, and Mrs. Mattei, the national chairman, said in the meeting of Pro-America in Cleveland on Monday, April 22nd:

"Pro-America is a national organization of Republican women. It was started in Seattle.....Pro-America is now working in 26 states.....It is unattached to any organization, political or otherwise, nor in competition with any other organization.....There is a good deal of legislation which would be difficult for the party to influence. Even if it could, it would be slow and tedious.....In the same way there is very important legislation, such as the Ham and Eggs, the Pension Election in California, and Bigelow Measure here in which the Party would hesitate to come out against. But Pro-America can take action immediately. Also, none of our officers and directors are candidates or hold political office other than honorary."

From this statement one can assume that this organization is the right-wing pressure group of the Republican Party, and tries to act where party representatives, either because of liberal conviction or for tactical party reasons, do not come out against New Deal reforms.

In Cleveland Mrs. Carl Hanna is the chairman of the Ohio Chapter located at 827 Hanna Building. She works very closely with the American Economic Foundation which is located at the same address in Cleveland, and headed by Fred Clark.

The American Economic Foundation appears to be a non-political economic research and propaganda organization. One of their publications distributed by Mrs. Hanna is the "Statistical Handbook on the American System of Free Enterprise."

Their present activities are concentrated on the organization of pressure groups among Republican women for the purpose of defeating New Deal legislation.



Therefore, they support the amendments to the Wagner Act, the Logan-Walter Bill, the anti-alien bills, and were in favor of Senator Toby's attacks on the Census. They call for the defeat of the Lee Bill, which proposes the drafting of wealth in the event of war, and for the defeat of agricultural legislation.

They stress the following points:

"We further believe

In the elimination of continuous and unjustified government attacks upon private business.

In the elimination of government competition with private enterprise. (The threats of the government against business have restricted industry, destroyed all confidence and initiative and kept millions on relief.) Private business must be encouraged by the government.

Government expenditures must be controlled by Congress.

The Federal Budget must be balanced.

Waste and extravagance in Government spending must be eliminated.

The Federal debt limit must be restricted to the present 45 billion of dollars.

The income tax base must be broadened and unfair taxes eliminated."

The last point, "The income tax base must be broadened" is contradicted by their propaganda folder called "Your Child is Facing Bankruptcy" in which they point out that a family with an income of \$150 a month pays more than \$19 in direct and hidden taxes, and that not the rich but the poor are footing the bill.

Another folder attacks the reciprocal trade agreements of the State Department.

The Cleveland Pro-America Chapter cooperates with the American Coalition, Southern Building, Washington, D.C., president of which is John Trevor, in distributing propaganda literature.



The American Coalition is mentioned among the organizations with fascistic tendencies by "The Hour" of February 3, 1940:

"Supporters of today's anti-alien movement in this country number hundreds of organizations. They include: American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Immigration Conference Board, Vindicators, Associated Farmers, American Nationalist Federation, Ku Klux Klan, Silver Shirts, American Nationalist Party, American Patriotic Guards, Black Legion, American White Guards."

"These organizations present a varied picture of social strata, motives and methods. At the genteel end we see the wealthy Mr. Trevor, the polished-mannered Mr. Mervin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council, or the equally elegant Henry Winslow Brooks, who wages his one-man campaign from his Park Avenue home."

The National Headquarters of Pro-America is in San Francisco, California, 564 Market Street.





Exposure of . . .

# Father Coughlin's Source of "Truth"

BY

THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

508 NINTH-CHESTER BUILDING

CLEVELAND, OHIO

# Social Justice

NATIONAL WEEKLY

Founded 1936

February 12, 1940

by Father Coughlin

Subscription: Three Dollars per Year

10c

## Facts Hidden in American Files

Thus does unwritten history come to light with the years. Again, we repeat that the above quotation from Bismarck was released to the public in 1921, some forty-five years after it was written. Bear in mind also that the official archives of the United States Government, of the United Civil War, will not be available until 1965, or 100 years after the event. We have, therefore, been obliged to go to European sources to obtain the facts.

(A second article will tell how Lincoln wrestled with the international financiers in order to give his beloved America an honest money system—how he won—and the real reason why he was assassinated.)

## Translation

Price 3 francs.

The Conspiracy of the Jews Against the People.

The Times, the biggest newspaper in the world inquires whether France, England and the United States have defeated German world domination only to make place for Jewish world domination.

And the Morning Post says that the Protocols or regulations of the wise men of Israel are the Bolshevist Bible.

(Exact minutes of their meetings in the occult sanctuaries.)

The Protocols (complete text) are offered to the public by La Vieille France with 80 pages of documents for three francs.

0.40 cent.

N° 228

9 — 16 Juin 1921

## LA VIEILLE-FRANCE



me de haine contre la France.

Gouvernement à la merci d'un forçat.

ute finance ? Guerre ? Non : LES JUIFS.

soon et Nathan. — Paléologue et Catherine II.

icheia Wohlgenuth et la Magistrature.

En vente, 3 fr. :

La Conspiration Juive contre les Peuples.

Le Times, le plus grand journal du monde, demande si la France, l'Angleterre, l'Amérique n'ont abattu la domination mondiale de l'Allemagne que pour faire place à la domination mondiale des Juifs.

Et la Morning Post proclame que la Bible bolcheviste c'est

## LES PROTOCOLS

ou

DIRECTIVES DES SAGES D'ISRAEL

(Procès-verbaux de leurs réunions dans les Sanctuaires Occultes.)

## LES PROTOCOLS

(texte complet)

sont offerts par la Vieille-France au public, avec quatre-vingts pages de documents

pour 3 francs.

de Pré-aux-Cleres  
PARIS (V)

Urbain GONIER



Father Coughlin says:

"I am no anti-Semite."

Father Coughlin says in Social Justice of February 12, 1940:

"When truth is assailed - watch out!"

Father Coughlin says in Social Justice of February 26, 1940:

"Help Father Coughlin to keep America a Christian nation. Donate today to his Broadcasting Fund so that at least one voice may continue to hurl TRUTH into the teeth of those who would wipe out Christianity and the Constitution."

Social Justice quotes numerous so-called historians and attacks the reputations of many historical figures.

Historical writing is based on facts and it is not always easy to get these facts.

Which sources does Father Coughlin exploit?

On February 12, 1940, Social Justice published the amazing revelations of Lincoln and the Rothschilds.

This article purports to prove that the Civil War was, in fact, not caused by conflicts in the United States but was plotted in London in 1857. The source on which this new concept is based is an old American book by John Reeves, "The Rothschilds, The Financial Rulers of Nations," page 228. At the wedding of one of the younger Rothschilds in London, Disraeli is reported to have said:

"Under this roof are the heads of the family of Rothschild - a name famous in every capital of Europe and every division of the globe. If you like, we shall divide the United States into two parts, one for you, James, and one for you, Lionel. Napoleon will do exactly and all that I shall advise him."

This quotation is a barefaced falsification.

On page 228 John Reeves writes as follows:

"Under this roof are the heads of the name and family of



Rothschild - a name famous in every capital in Europe and every division of the globe - a family not more regarded for its riches than esteemed for its honour, virtues, integrity, and public spirit."

American historians were completely unaware that this was the cause of the Civil War.

But Social Justice of February 12, 1940, page 16, states:

"Thus does unwritten history come to light with the years. Again, we repeat that the above quotation from Bismarck was released to the public in 1921, some forty-five years after it was written. Bear in mind also that the official archives of the United States Government, bearing on the Civil War, will not be available until 1965, or 100 years after the event. We have, therefore, been obliged to go to European sources to obtain the facts."

Social Justice's European source for the truth is La Vieille France.

On February 12, 1940, Social Justice says on page 8:

"Bismarck knew the truth and revealed it in 1876 to a German, Conrad Siem, who published it in 'La Vieille France,' (No. 216, March, 1921), forty-five years later."

We reproduce here in full the corresponding article from La Vieille France, March 24, 1921, page 13.\*

#### "The Assassination of Lincoln

"Next to Washington, the national hero of the United States is Abraham Lincoln: his picture holds the place of honor among all other patriots. The biography of Abraham Lincoln is a second bible to the American people. This biography contains the life of this descendant of the first settlers, this cattle herder, this boatsman, this backwoodsman, this village shopkeeper, this self-educated man, this great statesman of the most tragic period in the history of the nation, this always honest man."

"In order to refresh the memories of Americans and for the benefit of Europeans, this is the history: Abraham had been the president of the North against the South during Secession. This war had as its goal the liberation of the blacks whom the southern planters wanted to keep in enslavement. The North was victorious

---

\* The paragraphs which are in boldfaced type indicate the quotations appearing in Social Justice.



and the Negroes were freed. Abraham was re-elected after his first presidency; his second presidency began March 4th 1865; On April 15th he was shot and killed by the actor Wilkes Booth, who shouted "the South is avenged."

"That is how history is taught to the people."

"A man who knew about it much longer than the masses, Bismarck, in 1876 stated his views about the role and the death of Lincoln to a young German Conrad Siem who has become a citizen of the United States and who has published Bismarck's opinion."

"We here give a very detailed resume."

"THE DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES INTO TWO FEDERATIONS OF EQUAL FORCE WAS DECIDED LONG BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR BY THE HIGH FINANCIAL POWER OF EUROPE. THESE BANKERS WERE AFRAID THE UNITED STATES, IF THEY REMAINED IN ONE BLOCK AND AS ONE NATION, WOULD ATTAIN ECONOMICAL AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE, WHICH WOULD UPSET THEIR FINANCIAL DOMINATION OVER THE WORLD. THE VOICE OF THE ROTHSCHILDS PREDOMINATED. THEY FORESAW TREMENDOUS BOOTY IF THEY COULD SUBSTITUTE TWO FEEBLE DEMOCRACIES, INDEBTED TO THE JEWISH FINANCIERS, TO THE VIGOROUS REPUBLIC, CONFIDENT AND SELF-PROVIDING. THEREFORE, THEY STARTED THEIR EMISSARIES IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT THE QUESTION OF SLAVERY AND THUS TO DIG AN ABYSS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF THE REPUBLIC.

"LINCOLN NEVER SUSPECTED THESE UNDERGROUND MACHINATIONS. HE WAS ANTI-SLAVERIST, AND HE WAS ELECTED AS SUCH. BUT HIS CHARACTER PREVENTED HIM FROM BEING THE MAN OF ONE PARTY. WHEN HE HAD AFFAIRS IN HIS HANDS, HE PERCEIVED THAT THESE SINISTER FINANCIERS OF EUROPE, THE ROTHSCHILDS, WISHED TO MAKE HIM THE EXECUTOR OF THEIR DESIGNS. THEY MADE THE RUPTURE BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH IMMINENT! THE MASTER OF FINANCE IN EUROPE MADE THIS RUPTURE DEFINITIVE IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT IT TO THE UTMOST. LINCOLN'S PERSONALITY SURPRISED THEM. HIS CANDIDATURE DID NOT TROUBLE THEM; THEY THOUGHT TO EASILY DUPE THE CANDIDATE WOODCUTTER. BUT LINCOLN READ THEIR PLOTS AND SOON UNDERSTOOD; THAT THE SOUTH WAS NOT THE WORST FOE, BUT THE JEW FINANCIERS. HE DID NOT CONFIDE HIS APPREHENSIONS, HE WATCHED THE GESTURES OF THE HIDDEN HAND; HE DID NOT WISH TO EXPOSE PUBLICLY THE QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD DISCONCERT THE IGNORANT MASSES.

"LINCOLN DECIDED TO ELIMINATE THE INTERNATIONAL BANKER BY ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF LOANS, ALLOWING THE STATES TO BORROW DIRECTLY FROM THE PEOPLE WITHOUT INTERMEDIARY. HE DID NOT STUDY FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, BUT HIS ROBUST GOOD SENSE REVEALED TO HIM, THAT THE SOURCE OF ANY WEALTH RESIDES IN THE WORK AND ECONOMY OF THE NATION. HE OPPOSED EMISSIONS THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIERS. HE OBTAINED FROM CONGRESS THE RIGHT TO BORROW FROM THE PEOPLE BY SELLING TO IT THE 'BONDS' OF THE STATES. THE LOCAL BANKS WERE ONLY TOO GLAD TO HELP SUCH A SYSTEM. AND THE GOVERNMENT AND THE



NATION ESCAPED THE PLOTS OF THE FOREIGN FINANCIERS. THEY UNDERSTOOD AT ONCE, THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD ESCAPE THEIR GRIP. THE DEATH OF LINCOLN WAS RESOLVED UPON. NOTHING IS EASIER THAN TO FIND A FANATIC TO STRIKE, until the North had been victorious."

"One of the first messages of Lincoln, that 'All capital is the fruit of labor' was not intended to promote Socialism; he made known to the world that the United States did not need foreign capital in order to develop its resources; and the accompanying declaration of principles contains a concrete plan for the organization of economy.

"The inner circle of the international financiers immediately understood that the vast and immensely rich areas of the United States had been removed from their grasp."

"THE DEATH OF LINCOLN WAS A DISASTER FOR CHRISTENDOM," CONTINUES BISMARCK. "THERE WAS NO MAN IN THE UNITED STATES GREAT ENOUGH TO WEAR HIS BOOTS. AND ISRAEL WENT ANEW TO GRAB THE RICHES OF THE WORLD. I FEAR THAT JEWISH BANKS WITH THEIR CRAFTINESS AND TORTUOUS TRICKS WILL ENTIRELY CONTROL THE EXUBERANT RICHES OF AMERICA, AND USE IT TO SYSTEMATICALLY CORRUPT MODERN CIVILIZATION. THE JEWS WILL NOT HESITATE TO PLUNGE THE WHOLE OF CHRISTENDOM INTO WARS AND CHAOS, IN ORDER THAT 'THE EARTH SHOULD BECOME THE INHERITANCE OF ISRAEL'."

"Thus spoke Bismarck in 1876 and he had good reason to know the machinations of the Jews and the Jewish bankers.

"He told the same story that Rabbi Reichhorn told in 1869, the same story the Elders of Zion told in the Protocols at the beginning of the 20th Century.

"So according to Bismarck:-

"The awful Civil War in the United States was fomented by a Jewish conspiracy.

"Abraham Lincoln, the hero and national saint of the United States was killed by the same hand which assassinated three Czars, ten Kings and twenty Prime Ministers in order to bleed their nations.

"This argument should convince the American people that they are involved in the hard and implacable battle which is being fought between the patriots of the great republic and the enemies of humanity."

By Their Source Ye Shall Know!

A person who does not know one word of French can discover at a glance that this is a violently anti-Semitic magazine.



La Vieille France first appeared in Paris during the World War in 1916. It was published until 1924. It is pre-Hitler anti-Semitic propaganda.

Its editor was one Urbain Gohier. The purpose of the magazine was the promotion and dissemination of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

Whoever employs such a vicious and deceitful propaganda sheet as an authority in the year 1940 must be a rabid anti-Semite.

It might be well to give a resumé of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion in order to illustrate the methods to which Coughlin resorts.

\*The "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" reveal the existence of a powerful secret Jewish world-conspiracy, which has as its object the destruction of the Christian States and the foundation of a Jewish world-monarchy on their ruins.

This secret body of Jews operates in conjunction with the Freemasons and controls the statesmen of the world like puppet-masters.

The Protocols were first published in 1905 as the supplementary chapter of a Russian pamphlet by Serge Nilus. Significantly enough, this edition is a product of the Imperial printing office at Tsarskoe Selo. The pamphlet was reissued under the title of "He is at the Door" together with the Protocols in 1911, 1912 and 1917. Orthodox Russia and the absolute autocracy are represented to be the last bulwark against the Antichrist, the secret Jewish world-government in alliance with the Freemasons. The Jewish government incites the Goyim (non-Jews) against one another and ruins them economically, politically and morally. The spokesman of the secret Jewish world-government believes only in the right of force. Humane and liberal ideas have been launched by the Jews merely in order to accomplish the downfall of the non-Jewish States. The Jews were the first to

---

\*"Antisemitism, Historically and Critically Examined," by Hugo Valentin, Viking Press, New York.



spread abroad the watchword "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," and in the name of these ideas the "brutishly unintelligent" non-Jewish nations follow the banners of the Jewish leaders. The chief task consists of transforming the non-Jews into a herd of mentally indolent, obedient animals. "To-day I am able to inform you," we read in the third Protocol, "that we are only a few steps from the goal. There only remains a little way to go, and we shall be ready to close the circle of the Symbolical Serpent. (Social Justice employs the symbolical serpent in its cartoons.)

Under the guidance of the secret Jewish world-government the people have destroyed the aristocracy, their natural defenders and helpers, whose own interests were indissolubly bound up with the welfare of the lower classes, whereas "we are interested in the opposite - in the degeneration of the Goyim." The organization of society demands the division of mankind into classes and orders. In order to prevent non-Jews from recognizing this, the Jews have hampered their attempts to secure a correct insight into social science.

Thanks to the fact that the Jews have held "wholly" in their power, they intend, when the social discontent encouraged by them has reached its climax, to arrange a general economic crisis and on one and the same day throw the working masses of Europe into the streets. The workers will then be delighted to shed the blood of those whom, in their ignorance, they have envied from childhood. But the Jews, knowing of course the time set for the revolution, will already have seen to their own safety. "Remember the French Revolution, which we have designated 'the Great Revolution;' the secret of its bringing about is well known to us, for it was exclusively the work of our hands (!)" Should any country oppose the Jews, its neighbours are to be forced to make war against it; but if they refuse, the Jews will reply with a general war.



Since only autocracy can save the non-Jews, the Jews endeavour to promote constitutionalism and liberalism everywhere; but once the Jews have seized power, absolutism must be introduced. The nations, having first been deprived by the Jews of all belief in God, will be converted to the Jewish religion, and the Jews, in alliance with their creatures, the Freemasons, will rule over the earth. The composition of the secret Jewish world-government is unknown not only to the Goyim but also to the rank and file of the Jews.

On August 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1921, in The London Times, Philip Graves, its Constantinople correspondent, published facts proving that the Protocols were obvious forgeries. He had bought a French novel from a Tsarist officer and had discovered that whole sentences, whole paragraphs, nay, whole pages in the novel and in the Protocols were practically identical.

It appears that the Protocols, the first edition of which was very small, were not originally concocted in order to incite the masses against the Jews, but were intended to frighten the Tsar into complying with the demands of the extreme Right and to smear his moderate-liberal Prime Minister Witte as a Freemason and an agent of international Jewry.

Once more the Protocols attracted the world's attention when the national organization of the Jewish congregations in Switzerland and the Jewish congregation of Berne brought action against the committee of the Swiss Nazi Party because it had published a Swiss edition of the Protocols.

The verdict was pronounced on May 19th, 1935. It was declared that the Protocols were forgeries and plagiarisms and of such a nature as to come under the head of obscene literature according to the laws of the Canton of Berne. The defendants were fined. The president of the Court concluded his



judgment with these words: I am convinced that the Protocols are obscene literature and more than that, namely, ridiculous nonsense."

La Vieille France is a propaganda magazine and promotes the demands of the Russian aristocracy. It adapts the teachings of the Protocols to the events which transpired between 1916 and 1924.

Investigation of a score of issues selected from several hundred proves that this magazine has been a fertile source for Father Coughlin.

Each number of this French magazine contains numerous alleged examples of the Jewish conspiracy in the United States. It is definitely anti-American.

#### Examples

No. 216, March, 1921 - page 6

"The Jews cannot be consoled because of the death of Pecksniff."  
(Wilson) "The 'Jewish World' promises him 'immortality'."

No. 217, March 31, 1921 - page 6

#### "The Mystery of Wilson

"Wilson, who did not represent the U.S.A., Wilson, who stands condemned by the American people, Wilson, whom they defeated and eliminated at the elections for Senate and Congress, Wilson, who the American Constitution subordinates to the Senate, commanded none votes. Whom does he represent?.....The Jewish-German financiers, who ordered him to delay American intervention in the war for three years in order to permit the financial victory of Germany and then decided to intervene in order to save the conquered Germany. 'That is what we have constantly repeated.'

"But that is what France did not know because she was betrayed by her venal press and by her government de métèques.

"France did not wish to listen to the truth which we shouted to her. Now she must pay dearly."

No. 215, March 17, 1921 - pages 3 and 4

"Pecksniff Wilson the hypocrite who reigned over the United States for eight years as an autocrat quits his post disguised universally.



A magazine published by his party tells us of the disgust of his old friends and his own family feel for this man. For us he has always been one we have denounced continuously while the miserable French press attempted to secure for him the adoration of the masses. For us he is the agent of the Jewish German financiers and his venality and the filthiness of his private life made him their slave. He is the sinister character, who for three years, prevented the United States from entering the War as long as a German victory seemed possible and who entered the war in order to save Germany as soon as a victory of the allies was probable.

"He said: 'Peace Without Victory.'"

No. 224, May 19, 1921 - page 4

"Danger in the U.S."

"After the Jews have taken possession of defeated Russia and perverted France and England and they now attempt to subjugate the United States. Twenty editions of La Vieille France have described the devices they employed and have gathered information from the best sources, but it was completely ignored by our press. New York is a true modern Jerusalem. The Kahal has concentrated there its best forces, its money and its central organization.

"But the United States is a big piece to swallow. The 120,000,000 Americans are not quite as ignorant, indolent, anarchic and fatalistic as the 160,000,000 poor Russians. The Jew Louis Marshall has told the American public that the Hebrews, without knowing a word of English, can become as good Americans as the Europeans, and that their contributions to the U.S. should be recognized by the Yankees. The Yankee discovers by the extent of this insolence that it is time to react.

"This Jew, Louis Marshall, is on the surface a plain member of a lawyers' firm (Guggenheimer, Untermeyer and Marshall) is in reality one of the big leaders of Israel; he is the president of the American Jewish Committee which is the government of the Jewish state in the U.S. Its 36 members have doubtless much more power in the U.S. than the 96 Senators in Washington.

"The incurable imbeciles in France, England and the U.S. do not understand these secrets. They believe that their head will wear a feather in hat in order that he may be better recognized. The real leaders keep in obscurity. They have no titles. Joseph Reinach of Frankfurt controlled all authorities of our Republic without even holding the mandate of Deputy. Asher Ginsburg arrived in London as a humble Rabbi; Edgar Hément hides beneath a pseudonym as a writer on Le Temps; Louis Marshall calls himself lawyer: Wilson, Lloyd George, Millerand are their lackeys."



No. 212, February 24, 1921 - page 8

"Kahal Unveils Itself in the U.S."

La Vieille France protests that the Jewish organizations in the United States deny the authenticity of the Protocols of Zion and then says: "La Vieille France has given a thousand and one proofs of the existence and the functioning of a Jewish Government as an organ of the most powerful organization in the world. The leaders of this government are unknown as they have been since the Diaspora. But the names of the functionaries of the second plan appear at the bottom of all documents which are issued in the name of the Jewish people."

"In the United States they are the names of the presidents, vice presidents, and secretaries of such formidable organizations as:

"American Jewish Committee (Marshall, Cyrus Adler, Julius Rosenwald, Isaac W. Bernheim, etc.)

"Zionist Organization of America (Julian Mack, Jakob de Haas)

"Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Freiberg, Zepin)

"Union of Orthodox Congregations (Goldstein)

"United Synagogue of America (Elias Solomon, Hoffmann)

"Organization for American Jewish Congress (Nathan Strauss, Rothenberg, Stephen Wise)

"Independent Order of B'ni Brith (Adolf Kraus)

"Central Conference of American Rabbis (Leo Franklin, Levy)

"Rabbinical Assembly of the Jewish Seminary (Max Klein, Samuel Fredman)

"Union of Orthodox Rabbis of U.S. and Canada (Margolies)

No. 209, February 3, 1921 - pages 7 and 8

"The Association 'Unity of Russia' published a pamphlet entitled 'Who rules Russia?' It established the functions and names of 406 Jews and 29 Russians among the 503 masters of Russia. One should make a similar list in the United States to show the naive Americans that they are not their own masters."

"The Russian General Spiridovitch, well known to our readers, last month travelled to New York. The British liner carried 250 Jews first class. Upon arrival they denounced the Russian General whose family had been killed by their ilk. He was denounced as an enemy of Jews. The American officials decided that the Russian could not land. He appealed to the Commissioner at Ellis Island. This high official sat down with three Jews in order to decide whether the General should be admitted or rejected. The three Jews demanded that the General give his word of honor not to speak in the United States against Israel."

"The General asked whether Jews were also forbidden to speak against the Czar and against Russia."



"He declared that he was quite willing to leave with the same boat and that he would make known in Europe the fact that the United States was completely under the subjection of the Jews. 'Europe must know that the visa issued by American ambassadors and consuls are worthless and that, plus a passport, one must have the visa of the government of Judea.'

"The Commissioner at Ellis Island urged General Spiridovitch to remain in the United States, but the next day the Messrs Hoover, McAdoo, and Archbishop Hages at his hotel begged him not to disturb the peace of the Jews in the United States."

No. 229, June 29, 1921 - page 7

"The independent order B'rith Abraham which comprises a million Jews, organized in 640 lodges in the United States, has decided to fight anti-Semitism. As a beginning they have secured a fund of 12,000,000,000 francs. Judge Aron Levv, grandmaster of B'rith Abraham, accompanied by his lawyer, Isador Scherer, visited President Harding to ask him to suppress all anti-Semitic publications.

"President Harding is willing to capitulate.

"How long will Americans, whose national anthem, boasts that they are brave and free, be willing to be condemned to the same servitude as the Russians? The situation here becomes very exciting, a nation of 110,000,000 whites under the whip of 3,500,000,000 Asiatic tramps."

#### Unbiased Source of Truth

This perfectly un-American sheet is the source of truth for Father Coughlin. It does not appear to be accidental that the same number of Social Justice, February 12th, which contains the story on Lincoln, also quotes a paragraph from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

"We shall replace the money markets by grandiose government credit institutions, the object of which will be to fix the price of industrial values in accordance with government views. These institutions will be in a position to fling upon the market five hundred millions of industrial paper in one day, or to buy up for the same amount. In this way all industrial undertakings will come into dependence upon us. You may imagine for yourselves what immense power we shall thereby secure for ourselves..."

This paragraph is intended to prove that the New Deal is fulfilling the goal set in Protocol No. 21.



For weeks in the fall of 1939 Social Justice carried attacks against the Freemasons. La Vieille France is full of attacks against Freemasonry. Social Justice is now attacking Churchill and his war aims. We find the same attacks against Churchill in La Vieille France in 1921.

In one case Father Coughlin admittedly used La Vieille France as a source for drastic re-writing of American history.

The strange parallel in the contexts of Social Justice and in La Vieille France makes one extremely suspicious. Why is this insignificant unknown propaganda magazine one of the most important authorities for Father Coughlin in his enlightenment of the American people?

One of the favorite topics of Father Coughlin is that of the Jews and Bolshevism.

La Vieille France established the premise in the following fashion:

No. 225, May 26, 1921, page 4

"The Center of Bolshevism in the U.S.

"Since the departure of the Bolshevist Martins, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, his work was taken over by the Jews Carl Recht and Isaac Hourwich.

"Our readers know that the Bolshevist plans are now being executed in New York in order to submit America to Russian fate. The offices of Recht and Hourwich are the connecting links between the gentlemen in Moscow and the Jewish Kahilaha, the Bolsheviks of the New York East Side.

"The chief of the Kahilaha, Rabbi Juda Magnes, has undertaken to contribute lavishly of the Jewish war chest which is already full. The lean Jews who controlled the garment industry obeyed the orders of Benjamin Schlessinger, Sidney Hillmann, and Joseph Schlossberg who was president of the union (the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Lady Garment Workers.)

"These persons did not hide their opinions and made no secret of their plans but the American press, silenced by the enemy, deceived the nation. This is the constant device laid down in the Protocols."



Remember Coughlin on the American bankers who financed the bolshevist revolution!?

La Vieille France, No. 213, March 3, 1921 - page 8

"Bolshevism Under Mask of Anti-Bolshevism"

"The entire world should know that the banker Jacob Schiff, now deceased, was the man who acted for the Kahal for the destruction of Czarism and Russia. We discovered Schiff to be back of the Russo-Japanese War and the Revolution of 1905.....

Page 9

"The Jews are in control of both camps fighting in Russia. We no longer have to prove this in the case of the Bolshevik Party. On the other side of the barricades, the Socialist anti-Bolsheviks are also directed either by Jews or by lackeys of the Jews. The Russians among them are the most dangerous because one doesn't suspect them. From among them Kerensky chose the ambassadors who represent Russia with foreign governments. And the accomplices of Kerensky continued the work after his downfall. They work for the Bolsheviks under the mask of anti-Bolshevism just as Kerensky worked for Lenin and worked for his ascension to power.

"A most important part is played by Boris Brakhametieff whose arrival in Washington 'La Vieille France' has already reported. In the United States Brakhametieff receives his orders from three Jews: Schiff, Oscar Strauss and Louis Marshall. Because of the indignation aroused by the tyrannical atrocities of the Bolsheviks, Jacob Schiff, the patron of Braunstein-Trotsky recognized the necessity of controlling the anti-Bolshevik movement which threatened his plans."

No. 206, January 18, 1921 - pages 8 and 9

"The American Bankers Versus the Jewish Bankers"

"The American banks work with different methods than do the Jewish banks in America. The American bankers consider it an honor to be associated with the enterprises for which they issue bonds; the Jewish bankers act as intermediaries between the enterprises and the public and are not interested in the enterprises themselves: they always keep their capital liquid in order to exploit any opportunity for profit.

"The principal Jewish banks are those owned by Kuhn, Loeb and Co., headed by Jacob Schiff who is well known to our readers; this member of the Kahal employed his immense financial power to serve the national policy of the Jews; he ordered the war between Japan and Russia and the two Russian revolutions; his work is



being continued by his associates Mortimer Schiff, Otto Kahn and Paul Warburg. The other big Jewish banks are Speyer and Co., Seligman and Co., Lazard Bros., Ladenburg, Thalmann and Co., Hall garten and Co., Goldman Sacks and Co., and Nachodet Kuhne."

Coughlin frequently attacks Hollywood. So does La Vieille France:

No. 219, April 14, 1921 - pages 18 and 19

"The Protocols (of Zion) No. 16, describe the part which visual education must play in the brutalization of the Goyim. The best instrument in this visual education is the motion picture.

"We have on several occasions published documents showing that the movies in France are almost controlled by Jews. In the United States they are completely controlled by Jews.

"All American companies whose movies pack the theaters of France are Jewish. Note the names: Fox Films belong to the Hungarian Jew 'Fuchs' who became 'Fox'; Famous Players to the Hungarian Jew, Zukor who also owns the Artcraft Pictures and Paramount Pictures; in United Artists, Charlie Chaplin is a Jew; Universal Film Company belongs to the German Jew, Julius Baruch; Selznick Pictures and Select Pictures are owned by the Jew, Selznick; Goldwyn Film belongs to the Jew, Samuel Goldwyn."

Many will remember the false accusations made by Coughlin in the spring of 1939 when he claimed that Jewish organizations were driving Christianity out of American schools.

La Vieille France initiated these attacks in 1921.

No. 219, April 14, 1921 - page 10

"The Kehila of New York has decided to impose the following regulations upon the government of the United States.

"That the Jewish creed should be officially recognized in the United States.

"That the restrictive immigration laws should not apply to Jews.

"That no public document should contain questions about Christianity.

"That the Jewish Sabbath should be officially recognized.

"That the Jews may keep open their factories, offices and stores on Sunday. (Something the Christians may not do)

"That Christmas celebrations, Christmas trees and Christmas carols be banned in the schools.



"That all attacks and criticisms of Jews should be prosecuted.

"That each court contain a Jewish chamber.

"That all scientific works should be purged of any words disagreeable to Jew.

"That the words Christian, Religion, Nationality, should be excluded from public announcements because they imply prejudice against the Jews.

Even the "Franco-way" first appeared in the French magazine.

No. 215, March 17, 1921 - page 10

"The American Ku-Klux-Klan which we have recommended as worthy of imitation in France has now been launched in Southern Bavaria under the name of the 'Eiserne Faust' (Iron Fist).

"The patriotic mountain people have created this society in order to execute traitors and they have already threatened death of several creatures of the Jews."

Father Coughlin calls himself a patriotic American and a Christian.

His source of information is anti-American propaganda and an un-Christian call for racial persecution!



"WITH MALICE..."

**COUGHLIN**

**DEFILES**

**LINCOLN**

An exposure of outrageously wicked misquotation in  
Lincoln's birthday issue of "Social Justice."

TOLEDO COMMITTEE UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

TOLEDO, OHIO



## Abraham Lincoln and Rothschilds

**Civil War Was Not Fought Over Slavery,  
But Financial Freedom**

TEXTBOOKS that have been carefully edited continue to teach American school children that the American Civil War was fought over the Slavery issue; that is, that the South did not wish to free the negro-slaves. But if we look behind the scenes we find that the "slave" was but the surface, but the surface.

written Constitution, modeled in part after our own Constitution. It was founded on the fundamental principle that each one constituted.

Rothschild was left without Mexico and the Southern States, and Lincoln could not capture the New Mexico military measure. Mach...

viding. Therefore, emissaries in order question of slavery an abyss between the Republic.

"Lincoln never saw the machine, and he was characterized by the machine had affairs that the Europe, make his. They North e ma this exploit quality did eas

was not the Jew financiers. fide his apprehensions the gestures of the

sh to ex which ant masses n decided onal bank system of lo borrow without inte y financial good sense e source of a work and He opposed e international fi from Congr w from the pe e 'bonds' of the s were only too stem. And the nation escaped sign financiers. T

once, that the ould escape their Lincoln was reso g is easier than t strike.

"The death of Lincoln was a great loss to the United States great his boots. And Israel grab the riches of t that Jewish banks v ness and tortuous tr control the exuber

(Continued on

# Social Justice

by Father Coughlin

Founded 1936

February 12, 1910

Subscription: Three Dollars per Year

10c

### Division of U.S. Plotted in London

In the year 1857, the money power of old Europe centered in the House of Rothschild. Disraeli represented them in England; Napoleon III in France; Bismarck in Germany and Mazzini in Italy. According to Mr. John Reeves, who wrote on page 228 of an authorized biography entitled, "The Rothschilds, The Financial Rulers of Nations," based on research in their own archives, there was a famous meeting in the City of London in 1857. The great Rothschild family was assembled from the countries of Europe for the marriage of Lionel Rothschild's daughter, Nora, to her cousin, Alphonse, son of James Rothschild of Paris.

Disraeli is reported to have said: "Under this roof are the heads of the family of Rothschild—a name famous in every capital of Europe and every division of the globe. If you like, we shall divide the United States into two parts, one for you, James, and one for you, Lionel. Napoleon will do exactly and all that I shall advise him."

Thus in London, we see a plan

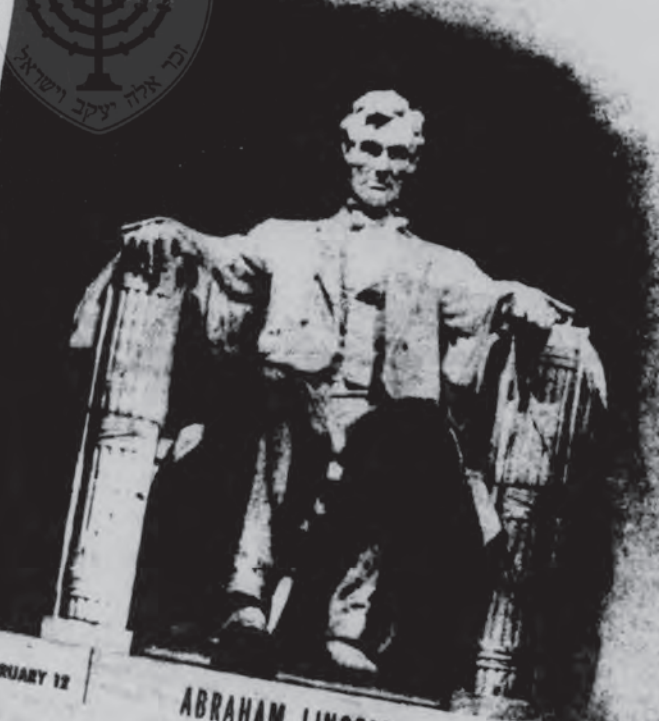
French and Spanish troops landed at Vera Cruz in Since June 5, 1863, the French general, Bazaine, had occupied the tal of Mexico. The danger was The genius of President Lincoln taxed. He knew the North, could not have withstood combination. Moreover, A Maximilian had been induced cent the throne of Mexico. stepped in.

The Christian Czar of Alexander II, through his doors at Paris and London, the plan, knew of England's tion of the Confederacy, Rothschild plot behind maneuver.

The Czar dispatched a Francisco under the command of Admiral S. Lesowsky, on S 1863, and a squadron to under Admiral A. A. Admirals had orders fr "to be ready to fight and to take their orders onl ham Lincoln."

Needless to say, this vigorous action saved States from foreign

TEMPLE  
HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE  
WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION  
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
IS ENSHRINED FOREVER



ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
1809-1940  
"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; ... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."



FROM THE  
TOWER  
By Father Coughlin

IMPER  
TENTAC



# THE TRUTH

## THE ROTHSCHILDS:

THE FINANCIAL RULERS OF  
NATIONS

BY

JOHN REEVES

228

### THE HOUSE OF ROTHSCHILD.

cousin Alphonse, the eldest son of Baron Rothschild, and now the head of the P. It is needless to say that the wedding the most magnificent of the season tended by the most distinguished members of all ranks of fashion and banquet after the marriage ceremony, the French Ambassador, proxy of the bride and the bridegroom. By Mr Disraeli, whose duty it was to health of the bride's parents. His speech

happy occasion is said to have been one of the most brilliant of his social addresses he ever delivered, which is a strange, for he is known to have been for many years one of the most intimate friends of the family, and of Baron Lionel in particular. In the course of his speech he made a remark worth reproducing:—"Under this roof are the heads

of the name and family of Rothschild—a name famous in every capital in Europe and every division of the globe—a family not more regarded for its riches than esteemed for its honour, virtues, integrity, and public spirit." Eight years later another festive gathering brought the family together.

On June 7th, 1865, the youngest daughter,



CHICAGO:

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

1887

All Rights Reserved.



# THE BOOK PUBLISHER SAYS:

296

## PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

333 EAST ONTARIO STREET

FORT DEARBORN STATION

CHICAGO

February 14, 1940

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It has been called to my attention in my capacity as Publishing Manager of A. C. McClurg & Co. that the following quotation appeared in "Social Justice," in the edition of February 12, 1940, and purporting to have been taken from a book called, "The House of Rothschild," written by John Reeves and published by us in the United States in 1887:

"Disraeli is reported to have said:

'Under this roof are the heads of the family of Rothschild -- a name famous in every capital of Europe and every division of the globe. If you like, we shall divide the United States into two parts, one for you, James, and one for you, Lionel. Napoleon will do exactly and all that I shall advise him.'

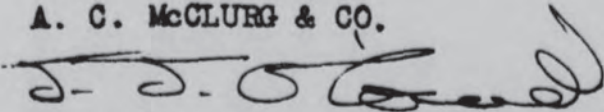
An examination of the McClurg edition of this book in our office with reference to Page 228, on which the author of the article, "Abraham Lincoln and Rothschilds," states the paragraph appears, shows that the text is actually as follows:

"Under this roof are the heads of the name and family of Rothschild -- a name famous in every capital in Europe and every division of the globe -- a family not more regarded for its riches than esteemed for its honour, virtues, integrity, and public spirit."

The tone of this book is all of such a nature that it would be difficult to believe that in any subsequent edition or in any copies that we do not know about at the present time, an attack on the Rothschild family would be made. The whole attitude of the book seems to be of a laudatory nature.

It should however be stated that this book was published by A. C. McClurg & Co. in a manner quite common in the period in which it appeared, namely, that sheets were sent here from England and bound up by publishers in the United States, who offered them as American editions. Naturally we do not take responsibility for any changes in editions which might have been produced in England later, but we are inclined to doubt that the plan of the book was altered subsequently.

Yours very truly,  
A. C. McCLURG & CO.

  
Publishing Manager

JJOC:DS



# Abraham Lincoln and Rothschilds

## Civil War Was Not Fought Over Slavery, But Financial Freedom

TEXTBOOKS that have been carefully edited continue to teach American school children that the American Civil War was fought over the Slavery issue; that is, that the South did not wish to free the negro-slaves. But if we look behind the scenes we will find that the "slave question" was but the surface issue. Below the surface ran a current of intrigue that ended with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln **because he was determined that the United States be free from the bondage of the international bankers.**

The Missouri Compromise was written in 1820. Thirty years later, a subsequent compromise of 1850 was effected. For thirty years America had worked out her problems—the problem of slavery and later the problem of State Rights—satisfactorily. Even as late as the *Kansas-Nebraska*

Act, the give-and-take of compromise was effective. Yet in the year of 1857 the war was decided upon, not in the prospering South, not in the prospering North, but in London, England!

### Division of U.S. Plotted in London

In the year 1857, the money power of old Europe centered in the House of Rothschild. Disraeli represented them in England; Napoleon III in France; Bismarck in Germany and Mazzini in Italy. According to Mr. John Reeves, who wrote on page 228, of an authorized biography entitled: "*The Rothschilds, The Financial Rulers of Nations*," based on research in their own archives, there was a famous meeting in the City of London in 1857. The great Rothschild family was assembled from the countries of Europe for the marriage of Lionel Rothschild's daughter, Leonora, to her cousin, Alphonse, son of James Rothschild of Paris.

Disraeli is reported to have said:

"Under this roof are the heads of the family of Rothschild—a name famous in every capital of Europe and every division of the globe. If you like, we shall divide the United States into two parts, one for you, James, and one for you, Lionel. Napoleon will do exactly and all that I shall advise him."

Thus, in London, we see a plan fostered by the money power of Europe, moving in on America, and pitting the North against the South under the old principle of "divide and conquer." The North was to become a British colony annexed to Canada, while the South would go to Napoleon III of France!

written Constitution, modeled in part after our own *Constitution*. It was founded on the fundamental principle that each one of its eleven constituted States had the right to secede from the Union, or to separate from the other 23 out of the 34 states of the Union.

Nevertheless, at the instigation of Benjamin and under pressure of Napoleon, Texas and Louisiana placed on the bargain counter in exchange, presumably, for Napoleon's aid. The latter was supported by Disraeli of England, who had the Confederacy of the South Britain behind the nine States, after Texas and Louisiana were to be ceded to France.

### Intervention of Czar Saved United States

English, French and Spanish had landed at Vera Cruz. Since June 5, 1863, the French, Bazaine, had occupied Mexico. The day of the genius of President Lincoln taxed. He knew that he could not have won without a combination. More Maximilian had been accepted the throne of Mexico.

The Christian Alexander II, the Czar of Russia, knew the plan, knew the intention of the Rothschild plan.

The Czar did not want to see the Rothschild family in power. He sent Admiral S. Lesniewski to Mexico in 1863, and a Russian fleet under Admiral H. P. Kotzebue to take the place of the Rothschild family.

Needless to say, the Rothschild family was not vigorous in the States.

Rothschild was left without Mexico and the Southern States, and Lionel could not capture the North through military measures. But the European Rothschilds were determined on financial conquest, if not actual slavery.

### Booth's Code Found in Benjamin Trunk

The good Czar, after several unsuccessful attempts on his life, was murdered in 1881. Lincoln was murdered in 1865, on April 4th, by an assassin named John Wilkes Booth, in whose trunk were found messages from the Rothschild family.

### THE HOUSE OF ROTHSCHILD.

cousin Alphonse, the eldest son of Baron James de Rothschild, and now the head of the Paris house. It is needless to say that the wedding was one of the most magnificent of the season, and was attended by the most distinguished and noble members of all ranks of fashion and society. At the banquet after the marriage ceremony, Count Persigny, the French Ambassador, proposed the health of the bride and the bridegroom. He was followed by Mr. Disraeli, whose duty it was to propose the health of the bride's parents. His speech on this happy occasion is said to have been one of the best social addresses he ever delivered, which is not strange, for he is known to have been for many years one of the most intimate friends of the family, and of Baron Lionel in particular. In the course of his speech he made a remark worth reproducing:—"Under this roof are the heads of the name and family of Rothschild—a name famous in every capital in Europe and every division of the globe—a family not more regarded for its riches than esteemed for its honour, virtues, integrity, and public spirit." Eight years later, another festive gathering brought the family together. On June 7th, 1865, the youngest daughter,

viding. The emissaries question an abyss the Re "Li derg Sla B' f