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Cleveland, O. June 14, 1941

To the Christian Ministers of Cleveland,
Both Catholic and Protestant:

As an introduction to my subject I quote a few sample paragraphs from the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," which was printed in Russia in the year AD 1905, and translation made by Victor E. Marsden, from a copy received into the British Museum in 1906.

PROTOCOL NO.16: "In order to affect the destruction of all collective forces except ours, we shall emasculate the first stage of collectivism - the UNIVERSITIES, by re-educating them in a new direction. Their officials and professors will be prepared for their business by detailed, secret programmes of action from which they will not with immunity diverge, not by one iota."

PROTOCOL NO.17: "The King of the Jews will be the real Pope of the Universe, the Patriarch of an International Church."

PROTOCOL NO.20: "You are aware that the gold standard has been the ruin of all the States adopting it, for it has not been able to satisfy the demands for money, the more so, that we have removed gold from circulation as far as possible."

PROTOCOL NO.22: In our hands is the greatest power of the day - Gold. In two days we can procure from our storehouses any quantity that we please. Surely, there is no need to seek further proof that our rule is predestined by God."

I quote further from the March 10th. issue of La Vielle France (from a funeral oration by Rabbi Reichhorh, pronounced in Prague in 1869).

"Every hundred years, we, the Sages of Israel have been accustomed to meet in the Sanhedron in order to examine our progress toward the domination of the world, which Jehovah has promised us, and our conquest over our enemy, Christianity.

"This year, united over the tomb of our reverend Simeon-ben-Ihuda, we can state with pride that the last century has brought us very near to our goal, and that goal will be very soon attained.

"Gold has always been and always will be the irresistible power. Handled by our experts' hands, it will always be the most useful lever for those who possess it, and the object of envy of those who do not.

"With gold, we can buy the most rebellious consciences, can fix the rate of all values, the current price of all products, and can subsidise all States loans, and therefore hold the State at our mercy.

"---we will force the Christians into wars by exploiting their pride and stupidity; they will massacre each other, and clear the ground for us to put in our own people

I appeal to you Christian ministers to give due consideration to this subject of such vital importance. Is not this "Union Now" schism a Jewish weapon aimed at the heart of democracy?

Is it not an ominous circumstance that Jews dominate affairs in our Government? That 10% of the people of Cleveland are Jews, yet fill 90% of the places of power in our colleges, courts and political organizations? That food, clothing and shelter are Jew dominated and kept inadequate by collection of extortionate rents and interest on debts both public and private? That perennial poverty is the result of planned scarcity of money?

Is there not justice in the proposition that the Jew should begin NOW to live by the sweat of his own brow?

My suggestion is that we form a society of our own; not as an "anti" anything but as pro Christian - we, the excluded. A very moderate program would be to trade with and vote for and actively support those whom our genealogical committee shall determine are our own kind of people. (A U.S. court once held that it was a fraud for a Jew to take a gentile name; that every person had a right to exercise his prejudices and to know he was dealing with a Jew).

May I receive your studied reaction to the proposal that we might unite a broad statement of objective and Christian fellowship, to the end that we have a voice in our own affairs; that we trade with, vote for and give due respect to our own; that we send our young to colleges headed and staffed by our own kind of people. Would you attend a conference to help form a plan of action?

Are we being led down the road to war to further the grip of the International Jew and is "Union Now" a step in the world plan of Jew domination, as outlined fully in the PROTOCOLS OF THE LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION, to which I would refer you.

I wish no personal responsibility after the group is assembled for the initial conference, except as a lay member.

Thanking you for the privilege of bringing this matter to your attention, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

9705 Mt. Auburn Ave - Cleveland, O.

DON B. HUSTED

THE REV. W. F. DICKENS, LEWIS, D. D.
1817 ALLENDALE AVENUE
EAST CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 17, 1941

Rabbi Hillel A. Silver, D. D.
Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver.

The enclosed circular which I received this morning and to which I referred in my telephone conversation with you this morning has greatly distressed me.

In my study of these so called "Protocols" I have very definitely considered them forgeries and they have carried no weight with me at all.

Please let me hear from you as I want to clear this man's mind of his crass ignorance and give him a definite answer to this abominable circular with your help. I have never met the man in my life.

With very good wish & many thanks for your help

Very faithfully yours

W. F. Dickens Lewis.

P.S. When you have read this circular please return it with your own letter.

June 18, 1941

Miss Grace Meyette, Director
Chester-Ninth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Meyette:

The Rev. W. F. Dickens Lewis called me up yesterday considerably disturbed over the enclosed circular which he sent to me this morning, along with the covering letter. I should like to hear from you about this matter. Please return both the circular and the letter to me after you are through with them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. - 2

The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

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Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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



June 20, 1941

Dear Board Member:

As you know we had a meeting last Monday night and are not planning another for several weeks. You will recall that Mr. Steiner turned down our letter which was to go to boycott chairmen and I then invited him to write a letter of his own which I would submit to the Board.

Attached is his idea of the letter which would be satisfactory to him. I am sending it to you and asking you to send in your vote as to whether it is satisfactory to send this letter out.

It is exactly the same as our letter except the last sentence in which he puts the words "has been at all times".

Kindly let me have your yes or no vote at once on this.

Sincerely yours,

Irving Hexter
Irving Hexter

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You will recall that on February 13th, 1941, we made the following announcement:

"The League for Human Rights is pleased to announce that the name of the Turner Type Founders Company has been removed from the list. This company has demonstrated to our satisfaction that it does not promote Bauer Type and has reduced this merchandise to the actual minimum required by former contracts.

We have since been requested by the company to qualify and amplify this statement and, therefore, wish to add the following:

"A careful investigation satisfies us that the Turner Type Founders Company has been at all times sincere in their boycott efforts and effective in the results that have been obtained."

Cleveland, Ohio
July 7, 1941

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

ATT: Mr. I.B.Hexter,
Chairman

Dear Mr. Hexter:

We have your letter of July 2, 1941, explaining your failure to answer our letters of March 3 and 10 because "neither of these letters require an answer per se."

Permit me to summarize what has been told to your committee, in correspondence, and verbally:

1. At one time the larger proportion of our new equipment business was on items imported from Germany. We willingly gave up these lines which were indispensable to our business and could not be replaced. As a result our entire business policy had to be modified because these lines could not be replaced. We did this voluntarily and sincerely because we believed in the boycott.

2. This Company has enforced the Boycott on Nazi made goods as effectively and sincerely as it knows how.

3. In recognition of this fact, the Chicago Joint Boycott Council officially commended us for our cooperation. Your organization black-listed us, yet our Chicago branch is operated under the same policies as our Cleveland Office.

4. Now let us analyze the facts to date:

- a. Your Cleveland League for Human Rights placed the name of our Company on its Boycott List February, 1939.
- b. It ignored our letter of February 3, 1939 pledging our full cooperation, and rejected our pleas for a full and frank discussion of this matter with your board.

July 7, 1941

- c. After a year and a half, your organization finally acceded to our repeated pleas and appointed a small committee of competent individuals to investigate the matter.

5. In pursuance of its request, we furnished your Committee certified figures and a detailed outline of how we were enforcing the boycott in our letter dated June 7, 1949. Your Committee was again told that "We are prepared to adopt any other reasonable and practicable suggestions" which you might suggest to make the boycott more effective. Neither your Committee nor your Board offered any suggestions. They could not for the simple reason that our boycott methods were sincere and effective.

6. Eight months later a notice was sent to your Boycott Chairmen announcing the removal of our name from your list. It took your board sixteen months to finally appoint a Committee and eight months more before it acted on your Committee's recommendation.

7. Your failure to act promptly and fairly with the consequent harm growing out of this two-year delay is inexcusable and should be explained. To make matters worse, your notice announcing the removal of our name from your list was worded so as to leave the impression that we were now enforcing the boycott but had not done so previously.

8. In our letters to you dated March 3 and 10, 1941, we stated:

The League placed our name on its boycott list and kept it there for over two years. It recently removed our name from this list. We stated in our letter to you of March 3 1941, that the League had removed our name from your boycott list under circumstances identical to those previous to its removal.

The notice recently sent out to your boycott Chairmen fails to make clear that we have been enforcing the boycott as sincerely and effectively as was possible during those two years. The reputation and dignity of the League requires that you clear the status of this Company during these two years by explaining why its name was not removed before this.

We now have your letter of July which reads:

Your letters of March 3 and 10, 1941 were unanswered by this Committee because neither of these letters required an answer per se.

July 7, 1941

This reply characterizes the delays and evasion that has gone on for over two years. It is not even worthy of comment. Our letters call for an answer promptly and to the point.

9. The issue is clear: Since we have been following a consistent policy of enforcing the boycott, the League was either derelict in its duty in failing to remove our name years ago, or it was wrong in removing our name two years later.

If the latter is the case, then we wish to know why you failed to outline to us what they expected and why. We addressed you letters as far back as February 3, 1939 and again June 7, 1941. In these letters we pledged our willingness to accept "any practical suggestions which you may offer to make the boycott more effective." These letters were not even acknowledged.

10. Why was one of our largest department stores knowingly left off your boycott list under circumstances virtually identical to those which kept our name on your list? The fact that stockholders in that store are large contributors to the Jewish Welfare Fund makes it imperative that this matter be cleared. We refuse to believe that your policies are determined by anything less than fair and dignified procedure.

11. Your Executive Secretary did not once visit our place of business during the entire time we were blacklisted although she is paid to do this by Fund contributors. How can you presume to pass intelligent judgment in the face of such incompetence or worse?

12. It is understandable that in times of emotional stress, there are irresponsible individuals who are capable of vindictive tactics. Your organization, however, is supported by a minority group that has been victimized too often by such injustice and therefore should lean backward in its exercise of tolerance and justice.

13. You know full well that we have enforced the boycott on Nazi made goods sincerely and effectively and with a complete disregard to the serious financial consequences involved. Therefore, why do you evade the decent alternative of attempting to rectify the damage through a straightforward statement of the facts?

14. Out of deference to the Jewish Community we have been patient. We have put up with mistatements, evasions, and delays,

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while reputations of innocent individuals have been unfairly impugned.

Unless we receive a straightforward answer to our letters of March 3 and 10, you leave us no alternative but to submit this letter with a complete statement of facts to the contributors who are financing the League through the Jewish Welfare Fund and to every organization that has publicized your blacklist.

We are confident that the Cleveland Jewish Community would not knowingly be a party to the support of any organization, let alone a League for Human Rights, which violates the very rights it was created to protect.

Very respectfully yours,

TURNER TYPE FOUNDERS CO.

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C. H. Steiner

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THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

508 NINTH CHESTER BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO



THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS ORGANIZED IN 1933 WITH THESE OBJECTIVES:

- (1) To prosecute a vigorous boycott of all Nazi goods and Nazi services, Nazi steamship lines and Nazi films.
- (2) To disseminate ACCURATE information regarding the German state today.
- (3) To assist in exposing the activities of the Nazis, and of their Propaganda Agents, in Free America.

The Nationalist Socialist government in Germany has throttled free institutions, muzzled the press and radio, persecuted the churches, persecuted liberals and advocates of peace, and has deprived thousands of German citizens of their elementary human rights.

Since 1938, the Nationalist Socialist government has actually enslaved Continental Europe; threatens to enslave Great Britain and attacks the free institutions of the United States through its fifth column.

In the prosecution of our objectives, the Research Department of The League for Human Rights submits these facts and findings.

STATEMENT OF THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON
UN-AMERICAN LEAFLETS IN CLEVELAND

Un-American activities are increasing in Cleveland. Mimeographed anti-Semitic leaflets have been distributed. They were even tucked into the seats of busses and streetcars.

The leaflet is a fake. The 47th Conference of American Rabbis, from which this forged document had been purported to have been taken, took place in 1936 (herein these people made a mistake claiming that the Conference was held in 1937). The leaflet claims that this Central Conference petitioned the Government of the United States, in a resolution, "to grant exemption of Jews from military service in accordance with the highest interpretation of Judaism." The exact sentence which was adopted by the Conference in 1936 was "to grant to Jewish religious conscientious objectors to war the same exemption from military service as has long been granted to members of the Society of Friends and similar religious organizations."

We call your attention to the fact that the Central Conference only asked for true religious conscientious objectors and not for the Jewish people as a whole. In every religion there are honest conscientious objectors. To these the Government has granted some amelioration or exemption in every war.

Such a resolution is justified for any religious and cultural organization, and the Government in the draft law has granted such exemptions to Quakers, Jews and any American who is a genuine conscientious objector. Nevertheless, this honest resolution has become the basis for this vicious leaflet.

The people of Cleveland have a right to know where such fake originates and who distributes these leaflets in Cleveland. Numerous calls came to the League for Human Rights, which has frequently pointed out that the center of anti-Semitism in this city is the United Mothers of America, 348 Old Arcade, controlled by Father Coughlin.

The League consulted an expert (proof in our files) whose examination disclosed that these anti-Semitic leaflets were typed on the same typewriter used by the United Mothers of America on material which they publish under their own name.

Although this material was mimeographed and distributed here, the publication indicates that it did not originate in Cleveland, because this technique of slander by falsification bears all the earmarks of the well-known work of the leaders of the United Mothers who are Father Coughlin, Catherine Baldwin and Elizabeth Dilling.

Some of the Clevelanders who have been frequently identified in the daily press with the United Mothers are:

Mrs. C. C. Snider	2027 McKinley Avenue
Mrs. A. H. Berwick	1574 Olivewood Avenue
Mrs. Mary Clossey	13736 Madison Avenue
Mrs. David Stanley	4903 East 94th Street
Mrs. Sue Braun	1602 East 84th Street
Mrs. Delia Fahcy	1744 East 70th Street
Mrs. May Foley Ball	2116 Renrock Road
Mrs. Emalie Wood	1251 East 58th Street
Mrs. J. McCrone	1367 West 67th Street
Mrs. Cornelia Hutchison	1738 Noble Road
Mrs. Jane A. Bauer	4301 Orchard Avenue
Mrs. Rose Mack	3559 East 49th Street
Mrs. Ida M. Egan	3285 Silsby Road
Marina Cavoli	2533 East 23rd Street
Rev. Walter K. Klein	3814 Bridge Avenue
Newell B. Wolf	1074 Yellowstone Road
W. A. Grigsby	1247 East 101st Street
Joe F. McAndrews	14202 Nell Avenue

These men and women appear before the public as ardent defenders of Americanism. Their claim is that the American way of life -- as they see it -- can only be saved by a non-interventionist policy. They use the America First Committee and Wheeler, Lindbergh and Martin Sweeney as their spokesmen for their peace intentions, but in fact, serve as promoters of race discrimination and as saboteurs of all efforts to defend Democracy. Consciously or unconsciously, they are the agents of Nazis in this country.

The League for Human Rights,
511 Chester Ninth Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

August 26, 1941

The Temple

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 7, 1941

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

My dear Grace:

You may be interested in the enclosed letter from Dr. Rothman. Do you know of ~~the~~ present developments in the matter of selecting a Librarian?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS:BK
Enc.

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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

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October 22, 1941

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Committee of Fifteen:

There will be a luncheon meeting of the Committee of Fifteen on Monday, October 27 at 12:15 p.m. This meeting will be held in Parlor B on the second floor of the Hotel Statler.

Please make every effort to be present, because the problems that face us at this time are of such vital importance to all of us.

Will you please call the League office and let us know whether or not you will be able to attend this meeting?

Sincerely yours,

Irving Hexter
Irving Hexter

IH:en

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

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December 17, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Miss Meyette and I felt that at the present minute no useful purpose would be served by holding a meeting of the Board because it is too early to find the definite pattern in American life and where in such a pattern the experiences and the organizational apparatus of our organization has a place.

Our original purpose has been accomplished. We are seeing many of our adversary organizations folding up their activities. The indoor sport of sniping at our government has suddenly become unpopular. While I do not believe that anti-Semitism will be removed from the scene, it may appear in a different form.

After having counselled with several Board members, the general feeling among them is that we should maintain our organization, keep our office open until at least March 1st. We should cooperate with the government offices which have asked us for help and support the efforts of nationality groups, civic organizations and help to protect the technical enemy aliens, among which there are numerous Jews.

Unquestionably within the next few weeks we will be more able to come to definite conclusions. Consequently, I propose to have a meeting in the middle of January.

In the meantime, I'd appreciate very much if you would give this whole matter your earnest thought, so that you can come to the next meeting with some concrete proposals and ideas on:

1. Shall we continue?
 - a. Along which lines?
 - b. With what definite purpose?
2. Shall we discontinue?

Sincerely yours,

Irving B. Hexter
Irving B. Hexter

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The League for Human Rights

511 Chester Ninth Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio

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February 7, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was sorry you could not attend the meeting of the League Board yesterday, as we discussed both past and future activities of the League.

Since December 7th we have not been inactive. On the contrary, we have been quite busy with the type of service we have never before been called upon to do, such as, close collaboration with various Washington agencies who have used our organization as a listening post and many other things too numerous to mention.

Just as an example, we have received calls from large local defense plants who, of course, are very much interested in preventing sabotage and we have permitted them to check their employee lists against our lists of saboteurs.

So gradually there has evolved a pattern by which we can be of great help through this period of emergency. Miss Meyette and I went to Chicago last week to attend the national meeting of the various Jewish Welfare Funds, primarily to talk to the defense representatives from all the leading cities. Without exception, we found that each city is maintaining its own local defense organization. Several are even increasing their activities, but in no case is there any thought of discontinuance. The national agencies, such as the A.D.L., the Defense Committee of the American Jewish Committee and of the General Jewish Council, are all keeping up their defense work because, while much of the blatant and vocal anti-Semitism has stopped since December 7th, no one is so short-sighted that they feel it has disappeared.

Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly clear that as bad news comes from various fronts the former Isolationists, Bund members, etc. are placing such blame on the shoulders of the Jews. They have been very active in identifying the Jews and the Administration as one and the same thing. So, not only is the anti-Semitic part of our work going to continue, but it is going to be much more difficult to fight and, of course, very much more important to fight it now than ever before.

None of us believes that the community can afford to close its "fire house" because, undoubtedly, we have such a big job ahead of us in the post-war period when economic readjustments will set in and there will be a dislocation of our whole lives in getting back to whatever pattern life will assume. We have no doubt that whatever is wrong will be blamed on our people, so we have concluded, and those members of the Board at the meeting yesterday have agreed unanimously,

that we should go to the Welfare Fund this year and make our request for funds, although in somewhat lesser amounts than we have had in previous years -- but, nevertheless, maintain our complete autonomy and operations in line with the new requirements.

Because we have called off various meetings and because up to now we had not seen our new line of endeavor clearly, there have been rumors around stating as a definite fact that we were going to discontinue. This is not true and I want every member of our Board to know it and hope you can attend the next meeting. The meeting yesterday was very interesting and the work is becoming increasingly so, and I'm sure you will enjoy the next meeting and we need your help and advice.

Very truly yours,

Irving B. Hexter
Irving B. Hexter

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The League for Human Rights

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Cleveland, Ohio



February 28, 1942

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the Proposed Reduced Budget for 1942-43 which we sent to the Budget Committee. You will remember that last year we requested \$26,233.50. The amount finally appropriated to us was \$16,000.00.

We are requesting the privilege of appearing before the Budget Committee in 1943 if we find, as our program develops, that this amount is not sufficient to do the work well. But at this moment this is positively the minimum under which we could operate. There is absolutely not one drop of water in this budgetary request.

Sincerely yours,

Grace E. Meyette



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Enc.

THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

PROPOSED REDUCED BUDGET FOR

MARCH 1, 1942 to FEBRUARY 28, 1943

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>
DELIVERY CHARGES AND PAMPHLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION	\$ 60.00	\$ 720.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS	37.00	444.00
POSTAGE	40.00	480.00
NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC.	20.00	240.00
SALARIES	703.00	8,436.00
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION	250.00	3,000.00
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH	30.00	360.00
RENT AND MAINTENANCE	65.00	780.00
TAXES	25.00	300.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	10.00	120.00
TRAVEL	20.00	240.00
PRINTING	25.00	300.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 1285.00	<hr/> \$15420.00



The League for Human Rights

511 Chester Ninth Bldg.

Cleveland, Ohio



May 4, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your choice of topics for your lectures at the Temple are not only unusually fine but well-timed. I think, today, that the timing of your topic yesterday, and the content of your lecture, was really especially inspired.

It is fine that you are safely back among us here, and your non-Jewish congregation is especially grateful for your help and guidance at this time.

Sincerely yours,



Grace E. Meyette

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June 3, 1942

Mr. George Furth
Fenway Hall Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Furth:

Miss Meyette has called to our attention your conversation with her yesterday in the matter of proper handling of the United Mothers' affair with the Mayor. At an executive committee meeting today, we reviewed the entire method which had been used by this office and we wish to tell you that we are thoroughly in accord with the methods which Miss Meyette has used.

She advises us that you feel it is within your province as chairman of the Anti-Defamation League Committee of B'nai B'rith to make this matter your business. We wish to advise you that we have long since had a working agreement with your national headquarters to the effect that those things purely local fall within our province, while those things which are national in scope were to be handled on an entirely cooperative basis. This has been the policy that we have been assiduously following and one which we shall continue to follow.

Inasmuch as this matter of the Cleveland group of Mothers and the Cleveland Mayor is purely a local affair, we must ask that our method of handling this matter prevail and that no individual action be taken by you. Any action taken by you will be entirely individual because, to our knowledge, you will not be acting on any instructions from your national headquarters.

There are many good and sufficient reasons why we have chosen the path we are following; one in particular, which cannot here be revealed, has made us act in the manner we have. Consequently, as long as the Cleveland Jewish Community Council, the Jewish Welfare Fund, and all of their respective constituencies recognize the League as the agency organized to handle such matters, we must request that you do not do anything inimical to the welfare of the Cleveland Jewish community by acting hastily or without regard to the best public relations practices in the matter.

Very truly yours,
Executive Committee

Irving B. Hexter
Chairman

IBH:EB

August 26, 1942

Mr. Philip Bernstein
Jewish Welfare Federation
Chester-Twelfth Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

I received the enclosed letter the day before yesterday. It is evidently being sent broadcast by someone in Cleveland. It is the old Franklin forgery which the Nazis have used along with the Protocols of Zion. I would suggest that you bring the matter of the circulation of this letter to the attention of the B.F.I.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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511 Chester Ninth Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio



August 28, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing material on both Bender and Bolton which is taken from their record. I wish you would examine it for its possible use in the campaign.

Sincerely yours,

Grace E. Meyette
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Enc.

THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS ORGANIZED IN 1933 WITH THESE OBJECTIVES:

- (1) To prosecute a vigorous boycott of all Nazi goods and Nazi services, Nazi steamship lines and Nazi films.
- (2) To disseminate ACCURATE information regarding the German state today.
- (3) To assist in exposing the activities of the Nazis, and of their Propaganda Agents, in Free America.

The Nationalist Socialist government in Germany has throttled free institutions, muzzled the press and radio, persecuted the churches, persecuted liberals and advocates of peace, and has deprived thousands of German citizens of their elementary human rights.

Since 1938, the Nationalist Socialist government has actually enslaved Continental Europe; threatens to enslave Great Britain and attacks the free institutions of the United States through its fifth column.

In the prosecution of our objectives, the Research Department of The League for Human Rights submits these facts and findings.

FATHER COUGHLIN AND THE RUSSIAN-GERMAN WAR

The League for Human Rights has repeatedly stated and proven that the aim of Father Coughlin and the groups he controls is American Fascism, a Catholic Fascism. In our pamphlet, "Subversive Activities in the United States," we said:

"...as in all other political and cultural camps, there is not an united opinion among Catholics concerning this war."

Fascism and the Catholic Church

While Father Coughlin leads the radical fascistic wing of the Catholics, men like Father Ryan of the Catholic Welfare Conference and the magazine, Commonweal, are the leaders of those Catholics who plead for all aid to Britain and now to Soviet Russia in order to preserve American Democracy. The high hope, which Coughlin (and Hitler) entertained of a united attack of all Catholics against the Soviet Union and a crusade against Bolshevism did not materialize. The Pope, in his recent speech, carefully avoided calling for such a crusade; Bishop Hurley of Florida brands Hitler's "crusade against Bolshevism as propaganda to divide the American people," and even the German Prelates take this moment to name their grievances against the Hitler government.

The higher Prelates of the American Catholic Church are very careful not to sanction Father Coughlin's activities. A week ago, Royal Oak celebrated Father Coughlin's Jubilee, but the Bishop of Detroit, Edward A. Mooney, was conspicuously absent, as were all other high Prelates; Archbishop Francis J. L. Beckman of Dubuque, Iowa, who is an old follower of Coughlin, being the only exception. As a matter of fact, the May 19, 1941 issue of "Social Justice" is full of attacks on leading Catholics and Catholic magazines, among them the Catholic Universe Bulletin. In the same issue, for the first time, "Social Justice" admits that Father Coughlin is kept off the air by his Bishop:

"Father Coughlin is so circumstanced that he cannot remain a priest in good standing unless he submits humbly to all the orders which he receives from Archbishop Mooney.

"Most certainly he does not enjoy the freedom of expression which Monsignor Ryan enjoys or which thousands of other priests enjoy.

"If Father Coughlin enjoyed the same freedom which was his several years ago, he would not only be out fighting as Lindbergh is doing. Probably he would be the first consignee to a concentration camp before he would submit to the passage of the Lend-Lease Bill or the Convoy Bill.

"Under present circumstances, he has no alternative. He refuses to speak over the radio if he is forced by his superiors to 'pull his punches.'"

Coughlin attempts to fortify his anti-British and his anti-Russian stand with utterances of Catholic leaders. Several times in the July 7th issue, the condemnation of Bolshevism by Pope Pius XI is quoted:

"See to it, Venerable Brethren, that the Faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived! Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any manner whatsoever."

Of course, Father Coughlin has taken full propagandistic advantage offered in the new European situation. He has, if possible, become more fascistic than ever. During the last two months, "Social Justice" has continued to voice its opposition to aid-for-Britain, its anti-Semitism, its anti-Labor attitude, its anti-New Dealism and its anti-Democratic philosophy.

America First Committee and the Coughlinites

The Coughlinites know well that there is no hope of arousing the American people unless there is a reputable mass organization, therefore, the Coughlinites choose to ride the wave of the America First Committee. Coughlin's own organizations, Social Justice Clubs, Acorn Clubs and the United Mothers of America, joined the America First Committee and tried to bore from within in order to achieve control wherever it was possible. Behind closed doors, the Mothers frankly stated that the America First Committee was just a means to an end. They considered, with Coughlin, the America First Committee a Jewish-controlled organization, but as it was the big non-interventionist organization, Father Coughlin decided to throw his forces into this stream.

In Cleveland and in New York, the frictions within the America First Committee have been given publicity. These frictions were described either as

social troubles or as a fight about funds and membership lists, but the background of all these fights has been the issue on control. The question has been whether the America First Committee should be conducted as a bona fide, non-interventionist organization or become a tool of anti-Semitic Fascists, especially, of Coughlinites. This is definitely the case in the Cleveland area. The militancy of the United Mothers, has given to the America First Committee, a lot of adverse publicity.

Knowing the facts, the League for Human Rights has pleaded with the America First Committee in the publication, "Subversive Activities in the United States," in these words:

"An organization, however, which permits notorious persons to assume control must take responsibility, and if after a documented exposure, such an organization does not rebuke these persons, it is certainly open to suspicion."

The leader of the New York chapter, John T. Flynn, a well-known liberal, finally tried to get rid of the Coughlinites in New York. "Social Justice's" answer was that Flynn was not a representative of the America First Committee.

"Social Justice," June 9, 1941, states:

"For some time, dire rumors have been circulated about certain individuals who take it upon themselves to act on behalf of the America First Committee.

"The purpose of this comment is not to blast the America First Committee, but to ask the responsible heads of the Committee--including General Robert E. Wood--to make a pronouncement before radicals within the ranks of the America First Committee succeed in splitting the organization into a thousand segments.

"Recently, Mr. John T. Flynn of New York, went out of his way to assail a Mr. McWilliams seated in the audience of an America First meeting at Madison Square Garden.

"Why?

"Social Justice holds no brief for Mr. McWilliams. But the point is, if the America First Committee decides to accept only those whose lives, religion, philosophy, associates, business partners, etc., are streamlined to fit the definition of America Firstism as concocted by Dorothy Bromley then the America First Committee will soon develop into the 'America Last' Committee."

On June 16th, "Social Justice" made an ardent appeal to its readers to join the America First Committee, an indication that the Coughlinites still hoped to control it. But finally General Wood, National Committee Chairman of the America First Committee, rebuffed the support of the Coughlinites. "Social Justice" in the July 7th issue reports its break with the America First Committee.

Under the heading, "Is America First Committee Loco?", "Social Justice" relates that the national chairman of the America First Committee, General Wood, threw the "Social Justice" salesmen out of an America First Rally in Chicago with the words, "We don't want you people at the America First meetings, you people confuse the issue." This plain language of General Wood has put the Coughlinites in their place as once the plain language of Willkie did. As a matter of fact, the announcement by "Social Justice" about the America First Committee links these events in stating: "This is the same clique that engineered the Willkie repudiation of our support in the Republican campaign."

A New Fascistic Christian Front

Of course, "Social Justice" now appeals in its pages for a genuine Christian Front because the America First Committee has served its purpose; it is out-dated after it has "supplied an opportunity to two of our most outstanding Americans to tell the suppressed truth to their fellow citizens--ex-Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton K. Wheeler." We must wait until these two men have made their decision whether they will go on with General Wood or with Father Coughlin and the Christian Front.

A true fascistic Christian Front, led by Father Coughlin, is in the making. "Social Justice" tells us that the former Christian Front movements were launched by Father Coughlin in 1937, and that it was suppressed and forced underground because of "the Christian Front trial spurred on by Aaronson and spear-headed by Attorney General Frank Murphy." The same article continues:

"We remember that atheistic Communism was conceived and brought to birth in Russia chiefly through the instrumentality of godless Jews.

"And it is our expressed opinion that this world war would not now be in progress except it were for the benefit particularly of international banking Jews...

"Can Christians co-operate by paying taxes which will buy armaments to save the Soviets?...

"No longer can we travel with others. Henceforth, others must travel with us even though our pilgrimage leads to martyrdom...

"Christians cannot go along with Mr. Roosevelt and his all-aid-for-Russia policy."

Coughlin, Ford and the C.I.O.

In the June 23rd issue, "Social Justice" took a stand on the strike situation with the following words:

"Rest assured that the leaders in labor organizations are thinking of the day when the war will be terminated. It will be a day which will mark the discontinuance of building war materials. It will be a day which will witness the idling of factories and of men. It will be a day when the laboring class will take over both government and industry unless both government and industry prepare themselves for the abandonment of the capitalistic iniquity of hourly wages, and substitute for it the principles of the living annual wage.

"It is either that or a proletarian form of government including the seizure of factories and the instruments of production by the workers."

The Ford contract with the C.I.O. has given "Social Justice" ample food to elaborate on the dark prospects coming from the victory of the C.I.O. over such a foe of unionized labor as Ford. A new era has started, "Social Justice" proclaims, the C.I.O. is here to stay as much as the New Deal and

"Besides marking the close of an era of industrial strife and definitely initiating an era of unopposed collective bargaining, the Ford Motor contract with the C.I.O. suggests far-reaching questions affecting democratic practices in these United States."

The catastrophic consequences for Democracy as "Social Justice" sees it within a short time are these:

"For example, within a short time more than 75 per cent of the male voting population in this country will belong to some unit of the C.I.O. This all-powerful political group,

if it so chooses, can elect to the Congress of the United States those representatives pledged to support the C.I.O. If and when such a condition arises, we will witness the operation of a labor government at Washington more or less in opposition to a capitalistic government.

"Such a condition, most likely, will prove detrimental to America on the basis that there is no representation of minorities."

And then "Social Justice," until now the champion of majority and the self-nominated mouthpiece of the people against the "Marxist New Deal" which it considered a minority dictatorship, now asks for the abolishment of majority rule and proposes representation on the basis of group activities, because otherwise "a proletarian government will be in power." This representation on the basis of group activity is nothing else than the Corporate State as established in Spain, Portugal and Italy.

"Social Justice" puts itself again on record favoring such Fascist organization of employers and employees in order to save America.

Father Coughlin Versus the Government

Christians will not support "New Red Deal" is Coughlin's new slogan. In order to prove that all opponents of Coughlin's Fascism are Jewish-controlled, Coughlin and "Social Justice" were obliged to change their arguments almost as rapidly as the Communists. On May 26th, through a "correspondent," "Social Justice" said that the Nazis were Jewish-controlled:

"This fact alone indicates some hidden influence that is obviously Jewish, and tends to substantiate the view that the Jewish Cabal--in order to conceal their control of the Nazi regime--are using their more or less unsuspecting co-racialists as whipping boys in the holy cause of Israel, while making sure that the scape-goat tactic doesn't cause too many casualties among the 'chosen people'..

"Isn't it significant that one never hears of Hitler's confiscating any of the big Jewish banks and his jailing or beheading any of the Mendelssohns, Warburgs, Oppenheims, Arnholds, or the Lazares in occupied Paris?"

June 23rd, "Social Justice" states in an article entitled, "American Diplomacy Still Coddles Stalin":

"It is known in Washington, as elsewhere, that Germany has agreed to let Russia carve out an empire in the East in return for Russia's betrayal of the Slavic nations, her abandonment of Turkey, her entrance into a pact with Japan, and her collaboration in inciting unrest in Afghanistan and India....

"But, to date at least, the United States has persisted in appeasing the Reds in the vain hope that they will turn on Hitler."

On June 30th, however, after the declaration of war on Russia by Germany, relying on the short memory of its readers, "Social Justice" begins an article "Stalin-Hitler War" with the following words:

"The Long expected break between Russia and Germany has finally arrived."

Otherwise, this article states that this war proves the point which "Social Justice" has put forward, that the Jewish-controlled international bankers, waging the war of the British Empire, and the Jewish-controlled Bolsheviks are only the left and the right wing of the same bird.

In conclusion we quote a scanty veiled call for disobedience by Coughlin in a sermon at his Jubilee:

"I ask you, as a priest participating in Christ's priesthood and as a priest subject in obedience, may I direct you to pay taxes to a government which expends that money to supply munitions to Russia?

"May you support a government that says 'all out for Russia'?"

SUPPLEMENT

"Social Justice," July 14, 1941, launches a strong attack on the Catholic Church. While the main attack is directed against Bishop Hurley, never before has "Social Justice" dared to fight Catholics so openly and with words like these:

"...we have the sad spectacle of a Roman Catholic Bishop, endorsed by the National Catholic Welfare Conference and its executive chairman, Archbishop Mooney of Detroit, leaping into the international political fray for the purpose of embroiling American sons in war..."

"Bishop Hurley said that the Nazis are the number one enemy of America and of the world. By his own statement, Bishop Hurley and those for whom he spoke, stand indicted today as Enemy Number One of American democracy..

"If the Conference persists in supporting the views of this American Talleyrand, only one result will eventuate-- a schism in the ranks of the Catholic Church."

"Social Justice" lists those few American Prelates who are on its side:

"As man to man he would be a poor match competing with Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop Curley, Archbishop Beckman, Bishop Shaughnessy, the silenced Father Coughlin and many others who do not enjoy the questionable support of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"Bishop Hurley's words are not the words of the Catholic Church."

"Social Justice" is thereby doing two things.

- (1) Actually creating the schism in the Catholic Church which it so deplores and
- (2) Claiming that it alone represents the true Catholic Church policy while Bishop Hurley, et al., are rebels, renegades and national traitors.

"Social Justice" makes an appeal for a rebellion against the present government in these words:

"Unless constitutional Americans are courageous enough to prepare for the emergency, possibly unconstitutional foreigners will accomplish here what is being accomplished in Europe.

"Now is the time to prepare against chaos. Now is the time for realistic editors, orators and religious leaders to point the way.

"Rooseveltism is doomed here as surely as Stalinism is doomed in Russia.

"It is our hope and our prediction that these things will be done--and without Adolf Hitler's help."

trated to the far corners of the earth. Christians need to come alive to the opportunity which is likely to be offered them in the near future. Church leaders ought to embrace the ecumenical elements in the traditional culture. They need to find a way to obtain access to short wave radio on a scale not yet approached and persistently speak ecumenically, solidifying the Christian worldwide fraternity, countering selfish propaganda, releasing the mind from nation-bound political concepts. The Church has not only a gospel of personal salvation but a social, ethical and political mission. Her political mission for this

century is not primarily that of a negative censorship of the morals of city councils or party politicians, though these still need her attention. Nor is it her task to purr sweetly in response to the roars of the man-eating tiger and deplore the violence of those who resist him! This is the way to yield the very right to be religious in any way that can be called Christian. It is rather to capitalize spiritually and practically upon the tradition of her ecumenicity, thinking, teaching, and working with all who will cooperate, toward a unified and law-abiding *ecumene*—a worldwide reign of freedom and law.

The World Church: News and Notes

A Letter to Great Britain from Switzerland

(We publish the frequently quoted letter of Karl Barth to Britain in full below, both because of its intrinsic importance and because various published excerpts from it have given rise to misunderstandings about Barth's position.)

Dear Christian Brethren in Great Britain:

We Christians in all lands find ourselves, as far as this war is concerned, in a situation strikingly different from anything that we experienced twenty-five years ago: that is to say, different in so far as we do not just accept this war as a necessary evil, but that we approve it as a righteous war, which God does not simply allow, but which He commands us to wage. And we hold this to be so in spite of the fact that it is not less terrible, and indeed may be much more terrible, than the last war.

In spite of all this, we cannot resist the necessity of giving a different answer to what is today a different question. We do not exclude the possibility that the well-known arguments of Christian pacifism, which twenty-five years ago we either made our own or which at any rate deeply disturbed us, may later, in a different situation and in a different form, once again bring us under their power.

This war is being fought for a cause which is worthy to be defended by all the means in our power—even by war. Further, this cause could no longer be defended by any other means than by war. Theoretically both governments and peoples could always settle their national, territorial, economic and strategic aspirations and claims by other than military action: and probably most of the wars which in the past have been waged for such reasons were not necessary—the war of 1914–18 included. But the war which was declared in September, 1939, is not being waged about such things, and it could not therefore be avoided. It is this that renders the pacifist argument unrealistic. People have made much of the various mistakes which after the last war—in the peace treaties, and in the following decade—were committed by the then victors, mistakes which have made this new war possible.

But we can maintain no more than that these mistakes made this war *possible*. They did not make it *necessary*. They did not bring it about automatically. They were not of the kind that could be corrected only by the sword. Admittedly the victors of 1914–18 were astonishingly slow to correct them. But we must not overlook the fact that during those years they were equally slow in consolidating the predominant position which they had won in 1918.

There are no grounds whatsoever for accusing them of striving to bring about another war in order to maintain and perpetuate the results of the mistakes which had been made. On the contrary, this new war was finally declared only after many years of continued hesitation and evasion, in order to check a movement which was alleged to be an attempt to put right the mistakes which had been made in previous years, but which was actually—and still is—a threat ten times worse than all those mistakes put together.

This threat was the attempt of Adolf Hitler to force his "New Order" on Central Europe today, on the whole of Europe tomorrow, and on the whole world the day after tomorrow. The essence of this "New Order" is the assertion of the sovereignty of the German race and State, which in practice is that of the German "Führer." Its establishment is to be achieved by the whole might of Germany's military power, which is impelled by the force of a heathenish religion of blood, despotism and war. This enterprise was met by toleration and yet more toleration, in a desire to atone (actually in a very unchristian way!) for past mistakes.

It is not true that in this war the West wants to subjugate the East, or the "senile" nations the "youthful" nations, or the "haves" the "have-nots," or the Capitalists the Socialists. The imperialistic-militaristic demon would have acted somewhat differently from the men who were so slow to make up their minds to enter on this war, and only at long last took their decision.

Since this is so, we Christians cannot say "No" nor "Yes and No" to this war: we can only say "Yes." We must postpone our objection to war as such to some future date, when it may once again have some reality.

We must not evade our responsibility for seeing that this war is waged, and waged ardently.

Whoever today is for Hitler, or is not against him, or is even not wholeheartedly against him, deserves to receive by the will of God through "the Revolution of Nihilism" his due reward. That is the very reason why France—and, first of all, unhappy Germany herself—have fallen a prey to Hitler's movement. On the other hand, it is the clear will of God that we should recognize the true nature and power of the movement, in order to combat it with all our strength. The obedience of the Christian to the clear will of God compels him to support this war.

Can we say this with such certainty? We Christians must say it with such certainty for this reason: the world in which we live is the place where Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and the present age is the time of God's long-suffering until the day when the same Jesus Christ shall come again in His glory. The world is not some sinister wilderness where fate or chance holds sway, or where all sorts of "principalities and powers" run riot unrestrained and rage about unchecked. For just as Christ, according to the teaching of the whole of the New Testament, has already borne away sin and destroyed death, so also has He already (according to Col. ii. 15) completely disarmed those "principalities and powers," and made a spectacle of them in His own triumph, in order finally to tread them down under His feet on the day of His coming again (I Cor. xv. 15). It is only as shadows without real substance and power that they can still beset us. We Christians, of all men, have no right whatsoever to fear and respect them or to resign ourselves to the fact that they are spreading throughout the world as though they know neither bounds nor lord. We should be slighting the resurrection of Jesus Christ and denying His reign on the right hand of the Father, if we forgot that the world in which we live is already consecrated, and if we did not, for Christ's sake, come to grips spiritedly and resolutely with these evil spirits.

That an enterprise such as this ought to be resisted by political power using military methods is no new theory, devised merely to suit the present situation. It is precisely Christian thought which insists that resistance should be offered, and it is the Christians themselves who must not withhold their support. This implies, again according to the New Testament, that God has instituted for us Christians not only *the Church*, to build us up in Faith, Love and Hope, but also *the political Hierarchy, the State* (for us, and also for the rest of the world), to testify to the Kingly Rule of Christ. Paul called the State in the most solemn way a "Minister of God" (Rom. xiii. 4, 6). He exhorted the Christians most emphatically to fit themselves into its framework and to pray for its good estate "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. ii. 1).

According to Romans xiii. 1-7 and I Peter ii. 13-17, the task of the State is this: to discriminate between Right and Wrong in the lives of all men and to set certain bounds for their conduct. The State must keep constant watch on these bounds, and constantly defend them, first of all *on behalf of everybody*, since the life of all requires such bounds, and then, if necessary, *against any-*

body who may be so arrogant as to break them. The State bears the sword in order to fulfil this very function. The State would lose all meaning and would be failing in its duty as an appointed minister of God, if it failed to defend the bounds between Right and Wrong by the threat, and by the actual use, of the sword.

When the British Government declared war on Adolf Hitler's Germany in the Autumn of 1939, it acted as the Government of a righteous State according to Christian standards. Since this is so, there is but one decision left. The cause which is at stake in this war is our own cause, and we Christians first and foremost must make our own the anxieties, the hardships and the hopes which this war demands of all men. The Christians who do not realize that they must take part unreservedly in this war must have slept over their Bibles as well as over their newspapers.

You may have been struck by the fact that the ultimate reason which I put forward for the necessity of resisting Hitler was simply the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But I have been struck, on my side, by the fact that in your pronouncements various other conceptions have been put forward as primary and ultimate reason—such as "Western civilization," "the liberty of the individual," "freedom of knowledge," "the infinite value of the human personality," "the brotherhood of men," "social justice," etc. There is no need for me to assure you that the terms you use have a very positive meaning for me also.

But I doubt whether I can admit that those conceptions do really describe the grounds upon which we Christians must decide on our Christian attitude to the war. These conceptions are concerned with principles which might also be those of a pious Hindu, Buddhist or Atheist; and that, however beautiful and fruitful they may be, they do not touch at all on the peculiarly Christian truths on which the Church is founded. Do those conceptions sufficiently indicate the distance between us and Hitler? Must we not make the gulf much wider? Ought not our opposition to him to be genuinely Christian? Our resistance to Hitler will be built on a really sure foundation only when we resist him unequivocally in the name of peculiarly Christian truth, unequivocally in the name of Jesus Christ.

There is no need for me to hide from you my personal conviction that in the end Great Britain will be successful in the present war. I cannot venture to prophesy when, where and how Great Britain will conquer. But that she will conquer I am sure, because I have ultimately more confidence in British toughness than in German energy, and because ultimately I ascribe greater historical weight to the better cause, for which the British Empire has made itself responsible, than to the evil and fundamentally fantastic cause of Adolf Hitler.

But our citizenship is today and always in heaven. For this very reason, we can and we shall today and always be of good cheer and firmly resolved in our attitude towards the earthly political order, which is the burning issue of our time.

I greet you cordially in the fellowship of a common Faith and Purpose.

Basle, April, 1941

Yours,

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SABOTAGE AGAINST THE MORALE OF THE NATION

The slogan "National Unity" has fogged the mind and thrilled the imagination of many of the best Americans to such an extent that they are inclined to believe--because they want to believe--that for the duration, all Americans are united in spirit in a fight for Democracy. Our unity is spontaneous and voluntary and composed of those who always believed in the Ideal of Freedom and Equality, but often disagreed in means to defend it. The fascist unbelievers have not changed overnight and are not a part of an united fight now.

But one of the strongest endorsements given to the fight for our country came from the "Free American, Deutscher Waechter und Beobachter," the Nazi publication in this country. They wrote: "OUR COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG, WHEN INVADED." This Nazi publication has been liquidated.

"Social Justice," Coughlin's fascistic mouthpiece, continues to be published. The December 8, 1941 issue, published three days before Pearl Harbor, contains a strong condemnation of intervention and an appeal for a negotiated peace:

"Only by stopping this war in its track--a war now in a stalemate--can we redeem anything of our past civilization.

"Britain cannot win.

"Hitler cannot capture England.

"Stalin is set back for many years to come.

"A continuation of this war in Europe will only breed Marxism everywhere.

"A cessation of hostilities, through Christian insistence, will give us an argument to proceed in furthering the cause of missionary work abroad and at home."

It does not speak for "Social Justice's" self-advertised, prophetic ability that no issue previous to the outbreak of hostilities mentions the tension between the United States and Japan. While Japan, driven by Hitler, sent

her airplanes and her Navy towards American territory, "Social Justice" predicts a peace-offensive by Hitler:

"He will declare flatly that, as far as Germany is concerned, the war is over; that if Great Britain and the United States insist upon prolonging hostilities, their continued belligerence will be construed as 'aggression,' for the consequences of which Germany cannot be held responsible..."

"Of course, all these are merely Hitler's reported plans--according to reliable informants. They probably will not materialize exactly in that fashion, for Messrs. Churchill and Roosevelt are almost certain to snub any peace offer.

"The 'Democrats' are determined to crush Hitler's threat to international gold capitalism--the long outmoded financial order which is crumbling under the weight of its own excesses and abuses."

Certainly, "Social Justice" has not been well-informed about the situation.

ANTI-LABOR

"Social Justice's" big headline of December 8, 1941 says: "REVOLUTION IN THE U. S. A."

What revolution?

The abandonment of anti-labor legislation is this revolution. "Social Justice" states that both Unions, the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., have taken over the control of Congress.

We know that the anti-labor laws were dropped because the seriousness of the war situation had created the honest will to unity in the nation.

"SOCIAL JUSTICE" SUBMITS TO THE WILL OF GOVERNMENT

In the first issue after the outbreak of the war, DECEMBER 15, "Social Justice" makes a statement about its future policy:

"Social Justice has opposed wars fought for the imperial supremacy of the pound, of the dollar or any other coinage.

"While Social Justice submits to the will of the Government as expressed by Congress in declaring war, it does not mean that we say what was wrong yesterday is right today..."

"It does mean we submit to the will of government. It does mean we will discountenance all intellectual or physical sabotage. It does mean we will be no obstructionists in the pursuit of this war."

"Social Justice" CONDEMNS SABOTAGE. Under the restrictions of a state of war, sabotage is the most effective means used by traitors to "aid and comfort the enemy." There are different kinds of sabotage. Most frequently we think of industrial--physical--sabotage. "Social Justice" most likely refers to that type when it promises to abstain from it. But there are more subtle ways of sabotaging. As one poisons food and water in order to fight for the enemy, one can also poison the spirit. "Social Justice," since the war, continues to print many unessential and unimportant things; it also prints some justified criticism of government procedures. But in between, it uses a hypodermic needle and shoots the POISON OF DISSENSION, the POISON OF NON-COOPERATION, the POISON OF DOUBT into the veins of its readers. This poison is of the same nature that "Social Justice" has always used. It is the fascistic poison sweetened with Christian words.

The League for Human Rights has frequently named the characteristics of Fascists in the United States who cannot openly advocate Hitlerism. These are: Be ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, ANTI-BRITISH, ANTI-LABOR, ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-ADMINISTRATION.

In the DECEMBER 15 ISSUE, FOUR DAYS AFTER PEARL HARBOR, the non-interventionist lie--that 80 percent of the American people are opposed to a shooting war--is repeated. "Social Justice," the attacker of Democracy, hypocritically laments that Democracy and Freedom have gone:

"Yesterday and its individual liberties have gone. Today and its national regimentation have come..."

"Yesterday and its ideas of the state existing for the people and their liberties are of yesterday. Today and its ideas of the people existing for the State are of today."

"Social Justice" does not favor an all-out war effort; it opposes, especially, the participation of women in this effort:

"Nevertheless, if wars must come, no government is worthwhile sustaining if it persists in reaching into the sanctuary of the nation's homes to regiment women for bloody battle, thereby destroying the very ideals, the liberties, and the virtues it would save! "

No sabotage?

ANTI-SEMITISM

One of the filthy sources for material has been the anti-Semitic theories promoted by Catherine Baldwin.

Following the course which the Nazi radio takes that Britain wants to rule the world including the United States, "Social Justice" comes out frankly for the nonsense of Catherine Baldwin and her anti-Semitism, the theory that the lost tribes, the real Jews, are the Britishers and their promoters, the Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations, and other international institutions.

Warning Americans that Great Britain attempts to make her a colony again as the Britishers are the real Jews, the lost tribes of Israel, whose goal is to rule the world, "Social Justice," in the issue of DECEMBER 15, 1941, FOUR DAYS AFTER PEARL HARBOR, states:

"Perhaps it is not appropriate at this juncture to recall the efforts of 'British Israel' for fashioning a World Federation. Nevertheless, it is our duty to inform our readers that such an attempt has been made and is being made by the naturalists who call themselves 'British-Israelites.' The members of this cult contend that Britain represents the ten lost tribes of Israel; that the Old Testament predicted these ten lost tribes (modern Britain and the Anglo-Saxon people) will dominate the world, establish the millennium and set Christ upon the throne of the ancients."

The attack against Great Britain and the Jews continues in the issue of DECEMBER 22nd, TWO WEEKS AFTER PEARL HARBOR:

"But we still have memories. Some tomorrow we shall recall the iniquities of the Treaty of Versailles; the shamefulness of Leon Blum's handling of Chancellor Bruening; the rise of Hitler to power; the financing of the National Socialist Party by international bankers in London and Paris; our recognition of a friendliness toward Josef Stalin's anti-God government; and our Gold Purchase Act of 1934 which, practically speaking, made pre-payment for the conduct of World War II...

"We are not so droll as to think the abuses of yesterday will vanish simply through the administration of large doses of black-out. One doesn't remove the filth in the gutter by turning off the street-corner lights. One doesn't purify the swill in the swine's trough of politics, industry and finance by clamping his nose with a clothespin. One doesn't cancel out poverty, oppression, tyranny, totalitarianism, war and sin merely by dimming the dome of the Capitol..."

"These causes run back from Stalin to Lenin; from Lenin to Marx; from Marx to the Rothschilds; from the Rothschilds to the Bank of England; from the Bank of England to the pack of usurers who transubstantiated a vice into a virtue in the sixteenth century--a vice piously practiced for centuries before."

Note the vicious anti-Semitism in the column "Let's have confidence,"

December 29:

"On all sides, as a result of the Pearl Harbor debacle, unnecessary misgivings are cropping up about our ability to carry war successfully into the Orient.

"Mr. S. L. A. Marshall, war critic for Detroit News, says:

"Our own Asiatic fleet is bound by weakness in numbers, metal and guns in the vicinity of the Philippine shoreline and cannot be dispatched on any romantic errand in the seas to the westward. The British sea force at Singapore, no longer able to lean on the big ships, is occupied by major problems requiring a close defense of its base."

"Despite this realistic, if unpleasant, report we say to our readers--have confidence.

"At the helm stands President Roosevelt, who is Commander-in-Chief of Army and Navy.

"Counselling him, when needed, he has Herbert H. Lehman whom Mr. Roosevelt has characterized as his strong right arm. Lehman is a capable banker, married to a sister of Frank Altschul, partner in the international banking firm of Lazard Freres.

"Mr. Roosevelt has the friendship and assistance of his close neighbor and Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. In turn, Mr. Morgenthau has, for his head economist, Lawrence Seltzer. His chief consultant is Jacob Viner of the University of Chicago.

"Mr. Roosevelt has the fine counsel of Felix Frankfurter, who has been designated by General Johnson as the most influential single individual in the United States.

"Mr. Roosevelt has, as his chief foreign ambassador, William C. Bullitt, whose mother was a Horwitz.

"Mr. Roosevelt has for a judicial balance wheel Samuel Rosenman of the New York Supreme Court.

"Mr. Roosevelt has Henry L. Stimson to act as his Secretary of War. Mr. Stimson has had a life-long political intimacy with Felix Frankfurter and was formerly counsel for Kuhn, Loeb and Company.

"Mr. Roosevelt has the able co-operation of Frank Knox, his Secretary of the Navy, who enjoys fine connections with the Kuhn, Loeb and Company banking house through their participating in ownership of the Chicago Daily News.

"Indeed, money, more money, and more money will be required to win this war. Only financiers of the ability of Kuhn, Loeb, the J. P. Morgan and Company and others will be able to counsel the Commander-in-Chief in this respect.

"Mr. Roosevelt has Lawrence Steinhardt to help him carry on relations with the Soviet Union. Mr. Steinhardt is a nephew of Samuel Untermyer and has studied the Soviet situation most exhaustively.

"These are some of the geniuses whose ability is unquestioned and whose loyalty in this crisis is above suspicion.

"They have been with Mr. Roosevelt from the beginning. They will stand by him to the end. With Sidney Hillman, Fiorella LaGuardia, Leon Henderson, Cordell Hull and a host of others, victory with justice is in the offing."

This column is obviously written for the initiated reader who will know that it means exactly the opposite of what the headline says. "LET US HAVE CONFIDENCE" means: Do not have confidence in this Jewish-controlled government.

"Social Justice" on January 12, 1942 again--perfectly understandable to anti-Semites--states:

"An interesting analysis of the Army, Navy and Air Force personnel shows that 31 per cent are Roman Catholics; a slightly higher percentage are listed as Protestants; the remainder, for the most part, are Gentile Americans without any religious affiliation."

The implication is, of course, the old Coughlin and Nazi line: The Jews will not fight as soldiers, but urge others to shed their blood for them while they reap the profit harvest.

ANTI-BRITISH

On December 22nd, "Social Justice" dares to tell Americans that not Germany but Britain and the United States caused this war by forcing Hitler and Japan to declare it. "Social Justice" implies that the scene was set intentionally by the Democracies in order to give the impression to Americans that they are victims of aggression. And on January 5th, "Social Justice" lashes out against Churchill:

"Nazi Germany required the leadership of Hitler and the assistance of millions of armed men to overrun Europe.

"Great Britain needed nothing more than the mercurial presence and golden voice of Winston Churchill to captivate--if not capture--the United States of America,

"In one of the most brilliantly worded addresses pronounced in the Senate chamber of the United States, Prime Minister Winston Churchill effected by consent, if not by law, the long sought union-nowism between the two great democracies."

ANTI-DEMOCRATIC

Mrs. Roosevelt says that after the war there will be only two choices for nations--either Democracy or Communism--and that it will be up to Democracy to prove that it is not only alive but able to serve humanity better than Communism. Coughlin, however, has buried Democracy already. He puts the choice between Communism or Christianity. It should be clear that Coughlin's interpretation of Christianity is the corporate fascistic state. Regarding the death of Democracies, "Social Justice" says:

"When the last shot was fired November 11, 1918, two invisible corpses lay stretched upon the battlefields of the world. International Capitalism was the one; Rousseau-istic Democracy was the other.

"Since that day until now, the great family of human beings has been interested in observing their obsequies...

"This year, which history will chronicle as 1942, witnesses the funeral procession of the corpses, now that the obsequies have been completed."

On January 12, 1942, "Social Justice" states:

"Few Americans recognize the revolution which transpired in their midst because it came about not only with singular suddenness but with diabolical secrecy insofar as its planners preached democracy while assassinating it; upheld nationalism while sacrificing it; bespoke the sanctity of private ownership while transforming it."

We remember the Coughlin slogan "National-Socialism is the defense mechanism against Bolshevism." Unless "Social Justice" has now fully adopted the Catherine Baldwin theory that Bolshevism and Democracy are identical he should have explained why he changed his original analysis about the cause of National Socialism. For now he says:

"Be it observed at this point why World War No. 2 originated. Any honest person will concede that Hitler and Hitlerism were protests against the old order dominated by Britain and the United States; were spearheads of a 'new order' to overthrow imperialism. Because the Axis new order is diametrically opposed to imperial Britain's and America's most cherished political, commercial, industrial and financial ideals, the British and Americans (through their governments) oppose it."

"Social Justice" compares the Nazi order and the Democratic order and seems to prefer Hitler's to Churchill's and Roosevelt's.

"Hitler's new order may be a bad order to the minds of many Germans; is a bad order to the minds of Americans. Nevertheless, it is a new order which assailed some of the most heinous aspects of the old order related to industry and finance..."

"As yet, neither Mr. Churchill nor Mr. Roosevelt has deigned to utter one word of criticism against the old order of international banking through which it was possible for a few to gain control of industry; then, of state; then, of the world itself."

THE HITLER DEVICE: SPREAD DISSENSION

Hitler expects his friends in this country to spread distrust among the United Nations. Although Russia has not only declared but has proven with blood and sacrifices that her task, at this moment, is to concentrate on Hitler, "Social Justice" suggests that there is probably still an agreement between Japan, Russia and Germany.

CREATE DISTRUST IN THE GOVERNMENT

Is the economic situation of our country sound? "Social Justice" says: No. "Social Justice" and Coughlin have always pretended to be experts on the most controversial economic subject: Money. Since the time Coughlin speculated in Silver, he has accused the Federal Reserve notes as unsound money and has put the war bonds in the same category. He continues to make people uneasy and creates distrust in the financial status of their nation. "Social Justice" does its best to create a panic. COULD THIS BE TREASON IN TIME OF WAR?

The DECEMBER 22nd ISSUE STATES:

"The Bank of England recently put in circulation another \$250-million of paper money. Likewise, the printing presses have been busy at Washington; for, as of December 9th, the Treasury

estimates the United States has \$10,637,647,137 in circulation. This represented all the paper money outside the Treasury or the Federal Reserve Banks and included money in the vaults of commercial banks as well as individuals in business.

"The Allies, definitely are resorting to the printing presses."

"Inflation," gasps the reader, and in order to help this dreaded inflation, "Social Justice" recommends excess buying which forces commodity prices up and which violates our President's request not to hoard.

"(d) Stock up your supply rooms and cupboards with towels, bed linen, underwear, hosiery and other such necessities. Teach the children to use their theater money for the purchase of soap and other such staples."

On certain shortages, "Social Justice," in the January 12, 1942 issue, makes the following remarks:

"Perhaps the shortage was intentional to create an opportunity for confiscating the wealth of America,"

"Bolshevism," gasps the reader.

"Social Justice" deliberately disrupts confidence and creates fear, and even acts as agent provocateur. It is an old trick which was also employed by the Nazis before they seized power to demand more radical measures, more sacrifices than are necessary or even possible. "Social Justice," December 22nd, demands:

"Let the Congressmen, for the duration of the war, cancel every coupon on every bond; confiscate every dividend on every stock certificate; lower every wage of every plutocrat, manufacturer, government official and what-not until there is unity."

THE JUDAS-MONEY

The prize surprise in the January 5th issue is that "Social Justice" has bought Defense Bonds--\$25,000 worth. "Social Justice" explains. It is unsound blood-money, yes. The magazine will not share in the profit; it will redistribute the interest to the soldiers and sailors. But they want to show that they are doing their share for National Defense.

Why does "Social Justice" go into such an expense for a cause it wants to

defeat? There is only one explanation: "Social Justice" needs a patriotic alibi. This is the initiation fee of a disrupter who wants to be a member of good standing in an organization in order to bore from within.

ANTI-BRITISH, ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-ADMINISTRATION, ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, ANTI-LABOR, it is the old tune. Fascism has not changed in this country, and now as before, its outstanding rabble-rouser is Father Coughlin.

We want the truth, however unpleasant. We need criticism, self-criticism, in order to avoid the trap of cheap, self-glorification and pseudo-sacrifices. We do not need to be humored by pep-talks; we can stand up to facts, but we refuse to tolerate, in our midst, the poisoning of the mind by sneering, treacherous publications, such as, "Social Justice." Such publications are more dangerous to our people and more helpful to Hitler than paid Nazi spies. We are protected against physical poisoning by a food and drug law. We need a law against spiritual poison.

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PLEASE NOTE

In the issue of the Bulletin of August 26, 1941, there appeared an article in which it was stated that Mrs. May Foley Ball, amongst other persons named therein, was one of the Clevelanders who had been frequently identified in the daily press with the United Mothers of America.

And further appeared the following, referring to Mrs. May Foley Ball, as well as the other persons mentioned therein:

"These men and women appear before the public as ardent defenders of Americanism. Their claim is that the American way of life -- as they see it -- can only be served by a non-interventionist policy. They use the America First Committee and Wheeler, Lindbergh and Martin Sweeney as their spokesmen for their peace intentions, but in fact, serve as promoters of race discrimination and as saboteurs of all efforts to defend Democracy. Consciously or unconsciously, they are the agents of Nazis in this country."

The Bulletin is now informed by Mrs. May Foley Ball that she is not a member of the United Mothers of America. The Bulletin takes this disclaimer of Mrs. May Foley Ball at its full face value and, therefore, retracts any part of and all of the article so far as it refers to Mrs. May Foley Ball. The Bulletin is pleased to count Mrs. May Foley Ball on the side of tolerance and Americanism and regrets any reference to her in said article.

12/22/41

This statement is addressed to representative Jewish Clevelanders whose contributions help support The League for Human Rights of Cleveland.

Early in 1939 the name of The Turner Type Founders Company was placed on the boycott list of the League for Human Rights of Cleveland. This purports to be a list of concerns who are not co-operating in the boycott of Nazi-made merchandise. As a result, the reputation of this Company and its officers has been seriously maligned and injured.

This action by the League is contrary to the facts. This Company has and is successfully and effectively boycotting Nazi-made products.

After two years The League tardily reversed its position and removed the name of this Company from its blacklist. This reversal of position was made without any adequate explanation. All our efforts to obtain such explanation have been in vain.

The result has been a failure on the part of The League to rectify the damage done to innocent individuals by this blacklist.

Since the League is largely supported by Funds received from Cleveland Jewry, we feel an obligation to acquaint them with the facts.

The Turner Type Founders Co.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Turner Type Founders Company is engaged in handling machinery and supplies used in the printing and publishing business. It is an Ohio Corporation with branch offices in Chicago and Detroit, and takes its name from its first president, Eugene M. Turner.

Until the last few years over seventy percent of its new machinery for resale was imported from Germany. This source of supply was so important that the most essential items used in a printing plant were German importations. One of these products was Bauer Type.

When the full impact of the Hitler regime began to be felt in this country, *The Turner Type Founders Company voluntarily discontinued offering for sale all German made imports. This was done at great sacrifice and required a complete reorganization of its business.*

Bauer Types, however, presented a difficult and complex problem. Hundreds of our customers had previously made large investments in Bauer Types. To maintain the usefulness of these investments, it became necessary at times to buy small assortments of letters and fill-ins. These fill-ins are sometimes essential to complete a catalogue or book, just as it is necessary to buy a replacement part for a machine.

Failure to obtain such fill-ins would render valueless the earlier large investment made by printers. These fill-ins constituted a negligible item in dollars and cents. There was no element of profit in handling these fill-ins but there did exist an obligation to maintain this fill-in service. We therefore discontinued the sale of Bauer Type but maintained the fill-in service.

It appears that the League disagreed with us on this and placed our name on its boycott list.

The League had a perfect right to disagree with us but it could not with justice proceed as it did without first carefully exploring all the facts.

1. The League acted without a full knowledge of the facts.
2. It disregarded our written proffers of cooperation.
3. It ignored our protestations and its then Chairman denied us a hearing with the observation "There is nothing further to discuss."
4. It ignored our written suggestion urging the appointment of a small competent committee to investigate the whole matter and our voluntary proffer to "abide by the decision of such a committee." The edict of the League apparently was: We are the sole judge in this matter. Either do exactly as we decree or accept the consequences.

After the lapse of nearly two years, the League finally did appoint the type of committee we had urged from the start. Following the report of this committee, it then removed the name of this Company from its boycott list under conditions and circumstances identical to those which existed when our name was blacklisted.

Despite this tardy admission of error, the League has refused to give an adequate explanation to the public as to why it took two years to accomplish this removal. It has made no attempt to rectify the harm it has done.

The following conclusion is inevitable:

1. The League apparently had a different interpretation of the boycott from our own.
2. Elemental justice required that the League at the very least solicit our views and explore them thoroughly.
3. Simple justice further required the League to make its own position clear since it permitted one of our large department stores to carry certain German made items under circumstances far less extenuating. Various excuses offered to explain this only serve to deepen the cloud of suspicion aroused by such inconsistent action.
4. We repeatedly urged the League to appoint a small committee of business men to study the problem with us. We pledged our acceptance of any practical suggestions which such a committee could offer.

5. The League did finally appoint a small committee. It acknowledged its mistake by reversing itself and our name was removed from its boycott list. It was removed under circumstances identical to those which had kept it on its list for two years.

We present the following further facts to the Jewish Community:

1. The Executive Secretary of the League failed to *once* visit our office during the entire time we were blacklisted although figures and C. P. A. statements had been prepared and were available to the League.

2. The Executive Secretary in a letter dated January 10, 1940, refused our request for information as to the objects and policies of the League. Her answer reads as follows:

"Your request for 'information as to the League's organization, its objects and policies, whether or not it operates under certain rules,' cannot be complied with.

"We know of no reason for submitting this information to you. Our books and records are open to the inspection of the members of our Board only, and not to outsiders.

"The fact that you are a contributor to the Jewish Welfare Fund places you in no different category than the other 10,000 contributors; nor does the fact that you are a member of the Jewish Community Council entitle you to this information, because the League for Human Rights is neither an adjunct to, nor a committee of, The Jewish Community Council. It is a wholly autonomous organization."

Since the League is largely supported through Funds received from Cleveland Jews, this reply is called into serious question.

CONCLUSION

1. This Company has enforced a boycott on German made goods as sincerely as it knows how, and is proud of the effective job it has done.

2. It was officially commended by the Chicago Joint Boycott Council for its cooperation in the Boycott movement. (This organization performs in Chicago the same general functions as The Cleveland League for Human Rights and after an investigation officially commended our efforts in Chicago in assisting in the Boycott. We operate branches in Chicago and Detroit under business policies identical to those in Cleveland.)

3. Its integrity has been called into question and the reputation of innocent individuals impugned by inconsistent and arbitrary action of The League for Human Rights of Cleveland.

4. The League reversed its position after two years of unfavorable publicity but has made no attempt to rectify the damage done.

5. The League kept this Company on its boycott list because we refused to be intimidated into conformance with an arbitrary decision of The League. We question the ability of an inexperienced volunteer group, meeting only occasionally, to pass competent judgment on highly technical problems such as ours.

6. We believe the Jewish Community of Cleveland which largely supports the League through contributions should know the facts.

7. Certified statements, correspondence, and other information are at all times available to any accredited individual or group desirous of confirming any statement made herein.

THE TURNER TYPE FOUNDERS CO.

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The declaration of war by Germany on Russia has confused the thinking of many Americans. To an almost inherent hate of the word "Bolshevism", certain sections of the American mind have relaxed in the more recent hate of the word "Nazism". Hitler intended that this should happen. He hoped to emerge as the worlds' "white man's hope".

Unquestionably, this is the time for clear thinking and concise appraisal of the facts as they really are and not for wishful thinking by the American people. To that end, we herewith submit what we hope will be a statement of policy by the League for Human Rights, although we recognize that no policy may become static in this changing world.

In the fight for democracy, the war between Germany and Russia has created a strong strategic position favoring the democracies. This position must be defended as long as possible, which means as long as the Russians and Germans are fighting. No ideological and political opposition against the Soviet should interfere with the great strategy. It was Churchill, and after him Sumner Welles and not the Communist Party of the United States or Great Britain who pledged immediate cooperation with the Soviet Union.

The Russian war permits a breathing spell as well as a big chance for a strong attack on Nazism by Great Britain and the United States in the West. The strategists of this war have to decide when, where and how much aid should be given to the Soviets fortifying her resistance.

However, a very different problem arises in shaping the policy for a free and democratic America and a peaceful world order in respect to the Communist Party in this country. In one week the Communist Party of America changed their slogans from non-interventionist and no-aid-to-Britain to "Full Aid to Great Britain and the Soviet Union" and "Full Collaboration between the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union." They dare to state that they have been the leaders

of a popular front in this country, leaders of the majority of the people, and that the change in the geographical direction of Hitler's attack has now changed the imperialistic war into a people's war.

The entire front page of The Daily Worker, June 30, 1941, was devoted to historical lies and misrepresentations invented by the National Committee of the Communist Party.

For the past two years, the Communist Party in America has given to honest fighters for democracy an opportunity for close observation. The facts are that this Party is an agent and nothing but an agent of Stalin's Russia; that they are not and never will be primarily concerned with the real issue of justice and freedom for America and the world, but are only concerned with the security and the advantages of a foreign nation directed by Stalin. In this respect, they have been, still are and always will be foreign agents, briefly, subversive fifth columnist elements in the body of our nation. They have changed in a week from non-interventionists to interventionists, and instead of continuing their support of Hitler, they now are bound to support, for the sake of the Soviet Union, those who want to save democracy and defeat Hitler.

No, we do not object to them running along with us and not biting our legs for the duration of the Russian war, but it must be recognized as being only temporary and opportunistic alliance. In the final analysis, they are not democracy's champion, they are first, last and always Communists riding whatever vehicle is handy to their ultimate goal. But labor, the New Dealers and bona fide organizations which stand for all out aid to the democracies will refuse to consider Communists and Communist fellow-travellers as durable or reliable fighters for democracy.

In practice this means that Communists and all those who for the last two years followed the Communists' destructive line must now be excluded and rebuffed wherever they try to expand beyond the sheets of The Daily Worker into movements, organizations and positions of leadership. Their brazen about-face has destroyed for them opportunity for real service in the fight for democracy and freedom.