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Non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights,  
1936-1937.



PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS

(Address by Cardinal Manning, English Roman Catholic prelate and religious writer (born in Totteridge, Hertfordshire, July 15, 1808; died in London, January 14, 1892), delivered February 1, 1882, in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, London, at a meeting convened by the Lord Mayor to give expression to the feeling excited in England by the then recently perpetrated atrocities upon the Jews in Russia.)

MY LORD MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:-It has often fallen to my lot to move a resolution in meetings such as this, but never in my memory have I moved one with more perfect conviction of my reason or more entire concurrence of my heart. Before I use any further words, it will, perhaps, be better that I should read what that resolution is. It is, "That this meeting, while disclaiming any right or desire to interfere in the internal affairs of another country, and desiring that the most amicable relations between England and Russia should be preserved, feels it a duty to express its opinion that the laws of Russia relating to the Jews tend to degrade them in the eyes of the Christian population, and to expose Russian Jewish subjects to the outbreaks of fanatical ignorance."

I need not disclaim, for I accept the eloquent disclaimer of the noble lord, that we are not met here for a political purpose. If there were a suspicion of any party politics, I should not be standing here. It is because I believe that we are highly above all the tumults of party politics, that we are in the serene region of human sympathy and human justice, that I am here to-day. I can also declare that nothing can be further from my intention, as I am confident nothing can be further from yours, than to do that which would be a violation of the laws of mutual peace and order, and the respect which binds nations together, or to attempt to interfere or dictate in the domestic legislation of Russia. I am also bound to say that I share heartily in the words of veneration used by the noble earl (the Earl of Shaftesbury, who moved the first resolution: "That, in the opinion of this meeting, the persecution and the outrages which the Jews in many parts of the Russian dominion have for several months past suffered, are an offense to civilization to be deeply deplored.") towards his Imperial Majesty of Russia. No man can have watched the last year of the imperial family, no man can know the condition in which the Emperor stands now without a profound sympathy which would at once bind every disposition to use a single expression which would convey a wound to the mind of the Czar. Therefore, I disclaim absolutely and altogether that anything that passes from my lips--and I believe I can speak for all--should assume a character inconsistent with veneration for a person charged with a responsibility so great. Further, I may say that while we do not pretend to touch upon any question in the internal legislation of Russia, there are laws larger than any Russian legislation--the laws of humanity and of God, which are the foundation of all other laws, and if in any legislation they be violated, all the nations of Christian Europe, the whole commonwealth of civilized and Christian men would instantly acquire a right to speak out loud.

And now I must touch upon one point, which I acknowledge has been very painful to me. We have all watched for the last twelve months the anti-Semitic movement in Germany. I look upon it with a twofold feeling--in the first place with horror as tending to disintegrate the foundations of social



life, and, secondly, with great fear lest it may light up an animosity, which has already taken flame in Russia and may spread elsewhere. I have read with great regret an elaborate article, full, no doubt, of minute observations, written from Prussia and published in "The Nineteenth Century," giving a description of the class animosities, jealousies, and rivalries which are at present so rife in that country. When I read that article, my first feeling was one of infinite sorrow, that the power and energy of the Old Testament should be so much greater in Brandenburg than those of the New. I am sorry to see that a society penetrated with rationalism has not so much Christian knowledge, Christian power, Christian character, and Christian virtue as to render it impossible that, cultivated, refined, industrious, and energetic as they are they should endanger the Christian society of that great kingdom. I have also read with pain accounts of the condition of the Russian Jews, bringing against them accusations which, if I touch upon them, I must ask my Jewish friends near me to believe I reject with incredulity and horror. Nevertheless, I have read that the cause of what has happened in Russia is that the Jews have been pliers of infamous trades--usurers, immoral, demoralizing, and I know not what. When I read these accusations, I ask, Will they be cured by crime, murder, outrage, abominations of every sort? Are they not learning the lesson from those who ought to teach a higher?

Again, if it be true, which I do not believe, that they are in the condition described, are they not under penal laws? Is there anything that can degrade men more than to close against intelligence, energy, and industry all the honorable careers of public life? Is there anything that can debase and irritate the soul of man more than to be told, "You must not pass beyond that boundary; you must not go within eighteen miles of that frontier; you must not dwell in that town; you must live only in that province?" I do not know how any one can believe that the whole population can fail to be affected in its inmost soul by such laws; and if it be possible to make it worse, this is the mode and the discipline to make it so.

They bring these accusations against the Russian Jews; why do they not bring them against the Jews of Germany? By the acknowledgment of the anti-Semitic movement, the Jews in Germany rise head and shoulders above their fellows. Why do they not bring these accusations against the Jews of France? Is there any career of public utility, any path of honor, civil or military, in which the Jews have not stood side by side with their countrymen? If the charge is brought against the Jews of Russia, who will bring it against the Jews of England? For uprightness, for refinement, for generosity, for charity, for all the graces and virtues that adorn humanity, where will be found examples brighter or more true of human excellence than in this Hebrew race? And when we are told that the accounts of those atrocities are not to be trusted, I ask if there were to appear in the newspapers long and minute narratives of murder, rapine, and other atrocities round about the Egyptian hall, in Old Jewry, in Houndsditch, in Shoreditch, if it were alleged that the Lord Mayor was looking on, that the metropolitan police did nothing, that the guards at the Tower were seen mingled with the mob, I believe you would thank any man who gave you an opportunity of exposing and contradicting the statement.

Well, then, I say we are rendering a public service to the public service to the public departments and Ministry of Russia by what we are doing now, and I believe it will carry consolation to the heart of the great prince who reigns over that vast empire. But let me suppose for a moment that these things are true--and I do not found my belief in their truth from what has appeared either in "The Times" newspaper or in the "Pall Mall Gazette," which has confirmed the statements. I hold the proofs in my own hand. And from whom do they come? From official documents, from the Minister of the Interior, General Ignatieff. The resolution speaks of the laws of Russia as regards its Jewish



subjects. I do not assume to be an oldjurist in English law, much less to say what the laws of Russia are in this respect. I should not know what to say on the resolution if I did not hold in my hand a rescript of much importance. I hope I shall not be told that, like the ukase, it is a forgery. These horrible atrocities had continued throughout May, June, and July, and in the month of August this document was issued. The first point in it is that it laments and deplores--what? The atrocities on the Jewish subjects of the Czar? By no means, but the sad condition of the Christian inhabitants of the southern province. The next point is that the main cause of these "movements and riots," as they are called, to which the Russian nation had been a stranger, is but a commercial one. The third point is that this conduct of the Jews has called forth "protests" on the part of the people, as manifested by acts--of what do you think? Of violence and robbery. Fourthly, we are told by the Minister of the Interior that the country is subject to malpractices, which were, it is known, the cause of the agitation.

My Lord Mayor, if the logic of this document be calm, the rhetoric and insinuation of it are most inflammatory, and I can hardly conceive how, with that rescript in their hands, the Russian population could not have felt that they were encouraged to go on. The document then goes on to say, "We have appointed a Commission to inquire"--into what? "First, what are the trades of the Jews which are injurious to the inhabitants of the place; and, secondly, what makes it impracticable to put into force the already existing laws limiting the rights of the Jews in the matter of buying and farming land and trading in intoxicants and usury. Thirdly, how shall these laws be altered so that the Jews can no longer evade them, and what new laws may be passed to prevent their evasion."

Besides answering the foregoing questions, the following additional information was sought--first, on usury; secondly, on the number of public houses; thirdly, on the number of persons in the service of the Jews; fourthly, on the extent and acreage of the land; and, lastly, on the number of Jewish agriculturists. We have in our hands the Russian laws affecting the Jewish subjects of the Empire. I would ask what is the remedy for a population in this state? Is it more penal laws? Is it to disqualify them from holding land? Is it to forbid them to send their children to higher places of education? No, my Lord Mayor; I believe that the remedy for this state of things is twofold--first, the vital supremacy of Christian law in all its amplitude. It was not by laws like these that the Christians won the world and won the Imperial power to execute justice among men. It will not be by laws other than these that the great Imperial power of Russia will blend with the population of the Empire their Jewish subjects.

The other remedy I believe to be this: a stern and merciful execution of justice upon evil-doers, coupled with a stern and rigorous concession of all that is right in the law of nature and of God to every man. All that is necessary for the protection of life and limb, and liberty and property--all that constitutes human freedom--this, and nothing less than this, will be the remedy for the evil of which the Minister of the Interior complains.

X I look very hopefully to what may be the effect of this meeting. Do not let us overrate it. If we believe that this meeting will have done the work, and that we may cease to speak, its effect will not be what we desire. Let us not underrate it either. I believe that all through the United Kingdom there will be a response to this meeting. Manchester and Birmingham have begun; and wheresoever the English tongue is spoken throughout the world, that which your lordship has said so eloquently and so powerfully will be known.



I believe at the very moment we are assembled here, a meeting of the same kind is assembled in New York; and what passes here will be translated into every language of Europe, and will pass even the frontiers of Russia. Like the light and the air, it cannot be excluded, and wheresoever there is human sympathy, the declarations that are made here and elsewhere will meet with a response that will tend to put an end to these horrible atrocities.

There is a book, my lord, which is common to the race of Israel and to us Christians. That book is a bond between us, and in that book I read that the people of Israel are the eldest people upon the earth. Russia, and Austria, and England are of yesterday compared with the imperishable people which, with an inextinguishable life and immutable traditions, and faith in God and in the laws of God, scattered as it is all over the world, passing through the fires unscathed, trampled into the dust, and yet never combining with the dust into which it is trampled, lives still a witness and a warning to us. We are in the bonds of brotherhood with it. The New Testament rests upon the Old. They believe in half of that for which we would give our lives. Let us then acknowledge that we unite in a common sympathy. I read in that book these words, "I am angry with a great anger with the wealthy nations that are at ease, because I was a little angry with Israel, and they helped forward the affliction." That is, my people were scattered; they suffered unknown and unimaginable sufferings, and the nations of the world that dwelt at ease and were wealthy, and had power in their hands, helped forward a very weighty affliction which was upon them all.

My lord, I only hope this--that not one man in England who calls himself a civilized or Christian man will have it in his heart to add by a single word to that which this great and ancient and noble people suffer; but that we shall do all we can by labor, by speech, and by prayer to lessen if it be possible, or at least to keep ourselves from sharing in sympathy with these atrocious deeds.

From "Modern Eloquence"  
edited by Thomas B. Rees; Justin McCarthy; and others.



CAN JEWISH EMPLOYEES BE DISMISSED WITHOUT NOTICE?

File No. RAG.224/33 of Nov.25,1933.

Recently the Supreme Court of Labor was requested to pass a decision on the question as to whether the fact that an employe is of Semitic race may be considered reason for dismissal without notice. The Reich Supreme Court of Labor has given negative reply to this question and issued the following standard regulations: It must be taken as a principal basis that a term "Each employe of non-Aryan origin may be dismissed without notice" cannot be applied for the general trade and commerce even in view of the changed general attitude of the National State and the German people. Regulations and decrees regarding employment of non-Aryan persons, issued by the government, refer to government officials, employes and workers in public institutions, lawyers, patent lawyers, physicians, dentists, dental technicians, commercial court judges, assistant judges (Schöffen), jurymen (Geschworene) labor court judges, advisory councils on tax laws (Steuerberater), and similar persons employed in public service or enjoy public confidence.

There are no such laws or regulations regarding persons employed by private firms and there are no restrictions whatsoever for their employment. This does, of course, not mean that the non-Aryan descent of an employed person may not, under the basically changed present day ideas, constitute an important ground for the immediate dissolution of the employment contract if the employes - as things stand - cannot be expected to continue his employment until the regular period of notice has elapsed; for, the new mentality of the German people against the Jews which has been brought about by the national revolution is so basically different from the former that its effects can by no means be neglected also in the field of private contract law. Always, however, this effect will only depend upon the particular circumstances of the individual cases from which alone it is possible to judge whether and to what an extent the race question decisively prevents the maintaining of the employment contract. Here only a way to look at things from the settled ideas of the present day and not a somewhat suddenly gained way to look at things under the impression of political events can be the prime factor.



Translation

"COLD" BOLSHEVISM IN THE UNITED STATES

by our Correspondent, H.W. v. D., New York,  
early March 1934

In the past few months the attention of the American public has been diverted to Europe and the Far East, due to the fact that the Roosevelt relief measures have somewhat lightened the economic burden. This diversion of attention is so heartily endorsed by the American press and the film corporations (who, as it well known, are swayed, with few exceptions, by international influence) that at present congressional action is relegated to the background by comparison with reports of revolts in Paris and Vienna, as well as war preparations of the Soviets and Japan. To this "foreign diversion" one must not fail to add anti-German baiting, which in the past year is raging particularly in the metropolitan cities of New York and Chicago and which has by no means abated.

This condition to which we Germans in America and our American friends have become accustomed might perhaps not be worthy of further comment, were it not for the fact that it is used in international circles to further their social revolutionary aims. Behind this "foreign diversion," inclusive of anti-German propaganda, there lurks a cold "bolshevication" of the United States, the far-reaching significance of which not one among a thousand Americans can visualize. The means to which the international circles resort are naturally akin to those of which they made use during their reign in Germany, but these means have taken intensive form in America, in view of the American mentality, specific American conditions and experiences gathered in the interim. The revolutionary methods of the old school, i.e., barricades and hand grenades, are reserved for the decisive final attack, after the enemy position, by means of the disintegrating influence of a "cold" preparation, in the form of press, film and radio, has been made ready and secure.

The magnitude of this disintegration, which is at present going on in the USA, is exceeded only by the apparent thoughtlessness with which the American people, as well as the Government, are reeling toward their destiny. Since the former bank robber and at present Russian Commissar of Foreign Affairs, Litvinow-Finkelstein, has secured from Roosevelt recognition of the USSR, a friendly propaganda has been begun in the USA, less on the part of the government than on the part of the international press, film and radio, according to which conditions in Russia must be enviable. But more dangerous is the tendency to draw attention, in most unobtrusive manner, to reports, descriptions and pictures, to foreign affairs, i.e., the situation in Paris and Vienna, conditions in Germany and in the Far East, with the object of steering the American public slowly and cautiously into communistic waters. It is worthy of note that over a long period no films bearing on the national movement in Germany have been shown, for the reason that the dynamic



weight of national socialism would expose the frightful tendencies of Communism as it is being waged in America.

What dreadful disintegration Communism has already wrought in the United States is evidenced by the fact that men like the Mayor of New York City (who bears the typical American name of Fiorello LaGuardia) or the ex-Governor of New York, Al Smith, or Bishop Manning, have dragged into the mire, before a howling Jewish socialist-communist mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, the German National Socialist movement, although not one of them actually knows what National Socialism is. But whether or not they know, it must be done if they are to retain their jobs.

Besides propagandizing the metropolitan centers, and the industrial districts, Communism has turned its particular attention to undermining universities and institutions of learning. It is an open secret that the American National Students' League is completely under Communist influence and works hand in hand with the "League of Young Communists." This explains why the National Students' League demands the evasion of military service, elimination of religious instruction and social and political equality for Negroes and other minority groups. It is obvious that Communism in New York, with its 3,000,000 Jews and 500,000 Negroes is making rapid progress. A political poll taken at Hunter College resulted in a 40% Communist vote. Conditions in the College of the City of New York and in Columbia University are similar, particularly since the teaching staffs are entirely under international influence and the number of Gentiles and Jews on the staffs is about equal. Nor is the situation different in other universities, such as Harvard, Amherst, Yale, Stanford, etc.- formerly veritable strongholds of traditional American democracy.

The more Communism avoids an open stand, the more fanatically it seeks, through "cold" Bolshevism, to pave the way for social revolution. The daily protest meetings, accompanied by red flags and Soviet emblems, the strikers' demonstrations in Union Square and in Harlem (the Negro quarter), as well as the anti-German and anti-capitalistic mass meetings in all large cities supplement the propaganda that one meets on each page of the press, each weekly film and among many government regulations. This friendly tendency toward the Soviet does not spring only from the press, film and radio, but also from high government officials who, to an alarming percentage, find themselves in "international" hands, regardless of whether they are cabinet ministers, governors or federal judges.

That the United States must go through the purgatory fire of a social revolution there is no doubt. Actually, the country is already in its midst. The only question is: How long can the decisive battle, which may be influenced by internal or external conditions, be postponed? By that time the tremendous national need will have given birth to that great American Leader who will have the power to shake off the yoke of Internationalism.



TRANSLATION

EX: "Der Holzmarkt," March 31, 1934.

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REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE NON-ARYAN AS ARBITRATOR IN TRADE DIS-  
PUTES.

In accordance with paragraph 1032, section 3 of the Civil Code as laid down on July 20, 1935, an arbitrator may be refused recognition if he is a Non-Aryan. A decision by the Superior District Court (Oberlandesgericht) at Karlsruhe, of December 30, 1933, deals in detail with the interpretation of this provision.

In the first place it is stated that it makes no difference as to whether the Non-Aryan arbitrator has been appointed by an Aryan or a Non-Aryan. In both cases the refusal is permissible. The possibility of the refusal to recognize a Non-Aryan arbitrator may, however, be excluded by the Arbitration Agreement. This had been done for instance by the Landhandelsbund which provided in its arbitration rules that the arbitration court will consist of a Chairman and two non-Aryan arbitrators if the parties in dispute are non-Aryans, and that if one party is non-Aryan, and if the latter requests it, one arbitrator must be a non-Aryan. The decision deals further with the question as to whether the refusal of recognition of a Non-Aryan as arbitrator may also be permissible if the latter has participated in the war (at the front).

In accordance with paragraph 1032 of the Civil Code anybody who is a Non-Aryan "in the sense of the law for the



Restoration of Professional Officials" (Wiederherstellung des Berufsbeamtentums) may be rejected as an arbitrator. In accordance with the decision of the Oberlandesgericht at Karlsruhe reference to the above law is only made to define the conception of "Non-Aryan." But the conclusion may not be drawn therefrom that those Non-Aryans which have been spared by that law (who have not been pensioned) will also be excepted from the refusal of recognition as arbitrator. All those laws which deal with the question of leaving Non-Aryans to their professions or of allowing them to enter such professions, if an exception was to be made in regard to the stipulations of paragraph 3, section 2 of the law for the Restoration of Professional Officials, have been clearly laid down to that effect. Furthermore: The exceptional stipulations in regard to Non-Aryans who fought at the front render it merely possible for those concerned to stay in their positions, but exclude new admissions. The stipulation of paragraph 1032, however, will principally apply to those Non-Aryan arbitrators who will be appointed after its coming into effect. Therefore, as the Oberlandesgericht pointed out, there was no reason, in regard to refusal of Non-Aryans as arbitrators, to make an exception in the sense of paragraph 3, section 2 of the Berufsbeamtengesetz. Therefore, the Non-Aryan may in principle be refused recognition as arbitrator merely because he is of a Non-Aryan race unless the arbitration rules explicitly stipulate that under certain presuppositions non-Aryan arbitrators may be appointed, for instance, if one or both parties are non-Aryans.



## A NAZI LECTURE ON RACIAL THEORY

(Personal notes of a lecture given April 3, 1934)

There are six distinct races in Germany:

1) The Nordic race: the most valuable not only on account of its physical characteristics, but also on account of its spiritual and cultural physiognomy, as the Nordic man is the born fighter. Physical characteristics: Mostly blond hair (but also black hair), blue or gray eyes. Well formed cranium with the front head going up strongly. Chin pointed and protruding, nose thin and straight, lips well formed. A long, but not bony face.

2) The Falian race: mostly found in Westfalia, etc.; about the same characteristics as the Nordic race, but everything coarser and not so blond.

3) The Dinarian race, found in the Alpien districts, Bavaria, Bohemia, etc. The back part of the cranium is a straight continuation of the neck, the front head is steep, eyes mostly black or brown, chin long but pointing downwards, nose hawklike, face very long and bony. A race that will fight to the finish against any other religion or political Weltanschauung and has a most strongly pronounced love of its soil and country.

4) The Western race: smaller and more agile, head and face rounder, mostly black hair and dark eyes. General characteristics: vivacious, eloquent, musical, enterprising.

5) The Eastern (ostische) race: round heads, round faces, plump noses, round chins; a race of "spiessers," self-contented beer drinkers and small tradesmen. Can never be leaders. Are mostly farmers and workmen.

6) The Ostbaltische (Eastern-Baltic) race: almost Mongolian in appearance. Knotty nose, pointed chin, front head inclined backwards. A race of almost Mephistophelian character, a devilish people if unmixed.

There are scarcely any unmixed races in Germany. Even in the old Dithmarsian farmer families a group of young girls will show as many races or mixtures as there are girls in the picture. However, despite all mixtures, the Nordic race will always predominate in them.

Hitler is of Nordic-Dinarian race with a slight sprinkling of the Western race. He is the born leader. Only the Nordic and the Dinarian races will produce born leaders.

The Jews are not a race but a mixture of all sorts of Oriental, Asiatic and negroid races. If they mix with Germans, with very few exceptions the Jewish type will always show; the result is always catastrophic.

The ideal race for Germany is the Nordic race or a mixture



of the Dinarian, Nordic and Western races. The Nordic girl will develop late, but will keep her beauty even as a matron.

To save the good stocks in the German people all people coming from good races must produce as many children as possible, for children are primarily consumers and the more consumers there are, the more we shall have work for all and everybody. Get away from the Marxist pernicious idea of the no-children or two-children family. Only families with at least four children will save Germany from a national calamity: the flooding with foreign elements of non-Germanic origin.

Produce children and you will create work and ultimate happiness for everybody in the Third Reich.





FIRST LETTER MAILED

April 7, 1936

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My dear Rabbi:

Will you be good enough to give us the name and address of the person who heads up the work for the Boycott of German goods in.....? In order that you may know why we are asking for this information, we are enclosing a copy of the letter we want to send. It is, as you see, important that this letter go to the proper person.

Also enclosed is a list of the members of our Executive Committee, which is made up of representatives of the leading Jewish organizations of the community, which together with the names of our Non-Sectarian Sponsoring Committee, listed on this letter head, indicate the range and scope of our organization.

Thanking you for a prompt reply, I am

Yours sincerely,

Chairman



COPY OF LETTER ENCLOSED  
WITH FIRST LETTER MAILED April 7, 1936

My dear.....:

Will you arrange a meeting of the committee or group who is promoting the work for the Boycott of German goods in your city in order that the Director and one or two of the officers of the Cleveland League may meet with them?

Mr. Harriman, Director of the New York office, has asked the Cleveland League to take the initiative in co-ordinating the work in Ohio in order that the Boycott be made more effective and far more reaching. He has asked that we join efforts to keep German goods out of the smaller cities and towns where there is no organized sentiment for the Boycott. The chain stores, especially, are now sending German goods to their stores in such places, and jobbers who cannot easily dispose of German goods are making special attempts to place it with merchants in the towns where there is no Boycott organization.

It is about these problems that representatives of our League wish to confer, as well as to have an exchange of ideas with your committee about the methods of work in general.

Anticipating a prompt reply from you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Elmer Scheuer  
Chairman



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September 1, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

We would greatly appreciate an editorial for our September issue of the Bulletin. We feel that your editorial will be looked for at this time and we hope that it will be possible for you to make the necessary time to write one.

In the hope that your European trip was a beneficial one in every way,

Most cordially yours,

*B. Dubovsky*  
B. Dubovsky

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September 9, 1936.

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The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

May we remind you that we would greatly appreciate an editorial from you? Dr. Dubovsky has asked me to write you again. We would like to have the Bulletin off the press for mailing not later than the 20th.

Thanking you for your prompt attention,

Yours sincerely,

*B. Zeitlin*  
B. Zeitlin



September 21, 1936

Mr. B. Dubovsky,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Dubovsky:

Let me thank you for your letter of September 1. I am sorry that I have not been able to answer it any sooner but work involved in opening a congregational year after having been abroad for a few months is tremendous and my correspondence has lagged.

I am sorry that I could not send you an article for the September issue of the Bulletin. I shall try to have one for you next month.

I have just had a talk with Miss Chadsey of our local office. She feels that her work has been stalled by the fact that the chain stores are openly ignoring the Boycott. She was informed that they have already laid up a heavy store of Christmas goods imported from Germany. With the chain stores selling German merchandise all the other small shopkeepers are inclined to do likewise.

What is the status of our negotiations with the chain stores - Woolworth's, Kresge's and particularly Sears-Roebuck? Have we given up our efforts to persuade them?

Have you already engaged a successor to Mr. Harriman?

With best wishes for a very happy new year, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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SAMUEL UNTERMYER.



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September 22nd, 1936.

Dear Dr. Silver:

In taking over the Executive Directorship of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League I have set up a program of concentrating on increasing the membership from a national point of view; of obtaining sufficient money to effectively enforce the boycott and to organize public opinion for our cause.

Before proceeding with this gigantic program, I would like very much to have the pleasure of meeting with you personally and obtaining your viewpoint in connection with the work which I have undertaken and in which you have been so conscientiously interested.

I would like to know that I have your cooperation and support and that I can call upon you to assist me in accomplishing this program which I am undertaking.

I await the pleasure of a personal meeting.

Faithfully yours,

*Lawrence Craner*

Lawrence Craner  
Executive Director

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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E. 105th St. & Ansel Road  
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September 28, 1936

Mr. Lawrence Craner, Executive Director,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Craner:

Let me thank you for your letter and to wish you well in the new and important post which you have assumed. I shall, of course, be very happy to see you. I am not, however, planning to be in New York in the near future. Should you be coming through Cleveland, please come in to see me.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 30, 1936.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 28th. I am indeed happy to know that I can count on your support in connection with the duties which I have assumed.

I have been told by Mr. Untermyer that you have been doing outstanding work and that the success which we have achieved to date is in a great measure due to your splendid assistance.

I sincerely hope that I can look forward to your continued cooperation as I need it now to assure my success.

Won't you, please, send me any suggestions and thoughts that you may have in your mind as to what should be done by me, as Executive Secretary, to further intensify our activities for the organization.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Lawrence Craner*  
Lawrence Craner  
Executive Secretary

LC:BZ

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.



October 2, 1936

Mr. Lawrence Craner, Executive Director,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Craner:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of our local Anti-Nazi League, the situation with reference to the boycott, both locally and in the middlewest, was canvassed and it was the feeling of the Committee that much good could be accomplished if you would come to Cleveland for a day or two so that our office would have an opportunity to discuss with you various angles of the problem and you would have an opportunity to inform us as to the present plans and activities of the national office. We feel that such a meeting would prove mutually helpful. It is our thought that we might invite here the leaders in the boycott work in Detroit, Pittsburgh, and in some of the other neighboring cities.

Please let me know whether you can come and when. The Committee suggests that you spend two days here over the week end - Saturday and Sunday - and that the middle of October would perhaps be the most appropriate time.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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October 10, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

I submitted your letter of October 2nd to Mr. Untermyer. Mr. Untermyer sent me a copy of his reply to you.

It is the opinion of the Executive Committee at a meeting held at this office on Friday, October 9th, that a conference of the leaders in the boycott work of Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh and other cities be held in New York City.

I am sure that an attendance of all of our important and active boycott leaders in New York, including Mr. Untermyer, would result in some definite action being taken which would further advance the work of the anti-Nazi League.

Will you be good enough to let me know when such a meeting could be conveniently arranged to suit your program?

Yours very truly,

*Lawrence Craner*

Lawrence Craner  
Executive Secretary

LC:BZ



October 15, 1936

Mr. Lawrence Craner  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League  
20 West 47th Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Craner:

Letters from Dr. Kalb and Mr. Untermeyer to Rabbi Silver speak of your plans to take up with the home offices of the chain stores their policy regarding German goods, perhaps it will be helpful if I give you the following information:

Schulte-United and Neisner's, both operating chains in Cleveland and other Ohio towns have reported to us a policy of no German goods and we have found no German goods in the Cleveland stores for over two years, nor do we find German goods in their Akron stores.

The home office of Kresge's in Detroit, two years ago, made a statement to us that the management would not buy German goods, however, they have rescinded this policy within the last year and both Cleveland and Detroit stores, and Akron stores, carry generous supplies of German goods.

The district office of the Woolworth Company, two years ago, told us that the management had decided not to carry German goods in the Ohio district with the exception of Christmas tree ornaments for which they could not find substitutes. For the last year they have forsaken this policy and carry German goods in Cleveland and Akron stores.

The J. J. Newberry chain stores have never gone on record as not carrying German goods, but the local managers of two of the local stores said it was the policy of the company not to carry German goods, however, they have always carried German goods including gloves.

Wright Department stores which I think is merely a local chain have a definite policy of no German goods, nor are they carrying German goods.



October 15, 1936

Mr. Lawrence Craner  
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The McCrory chain stores have always carried German gloves, as well as other German goods.

We have no Scott or Grant chain stores in Cleveland. However, the report from Akron states that Grants carry a line of German gloves and that the Scott stores have no German goods. I do not know whether the home offices of these two chains have ever been interviewed.

We have no Kress chain stores in Cleveland or Akron.

The story of Sears Roebuck is well known. The stores in Cleveland have German goods.

You will note that I have given you the chain store situation in both Cleveland and Akron. I hope to have information of chain stores in other Ohio towns and when I have it I will send it to you. It is my opinion that you can have effective interviews with the offices of these chain stores only when you can give them information about the amount of German goods they carry not only in the stores in large cities, such as Cleveland, but in their stores in smaller cities, for sometimes the home office is not aware that German goods is being carried in the smaller cities and sometimes it has German goods sent from stores in larger cities to stores in smaller cities for the purpose of deceiving us.

May I add that I hope you can get reports similar to this from the other branch offices, reports that will include the status of these chain stores in the smaller cities in the area of the branch office, and that you can give all of the branches all of the information contained in these reports. For instance, I would like to know if there is any district where the Woolworth stores do not carry German goods. I would like to know if there is any district where the Scotts stores do carry German goods. I think you should be very sure that there is no district where the Schulte-United and Neisner stores carry German goods since their home offices have gone on record with the policy that they will not carry German goods. I found German gloves in the Neisner, Bay City, Michigan, store after Neisner had established the policy of no German goods.

This is a long and tedious letter but I venture to hope that it may have some information that will be helpful to you and that in return we may have your report on interviews with chain stores to know their home policy.

Yours sincerely,

Director



Miss Chadsey tells me that you would like this information because you are going to New York. may I add the following items which I have found while shopping the stores?

Woolworth's and Kresge's and McCrory's:

boxes of water colors, harmonicas, tools,  
toys and during the holiday seasons, favors

In the department stores

manicure scissors, poultry shears, buttons,  
artificial flowers, jars, china, china and  
glass ornaments and novelties, linen

During this summer I do know that Taylor's had a special on German gloves, these may have been old stock because when the lot was sold I could not find any more on the counters.

L. Gross



SHOPPER'S REPORT  
August 7, 1936

Akron Chain stores were all very carefully shopped. Shopper checked every bin of merchandise in all stores and found the following items are bearing "Germany" stamp.

WOOLWORTHS 1 - Toy 2" fur animals, nor more than 15 in  
evidence .10  
2 - Harmonica .10  
3 - Thumb tacks, varying packages and cards, colored  
heads and plain .10  
4 - Borer .20  
5 - Driller .20  
6 - Pliers .20  
7 - Packages of assorted stamps .10

SCOTTS No German stamp or label on any goods.

GRANTS 1 - Gloves in color and white .39  
2 - Tape measure sliders .10

SCHULTE None

NEISNER None

KRESGE 1 - gloves, assorted .39  
2 - table cloth and napkins .49  
3 - box water colors .25  
4 - Harmonica .05  
5 - coach horn .10  
6 - large wood saw .59  
7 - nail saw .25  
8 - twis drills .20 to .39 (sizes)  
9 - clamps  
10 - borer  
11 - plier  
12 - pincher  
13 - calipher  
14 - gimlet  
15 - vise  
16 - boxes of jobbers straight shank drills  
.59 .29 .39 (sizes)  
17 - steel folding ruler  
18 - bench brace and drills .44 to 1.00  
19 - screw drivers, various sizes  
20 - wrenches



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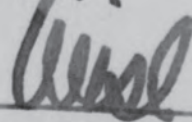
Dear Silver:

Thanks for your note of October 19th. I had thought of writing to you with respect to the question. I am deeply concerned, as you are, about the organization of this new group INTRIA which seeks "to spur the export of Reich Jewish capital to all lands", which means, as you put it, the extension of the Havarah.

You will be glad to know that after talking the matter over yesterday with Lipsky and Dr. Tenenbaum, Chairman of the Boycott Committee of the Congress, we sent a cable to Eliezer Kaplan who is Treasurer of the Agency and who would have this INTRIA under his charge. You are right in thinking this is the Warburg project of last year under another name. It is an intolerable undermining of the entire boycott work. Just as soon as I receive a reply from Palestine, I will get in touch with you *again.*

We were all very sorry that you could not be at the meeting of the two committees of the U.P.A. and the J.D.C., which was called by the Federation group.

Yours,



SSW:S

PRESIDENT



ROGER W. STRAUS  
120 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

October 7, 1936

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I call your attention to the statement given to the press by Governor Landon last week in which he stated:

"My attention has recently been directed to the activities of a number of agencies which, for selfish purposes or political reasons, are endeavoring to exploit prejudice between groups of American citizens.

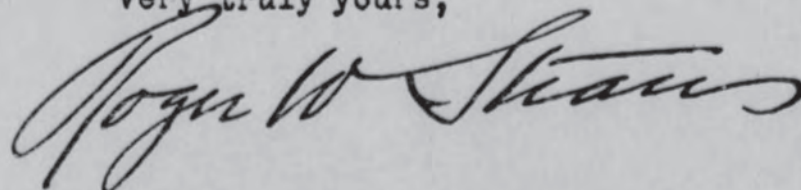
"I have no use for any elements who are endeavoring to bring racial prejudices and religious bigotries into American life, and state frankly that I disclaim the support of any such organizations or groups.

"If ever the day should come in this country that would see persecution of any racial group or sect because of race or religion, contrary to the bill of rights, I would stand among their defenders."

Of course, those who know him personally and know his public and private record, expected a declaration such as this. I am calling it to your attention because of the vicious campaign accusation that he is intolerant. I am anxious to nail this lie. Regardless of your political affiliations or how you intend to vote, I am sure you must agree with me that there is no racial or religious issue in this campaign. In fact, we Americans are particularly fortunate that such an issue can not exist as long as the fundamental principles on which this country was founded, are maintained. Anyone who recklessly tries to raise it when it does not exist is doing a distinct dis-service to all minority groups as well as proving himself to be un-American.

I trust you agree with me that entirely apart from partisan politics, it is important to fight this campaign on the political and economic issues involved and not inject an issue that does not exist.

Very truly yours,





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November 16, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

May we have an editorial for our November issue?

We hope that time will permit your sending us one this month.

Looking forward to your kind attention to this matter, we are

Yours very truly,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League  
to Champion Human Rights

*B. Dubovsky*  
B. Dubovsky

BD:BZ



Copy

December 9, 1936.

Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League  
20 West 47th Street  
New York, N.Y.  
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:-

I acknowledge herewith with thanks receipt of your letter of recent date. We will be having a meeting in the course of the next day or so, and we will then decide what to order, and I will communicate with you.

In the meantime, I have another request to make of you. Our organization was somewhat inactive for a while, and in order to revive its activities, the newly elected executive decided to arrange, as soon as possible, a Mass Meeting in one of the largest Halls in the City, with a view of attracting a substantial Gentile as well as Jewish crowd. For this reason we would have to have some outstanding outside speaker.

On going over the list of the members of your Board I noticed that in addition to the President himself, who, on account of his advanced age, and other engagements, may be unable to consider such a trip, you have on the Board such outstanding men as Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver, Mr. LaGuardia, Mr. Gerard, Rev. Holmes, Bishop McConnell and Mr. Walsh.

I realize that everyone of these men is very busy. Nevertheless, I feel that they have not given their names for ornamennal purposes only, and it is possible that one of them might consider a trip like this, sometime this winter, by way of a change, if not a rest.

I will appreciate it therefore if you will communicate with these people, and with any others that you may think of yourself, ascertain their views on the matter, and advise me thereof at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. A. Cherniak, BA. LL.B.



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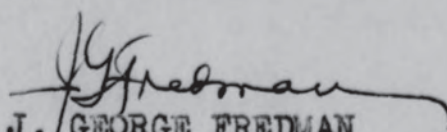
Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is copy of letter just received from Mr. J. A. Cherniack, of Winnipeg, Manitoba. You will note he would like you or one of our other directors to address their committee sometime this winter, at your convenience. Would you be able to oblige?

From time to time, we have requests for prominent speakers in the larger cities, and are wondering whether you could not make several addresses this winter for us in the United States, tying the speeches up with your regular itinerary. There is a keen interest in our movement, and we know that if you could make several key addresses, it would stimulate this interest greatly.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health,  
I am, with warm regards,

Sincerely,

  
J. GEORGE FREDMAN  
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December 16, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
THE TEMPLE  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of our Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd, at 2.30 P.M. at the offices of Mr. Untermyer, 30 Pine Street, New York City.

As this is our last meeting before Mr. Untermyer leaves for California, it is important that you be there promptly without fail.

Sincerely yours,

*J. George Fredman*

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December 18, 1936

Mr. J. George Fredman,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fredman:

Let me thank you for your letter of December 14. I wish I were free to go to Winnipeg. Unfortunately my schedule is so crowded that I cannot accept any additional out-of-town engagements.

I would suggest that the Office obtain a list of all the communities in the United States which are going to have joint Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns in 1937 and that you make formal application to each of these Funds for inclusion in their Funds or for a definite allotment. I am under the impression that you have contacted with some of these Funds but not with all. This is the time to do it before the 1937 campaigns begin. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 71 West 47th Street, New York City, of which Mr. H. L. Lurie is Executive Director, can provide you, I am sure, with the names of the Community Welfare Funds and their executive secretaries.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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December 22, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

We have your kind favor of December 18th and note that it is impossible for you to accept the invitation to Winnipeg or any other out of town engagements.

In accordance with your suggestion, which is a very good one indeed, we are writing the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds for a list of those communities having joint welfare funds.

If you have any suggestions for the furtherance or the intensification of the boycott we would be very happy to receive your always constructive views. It is a long time since we had an editorial from you for the Bulletin and would appreciate receiving one for the January issue.

Sincerely yours,

*J. George Fredman*

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December 23, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

We are returning herewith the Wm. Zukerman  
article which you so kindly sent us some  
time ago.

Yours very truly,

*J. George Fredman*  
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December 28, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

Enclosed is a letter together with a clipping received today from Mrs. I. Nussbaum of 415 West Warren Street, Bucyrus, Ohio.

This is sent you because the item appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. I am inclined to disagree with Mrs. Nussbaum. I think that propagand of this type, showing the insanity and ruthlessness of the Nazis does us much good rather than harm, among the average American. I thought that you might want to answer Mrs. Nussbaum. We would be very happy to receive a copy of your reply to her.

Yours very truly,

JGF:BZ

*J. George Fredman*  
J. George Fredman  
MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

P.S. As we wrote you last month, it is a long time since one of your editorials have appeared in our Bulletin. Our readers miss you. Could you possibly favor us with one for the January issue which will go to press on January 15th.



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Dr. Abba H. Silver,  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

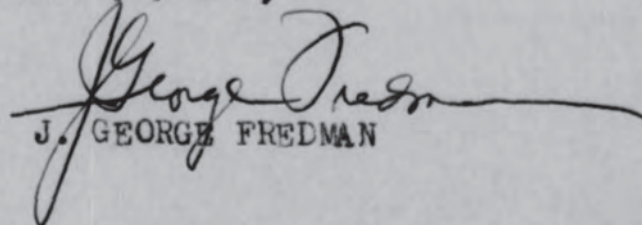
At our Executive Committee meeting this afternoon, it was decided to hold a mass protest meeting at either Carnegie Hall or the Hippodrome in New York City, on January 30th, 1936. It will be held at the same time that Hitler stages a celebration over the fourth anniversary of his advent. We are inviting all anti-Nazi organizations to join with us in this protest.

Mr. Untermyer is leaving this week-end for his winter home in California and will be gone for several months. As our Vice-President, the Committee would appreciate it if you could represent our League at this meeting, and deliver an address. We are also inviting Governor Earle and Bishop McConnell.

We will keep you currently posted of our plans and progress. We hope you may be able to arrange your schedule so that you may be with us on that evening.

With warm personal regards, and wishing you a very Happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
J. GEORGE FREDMAN



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January 6, 1937

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To J. George Fredman

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January 6th, 1937.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We received your wire today expressing your inability to attend our meeting on January 30th. It was a sincere regret.

In view of your own inability, we believe that possibly you could procure for us as a speaker on that occasion, Hon. Newton D. Baker. Due to his standing and fame in the Council of Jews and Christians, he would be an asset on our program. Will you be good enough to contact him on behalf of the League, and wire us collect. We started the affair rather late, and are of course, pressed for time in making the arrangements.

We have written the Cleveland branch, and suggested that they might want to stage a similar demonstration on January 30th or 31st. They will undoubtedly communicate with you before acting.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. GEORGE FREDMAN



January 8, 1937

Mr. J. George Fredman,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fredman:

In reply to your letter of January 6,  
I should say that it is quite pointless to invite  
Mr. Baker to address your meeting on January 30  
as he has consistently refused to address such  
protest meetings or to express himself on the  
boycott or on Hitler's Germany at meetings.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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January 19, 1937

Dear Friends:

On January 30th, Germany will resound to the blaring of bands, rolling of drums, shouting of commands, marching of boots, heiling of Hitler and singing songs of hatred and victory.

Four long and dreary years of destruction to religion, culture, freedom and peace. Four years of retrogression to the barbarisms of the Dark Ages. Four years of demoralization, de-Christianization, disciplined regimentation. Hitler will celebrate his anniversary in high spirits and with fanatic hope for ever greater success under the swastika.

Our answer comes one day later. On Sunday, January 31st at 8:30 P.M., the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League will hold a public meeting in Carnegie Hall, New York, in a giant protest to Hitler's celebration. Many notable speakers will review the four years of Hitlerism, who once again will bring before the public heart and mind the activities of the Nazi ego-maniacs. We are proud to announce that George Gordon Battle, Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein, William L. Green, Judge Jeremiah T. Mahoney and Dr. Frank Bohn will be among the speakers.

We are pleased to invite the members of your organization to this meeting. We consider it a duty to attend and swell the public voice of protest. Let us all come and bear visible proof of the strength of American opposition to the havoc of Nazism. Please advise your members immediately and extend to them our and your own invitation; they will be most welcome! No admission cards are required.

Time is short; We will appreciate your support and cooperation.

The Time: Sunday, January 31, 1937 at 8:30 P.M.

The Place: Carnegie Hall (57th St. at 7th Avenue) New York City.

*Please come yourself. Inform others.  
Bring as many friends as possible.*

Sincerely yours,

*J. George Fredman*

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January 21, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Executive Committee of our League, after thorough discussion, found it expedient to protest against the proposed Braddock-Schmeling prize-fight, if held in the United States. A brief resume of the reasons for our action is shown on the enclosed memorandum.

Max Schmeling is shortly returning to the United States for the purpose of making an exhibition tour of twenty leading cities for which he has been guaranteed the sum of \$66,000.00. Fifteen of the twenty cities in his itinerary are in the South, and it is believed that the tour has been purposely planned to take advantage of race feeling due to Schmeling's defeat of the negro boxer, Joe Louis.

Another purpose of the tour is also probably to ascertain in which cities having large stadiums there would be least resistance to the bout in the event it is transferred from New York City.

In order to be consistent in our policy, our Executive Committee believes we should request our supporters and members in the various cities visited, to withhold their patronage from these exhibition bouts. Before taking any such action, however, we are communicating with each Director of our League for an expression of his opinion.

As this is an important step, will you not be good enough to immediately let us have the benefit of your advice and suggestions on this matter?

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Harris*

Mrs. Mark Harris

Acting Chairman Executive Committee

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REASONS FOR WITHHOLDING SUPPORT FROM BRADDOCK-  
SCHMELING PROPOSED PRIZE-FIGHT

1. The Boycott policy of our League is to withhold American money or other benefits from Nazi Germany. To this end we have mobilized decent Americans in a movement supporting the boycott of all German goods, shipping and services, for the reason that money or benefits derived from same would be used by the Nazis:
  - (a) To continue the oppression and persecution of all groups in Germany, not in harmony or sympathy with the Nazi program.
  - (b) To further their neo-pagan and barbaric program as outlined in Hitler's "Mein Kampf".
  - (c) To buy and manufacture arms and ammunition preparatory to causing another world War, and disrupting world peace.
  - (d) To spread Nazi propaganda in the United States and other parts of the world.
2. That Americans having millions of dollars tied up in Germany are not permitted to take their money out of Germany, but as one American Oil company last year was compelled to do, take out their money in the form of cuckoo clocks and harmonicas.
3. That Schmeling is to be considered by the League, as a Nazi "commodity", the sales value of which would supply funds to replenish the waning Reich exchequer, and be used for the aforesaid purposes.
4. That just as our boycott of German merchandise is not directed against the individual German manufacturer or exporter, nor even against the German people, but against the dictatorial tyranny which rules the Third Reich, so our opposition to the prize-fight is not directed against Schmeling as an individual, but against the theory or policy of Government which he willingly or unwillingly represents.
5. That Schmeling is a symbol of Nazism. After his defeat of the Negro Joe Louis, he was widely acclaimed by the Nazis as an example of "Aryan" superiority.
6. That our League does not intend to and is not interfering in sports as such. Our knowledge and information show there are no true "sports", within the American meaning, in Nazi Germany. It was for a similar reason that our League strenuously opposed American athletes participating in the 1936 Olympics, and our objection has since been justified.
7. The League conceives that a higher sportsmanship, dearer to the American public, is involved --that of HUMAN RIGHTS.



January 25, 1937

Mr. J. George Fredman,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fredman:

I would appreciate receiving  
any information you have about this visit  
and any suggestions as to what attitude  
local industry should take to it.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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January 26, 1937.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

We have your favor of January 25th and are returning to you your enclosure.

The clothing group will consist of about 15-20 people. They will arrive in New York on April 16th and return to Germany on April 28th. They intend to visit the following cities: Chicago, Milwaukee, Washington, Philadelphia, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland and Niagara Falls. The delegates intend to visit the German clothing firms in each of the respective cities. Our investigation discloses that there are no German clothing manufacturers in Washington, Detroit or Buffalo, in fact, very few in any of the other cities.

The American Express Company received the list of German clothing manufacturers here from Germany. It occurs to us that the visits of these various delegations from Germany are not what they are advertised to be, but propaganda representatives. We shall do our utmost to have their baggage properly examined upon their arrival here and also inform the heads of the clothing manufacturers associations and the unions of this proposed visit.

Since Messrs. Gottfried & Company appear to be friendly, it might be advisable to invite them and learn first hand the purposes of their visit. You will be interested to learn that three German boats will arrive on April 16th, the Deutschland, Bremen, and Columbus. We do not know on which boat they will arrive but the customs officials will be very busy on that day.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

We suggest that we work the matter from  
both ends and keep each other informed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*J. George Fredman*

J. George Fredman  
MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JGF:BZ





Dear Member:

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February 1, 1937.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

As you know, there is much preparatory work necessary in order to have a successful National Conference. We expect delegates to come from as far West as the Coast and we can do nothing until a definite date is set for the Conference.

As previously written you, February 28th or March 7th would be desirable dates. In view of the urgency, we telegraphed you as follows and hope that we may have your telegraphic reply, immediately.

Sincerely yours,

*J. George Fredman*  
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February 3, 1937

Mr. J. George Fredman,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fredman:

I had explained to Mr. Morris my position on the subject of the national conference which you are planning to call. I approve of the idea but I find it difficult to act as chairman for this conference. It is quite impossible for me to absent myself from my pulpit so many Sundays. I was away two weeks ago in New Orleans. I might have to be away this Sunday to attend a National Conference for Palestine in Washington and I have a Sunday out of March to address a University convocation.

I would suggest that you arrange the meeting and if at all possible, I shall leave after my services, by plane, arriving in New York late in the afternoon, perhaps in time to attend an evening meeting.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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February 4, 1937.

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

I am referring to our telephone conversation of yesterday afternoon. We have not as yet received your letter. However, I understand that you will make every effort to be with us at the Conference, if the weather is clear for you to fly in after your services.

In view of the fact that time is short, we have set Sunday, March 7th, as the date of the Conference. It will probably be held at the Hotel Astor.

The following are the embryo plans: Morning Session from 11 to 1 P.M. Luncheon from 1 to 2:30. Afternoon Session from 2:30 until the end of the Conference. We will leave the most important part of the Conference until after your arrival, of course.

We are writing you so that you may be able to make your plans and arrangements for March 7th accordingly.

We had a very fine protest meeting last Sunday night. The audience was fairly large, taking into consideration the weather, and the speakers were all very fine. The League received excellent publicity and the demonstration was well timed.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*J. George Fredman*

J. George Fredman

MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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February 9, 1937.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street and Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

As you probably know, one of the speakers at our Protest Meeting on January 31st was Mr. William Green. He made an excellent impression and added much extemporaneous and most sincere statements to his speech, copy of which is herewith enclosed.

It seems a most opportune time to make another attempt in interesting Mr. Green to get the Federation to join us in a common boycott front. It has come to our attention that the Labor Chest, which was the Federation's anti-Nazi outlet, has been disrupted, due to internal differences. Knowing of your close friendship with Mr. Green, it was suggested by the Committee that you communicate with Mr. Green along these lines. If warranted, after you will have heard from Mr. Green, one of the members of the Executive Committee would be glad to go to Washington to discuss details with Mr. Green.

We eagerly await your letter informing us of your thoughts and actions on this matter.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League

By Dr. Boris E. Nelson

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February 24, 1937.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

We sincerely hope that you can sympathize with our anxiety when we finally called you by long distance telephone to ascertain if we may count on your presence as Chairman of the Afternoon Session of our Interstate Conference on March 7th in New York.

It would be an imposition on our part to attempt a description of why this Conference and wherefor. You are thoroughly familiar with conditions in Nazi Germany, with the activities of the League and with the need for further and still more action. In spite of distances and expenditures, we have already received quite a number of definite promises and we may safely say that the Conference will constitute a fair cross-section of the League's nationwide activities.

You are closely associated with the ideals which are now being desecrated in Nazi Germany. You are known as a frank and sincere fighter and without attempt at flattery - of which you are in no need and of which we are incapable - we may safely say that you stand among the foremost liberals of the world.

In this hour of ever-increasing need we called this Conference for the purpose of synchronizing the activities of the League and in turn called on you to be Chairman of the Afternoon Session. As informed by your kind letter and during our telephone conversation of yesterday, you have a service in the morning. May we once again ask you, for the sake of a great cause, to make every possible effort to appear before our Conference. There is a plane of the United Airlines leaving Cleveland at 2:27 in the afternoon which arrives in Newark at 4:40. Return planes are leaving during the evening and of course, the following morning. A car will be waiting for you at the



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - continued.

Newark airport to rush you to the meeting at the Hotel Astor. The Conference is scheduled to close sometime between 7 and 8 P.M. You will arrive at the most opportune time to arouse in a final effort the assembled delegates and inspire them with your message which they can carry on home.

If at all possible, and we sincerely hope and urge you to make it possible, please come. We shall be pleased to arrange to have tickets and the necessary information forwarded to you.

We know you will once again cooperate with the League and we are, with the very best wishes and anticipating your immediate reply,

BEN:BZ



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Very sincerely yours,

Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Boris E. Nelson".

Dr. Boris E. Nelson



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Samuel Untermyer, President.

MARCH 7, 1937.

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- c. Literature, Lectures, Radio, Motion Pictures, Newspapers, Visiting propagandists
- d. Open Nazi Organizations
- e. Consular Services

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February 25, 1937.

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Dear Sir:

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We have further been informed that copies of "Der Stuermer" reach you on a regular paid subscription. We do not deem it of need to impress you with just what type of hair-raising untruths is contained in the pages of this paper. "Der Stuermer" openly declares its goal to be the breeding of race-hatred, and has been engaged for the past years in the most violent Jew-baiting campaign. It has now transferred its tactics to persecuting Catholics and the Catholic Church.

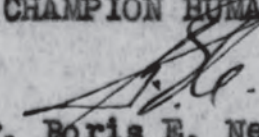
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We take this occasion to protest against the purchase and display of this publication and urge you to cancel the subscription immediately.

Anticipating your cooperation and prompt action in this respect, we are

Very truly yours,

NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE  
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Dr. Boris E. Nelson

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CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, INC. HELD AT THE HOTEL ASTOR  
SUNDAY, MARCH 7th, 1937.

Please convey my very deep regret that health prevents attendance and the opportunity to personally express my best wishes for meeting's success stop I would have liked particularly to address you, by way of emphatic protest on two subjects connected with the conduct of our State Department first its hopeless inefficiency in persistently permitting our tariff laws to be violated or evaded by German merchants to the great injury of our manufacturers, by flooding this country with contraband German merchandise in unfair competition with our manufacturers, based on undervaluations, blocked marks and other subterfuges and grossly false or evasive invoices, and by camouflaging or falsifying our customs laws requiring that the country of origin be plainly labeled on such contraband goods stop We are being literally flooded with such contraband goods by methods intended to deceive our people and fraudulently to evade our country's trade resistance created by the American boycott stop We must strengthen our boycott by establishing in every American port of entry adequate machinery to protect against these frauds our merchants and consumers. who do not want German goods at any price stop Secondly, I earnestly protest against the gratuitous insult involved in the extraordinary action of our State Department in apologizing to the Hitler government for Mayor La Guardia's mild and happy characterization of the monstrous Hitler regime that is a standing disgrace to civilization, which is day by day crushing every instinct of decency and is confiscating property and violating every rule of racial and religious freedom. It is ever increasingly a stench in the nostrils of all decent citizens and of every lover of liberty stop For four long years Hitler and his band of thugs and murderers have continued to squander untold sums in lying international propaganda of hate, libel and vituperation against this country and its citizens and government and to flood not only our country, in violation of our laws but other countries as well stop Does our Secretary of State imagine Hitler and his bandit gang can indefinitely, without restraint, continue to strut around the world's stage, a continuous threat to world peace? stop What then could be more appropriate than that our courageous outspoken Mayor with our almost three millions of Jewish inhabitants and its millions of Christians equally outraged, by that Godless Atheistic gang, should exercise his right to freedom of speech, which, thank God, still exists in this fair land of ours, by fittingly characterizing the insult that Hitler and his minions and government are heaping upon our people because of their race and creed stop Is it not sufficient, just reproach of our government that our State Department has been content to stand cowardly, idly by without a word of official protest whilst this cesspool of libelous propaganda is being poured upon our citizens because of their race? All Hail to Mayor La Guardia, say I, for his superb courage stop This is not the first offense of our State Department against the exercise of freedom of speech by our citizens stop Some years ago when in a speech in New York I rightly and upon abundant evidence characterized the then activities which have never ceased of the German Ambassador in this country as being those of a German propagandist masquerading as an ambassador on American soil, our Secretary of State on complaint of this same propagandist and without asking any explanation, rushed into print by way of apology as though it were any of his business. I then rejoined that the American official who thus expressed his regrets would live to regret his regrets, and now repeat that statement as to Mayor La Guardia's speech that too is none of his business this is still a free country, the Secretary of State to the contrary notwithstanding. stop If he would take the trouble to inform himself of the unspeakable libels that are daily heaped upon Americans and American institutions, including our president, in the German-owned press with its Government's approval and by German officials, perhaps he could be induced to hold his peace stop Nothing that Mayor La Guardia has said about Hitler adequately represents our contempt and hatred for him and his Government of terror and compares in offensiveness with the wilful and vicious falsehoods that he and his controlled press are daily emitting about us stop



Samuel Untermyer Telegram - Continued.

Just one illustration in passing some years ago Henry Ford was responsible for publishing throughout the world a series of articles entitled "The Elders of Zion" in his publication "The Dearborn Independent". These articles which were an attack upon world Jewry were overwhelmingly and judicially proven to be gross clumsy forgeries and libels upon the Jews and were repudiated and confessed to be such by Ford who withdrew and publicly apologized for them and agreed to destroy the books wherever found stop Yet, unbelievable though it seems, these forged articles are now being widely published and sold in Germany, translated into German with flaming covers announcing Henry Ford as their author notwithstanding his world-wide repudiation and against his protest. This is only one of the innumerable instances of unconscionable cupidity for which Germany is responsible. Can you beat that? Was it mere ignorance or unwillingness to inquire this effrontery that was responsible for the State Department's intermeddling? The crying need of the hour as demonstrated by the evidence before the Congressional Committee and fortified by recent discoveries, is not for cringing apologies for exercising the right of free speech by way of reprisal for outrages upon civilization stop The need is for drastic legislation to end the treason and treachery by which we are surrounded. There must be an end to divided loyalties by the Germans who are enjoying the benefits of our free institutions and plotting against us. Every one of them, if he did the same thing on German soil, would be summarily dealt with by a firing squad. That is where ingrates and traitors belong. They are not entitled to enjoy the benefit of our free institutions.

Samuel Untermyer.

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RESOLUTIONS

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED at the INTERSTATE CONFERENCE of the  
NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS,  
INC., Samuel Untermeyer, President, HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH  
7th, 1937, AT THE HOTEL ASTOR IN NEW YORK CITY.

RESOLUTION # 1

- WHEREAS, the present Nazi Government of Germany has not abated the relentless persecution which it inaugurated on its assumption of power more than four years ago against Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Liberals, Pacifists, Trade Unionists, and all of those who within the borders of the Third Reich have refused to bow to the will of Nazis, and,
- WHEREAS, the present Nazi government of Germany ruthlessly destroying democratic rights and privileges, has defied all of the basic laws of humanity and,
- WHEREAS, the present government of Nazi Germany is now building a gigantic machinery of war which is now the greatest threat to world peace and,
- WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of every right-thinking, justice-loving person the world over to take an active part in the struggle against the Nazi menace to world peace, democracy and civilization and,
- WHEREAS, the most effective weapon in the struggle against the menace of Nazism has proven to be the boycott of German goods and services, German ships and shipping, because it withholds from the Nazis money and foreign exchange so necessary for the completion of their sinister purposes and,
- WHEREAS, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights which is the American body of the World Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi Council composed of branches and entities in 24 nations throughout the civilized world is the only non-sectarian single purpose national boy-



RESOLUTION # 1 CONTINUED

cott organization in the United States,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the assembled delegates to the Interstate Conference held by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights in the Hotel Astor on March 7th, 1937, affirm their support of the said organization in its prosecution of the anti-Nazi boycott, and pledge their organizations and ~~the~~ individuals whom they represent to the continued prosecution of the anti-Nazi boycott until the time comes when the Nazi rulers of unhappy Germany are finally removed from power and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates herein assembled, pledge to each other, and among themselves, to urge by themselves, and through their organizations and individuals they represent, the people of America to carry on a relentless boycott of all German goods and services, German ships and shipping, so long as the Nazis remain in power, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be publicized through the press.

RESOLUTION # 2

WHEREAS, the present government of Germany since its assumption of power more than four years ago has entered upon the expressed Nazi mission of spreading the false philosophy of Nazism through a brown network of international propaganda through all parts of the world including the United States of America and,

WHEREAS,, this network of Nazi propaganda in our country is officially subsidized and supported by the Nazi government and,

WHEREAS, the government of Nazi Germany has sent and continues to send to our shores propaganda in printed and other forms, and by agitators who as aliens come here to spread subversive Nazi propaganda and,



RESOLUTION # 2 CONTINUED

WHEREAS, this Nazi propaganda disseminated among the citizens of the United States, has the purpose of undermining our traditional American institutions, and is an insult to the glorious American traditions of freedom and democracy,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the delegates to the Interstate Conference held by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, assembled at the Hotel Astor on March 7th, 1937, protest the continued dissemination of subversive Nazi propaganda in America and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates herein assembled reaffirm the need and importance of official action by the United States Government to prevent the continuation of such illegal activities and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates herein assembled urge upon the Congress of the United States that there be instituted immediately a congressional investigation into the widespread dissemination by groups and individuals of Nazi propaganda here in America with a view to exposing and counteracting the workings and activities of the Nazi brown network in our country and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVES, that copies of the above resolution be sent to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the United States Senate, to the Secret Service Division of the Department of Justice, to the Congressional Committee on Unamerican and Subversive Activities of the House of Representatives, and to all other public departments having jurisdiction thereof.

RESOLUTION # 3

WHEREAS, the present government of Nazi Germany caught in the throes of imminent bankruptcy is using and will use every means to raise money to continue in power and,

WHEREAS, expert observers of the financial and economic world have stated that efforts are now being made to float in the United States a loan of tremendous proportions for Nazi Germany and,



RESOLUTION # 3 - CONTINUED

WHEREAS, if such a loan is floated, notwithstanding the fact that it will be called a "peace loan" or a "good will loan", it will if successful be used to purchase armament and to increase the peril of war, and is a threat to the peace of the world and,

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that the American people are apprised of the intention to float such a loan in our country and of the real and insidious purposes behind such a loan,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at the Interstate Conference held by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, at the Hotel Astor, on March 7th, 1937, pledge their organizations and the individuals they represent to use every effort to resist any and all attempts on the part of Nazi Germany directly or through the agencies of any other government, to raise money through a loan in this country and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be released to the general press.

RESOLUTION # 4.

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that there is need for a general extension and intensification of the anti-Nazi movement on all fronts so that the hitherto potential strength of this movement can be adequately expressed and,

WHEREAS, the widespread sentiment against the Nazis both in the United States and elsewhere in the world, is not confined to any single group representing any one creed or belief and,

WHEREAS, there is already organized a Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights with headquarters in New York, which has the organization and the means to coordinate the vast potential anti-Nazi strength in this country and,

WHEREAS, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights already has established in many localities of the United States branch committees which work in close cooperation with the main body and,



RESOLUTION # 4 - CONTINUED

WHEREAS, after four years of Nazi tyranny the need for unification of the anti-Nazi movement under one single non-sectarian banner, is greater than it ever was,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the delegates and representatives of the many groups and organizations convening at the Interstate Conference called by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights at the Hotel Astor in New York on March 7th, 1937, designate the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights of 20 West 47th Street, New York City, as the coordinating body of the anti-Nazi boycott activities for the groups and organizations convened and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the groups and organizations represented here, which do not prosecute the boycott, but rely on propaganda and moral persuasion to counteract the effects of Nazism, do also designate the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League as the central body for their activities and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates and representatives herein assembled designate the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights as a clearing house and as agency for the exchange of research facilities, information, mutual cooperation, and request that this organization issue a general call to all organizations engaged in anti-Nazi and boycott activities to meet for the purpose of consolidating and coordinating their separate efforts to the end that there be unity in such efforts and no duplications thereof and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that extended effort be made on the part of the groups and organizations represented at this Interstate Conference to mobilize as many organizations and groups as possible under the single non-sectarian banner in this most important cause common to all peace-loving, justice-loving people and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution together with an invitation for an immediate conference be sent to all organizations now engaged or intending to be engaged in the anti-Nazi boycott or other anti-Nazi activities and,



RESOLUTION # 4 - CONTINUED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be released to the press.

RESOLUTION # 5.

In order that there be complete coordination of the work of the Non-Sectarian anti-Nazi League in every district,

BE IT RESOLVED, that every district affiliated with the League be represented on the Executive Committee and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the German-American element so sincerely and full-heartedly opposed to Hitler's German Reich is urged to join and further cooperate in a further strengthening of the united work against Hitler.

RESOLUTION # 6.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the boycott policy of the League be extended to all those who have increased or are continuing to sell Nazi merchandise to this late day and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no exception be made and no leniency be granted in the prosecution of the boycott because of promise of cooperation or pledge to reduce German merchandise "still on stock" by the violators.

RESOLUTION # 7.

WHEREAS, the Nazi government is planning and extending its insidious propaganda into one of the fundamental bulwarks of our democracy, namely, the Public School system, by the exchange of American High School Students with German High School Students effective May 1, 1937, and,

WHEREAS, such an exchange would place the official seal of our Public School system upon the Educational system of Nazi Germany,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this conference go on record as being opposed to the said exchange of students because the German system of education is in direct controvention of our three great principles of democracy in the American Public School system, namely: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Inquiry, Religious and Racial Tolerance.



RESOLUTION - # 8.

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the unified action and closer cooperation of all agencies engaged in anti-Nazi activities, weekly reports in the form of a clip-sheet, giving reliable, authoritative and warranted news about Nazi Germany and Nazi activities elsewhere be issued and released to all newspapers and publications throughout the land for their use free of charge, thus giving further voice and wider publicity to the foul work carried on by Hitler and his regime and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Anti-Nazi Economic Bulletin, now published every month by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League be enlarged to become the national publication of all anti-Nazi organizations.

RESOLUTION - # 9.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference greet the Courageous and outspoken characterization of the Brown Shirt Government made by Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia.

RESOLUTION - # 10.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference extend its best wishes to T. G. Masaryk of Czechoslovakia, the outstanding champion of Democracy on the occasion of his 87th birthday.

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March 17, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

MRS. MARK HARRIS  
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My dear Dr. Silver:

I would deeply appreciate your consenting to act as a sponser for the grand benefit concert to be given by our League at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday evening, April 27th, 1937.

Many famous opera and concert stars will appear on the program.

Would you be kind enough to indicate your consent by a letter to that effect.

Thanking you for your many kindnesses and with every good wish, I remain,

Gratefully yours,

*Mrs. Mark Harris*

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March 23, 1937

Mrs. Mark Harris,  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League,  
20 West 47th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Harris:

Permit me to say that you may use my  
name as a sponsor for the benevit concert which  
you are planning for April.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 22, 1937

Mr. Louis Rittenberg, Editor,  
The American Hebrew,  
48 West 48th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

I am sending you herewith this clipping from the American Hebrew of April 16th. I notice that Mr. Harry Marcus, Manager of the Sears, Roebuck & Company, feels himself honored to sponsor the LaGuardia meeting at which the American Hebrew is to present the Mayor with a medal. LaGuardia has been a valiant champion of Jewish and human rights against Nazism. The Sears, Roebuck & Company, a Jewishly founded organization, has been among the worst violators of the Anti-Nazi boycott in the United States. It has been responsible for the failure of our anti-Nazi organizations to bring into the boycott fold all the important chain stores of the United States. Perhaps Mr. Marcus will write a letter to the American Hebrew readers explaining this matter, or better still, write to the Rosenwalds and ask them for an explanation.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Copy to: Non-Sectarian Anti-League  
Harry Marcus



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April 26, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street & Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Doctor Silver:

I am taking the liberty of sending you herewith two items which may prove of interest to you.

I wish to call your particular attention to the editorial page in the "Bulletin" which expresses thoughts which - I feel confident - are shared by you.

I should feel privileged indeed to receive your comments which will be kept in the strictest confidence should you so wish.

With kindest regards, I wish to be

Sincerely yours,

*Boris E. Nelson*  
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April 29, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Doctor Silver:

This is to thank you most sincerely for your very kind and impressive telegram which unfortunately arrived one day late. I would have been most anxious to read your telegram to the audience at our Concert which packed Carnegie Hall.

You will be happy to hear, no doubt, that the Concert was a tremendous moral success.

We shall publish your telegram in the May issue of the "Bulletin."

With kindest personal regards, we are

Very sincerely yours,

*Boris E. Nelson*  
Dr. Boris E. Nelson  
Executive Secretary

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*P.S.*

*I would appreciate your comments on enclosed editorials. Thank you!*



April 30, 1937.

Mr. Louis Rittenberg  
Editor, The American Hebrew  
48 West 48th Street  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rittenberg:

It was with a great deal of surprise that we noticed the listing of Mr. Harry Marcus as a sponsor of the La Guardia Dinner arranged by The American Hebrew. Mr. Marcus, as the manager of the Brooklyn branch of the Sears Roebuck Company has only recently been made to experience how far the boycott reaches, when a group affiliated with the women's Division of the League who had innocently enough scheduled a luncheon meeting in the Brooklyn Sears Roebuck store cancelled it, stating that as long as Sears Roebuck remains among the worst violators of the anti-Nazi boycott, not one of them will ever enter the store again as a visitor or as a customer.

Individual managers of the Sears Roebuck stores pass the responsibility for the violations on to the central offices and the central offices either throw them right back onto the shoulders of individual managers or claim that there is a demand for Nazi goods and that they cannot be substituted, both are arguments which have been punctured dozens of times.

It stands to reason that Mr. Harry Marcus as an individual feels himself honored to become a sponsor of the La Guardia meeting but inasmuch as he is the manager of a store which refuses to cooperate and represents the worst violators among Jewishly founded organizations in the world, Mr. Marcus should not have taken it upon himself and you should never have extended the invitation to him to become a sponsor of this meeting which will honor Mayor La Guardia for the very things which the Sears Roebuck organization does not acknowledge.



we herewith wish to file with you our most  
earnest protest.

Very truly yours,

BEH:BZ

Dr. Boris E. Nelson  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY





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tion Committee

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ference of Jewish Social Work

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Hebrew Sheltering and Immi-  
grant Aid Society

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Upon Miss Warburg's return from Cleveland, she ad-  
vised me of the situation with regard to the one  
hundred Nazi children who are in Cleveland as  
visitors and who are spreading Nazi propaganda.

Is there anything that Professor Chamberlain and I  
could do through our connections in Washington on  
this matter? Are the children actually attending  
school even though they came on visitors' visas?  
Is there any literature or actual proof that they  
are spreading Nazi propaganda that might be brought  
to the attention of the officials in Washington?

I am afraid I am asking gratuitous questions since  
undoubtedly you are doing everything possible.  
However, we are very much concerned because of our  
own plans for our children, and I would be very  
grateful if you would let me know just what is  
happening in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Cecilia Razovsky*

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hark back, with some delay due to pressure of editorial matters, to your note of April 22nd, anent the Sears Roebuck situation. I merely wish to say at this time that it is my understanding that negotiations are in progress between them and the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. I naturally await with eagerness the outcome of these negotiations.

I have written to Dr. Nelson and have invited him to sit down with me to discuss certain other aspects of the boycott -- apparent abuses which frankly disturb me, and should be looked into without delay. I shall of course be pleased to advise you of our progress as we go along.

Sincerely,

*Louis Rittenberg*  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The other day I came across a correspondence pertaining to the Sears Roebuck Co. and the Anti-Nazi boycott, - among which I found a letter from you to Mr. Rittenberg, Editor of the American Hebrew. You probably know that both the Anti-Nazi League and the Joint Boycott Council have been approached by the Sears Roebuck people on several occasions, without much success. Our people take the view, which I think is a correct one, that as long as the company is not ready to dispense entirely with German trade within a reasonable time, it cannot be taken off the list of boycott violators. However, Mr. Harry Marcus, to whom you refer in your letter, is not Manager of the Sears Roebuck Co. He is manager only of the Brooklyn store of that company and to my knowledge, has very little say in the general conduct of the business.

Mr. Marcus, whom I have met on several occasions in connection with the boycott situation, is very anxious to have the company stop buying in Germany and if my information is correct, he has eliminated all German goods from the store which he manages.

I am writing this, knowing how fair-minded you are and I am sure you wouldn't want Mr. Marcus to be charged with the sins of his company.

With kind regards to your charming wife and children, I am,

Very truly yours,  
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May 17, 1937

Miss Cecilia Razovsky, Executive Director,  
German-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc.,  
221 West 57th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Razovsky:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of May 6th. We have been busy here with our Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

With reference to the Nazi children who are now here in Cleveland - some of them are attending school as regular students (Shaker Heights High School) and some as visitors (The Cleveland High Schools). Their presence is being utilized by German groups in Cleveland to hold receptions and Nazi meetings at which the Nazi flag is displayed and saluted and the Horst Wessel song sung. The children themselves are, as far as we know, not carrying on any propaganda work in the schools but the Cleveland Nazis are using their presence, as I indicated, for pro-Nazi meetings.

A tremendous civic protest meeting was held last Monday evening, attended by more than 3500 people, at which Professors Paul Douglas, Fairchild of New York University, Oldegard of Ohio State University, and myself spoke. The meeting denounced the Student Exchange as a piece of Nazi propaganda. The idea back of this Student Exchange is, of course, to "sweeten up" American public opinion about the Reich through the medium of the natural appeal which a group of young students makes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



May 17, 1937

Mr. W. C. Vladeck, Manager,  
The Jewish Daily Forward,  
175 East Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Vladeck:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of May 13. I singled out Mr. Harry Marcus in my letter not because I held him responsible for the actions of the Sears Roebuck Co. or particularly culpable in the matter, but only because he figured as the chairman of a testimonial committee to LaGuardia who has been such a valiant fighter against Nazism while the company which Mr. Marcus represents has been such a gross violator of the anti-Nazi Boycott. I do not know Mr. Marcus and undoubtedly he is a very fine gentleman. The fact that he has eliminated all German goods from the store which he manages, however, is simply in keeping with the practices of all chain stores not to display German merchandise in those cities where there is a large Jewish population and to send that merchandise to the "provinces". Thus, for example, Sears Roebuck in Cleveland is chuck full of German merchandise.

You may be interested to know that our Jewish Welfare Fund went over the top last week and that the allotment which was made to the ORT will be paid out in full.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,