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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

105th Street & Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Doctor Silver:

There will be a very important meeting of the enlarged NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the League on Sunday, September 12th, 1937, at our New York office, 20 West 47th Street.

It is of the utmost importance that you make every effort to attend, as future policy and conduct of all League activities will be discussed and passed upon.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Boris E. Nelson
Executive Secretary

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August 27, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

This is to inform you that as of August 31st
I am severing my active association as Executive
Secretary with the League.

I shall continue to be active in this work,
however, and shall keep in communication with you.

Best wishes for a Happy and Successful New
Year, and with best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Boris E. Nelson

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P. S. My home address is 44 W. 53rd St., New York.

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October 18, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A month ago I promised the Executive Committee of this League to try and organize their work. Whether I shall continue to manage their affairs will depend upon the moral and effective support which I get from gentlemen like yourself.

I have been confidentially informed of the way in which your splendid cooperation has been responded to in the past. I am sorry to say that you are not the only gentleman who has withdrawn his valuable support from our League.

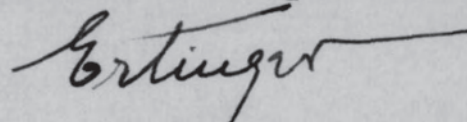
I am a German Jew who up to 1933 has been a leader in Jewish activities in Germany. When Hitler came I left. Since 1933 I have devoted my entire time and what money I have been able to save out of the wreckage, to fight Hitler. In 1934 he did me the honor to cancel my German citizenship. In 1935 he decorated me a second time by putting a price of twenty thousand marks on my head.

The object of this letter is to ask you most respectfully to reconsider any decisions which you may have taken prior to this date regarding your attitude to this League. When God was arguing with Abraham over the fate of the cities which he was going to destroy on account of the immorality of the inhabitants, God was willing to save Sodom and Gomorrah if a minimum of upright^{ness} could be proved to exist there. With all the faults which I have, I am arrogant enough to submit to you that as far as this League is concerned, I am trying my best under very difficult circumstances, to perform honest and efficient work and I would indeed appreciate the cooperation of as outstanding a personality as you are in this country.

Will you please try and attend our meeting on Sunday, October 24th at 3 P.M. If you should be able to do so, I would like to see you for a few minutes before the meeting in order to draw your attention to what I call the essentials.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am, dear Rabbi Silver,

Yours most respectfully,



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Dr. L. Ertinger



cc: Rabbi Silver

November 18, 1937

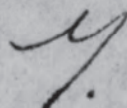
Mr. Sol J. Fisher
5017 Drexel Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We investigated the matter of Joseph Hagy through the New York source. The people in New York are positive that he is on his way, but they are entirely without information as to what boat he is on or just when he will arrive.

We are keeping in touch with the situation and will make sure that no stone will be left unturned to frustrate his purpose.

Very truly yours,


Richard E. Gutstadt
Director

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DR. BENJAMIN DUBOVSKY

17 WEST 87th STREET

NEW YORK

December 10, 1937

To the National Executive Committee
of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League

Gentlemen:

Please accept my resignation as a member of the National Executive Committee, and also as a member of the Office, or Actions Committee of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

My conception of a democratic organization is one in which those who are engaged in its activities arrive at their decisions and conduct their work after due deliberations, discussions, and by majority vote. Leadership in the American sense, as far as I understand it, is far from, if not the opposite, of the German or Prussian concept of Führerschaft.

Unfortunately our president, Mr. Samuel Untermyer, has an entirely different view on this subject. He demands for himself the right to decide not only the principles and activities of our organization, but also the details of office management, and he expects from us blind obedience to every wish of his.

In the last four years he has accumulated an imposing list of blunders and errors which would have discouraged anyone else but himself---the Rabinowitz affair; the Freed debacle, which nearly succeeded in strangling our organization; the Breinin fiasco, which resulted in draining our then well-filled treasury; the Harri-an blunder which he forced upon us; the Craner affair; the Marx-Marcus scandal; and last, but not least, the Ertinger what-you-may-call-it. (To mention but a few.)

To make mistakes is human, but to make so many and such vital mistakes continuously surely does not prove Mr. Untermyer infallible in his judgment, and does not entitle him to blind obedience. Yet in every case we had to fight our president and submit to grave insults, because Mr. Untermyer doesn't brook opposition and doesn't tolerate even discussions of his decisions. Constantly reiterating the fact that he is the largest contributor to the League, Mr. Untermyer demands that his be the first, last, and only opinion in every discussion.

His latest action, in regard to pledging the League to an anti-Japanese boycott, seems to me a flagrant example of such high-handed disregard for the opinions of our Executive Committee.

II

Since its organization, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has scrupulously abstained from any other activities, restricting itself to a boycott on Nazi Germany. Rightly or not, this was our policy, and we refused to cooperate officially with other anti-Fascist elements or organizations. We even refused our platform to general anti-Fascist speeches. (As in the case of Antonini at our Hippodrome meeting.)

Now, without consulting us, without even notifying us of his intentions, Mr. Untermyer, in the name of the League, not in his own name, calls for a boycott on Japanese goods, thus changing the entire policy of the League. The first inkling I had of this new policy was when I read about it in the public press.

In view of the many difficulties which we had in the last three years with secretaries, and in view of the fact that in most cases Mr. Untermyer insisted on appointing one against our wishes and then regretting it, one would expect that even an angel would tread lightly in the question of a new secretary.

However, Mr. Untermyer, nonchalantly, again without consulting us, sends us Mr. Johan. Steel as our new secretary. I am not against Mr. Steel. His ideas of fighting Germany on a large scale by underselling its products and overbidding for its raw materials, and of organizing an Anti-Nazi Committee at the Capitol may be excellent, but they are entirely out of the question for our organization. Even if we could accept such plans and Mr. Steel be the man to carry them out, his efficiency as an office manager and executive secretary is yet to be proven, and to appoint him immediately as our new secretary, without even a trial, is but one more error to add to the many that have been made in the last few years, and which we will surely regret in the not distant future.

It is quite possible that because Mr. Untermyer spent the major part of his political life in the Democratic party of New York City, he can't conceive of any other relationship in an organization than that of boss and ward-heeler. It is also possible that because he is constantly surrounded by yes-men, he cannot but treat us as he treats his employees and subordinates, instead of regarding us as his co-workers in this movement. As for myself, I have never been a yes-man. I have not until now, nor do I intend in the future to be, a rubber-stamp for other people's ideas. I am tired of fighting constantly against such high-handed actions, and of taking insults, even for defending such a policy as permitting our employees to be organized and not to antagonize organized labor.

III

As one of the original organizers of the boycott movement in the United States, and one of those who offered the presidency of the League to Mr. Untermyer, I was aware of some of Mr. Untermyer's idiosyncracies. For the sake of his name, prestige, and money, which we considered of great value for the cause of the anti-Nazi boycott we were willing to endure very much. But none of us realized at that time that we would have to sacrifice also our self-respect and become mere rubber-stamps to Mr. Untermyer's whims and fancies.

One by one the old guard, the real organizers and workers in the cause of the anti-Nazi movement retired, every one of them, in the words of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, was "willing to work for the Anti-Nazi League, but refused to be a tail to Mr. Untermyer's kite." I stuck to the guns as long as it was humanly possible to endure the conditions, but I can't stand them any longer.

To fight Mr. Untermyer publicly would mean to hurt the Anti-Nazi movement in the United States. This I refused to do, and have decided to resign rather than to submit to further indignities which no self-respecting person should suffer willingly.

I therefore beg to be relieved of further responsibilities connected with the conduct of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Yours for the cause of the Anti-Nazi Boycott,

B. Dubovsky,

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December 21, 1937

Dr. Benjamin Dubovsky,
17 West 87th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Dubovsky:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your letter of resignation. I can fully understand the reasons which prompted your resignation. These are the same reasons which, two years ago, caused me to drop out quietly from active work in the League. The last attempt to submerge the organization into an anti-Fascist boycott movement is as stupid as it is unwarranted.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ADDRESS OUR MASS MEETING FIVE YEARS
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February 8, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 5th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

We are planning a conference for May 15th, in New York City, and are enclosing herewith a draft for a Call to this conference.

After giving your careful attention to the contents, we should appreciate your expression of interest in such a conference. We also ask your endorsement of this Call and look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Steel
Executive Secretary

JHS:IB

Palm Springs, California
March 21, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

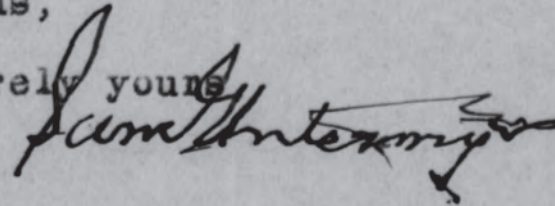
This is to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of February 23rd.

You certainly assumed a tough job in these times and with this world-wide assault on our people with which it seems well nigh impossible to cope. Added to that there is the distressing situation in Palestine which I fear we can do very little to ameliorate, even if we succeed in partially restoring the flow of immigration. The situation in Poland and Austria is equally distressing. Wherever we look disaster stares our unfortunate people in the face so that it takes a stout heart to look the situation in the face, and a still stouter one to accomplish anything. But I am sure that you are equal to the job, if anyone is, and can only wish you every success and co-operation.

I am leaving here tomorrow night and shall be back in New York Friday evening.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



SU:EW

March 28, 1938

Mr. Samuel Untermyer,
30 Pine Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Untermyer:

I need not tell you that I deeply appreciated your kind note of March 21. It is indeed very heartening.

You are returning from the Coast and I am leaving for the Coast for a two weeks tour of the various cities in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal and Over-seas relief. I hope that my visit will be productive of some good. I trust too, that the recent action of our Government in convoking an international conference to take up the question of the refugees will stimulate our people to more sacrificial giving.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from a great friend of our cause in the city and who has been very active in the local Anti-Nazi League. He visited our New York Headquarters and received a rather painful impression of its physical appearance, etc. I am passing this letter on to you because I am sure that you would want to call the attention of those in charge of the New York office to the matters raised in this letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

GUGGENHEIMER & UNTERMYER

30 PINE STREET, NEW YORK

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SAMUEL UNTERMYER
COUNSEL

March 31, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your letter of March 28th.,
enclosing a letter from Mr. Adolph Weinberger of the
Weinberger Drug Stores.

I consider his strictures fully justified
and will try to remedy the conditions- but it is not
easy.

I wish you success in your trip to the
Coast, and am sure that there are many possibilities
in the situation out there. If I can be of any aid
to you, please let me know.

With kind regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Untermyer
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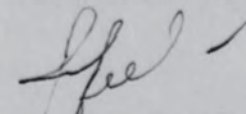
Dear Doctor Silver:

Mr. Samuel Untermyer, President of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has asked me to convey the following information to you:

"In view of the fact that I am a delegate at large to the State Constitutional Convention that is to convene in Albany on Monday of next week, and will probably remain in session for the greater part of the next five months, I herewith deputize Mrs. Mark Harris to act in my absence as Acting President of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors."

Signed---Samuel Untermyer
President

Very sincerely yours,



J. H. Steel
Executive Secretary

jhs:s

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Dr. A. H. Silver

The Temple

East 105th St. and Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

I know how very busy you are but I am nevertheless imposing upon some of your time to write you. Mr. Untermyer is resigning from active participation in the League. He is very very old, not only in years, but he is beginning to give way. This, of course, is confidential.

We are holding a Convention for the election of officers and members of the Board on May 22nd at the Hotel Edison. We are hoping that it will be possible for you to be present. I would very much like to hear from you as to any recommendations and suggestions you would like to make. Would it be asking too much to write me just what you feel ought to be done at this time. I am making this request knowing full well how little time you have to spare.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

B. Dubovsky
B. Dubovsky

BD:BZ

P.S. Kindly write me to 17 W. 87th Street,
New York, N.Y.

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April 26th, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Anzel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

Pursuant the resignation of Mr. Samuel Untermyer as president of the Board of Directors of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, I am sorry that I have to inform you that I saw myself forced to resign as Executive Secretary of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

My resignation will take effect May 22nd, when the National Convention is being held to elect new officers.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Steel

Executive Secretary

JHS:RO

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

It was a great pleasure to speak with you last Tuesday afternoon, and as per my conversation I am herewith enclosing a copy of a letter that I have sent out to the Board of Directors for a meeting to be held next Monday.

I will get in touch with you immediately after the meeting to inform you of the decisions made at this meeting regarding the co-ordination plans.

May I remind you at this time to please forward your letter of recommendations to the Board regarding the Committees to be organized to meet with the other Organizations. Please send this letter to my home, 270 West End Ave, New York, N.Y. which I hope will reach me by Saturday.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary Harris

Mrs. Mark Harris

mh:s

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May 4, 1938

Dear

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Office of the League, 20 West 47th Street, on Monday, May ninth, at 3 P.M.

Matters of vital importance will be taken up at this meeting. We earnestly request that you make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Acting-President

AHS:S

My dear Mrs. Harris

May 6, 1938

Mrs. Mark Harris,
270 West Avenue Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Harris:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter
which was sent to you yesterday - but to the wrong
address.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK



Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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May 9, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

The meeting of the Board was held this afternoon, and Mr. George Gordon Battle presided. Suggestions were made for co-ordination just as you had requested in your letter to me, which was presented to the Board.

As I expected, no decision was arrived at. Mr. Myers and Dr. Dubovsky still insist on holding the Convention, regardless of whether we are to meet with the other organizations or not.

Mr. George Gordon Battle, however, insisted on calling another meeting next Monday, and for each member of the Board to come prepared to decide whether this Convention shall be held or not. The majority of members present today, were in favor of contacting the organizations doing similar work as the League does, and to formulate plans to go ahead for co-ordination.

In the meantime, if I hear anything at all regarding this matter, I will keep you advised. Mr. Battle promised to call me tomorrow and will most likely say that he is in favor of calling off the Convention. If these two men, Mr. Myers and Dr. Dubovsky insist on holding the Convention on May 22nd, Mr. Battle suggested that it will be only as a Conference meeting.

I will let you know more about it as I said, after next Monday's meeting. Please let me know whether you too advise a Conference rather than a Convention.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary Harris

Mrs. Mark Harris
Chairman Women's Division

mh:s

BATTLE, LEVY, FOWLER & NEAMAN

GEORGE GORDON BATTLE
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May 10, 1938

In re
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

For your files and information I am enclosing herewith copy of my letter of this date to Clarence H. Low, Esq., Louis Myers, Esq., and Mrs. Mark Harris, as a Committee to consider the present situation of the League and to report with its recommendations at the adjourned meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 17, 1938, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the offices of the League, 20 West 47th Street.

With kind regards and best wishes,

I am

Faithfully yours,

Acting Chairman

GGB-D.

Enclosure

BATTLE, LEVY, FOWLER & NEAMAN

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Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League

Clarence H. Low, Esq., Chairman
Mrs. Mark Harris
Louis Myers, Esq.
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League
20 West 47th Street
New York City

Dear Mrs. Harris and Messrs. Low and Myers:

Pursuant to the resolution passed at a special meeting of the Board yesterday, I have appointed the following Committee:

Clarence H. Low, Esq., Chairman
Mrs. Mark Harris
Louis Myers, Esq.

As you know, this Committee is appointed to consider the general situation of the League; and to report at the adjourned meeting of the Board, which has been set for Tuesday, May 17, 1938, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the offices of the League, 20 West 47th Street, with the recommendation of the Committee as to the future policy and conduct of the League. I trust that you will be able to take the matter up promptly and that you will make a full report at the adjourned meeting.

I am sending a copy of this letter to all the other members of the Board.

I beg to remain, with best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd.) Geo. Gordon Battle.

Acting Chairman.

GGB-D.

BATTLE, LEVY, FOWLER & NEAMAN

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Rev. Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.
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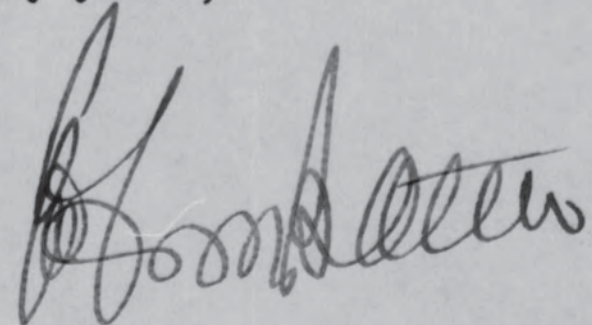
Dear Dr. Silver:

At the special meeting of the Board of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League your excellent letter of May 5th was presented. The situation was discussed and it was finally determined that a committee should be appointed to report back at an adjourned meeting of the Board with recommendations as to the future policy and conduct of the League. As acting chairman of the committee, I have appointed a committee with Clarence H. Low, as Chairman. The adjourned meeting is to be held on Tuesday, May 17th, at the office of the Society. I hope very much you can be present.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

GGB:G



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Dear Mr. Rotheberg:

The world has been shocked by Hitler's criminal seizure and despoilation of Austria. But more shocking is what the Nazis have done to the liberty-loving people of that unfortunate country. The brutal attacks upon both Christians and Jews is a blow against humanity. Thousands have been beaten, driven out of their homes, deprived of their jobs, professions and business, robbed of their belongings and thrown into concentration camps. Driven to desperation, many committed suicide rather than live a life of horror under Nazi rule.

We now see clearly how Nazism tramples upon human rights and liberties. Its utter disregard for civilized relations and the independence of nations is now well known. Armed to the hilt, Nazi Germany is bent on taking by brute force that which belongs to others. In addition Nazism glorifies war. Its motivating spirit is the spirit of hatred.

IF NAZISM IS NOT DESTROYED AND THE GERMAN PEOPLE LIBERATED FROM NAZI BARBARISM, THE WORLD WILL BE PLUNGED INTO A WORLD WAR IN WHICH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL BE SACRIFICED!

I appeal for your help in this great emergency and hope you will respond to our call. Surely, you realize that Hitler's seizure of Austria added thousands more to the enormous list of victims of Nazism and so greatly increased our League's activities that much more money is required than heretofore.

I trust that in THIS GREAT EMERGENCY you will respond as generously as possible. Please do so on behalf of the victims of Nazi oppression. Your support will help liberate them from a regime that tramples upon humanity and ignores all moral concepts of civilization. Please mail your contribution in the enclosed blue envelope. Thanking you for your support and cooperation in the great cause for humanity, freedom and justice, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
First Vice-President

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The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Luke Street
San Francisco

IRVING FREDERICK REICHERT
RABBI

May 26, 1938

Dear Abba,

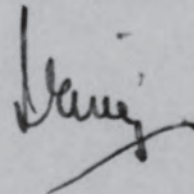
I am taking the liberty of calling your attention as President of the Anti-Nazi League, to a situation brought to my notice by a prominent member of my congregation who has a glove manufacturing industry in Czecho-Slovakia.

My correspondent informs me that "certain business houses in the East ~~were~~ fearful of buying Czech merchandise because of a possible boycott by the Anti-Nazi League, should any trouble occur such as in Austria". He furthermore informs me that this attitude is fraught with great danger, not only to Jewish business men in America and Czecho-Slovakia, but that if it continues to spread it will have other serious repercussions. It is his judgment that if the Anti-Nazi League published a statement in "Women's Wear", a New York trade journal, and in the Anti-Nazi bulletin, it would carry great weight and eliminate the evil.

I think that you will agree with me that we should do everything possible to strengthen the Czechs in their splendid resistance to Germany. Can you act along the lines suggested?

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Abba H. Silver,
East 105th St., Ansel Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

IFR:VM

May 31, 1938

Rabbi Irving Reichert
Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Irving:

Let me thank you for your letter of May 26. I shall bring the subject raised in your letter touching Czechoslovakia to the attention of the National Headquarters of the Anti-Nazi League. I am sure that there is no intention in any way to hurt the trade of that country.

I hope that you are well. We had the pleasure, two weeks ago, of having Victor occupy the Temple pulpit and deliver the Commencement Address at the graduation exercises of our High School and College departments. He delivered a magnificent address.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 27, 1938

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

Gentlemen:

Someone in New York sent me a copy of a letter, dated May 24, which you have been sending broadcast soliciting funds for the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League over my signature. I have authorized no one to issue any letters over my signature and I must ask you immediately to desist.

I wish, also, to send in my resignation as a member of the Board of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and to dissociate myself from the organization.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

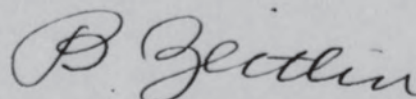
At the Convention of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League To Champion Human Rights, held at the Hotel Paramount, New York, Sunday May 22nd, you were unanimously reelected to the Executive Board of the League.

We hope that because of your interest in the Cause of Freedom and Democracy you will continue to serve as an indication of your support of the movement to combat Nazism in this country.

A meeting of all those elected will take place Friday evening, June 3rd, 1938 at the Hotel Paramount, 235 West 46th Street, New York City, at 8 P.M.

Thanking you for your past cooperation and looking forward to seeing you at this meeting, we are

Sincerely yours,



B. Zeitlin

Secretary to the Committee.

BZ:JS

June 14, 1938

Dr. Benjamin Dubovsky, Acting Chairman
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League
20 West 47th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Dubovsky:

I am forwarding to you the enclosed letter and check which I received from Pittsburgh. Evidently the solicitation for contributions which you sent out over my signature without my authorization was also sent broadcast outside of New York. I must again ask you to desist from doing so and unless I hear from you to this effect within the week, I shall issue a public statement to the press that I have not authorized you to make any solicitation for funds in my name and that I have resigned from the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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June 14, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Temple at 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find copies of letters
sent to the British Commercial Attache,
Washington, D. C., which are self-explanatory.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same.

Very truly yours,

MT:HW
Enc. 4

MEI-HWA FUR TRADING CORP.

COPY

March 30, 1938

Kurt Leisse
Omaruru
British Southwest Africa

Gentlemen:

Recently we communicated with the British Empire Chamber of Commerce in New York City. They submitted your name, stating that you were an exporter of Southwest African Lambskins.

It is our wish to enter into this business extensively, and we would like you to communicate with us giving in detail any information which would help facilitate our purpose. Details as to assortments, prices, seasons, and shipping periods, will help us visualize trading possibilities. We will open Irrevocable Letters of Credit against shipments.

If you wish to do business with us, we would appreciate your giving us banking references, and those firms that you have exported to in the United States.

We have been in the fur import business for 15 years, and our references is the Irving Trust Company, Empire State Building, New York City.

Any information that you give us, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ED:HW

MEI-HWA FUR TRADING CORP.

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Farm Graslaagte, den 8. Mai 1938
S.W. Afrika

Mei-Hwa Fur Trading Corp.

138 West 31st Street

New York City

Sehr geehrte Herrn !

Ihren geehrten Brief vom 30.3. 38 habe ich erhalten. Ich muss ihnen
leider erwidern, dass ich den fellhand/el aufgegeben habe.

Auch mochte ich Ihnen zu~~denk~~/en geben, dass Süd-West Afrika noch
lang nicht british ist, sondern heut/e noch Mandatsgebiet ist. Hoffentlich
aber wird es nicht mehr~~x~~ zu lange dau/ern, dass Deutschland sein geraubtes
Land wieder bekommt.

Ho/chachtungsvoll.

(SIGNED)

Kurt Leisse

June 14, 1938

Kurt Leisse
Omaruru
British Southwest Africa

Dear Sir:

Your German letter dated May 8th, 1938, received. We can read between the lines that you are a Nazi, and we have a boycott in our country against Nazis. One fact you overlooked, and it is that your so called leader, Hitler, has stolen the freedom of the Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, and that up to the time he restores the freedom stolen from the above, the boycott will not be discontinued.

So under the present circumstances, we wish no further correspondence or business with you.

Yours truly,

HT:HW

HEIL-HWA FUR TRADING CORP.

June 14, 1938

Cecil Smith, President
British Empire Chamber of Commerce in the U.S.A., Inc.
620 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In one of your letters to our firm, dated March 23, 1938, you submitted the name of Kurt Leisse, Omaruru, British Southwest Africa, to whom we wrote a letter on March 30th. In reply, we received a letter written in German, dated May 8th, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

You will read from the copy of his letter, what type of man he is, and you may draw your own conclusions in submitting his name any further to American concerns.

Undoubtedly you are aware that this country carries out a boycott against Nazis, and therefore we would not entertain any business with this type of man. A copy of our letter to Mr. Leisse is also enclosed.

A copy of this correspondence is being sent to His Majesty, British Commercial Attache, Washington, D.C.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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June 16, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street and Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Thank you for your letter of June 14th with its enclosure.

We take note of your request and want to assure you that it was done at the time when we assumed that you, as the first Vice-President, became the President of the organization. We are confident that you will have no occasion to raise that issue again.

New stationery will be printed next week so that there will be nothing at all to mislead anyone.

Yours sincerely,

B. Dubovsky
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P.S. Under separate cover we will mail you, within a day or two, the complete report of the investigation concerning Mr. Levy whom the Cleveland delegation attacked so vehemently at the Convention. The investigation was conducted under the auspices of Dr. M. S. Fisher and Mr. Clarence H. Low, both of whom I believe you know.