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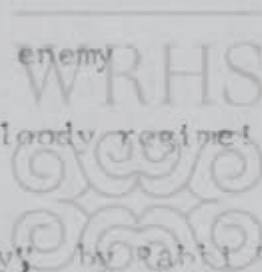
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WHY WE BOYCOTT GERMANY  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Frankfurter Zeitung of March 28, 1934 publishes the following statement on the condition of non-Aryans (Jews) in the economic life of Germany.

"The legislation of the National-Socialistic state has since the autumn of 1933 emphasized a definite policy of the race problem. The statute about 'Aryans' is being consistently applied in the regulation of the appointing of officials, of all professions carrying official character, of all employees even laborers in federal, communal or otherwise public works, in the cultural professions (such as journalism or in artistic activities) and finally in the so-called 'free' professions such as lawyers and physicians permitted to serve in the health endowment system...Everywhere the fundamental tendency is the same; it consists in the attempt that a large group of professions because of the significance the new state has put upon them for the political and world envisioning education of the people shall in principle be closed to non-Aryans. In all cases there have been exceptions, more or less numerous, exceptions which, however, are almost entirely of a temporary nature because those remaining in office or in their professions are kept in an overwhelming majority of cases because of the service of many years or because they were front-combatants during the war. Both categories will gradually die out. Young non-Aryans can no longer find their life-work along these lines."

Concerning the status of the Jews in business, the Frankfurter Zeitung states that while officially the government has declared that "there were no specific laws for Jews in the economic field" and that the Secretary of the Interior "has on three different occasions expressed himself to be opposed to the extension of race legislation along economic lines," nevertheless "the task to disseminate this viewpoint widely among the people themselves meets various



opposition and obstacles." The paper then proceeds to indicate in a necessarily cautious and veiled <sup>manner</sup> ~~matter~~ how local Nazi leaders throughout Germany are disregarding the orders of the central government not to molest Jews in the economic field. The local press "often shows no inclination to cooperate." "The continuous occupation of the people with the race questions" is making it impossible to set limits to the application of the Aryan clause." Jews are urged ~~that they spread~~ <sup>to "spread"</sup> more evenly than heretofore in the various professions" but an extensive press propaganda is carried on against accepting Jews in agriculture and against the attempts of Jews to become artisans and craftsmen. The article concludes with the following revealing statement: "How in accordance with that, the young non-Aryans may or should shape their lives cannot be easily understood."

To summarize this statement of the German newspaper printed in Germany with the sanction of the government, free therefore, from any suspicion of anti-German propaganda, the condition of the Jew in Germany today is as follows:

(1) He is definitely excluded by law on the basis of his race from all professions, government posts, civil service and the field of education. There are some few exceptions, but, to quote the Frankfurter Zeitung again, "Young non-Aryans can no longer find their life work along these lines."

(2) Jews in business are being harassed, boycotted and in every way interfered with in the <sup>m</sup>normal operation of their businesses by local Nazi leaders throughout the country and by the venomous Nazi press which disregards completely the orders from headquarters. The Nazis are prosecuting their program for the elimination of the Jews from the economic life in Germany with unabated vigor.



(3) Should Jews, driven from the professions and crowded out from business, wish to establish themselves in agriculture or in manual labor, ~~there too~~ they *again* encounter an iron wall of resistance and hostility.

And all because they are Jews! This cruel and medieval treatment of men, women and children cannot go unchallenged by lovers of freedom and justice throughout the world. The relentless policy of the Nazis must be met by a relentless determination on the part of free people everywhere to encompass their undoing.

This is only the Jewish angle of the question. Other groups besides the Jews in Germany have been put under the brutal heel of terrorism and suppression. The great labor movement of Germany has been shattered and the German workingman has been thrown back to a position of feudal vassalage. German womanhood has been forced from many departments of national life and again legally subjected to those restrictions which existed in Western Europe before woman began her struggle for emancipation and equality.

Peace, freedom, the inalienable rights of man, tolerance, good will -- all these ideals have been outlawed by the infamous Nazi regime as if they constituted sacrilege and blasphemy to civilization.

Hence our boycott! Only cowards and men indifferent to the fate of and ideals these basic human rights/will yield to such tyranny with striking a blow in their defense.

Boycott Germany!

No trading with the enemy of civilization!



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**KEEP UP THE BOYCOTT!**  
**Dr. Abba Hillel Silver**

The boycott is undermining the economic life of the Nazi regime. It is playing havoc with Germany's foreign trade. The Reich has been compelled to restrict many of its vital imports to five percent of the 1930 total. Germany's gold reserve has been vanishing, and it is vanishing, to quote the Berlin correspondent of the New York Times, "because her export trade is shrinking; and her export trade is shrinking for one reason, because her policies antagonize the world, which, in retaliation, boycotts German goods."

In an effort to break the powerful world-wide boycott which is strangling German trade, as well as to divert the minds of the German people from the palpable failures of the Nazi regime, a desperate attempt is now being made by Hitler and his henchmen to browbeat the world by threats of reprisals against the Jews of Germany. The Nazi wind-bag, Goebbels, has been breathing thunder and fire: "If the boycott were carried to lengths actually endangering our economic situation", he declared in a recent address, "it would not mean we would let the Jews go free (sic!). No! The hatred, rage and despair of the German people would first of all vent itself on those who could be grabbed in the homeland."

The medieval ritual murder charge has been revived in "civilized" Germany by the infamous Julius Streicher in his hate sheet "Der Stuermer", as well as in the official German Labor (sic!) <sup>Paper</sup> Front, "Der Deutsche." A Jewish plot to assassinate Hitler has been conveniently uncovered. The Nazi propaganda department has unloosed a new and virulent press and platform campaign to incite the people against the Jews. All the well known preliminaries of an old fashioned Tzarist pogrom are being arranged.

But it will not work! The boycott will not be lifted! Pogroms will only intensify the boycott agitation all over the world and will persuade the



Keep Up The Boycott!

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the hitherto unconvinced concerning the true nature of the barbarians who are now in control of Germany. The world cannot be beaten into good will and friendship by rubber truncheons and steel rods which proved so effective in the Brown Houses and concentration camps. There is no way of forcibly making people buy your products if they do not choose to. Schimpfkunst -- that gentle art of gutter-inventive in which the German Nazis specialize -- is not good salesmanship, and the threat of reprisals against innocent people makes no eager customers of self-respecting, decent men. The pogromizing of the Jews in Tzarist Russia did not make the people of the people of the world any friendlier or more sympathetic toward the Russian regime.

Hans Frank, Reich Commissioner for Justice, at a <sup>recent</sup> meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin, recently thundered against the "boycott insanity", and defied the world in true blustering Prussian fashion. But Hans Frank knows that it is <sup>not</sup> the "insanity" of the boycott which has made the Nazis panicky, but the calm, relentless, devastating sanity of it. An outraged world has at last found the weapon by means of which to bring the ruthless schemes of dictators and their proud boastings down into the dust.

Hitler's paid flunkies in the United States have likewise been fuming and threatening. Hirelings of the Nazi government have been trying to create a movement among German-Americans to boycott those who boycott Germany. It is a futile and senseless effort. No pressure will make people buy or sell German merchandise. Good will alone makes good customers. Germany will regain her world markets only if the barbaric acts of the Hitler regime are repudiated and the infamous laws discriminating against men, women and children because of race are stricken from its statute books.

Boycott Germany!

Neither buy nor sell German merchandise!



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Do not travel on German ships or use German shipping facilities!

No trading with the enemy of civilization!





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A UNIVERSAL BOYCOTT  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

It is a mistake to assume that the boycott of Germany is an exclusively Jewish movement. The Jews of the world have been the spear-point of the attack upon the infamous Nazi regime because that regime has singled them out for its special hate and for an implacable doom of economic extermination. The Jews in Germany have suffered in common with all other Germans in so far as the universal suppression of liberties is concerned. Added to that they are being subjected to the disabilities of the non-Aryan rule in all walks of life. The right of the Jew to exist in the modern state as an equal with all other men has been denied to them by the medieval Nazi regime. Naturally the Jew must fight back with every legitimate weapon available against this threat to his elementary human rights.

But it is not merely the six hundred thousand Jews in Germany who have been degraded. It is the sixty-five million Germans who have been degraded. They all find themselves today in a spiritual and intellectual concentration camp. Their intellectual life has been shackled. The labor movement has been crushed by the mailed fist of a vicious economic reaction. Woman has been driven back to the status which was hers in the Middle Ages. The official Protestant Church has become the tool of an un-Christian regime which has forced it to do violence to all the basic teachings of Christianity. The Catholic Church has been subjected to the most vicious attacks and some of its most courageous leaders have been imprisoned or assassinated.

The philosophy of Naziism, as proclaimed by its own leaders and spokesmen, is the philosophy of intolerance, war, conquest and domination. Hitler's rise to power has been the signal for feverish military preparation on the part of all the countries of Europe.



## A Universal Boycott

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The struggle in which we are now engaged is the struggle of civilization against barbarism. The human values for which we are fighting are indispensable alike to Jew and non-Jew. All men who believe in freedom and who cherish democracy, peace, good will, and tolerance, are joining the ranks of the foes of Hitlerism.

The boycott is proving to be one of the most effective weapons in the hands of these champions of human freedom throughout the world. Slowly, steadily and relentlessly it is defeating the Nazi regime. The enlightened opinion of the world which the Nazi Government thought that it could defy with impunity, is finally bearing down upon it with crushing weight. But the battle is not yet won.

We renew our appeal to Catholics, Protestants, Jews, to the working masses of the world, to freedom-loving men everywhere to continue to prosecute the boycott in steadfastness, discipline and solidarity until the doom of Nazism is sealed.

No trading with the enemy of civilization!

Neither buy nor sell German merchandise!

Boycott Germany!



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THE HEEL OF ACHILLES  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Much is happening in Naziland behind the cloak of secrecy and censorship which points to a steady disintegration of the National Socialist Party and to the abandonment of nearly all of the twenty-five points of its famous "unalterable" program. A second purge, less bloody than the first but under the same pretext of cleansing the part of its moral perverts is on. The Reichswehr is determined to reduce both the S. S. and The S. A. to a position of political impotence -- and the Reichswehr is now in the saddle. Opposition to the policies of Ruhrized Hitler who has thrown overboard every article of the Nazi platform (except its anti-Semitism) and has left it nothing but the chauvenist rhapsody which has now turned sour -- is being ruthlessly suppressed but cannot be destroyed.

The economics of Nazism which had such a large element of Socialism in it went down to final defeat at the hands of that stalwart champion of old-time capitalism (with all of its knavery and jockeyship) -- the present financial dictator of Germany, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht. The symbol of this defeat is the elimination and total eclipse of Gottfried Feder, the real papa of Nazi economics, the author of that famous antithesis of "raffendes" and "schaffendes" capital which so enthralled the mind of Hitler. They made Feder ride in a tumbril to a dry guillotine...

German stock exchanges and banks have not been nationalized nor have the great trusts. The profits of the large concerns in Germany have not been distributed. "Interest slavery" has not been outlawed. Even the department stores remain. The economic salvation which the Nazis promised the German people has not materialized. Unemployment has not been abolished nor reduced, only camouflaged. Wages have fallen sharply. The cost of living



has risen. German's export trade is crippled. Her shortage of raw materials is menacing.

The German people are coming to realize that the great national awakening by which they had been beguiled has turned out to be a miserable coup at their own expense and in the interest of their age-old unconscionable exploiters. Some day soon the real national awakening will take place in Germany and an outraged and embittered people will arise in its unleashed wrath and wreak its vengeance upon its lying prophets, the physical and intellectual perverts who misled them and all the bloody hirelings of Junkerdom and big business who tricked, robbed and degraded them -- and terrible will be that day of reckoning!....

That day is sure to come; and all those, within and without Germany, who help to undermine that unspeakable regime are making a major contribution to civilization. The economic pressure upon Germany by way of an organized, economic directed and intensified world-wide/boycott is the surest way of undermining this regime.

Economics is the Achilles' heel of Naziism. It will receive its mortal thrust there. The boycott is the weapon. Naziism must perish in order that human freedom may live. Those who hesitate to strike now at this infamous regime through the boycott are laying up for mankind the dreadful eventuality of a bloody war. For a Nazified Germany and a peaceful Europe are forever irreconcilable.

Boycott Germany and help the cause of human freedom, brotherhood, and peace!



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SPORTSMANSHIP  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The avowed purpose of the Olympic Games is to teach the youth of the world the ideals and discipline of true sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is one of the noblest qualities of human life and one most sadly lacking in our political, social and economic relationships. The Olympic Games aim to teach the young generation those high standards which must prevail in sports so that they may be inspired to carry them over into all fields of human endeavor.

A real game is won on merit only. In a real game, ancestry, position, influence or antecedence counts for nothing. In a real game one does not cheat, bully or play foul. In a real game opponents are, as far as possible, evenly matched and when one is handicapped by size, weight or age, due allowance is made for the fact. In a real game, hate, brutality and vindictiveness are ruled out as unworthy and disgraceful.

Should we send our young athletes to Nazi Germany in 1936 to participate in the World Olympiad, we will be sending them to a country where all these noble ideals of true sportsmanship are being violated and trampled under foot. They will be the guests of a government which has given the world examples of the poorest kind of sportsmanship -- a government which has been grinding into the dust a beaten and helpless minority, cheated and lied about them, handicapped them in every way, subjected them to the most indecent forms of degradation, a government which has made the test of citizenship not character, worth, merit or achievement, but the accident of race -- the very denial of the basic principles upon which the Olympic Code is built.

The Hitler regime has befouled sports with the most vicious form of political chicanery. Germany has mixed politics with sports, and not we who



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are opposed to holding the Olympics in Germany. The athletic organizations of Germany are government-owned, and government-controlled. He who does not subscribe to the Nazi doctrines cannot be a member of a German athletic organization. Catholic youth societies, where young Catholics train, have been disbanded. Jewish athletes have been denied training opportunities and access to training fields. The Jews of Germany have been disfranchised. They are no longer citizens of Germany. They can not therefore represent Germany in the Olympics. The invitation which the Nazi government has extended to one or two Jewish athletes to participate in the Olympics, is a contemptible dodge to mislead world public opinion. The German government will see to it that not one Jew will represent it in the 1936 Olympics.

To hold this grand festival of sportsmanship, which is to serve as an inspiration to the youth of the world, in present-day Germany, under the aegis of the Swastika, symbol of hate, oppression and intolerance, is to mock the very spirit and purpose of the Olympiad. It is to subject the youth of the world to the skillful, subtle and lying propaganda which the Nazi regime is already preparing for the occasion. It is to supply Dr. Goebbels with an international tribunal from which to spread the Nazi gospel of blood, terror and reaction; in the self same manner as he exploited the recent International Congress on Penology. It is to send to Germany a flood of tourists who will be attracted to the games and who will bring into the country the foreign exchange which the depleted gold-reserves of Germany so desperately need.

Keep the Olympics away from Germany!



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THE ACHILLES' HEEL OF NAZIDOM  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Nuremberg Congress of the German Nazis has written another shameful chapter in its dense volume of political Sadism. The helpless Jewish minority in Germany has been disfranchised. Germany is no longer their national home. The flag of that country is no longer their flag. Their children are to be segregated in special schools. Denying them the status of citizens, the Nazis have granted them no official recognition even as a racial minority group. Unofficially, economic pressure is being put on them in a thousand devious ways to destroy their economic position and to make it impossible for a Jew to earn a living in Germany.

These anti-Jewish laws were the sole achievements of the Nuremberg Congress. Goebbels and his well-oiled propaganda machine prepared the nation for these inhuman laws by an intensified anti-Semitic campaign, the spear-point of which was that infamous scoundrel, Julius Streicher. The Nazis, realizing that they had nothing to report at their Party Congress of actual achievement, thrust forward again the Jewish issue in order to turn the attention of their people away from the egregious failures of the Party and from the economic plight of the nation for which the Party is responsible.

Economically, Germany is going from bad to worse. The artificial stimulation which was given to the nation through made-work projects financed by forced internal loans and the repudiation of foreign debts has about spent itself. The ~~massive~~ vast re-armament program which has cost Germany staggering sums of money has by now drained whatever reserves the nation had. Germany today has no funds with which to finance its imports. Dr. Schacht's amazing financial bag of tricks is about empty. Serious shortages of fats, meats, fruits and other food supplies are being experienced. Queues of house-wives



are again, as in the days of the war blockade, forming themselves before stores and shops waiting for the meager distribution of inadequate food supplies.

Writing from Berlin recently, Otto D. Tolischus declared: "All observers agree that all economic curves in Germany are pointing downward and that her salvation lies only in an increase of her exports. That also is the view of Dr. Schacht who urges "political adjustment" meaning an "abatement of Nazi policies which would help to conciliate the world."

At the Nuremberg Congress the Nazis gave no indication that they have any intention of abating their policies in order to conciliate the world. The world must therefore see to it that there is no increase in Nazi Germany's exports. The economic foundation of the Nazi Regime, already violently shaken, must be completely undermined. That is the only way to destroy this regime of blood and terror which has kept and will keep Europe agitated, fearful and war-minded until it is finally hurled into the limbo of discredited criminal political follies of the Twentieth Century.

He who is persistent and deliberate in the prosecution of the Boycott is a benefactor of mankind.

He who trades with Nazi Germany is an enemy of civilization.



Dec. 1935  
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KEEP AWAY FROM BERLIN!  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The forces opposed to American participation in the Berlin Olympics, under the leadership of Judge Jeremiah T. Mahoney, led a magnificent fight at the convention of the Amateur Athletic Union. They were defeated by a margin so small that the Nazi victory was robbed of any of its significance or glory.

Only the most desperate maneuvering on the part of the pro-Olympic leadership brought them their bitter tasting triumph. If the Nazis can get any satisfaction from that vote, they must be hard-pressed indeed for a drop of world sympathy. All the tactics of cheap ward politicians, including double-crossing, were employed by the forces of Mr. Brundage and his lieutenants. Mr. Sherrill again employed the miserable device of waving the red flag of Communism in the faces of the delegates in the hope of stampeding them into the belief that the opposition to the Berlin Olympics was instigated by Moscow and was not the expression of the aroused sentiments of indignation of all right-thinking forces of America against the brutal suppression of all human rights in Hitler's Germany.

The fight on the Olympics has only begun. The battle line now has shifted for a major attack upon tourists' attendance at the Berlin Olympics. The Nazi Government is not so much interested in having a few hundred American athletes go to Berlin. It is desperately anxious to have the Olympiad attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to Germany in 1936 in order to bring into the country the foreign exchange which the depleted treasury of the Third Reich needs so badly. From all reports, the Nazi Government is banking very heavily upon the tourist trade in 1936 to stave off an imminent economic collapse. German steamships, railroads and hotels have long and ~~long~~ longingly been anticipating this inrush of tourists and visitors. Their hopes must be destroyed.



An energetic campaign must now be carried on to persuade people not to bolster up the Hitler regime, by spending money in Germany. Men and women who have a high sense of human responsibility can be easily persuaded not to attend a Sports Festival if by attending it they would be helping to maintain in power a regime which has violated every sense of human decency and which is a menace to the peace of the world.

It is not important for mankind, in the year 1936, to discover who among the great athletes of the world is the best runner, hurdler, swimmer or fencer. Sports will not perish in the world if the Eleventh Olympiad at Berlin will turn out to be a complete and total failure. What is important for mankind in these serious and critical times, is to safeguard the precious spiritual and cultural values of the Western world which have been trampled under foot by the Kalmucks of Germany.

The Nazi Government has spent millions in preparation for the Olympics and is spending millions more in publicity and advertising. That investment must be converted into a total loss by the refusal of people to attend the Olympics.

The most dramatic repudiation of Hitlerism can be achieved in the heart of Berlin itself if, when the Olympic Games open, they will be acclaimed by hundreds of thousands of absentee spectators, and if, when Hitler, as host, reaches out his hand to welcome myriads of invited guests, these guests will simply not be there....

Keep away from the Olympics!

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Nazi mentality is dense, the Nazi regard for truth--nil. How else <sup>is</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>to</sup> one account for the amazing address of Dr. Julius Lippert, State Commissar for Berlin before the American Chamber of Commerce on February 26. Dr. Lippert delivered a carefully prepared statement appealing to the United States to end the boycott against German goods. The boycott evidently has been much more devastating to German exports than Nazi spokesmen or Jewish <sup>the</sup> "Naumannites" in the United States have heretofore cared to acknowledge. Dr. Lippert is convinced that the boycott against the Reich "proceeds from wholly false assumptions." "It is asserted and the reproach is made against us that we destroyed the economic existence of the Jews in Germany... Everybody, even a disinterested visitor to our Fatherland, has an opportunity to convince himself by facts that economically nothing has happened to the Jews of Germany. Not a single dispossession or destruction of a so-called Jewish enterprise has taken place!".....

On the very day when Dr. Lippert's statement appeared in the American press there <sup>was published</sup> ~~appeared also~~ a cable dispatch from Germany stating that the Director of the Reich Association of German Publishers of Periodicals had sent a letter to all Jewish publishers in Germany "inviting" them to sell their businesses before they were excluded from the Association and thereby prevented from continuing in business....

How any responsible spokesman of a government can brazenly deny the uncontested evidence of a nation-wide boycott against Jewish merchants, traders, clerks, salesmen and professional men which in the course of two years has ruined thousands of people and driven tens of thousands into exile, can only be explained by the general complex of the Nazi mentality which is persuaded that a lie is justified when <sup>it is</sup> in the interest of the



State and that if you repeat a lie often enough, people will come to believe

it. There is ~~a non-too-subtle suggestion~~ implied in Dr. Lippert's statement *the un-*

*warranted assumption* ~~to the effect~~ that if the Jews <sup>of Germany</sup> were once assured by the Nazi regime that <sup>no longer</sup> their economic life would ~~not~~ be interfered with, ~~any more~~, <sup>the Jews of the world</sup> they would abandon

the boycott and their ~~entire~~ opposition to the Nazi regime. This is ~~both~~ *colossal*

ignorance and mendacity. The boycott was not inspired by the economic persecution alone. It was the expression of ~~the~~ indignation of a whole people against the attempt to destroy its political and cultural status of equality in a modern state. It was evidence of a determination not to permit itself to be reduced to a citizenship of the second ~~or third~~ class.

Dr. Lippert has forgotten that Jews possessed economic opportunities even in the dark Middle Ages! They were allowed to carry on their trades and *to* engage in business even when they were forced to live huddled together in ghettos. They do not regard the restoration of such a protected ghetto-status as any concession on the part of Hitler. The Jews are fighting for ~~no more and no less than~~ their absolute equality as citizens of Germany. *no more and no less!*

Dr. Lippert states that "what the National Socialist State had to turn against, was the circumstances that certain Jewish elements not only sought or actually possessed economic preference, but also exercised an influence in political and cultural spheres that was intolerable. To defend itself against that was not only the right but also the duty of the leadership of the German people, which need not affect the economic existence of the Jewish minority so long as the members of this minority manifest an earnest will to realize certain cultural-political necessities and show an appropriate sense of responsibility." Dr. Lippert wants the Jew, in return for a promise not to be molested economically, to consent to political and social debasement. The Jews are to submit to "cultural and political necessities"



which means to banishment from the intellectual and political life of Germany. Only a Nazi dunderhead would have made such a proposition in the expectation of its being considered anything else but an insult or a sorry jest.

It is clear from the address of Dr. Lippert that the Nazi regime has not retreated one step from its original <sup>anti</sup> Semitic platform. <sup>over</sup> The Jews of the world will <sup>therefore</sup> not retreat one step from their position of implacable and unyielding resistance to that regime. We shall not sell our political and cultural birthright in the world for a miserable mess of Teutonic <sup>t</sup> potage.

Dr. Lippert of course does not miss the opportunity to repeat the well-known Nazi falsehood that the boycott is exclusively a Jewish affair, being maintained "by only a small minority, although such a boycott is contrary to all American interests." If the boycott were maintained by only a "small minority" it would have collapsed long ago. It is not collapsing. It is growing stronger. It is driving German exports from the markets of the world. The boycott has cut across racial and religious lines. It has cut vertically down through all classes. It has enlisted millions throughout the world who through it register their resentment not alone ~~against the~~ Jewish persecution but ~~against~~ <sup>these</sup> the destruction of all ~~precious~~ human values, <sup>which</sup> are dear to the hearts of freedom-loving people everywhere.

The relaxation of anti-Jewish legislation and propaganda in Germany will not stop the boycott. The Nazi regime must be overthrown. Its menace to Western civilization must be completely liquidated before the civilized world will come to terms with Germany.



Jewish emigrés returning to Germany are arrested and sent to concentration camps. Efforts to train Jewish youth to get into <sup>the new</sup> trades and crafts still open to them are discouraged by the government. The Nazi regime is determined to drive the Jews out of Germany.





NOT REVENGE!  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

In disapproving of the boycott of Germany, Dr. William Orton, writing in the Atlantic Monthly of November, declares: "Undoubtedly it (the boycott) has been a severe retribution for the persecution of the Jews; but it has not convinced the Germans of their error, it has not helped the Jews, and its organized continuance will constitute an act of simple revenge....The Christian communities do not recognize revenge as a principle of social action." This is both an amazing and a misleading statement and one which clearly indicates Dr. Orton's utter failure to grasp either the purpose or the significance of the boycott movement.

It was not organized by the Jews of the world to revenge themselves upon Germany. Revenge is neither Jewish nor Christian and the stupid suggestion made by the writer that only "Christian communities do not recognize revenge as a principle of social action" betrays an utter lack of understanding both of the spirit of Judaism and of the motives which actuate the Jewish community. "Thou shalt not take vengeance" is Old Testament doctrine. Were the Jewish community to spend its time taking revenge upon its enemies it would have time for nothing else. It is too old and too experienced a community to hope for progress through revenge.

The boycott is an economic offensive against the most dangerous enemy of twentieth-century civilization -- Hitlerism. It is aimed, through economic pressure, to contribute to the undermining of a regime which has destroyed human freedom, robbed men of their elementary human rights, revived the darkest prejudices and intolerances of the middle ages and consigned hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children to spiritual degradation and to economic



annihilation. The boycott is a bloodless war of self-defense in behalf of the rights of labor, the rights of a free church, the inalienable rights of man to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Anyone who would reduce this major struggle of the free forces of the world, Jewish and Christian alike, against this iniquitous racial Fascism which is threatening the most cherished values of civilization today to a mean and petty act of revenge on the part of the Jewish community, is utterly innocent of what is here involved, or is mendaciously distorting the facts.

The principle of the economic boycott which is sanctioned by the League of Nations against recalcitrant nations (which, if it had been applied courageously, would have avoided much of the international chaos today) was not conceived as an act of revenge, nor, was the boycott which the organized religious forces of America recently put into operation, and with marked success, against the vulgar and degenerate moving pictures in this country.

The boycott is organized public opinion expressing itself forcibly and effectively through economic pressure against the enemies of society.



NO TRADE WITH THE ENEMY  
Abba Hillel Silver

The Nazis will be destroyed, if they are ever to be destroyed, by economics. No revolutionary upthrust from within and no protest from without can be counted upon to undermine their power or to modify their program.

The German's need for freedom is metaphysical not psychological. He will write books about it. He will even grow sentimental about it. But he will never fight for it. He will never "overthrow" the present regime. It can only break up and crumble about him as did the Kaiser regime in 1918.

Protests and the moral indignation of mankind will not move the Nazis. Their moral sense can neither be offended nor appealed to. It is hopelessly warped. Their chiefs have long ago discounted the world's hostile judgment and persuaded their people to see in it only the sinister manipulation of Jews.

Economic pressure alone will break or change them.

For ~~four~~ months now, Hitler has been feeding the German people on florid talk and apocalyptic visions. He has given them circuses. He must now give them bread. His showmanship is played out. <sup>The</sup> ~~His~~ race incantations with which he charmed his followers is losing its magic potency. One cannot indefinitely feed the empty stomachs of people on Aryanism. Economic conditions in Germany have grown steadily worse since the coming of the Nazis into power. Business has slumped. The stock exchanges have suffered steady declines. The number of unemployed has not declined -- except where unemployed Nazis have taken the places of Jews who are no longer included in governmental unemployment statistics, or of women forced out of industry. Unfortunately for Hitler there are not enough jobs from which German Jews can be dislodged to take care even of a small fraction of the unemployed Aryans in the Reich.



Hitler's dangerous maneuvering on the international scene, withdrawing Germany from the League and the Disarmament Conference, are indications of his desperate position at home. The people must be kept at fever heat of patriotic passion in order to turn their attention away from the lamentable economic condition into which the Nazis have led them.

A large scale, persistent and relentless boycott of Germany will contribute mightily to the undermining of the power of the vicious and brutal regime and will hasten the day of the emancipation of Germany and of German Jewry.

The boycott is a moral weapon. It is recognized in International Law. The League of Nations retains it as its ultimate weapon in bringing recalcitrant nations to repentance. The Jews of the world must now resort to this weapon since all other methods to stop these would-be-destroyers of our people have failed.

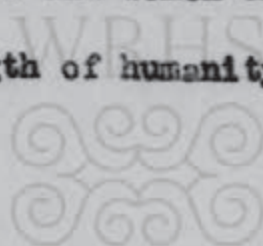
Let there be no mistake about it. The Nazis will yield to pressure only. Our strategy, whether quiet or noisy, has failed to achieve its objective because we did not realize that these methods which may have proved effective in the past are of little or no value in the case of the Nazis who represent both ideologically and pathologically an altogether new species of anti-semites. The Nazis recognize the logic of brute force only.

The economic offensive is our last weapon. It can be deadly in our hands if we falter not. A catastrophic tourist season in Germany, a bankrupt steamship business, a ruined export trade will accomplish what no logic or appeal can hope to accomplish.

We are not fighting this battle alone. All the liberal forces of the world are with us. All men who see in ~~Germany~~ Nazis<sup>W</sup> the menace to the ~~world~~ sacred values of democratic civilization, to the rights of man and the peace of the world are joining us in this bloodless but withal relentless war, ~~uninterrupted~~.



The Jews are not the only ones who have lost their elementary rights in Germany. They have only been singled out for Hitler's special hate and easiest triumphs. There are no free men and women left in Germany today. All free thought has been stifled. All constitutional guarantees have been abolished. The press has been muzzled. All channels of communication have been monopolized by the Nazis; German liberalism has been driven into concentration camps. We are, therefore, not fighting alone against this menace of Hitlerism, nor are we fighting for ourselves alone. Destiny has singled us out to be the spear point in the attack upon a new barbarism which has raised its ugly head in the twentieth century. Behind us are the tens of millions of freedom-loving and peace-loving men and women all over the world, and our strength is their strength, the strength of humanity.





No loans to ~~Bolsheviks~~ <sup>Abbr. H.S.</sup> His bloody Regime! 14  
It is everywhere <sup>acknowledged</sup> that <sup>total</sup> collapse as a result  
of His vicious policies of terror & reaction which  
has alienated the entire civilized world. Millions  
hunger & thirst the world in despair & resentment  
of will surely not buy for <sup>unbearable</sup> ~~products~~ for  
exports have diminished. For gold reserves have  
vanished. For has created to every drive men  
to utter financial paralysis to subvert his  
exporters and to compel unwilling nations to  
accept his exports <sup>and to accept his exports</sup> ~~He has~~ unable to export  
as he has no credits <sup>with which to</sup> for imports <sup>his own war needs</sup> His industries  
are suffering from a <sup>lack of raw materials</sup> ~~lack of raw materials~~ <sup>due to war-time</sup> ~~shortage of raw materials~~  
<sup>exported</sup> ~~He has~~ "multilateral" but absolutely cannot be  
connected with the world <sup>Pol. the upturn of, war of industrial</sup> ~~if the~~ <sup>upon</sup>  
a <sup>national</sup> ~~national~~ <sup>problem</sup> ~~problem~~ <sup>where he has</sup> ~~where he has~~ <sup>hunger</sup> ~~hunger~~ <sup>has created</sup>  
for - he is doomed!

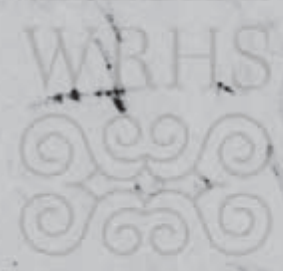
But now comes such as, y Am. Bankers  
who are ready to finance the Perfect raw  
machines. ~~toto~~ - It seems unbelievable -  
but <sup>in</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~fact~~. Finance nothing is impossible.  
Am. <sup>with our</sup> Bankers are the most full-blooded in the world,  
witness their experience with inter. loans in the last  
fifteen years in all parts of the world. The Europeans  
especially have a <sup>great</sup> aptness for unloading their financial burden  
upon <sup>our people</sup> ~~them~~ and let the ~~bombase~~ they were born ~~other~~



It has been  
shown

Its pictures ~~from here~~ Its story and battle cry  
~~no longer anything~~ but laughter and pity. Its <sup>red / as of</sup> ~~race~~  
raucous about race and blood have become a  
bore. Its fist-shaking and <sup>unpoised</sup> has frightened  
no one. 18 months, ~~it~~ has <sup>causality</sup> ~~depleted~~ and exposed  
the ~~world~~ <sup>world</sup> ~~to the~~ <sup>gavins</sup> ~~world~~ <sup>to the</sup> world. ~~World~~ <sup>World</sup> Caesar and his band of

His own people are no longer duped and judged  
by his nationalistic theatrical stage thunder.



Am. Jewish and Am. Jewish in Jewish American  
an American always left to hold the bag.



It is even rumored that Am. Jewish bankers have  
been approached to participate in such loans. That  
J. banker would <sup>enter</sup> for a moment entertain such  
thought is really unthinkable. They would. They  
can not. They dare not! Am. Jewry will destroy  
~~not~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~branch~~ the public usefulness of any  
J. banker who <sup>desires a workable</sup> ~~will dare~~ to aid the deadliest  
foes of Israel.... Those who sell their people for gold  
~~shall~~ <sup>will be judged</sup> ~~stand~~ <sup>before</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup> in judgment - and I tremble  
well that judgment is...

"The golden images, their gods shall go burn with  
fire. Then shalt not count the silver or the gold that is  
upon them... Then shalt not bring the abomination into  
thy household lest thou become accursed as it  
is... for it is an accursed thing..."

~~The advertisement~~  
~~In preparation~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~as~~ to publish public opinion for  
these proposed loans and as a rope to would Jewry  
the J. Propag. office thru the F. Z. Barbas suggesting  
the possibility of slight <sup>for</sup> ~~unitization~~, the key is seen ~~plotted~~  
of Jewry. The F. Z. calls upon the Nazi govt to loosen  
the restrictions on Jews in the economic field - to give  
the non-Aryans in the Reich a chance

revised







## JEWS OF GERMANY

By -  
Rabbi Rosenthal

The date of the first settlement in Germany is unknown. The first authentic document which relates to a large and well-organized Jewish community dates from 321 A.D. and refers to Cologne on the Rhine. Early communities were also found in Worms and Mayence. The legal status of the Jews was here the same as elsewhere in the Roman Empire. The Jews enjoyed full civic liberty. They engaged in agriculture, trade and industry.

These conditions continued in the subsequently established Germanic Kingdoms under the Burgundians, Franks and Merovingians. These rulers were devoid of fanaticism and gave scant support to ecclesiastical efforts to restrict the social and civic status of the Jews. They were encouraged to develop the commerce of the Germanic Kingdoms and paid into the royal treasuries special merchants' taxes.

The Crusades brought great hardship and persecution upon the Jews. Entire communities like those of Treves, Speyer, Worms, Mayence and Cologne were wiped out. It is estimated that 12,000 Jews died in the Rhenish cities alone between May and July, 1096. The charge of desecration of the host and the ritual of murder accusation make their first appearances in Germany at this time.

The Jews now became the property of the German Emperors who exercised great ingenuity in devising new forms of taxation. Frequently the emperors sold their taxation privileges to lesser sovereigns and cities and a mad race was under way to determine which prince could most successfully mulct the Jews. To economic and religious disabilities frequent expulsions and massacres were added to make the lot of the Jew even more miserable. Yet, despite these adverse conditions, the Jews were able to maintain their communities in a fairly flourishing condition.

These conditions obtained from the twelfth to the eighteenth centuries. During the eighteenth century, the period of intellectual enlightenment and religious tolerance in Europe, the Jews slowly received civic enfranchisement. By 1870, after



the establishment of the North-German Confederacy, all restrictions imposed upon the followers of different religions were abolished. Until the recent Hitler outrages, the Jews of Germany enjoyed all the rights of citizenship and contributed to the intellectual, economic and spiritual life of Germany.





## REQUESTS AMERICAN RABBIS NOT TO VISIT GERMANY

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Vice-President of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, has issued an appeal to the rabbis of the United States, both Reform and Conservative, not to visit Germany this summer. Last summer quite a number of rabbis went to Germany to inform themselves of conditions there. While they may not be traveling on German boats, rabbis who visit Germany nevertheless support German railroads and hotels and help furnish the much needed foreign exchange with which Germany hopes to balance its foreign accounts. One of the most important ways of prosecuting the boycott against Germany is by way of destroying its tourist trade and rabbis visiting Germany set a bad example for laymen.

It is common knowledge that the rigid censorship within Germany makes it impossible for any man however alert or inquisitive to learn much of anything about the true conditions in Germany during a short visit there.



# We Should Not Attempt to Remove Jews From Germany

An Analysis of a Crucial Problem by One of America's Most Brilliant Thinkers

By RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

The Jews of Germany will not leave Germany. Regardless of the number that will emigrate in the next five or ten years, the majority of the Jews now residing in Germany will continue to reside there. Any attempt on the part of Jews to liquidate that important Jewish community in the heart of Europe is impractical, short-sided and dangerous.

Certain leaders of Jewish life in this country and abroad, when first the German-Jewish tragedy broke upon the world, rushed to their favorite nostrum—charity. Jews are suffering; send them relief. That is their customary prescription for all Jewish afflictions. There must be no protests no demonstrations, no demand for political action from international agencies charged with such responsibility, as boycott—only the "Tsedakah Pushke . . ." Through lachrymous relief campaigns, and through gentle, tactful intercession with fifth assistant secretaries of state, the matter will be fully taken care of.

## Political Problem

We argued, three years ago, when High Commissioner McDonald was first appointed, that the solution of the Jewish problem in Germany was political in nature and not philanthropic. The High Commissioner himself has now confirmed this fact. But our Jewish leaders here and abroad—bankers, financiers, and their satellites—continue intransigent in their adherence to their discredited policy of attempting to solve the German-Jewish problem by means of a philanthropic procedure which has now become fraught with the most serious dangers to the position of the Jews throughout the world.

It is now proposed to assist a mass emigration of from one hundred to two hundred thousand Jews from Germany, who will presumably be permitted by the German government to export their capital, Reichs fluch steuer (emigration tax) deducted, by way of German goods, payment for part of which at least, will have to be made in foreign exchange.

The plan contemplates a Bank of Liquidation which will become, to all intents and purposes, an export agency for German manufactures to flood the markets of the world with German goods. The Jews of the world will be asked to relent in their anti-German boycott in order to make possible the sale

of these German goods in the name of Jewish charity and for the sake of saving Jewish capital. The plan will help to replenish the depleted gold reserves of the Nazi government with foreign currency which the Nazi regime can no longer obtain—a depletion which is undermining its economic position and threatening its very existence.

## "Would Betray Anti-Nazis"

This proposal is made by Jewish leaders at a time when the Jews of the world, united with other forces fighting against the bloody barbarism of Hitler, are engaged in a life and death struggle with the Nazi regime and are employing the boycott as the most effective weapon in their struggle. In the name of Jewish charity, these Jewish "pushke diplomats" would unwittingly betray these forces which are now fighting the grimdest battle of modern times for civilization and for the elementary rights and decencies of men.

What madness has swept over these men who have assumed the grave responsibility of Jewish leadership in these serious times? Are they not aware that they are playing into Hitler's hands? Are they not aware that they are signing the death warrant not alone of the Jewish community in Germany but of all other communities in Eastern Europe who are today in the anti-Semitic danger zone?

If the Nazis succeed in getting rid of the Jews of Germany through the ready and efficient co-operation of the Jews themselves, if they succeed in strengthening their own regime with money expropriated from their Jewish subjects and with foreign exchange brought into Germany via Jewish deportations, will not their admirers and would-be imitators in the neighboring countries—in Austria, Poland, Hungary, Rumania and elsewhere—be encouraged and inspired to do the same? It will pay those countries to drive out the Jews! It will be good business! And how easy! Jews themselves are at hand to offer their services to facilitate the work and to insure the success of the operation . . . How simple, how orderly, how legitimate and how profitable will Jewish expulsions become!

## Terms Plan a Surrender

The Hitler regime is three years old and already these leaders of the Jews have lost their faith, their courage and their morale. They have supinely accepted the Nazi thesis that there is no room for Jews in Germany and they are proceeding on that basis. What a staggering and frightening surrender! For, if there is no room for the Jews in Germany, there is no room for the Jews anywhere in Europe and, for that matter, anywhere in the diaspora. It is the point of view of Herr Georg Karseski, the super-imposed head of the Jewish Kulturbund of Germany, now friend and tool of the Gestapo, who recently gave his apostatic benediction to the Nuremberg laws which disfranchised and degraded his people in Germany.

Jews have lived under all sorts of oppressions and tyrannies in the

in all parts of the world

under persecutions and disabilities far worse than those now visited upon our people in Germany. They suffered, endured and waited for the dawn of a better day. Whenever they were able, particularly in the last few decades, they joined the forces of the opposition and became the most active leaders and adherents of revolutionary movements aimed against the tyrannical governments which oppressed them. They resisted! The thesis which holds that as soon as a hostile political party gets into power in any country and proclaims that it does not like the Jews and proceeds to put pressure on them, the Jews must forthwith emigrate, is a startlingly new, most dangerous and cowardly one which, strange to say, the very people who gloried in the diaspora to the extent of scoffing at and deriding the need of a Jewish homeland, are now most ardently advocating.

## Must They Leave?

Is the situation of the Jews in Germany quite as hopeless as these leaders seem to assume? What information have they that is not available to the rest of the world which has led them to the conclusion that the present regime will remain in power indefinitely? Have they, perhaps, accepted the Nazi wish-thought that their regime will last for at least a thousand years? . . . Is anyone justified in setting in motion the liquidation of one of the great Jewish communities in Europe, with all its terrifying international repercussions, because of his conviction based on the sole fact that the Nazi regime has succeeded through terror and brutal oppression, to maintain itself in power for three short years? Are these Jewish leaders really convinced that the majority of the German people approves of Hitler's mad anti-Semitism and that, under a new regime, a new readjustment and a normalizing of the Jewish status will be quite impossible? . . .

What else is behind this agitation besides charity and a desire to help conserve some of the wealth of some of the Jewish emigre? Are certain of the upper classes of German Jewry, bankers and industrialists, hoping perhaps that by the removal of a hundred or two hundred thousand Jews from Germany, the pressure upon themselves will be relieved? Has the Nazi government, perhaps, in the hope of breaking the world boycott, brought pressure to bear through the many channels available to it upon certain leaders of German Jewry to ask for such liquidation? General Goering's "Essener National Zeitung" declared a few days ago that mass emigration of German Jews will be considered by Germany only "if Jewish capitalists abroad exercise their influence to see that the Jewish boycott measures against Germany are completely stopped throughout the world." Does this tell the story? . . .

## "Solution Is Overthrowing Nazis"

The German Jewish community will not liquidate. Whatever financial relief is extended to it will prove of small significance in the ultimate solution of its problem. The ultimate solution lies in the overthrow of the Nazi regime. The greatest service which can be rendered to the Jewish community in Germany and to Jewry throughout the world is to concentrate every ounce of our energy upon the successful prosecution of our war against Hitlerism, upon the outcome of which the political, economic and social security of fifteen million Jews in the diaspora depends. The Jews of Germany are in the front line trenches, it is true. They are today bearing the major brunt of the attack. Their plight is serious. That is tragic but unavoidable. There have been other communities in the past who found themselves in such desperate situations. The Jewish people cannot capitulate to Hitlerism and to the Nazi International, and lay down its weapons, just because one section of the front is under deadly bombardment.

The Jews of Germany should be helped to maintain their institutions and their communal organizations within Germany. Every assistance should be rendered to enable them to maintain their morale and to ease their suffering during the period of their great tribulation until the day of their redemption—which may not be far off—will have come. Those Jews who must leave Germany should be helped through existing agencies to re-establish themselves in other parts of the world and to find opportunities for work and a livelihood. Generous financial assistance should be given to them in their new homes. No effort, however, should be made and no institution should be established to facilitate and to speed up Jewish emigration from Germany, and no ransom should be paid to their tormentors. The Jewish people should not be maneuvered by Hitler into becoming his sales-agents and bankers to recoup the squandered fortunes of Germany and to rehabilitate its broken-down domestic economy. This is statesmanship. All else is piddling, penny-wise-pound-foolish trafficking with the enemy—dangerous as well as disgraceful.

## "Reweigh Palestine Transfer"

The Palestine Transfer Agreement was bad enough. We yielded to it only on the plea that it was of no aid to the Hitler government in as much as it did not bring any foreign currency into Germany. The transfer arrangement was strictly limited to the one country—Palestine—whose economic ab-

sorptive capacity, it was argued, would be materially increased as a result of the Agreement, making it possible for many more thousands of German Jews to settle there. It was definitely understood that the German exports marketed by the Haavarah would be strictly limited to the confines of Palestine. There was also the persuasive argument that a great historic national purpose, namely the upbuilding of a Jewish homeland, and not merely the interests of the individual emigre, would be advanced by this Transfer, without in any way strengthening the Hitler regime.

No one assumed or suspected that attempts would be made to universalize this practice and convert what was clearly to be an exception into a rule. In the light of the new proposals which are now being made, which, if carried into effect, will spell the end of our concerted economic