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Old World Brews,
115 Broad St., NYC.

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Because of your business and experience, you are in a position to give us extensive and valuable information. I am fully informed thru the Journal of Commerce, however quantities are being brought in on Order and that is where you can help, -- also the restaurants and hotels. Anything you send me is in strictest confidence.

Hoping to hear from you further

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Mrs. Bertha V. Corets, Secretary
West Bronx Division
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Corets:

The question of publicity to which you refer in your letter of June 15th was submitted by me to the Executive Committee.

It was the very emphatic ruling of our President that there is no reason in the world why your group or for that matter any other group affiliated with our organization, could not carry through your activities as you see fit, using as much publicity as they possibly can get for the purpose of furthering the boycott movement.

Our organization has gone on record many a time to the effect that we do not believe in a silent boycott.

We feel that it is of utmost importance to keep our activities before the public eye.

Very sincerely yours,

Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Ezekiel Rabinowitz
Secretary

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COPY

Sept. 25, 1934.

Mrs. Mark Harris, Chairman
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League
270 West End Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Harris:

On August 25th, I wrote the enclosed letter to the firms mentioned below:

Vital Food products Co. 247 Amsterdam Ave. N.Y.C.
Health Food Distributors, 123 E. 34th St. N.Y.C.
Foltis-Fischer Corp. 530 - W. 27th St. N.Y.C.
Judd's Health Food Store, 1133 Brighton Beach Ave. B'lyn, N.Y.
Health Foods Distributors, 129 E. 34th St. N.Y.C.
Abraham Masane, 645 E. 135 St. N.Y.C.
Bloomingdale's Lexington Ave. & 59th St. N.Y.C.
Baumberg's Department Store, Newark, N.J.
Gristede Bros. Inc.
1825 Park Ave. N.Y.C.
Royal Scarlet Stores
265 Tenth Ave. N.Y.C.
Cohen & Sprauz, Inc. 420 Fulton St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

It may be advisable to have the members of the Women's Division check up personally on the above mentioned stores as to whether they have discontinued carrying Savits and Savita products.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

E. Keller
Research Dept.

Mr. Madison

70 - High Street

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Refer to Research Dept.

December 29, 1934.

Mrs. Louis Myers
1605 Walton Ave.,
Bronx NY

Dear Mrs. Myers:

You may be interested in knowing that the ~~Compressed~~
~~Yeast Corp. of America~~, 363 Greenwich St., New York
City, is importing large quantities of yeast from
Germany.

This firm then cuts the yeast into small packages and
distributes it throughout the U.S. in wrappers labeled
"Blue Ribbon Yeast".

We have also been informed that the same yeast is some-
times labeled "Quality Yeast".

In addition to handling German yeast, the owners of
the Compressed Yeast Corp. contribute large sums to
the Nazi cause and otherwise give active support to
the Nazi movement in this country.

Very truly yours,

G. E. Harriman
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Executive Secretary.

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In replying refer to
Research Department.

March 26, 1935

Dear Madam:

PEBECO TOOTH PASTE

Our investigation has shown that ~~the~~ pebeco tooth paste is manufactured in the United States entirely out of non-German ingredients.

COAL:

The following is a list of dealers who are handling German coal:

Banner Coal Co., 208 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY
Famous Red Ash Coal Co., 1876 - 50th St., Brooklyn, NY
Ben Raffé & Sons, 955 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY
Fleer & Fleer, Inc., Bond & First St., Brooklyn, NY
Nelson Bros. Coal Co., 398 Hamilton Ave., Brooklyn, NY
Mountain Valley Fuel Co., 29 Broadway, New York, NY
Kokancoal Co., Inc., 21 West Street, New York, NY

Very truly yours,

S. Feller

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Research Department.

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April 5, 1935

In replying refer to
Research Department.

Dear Madam:

We refer to the March issue of our "Economic Bulletin",
in which it is stated that the

FAMOUS RED ASH COAL COMPANY, INC.
1876 - 50th St., Brooklyn, NY,

is one of the firms handling German coke.

We find that the above information is not correct as
far as this firm is concerned, and therefore request
you to inform all of your members accordingly.

Very truly yours,

S. Feller
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Research Dept.

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In replying refer to
Research Department.

April 12, 1935

Dear Madam:

The Stinnes people, well-known German coal barons, who are the most ardent supporters of Hitler, are responsible for the importation of German coke to this country.

They have done their utmost during the past few months to sell their coke to New York and Brooklyn dealers. However, the intervention of our League was so successful that they were not able to do any sizeable business with these dealers. In order to beat the situation they decided to open a direct sales campaign with the customers of the dealers, i.e. the retailers, under the firm of

COLONIAL FUEL CORP.
37 Commercial Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.,

to whom they offer their coal at dumping prices.

Do your utmost to spread this news to as many consumers as possible, so that they can be on the watch and refuse to buy German coke from this company.

Very truly yours,

S. Feller
S. Feller.

R.M. Haan, Candy Co.

This concern formally obtained some of their candies and wrappers from Germany. However, they are now completely cooperating with us in the boycott and are obtaining all of their goods in this country. Although some of their wrappers are still marked "Made in Germany", this is so only because they were imported several years ago.

Russian Mineral Oil

Formally all Russian mineral oil was refined in Germany. However, on account of the boycott, some new refineries were put up in Belgium and France. Anybody asking for Russian mineral oil should make certain that his supplier obtains it from a firm that imports this oil from Belgium or France.

"Mars" Pencils

Our attention was recently called to the fact that the pencils used by the Los Angeles Telephone Co. are labeled, "Mars", imported from Germany. We find that the importer of these pencils is J.S. Staedtler, Inc. 55 Worth Street, N.Y. We have done our utmost to secure the cooperation of the Los Angeles Telephone Company to discontinue its use of these pencils, but our efforts have gone for naught. There is a possibility that other telephone companies which are affiliated with the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. use the identical brand of pencils. It would be advisable to have people go to the various local offices of these companies to see what brand of pencils they use. When we recently informed Staedtler that we intended to put their name in our "Economic Bulletin" they immediately replied they were ~~not~~ interested in securing two copies of this publication, so that they could retain one and send the other to their German factory. It might be mentioned that it will be impossible for them to do this, since Goebbels ~~has~~ long ago placed an official governmental ban upon the entry of our Bulletin into Germany; our Boycott paper is refused entry on the ground of its being contraband literature.

Pfaltz & Bauer

This firm, which is listed in the Bulletin as carrying German goods, is the American representative of the German firm of Riedel-de Haen. As an example of the methods used by ~~this company~~ ^{German} to create the impression that certain German articles are irreplaceable, it might be mentioned that Pfaltz & Bauer import certain chemicals and preparations called "Fixanal" which they attempt to distribute among various sugar refineries and oil refineries. In their catalogue they give some elaborate illustrations of the method used in manipulating this product, and also a list of companies who are purported to be their customers. Upon checking up on the correctness of the information, we found that most of the companies mentioned in their catalogue are not using these products and that ~~they are~~ these products are very easily replaceable with American chemicals.

Handwritten notes:
R.M. Haan
Staedtler
Pfaltz & Bauer

Peat Moss

Peat Moss is widely used for the improvement of the soil, of gardens and of potted plants.

Two firms, Atkins & Durbrow of 165 John Street, New York, N.Y., and the American Peat Moss Corporation of the same address, distributors of Peat Moss, are really the same firm. They are in control of the German and Dutch Peat Bogs from which peat moss is extracted, and then exported. These two outfits are ~~controlled~~ by a German company. It is therefore necessary to be careful about using peat moss marked, "Made in Holland" and well as the mark "Made in Germany".

One of the largest American users of Atkins & Durbrow peat moss, is Walker Gordon Farms, Johnstown, New York, who are also known for their milk products, distribute a peat moss product called "Dricomure" ~~which is distributed~~ throughout 5 & 10¢ stores, etc.

Kayser Gloves

In response to numerous inquiries concerning Kayser products, it might be pointed out that not all of their gloves, hosiery and underwear are of German origin, but a very large part of it is, and is marked "Made in Germany". Many people, in order to exert strong pressure on Kayser, refuse to purchase any goods from them even if it is non-German, until they will stop handling German goods entirely.

Max Mayer

Another firm that is listed in our "Bulletin" as breaking the boycott is the firm of Max Mayer, Glove Importers. They also asked us for a copy of the Bulletin, presumably for the purpose of sending it to Germany and showing what good work they are doing in this country for the Nazi cause.

Coca-Cola

Some people have inquired whether Coca-Cola is manufactured by a firm which is supporting the Nazi movement. We do not know the origin of the rumor against the company, but we do know that they advertised at least once in the "Stuermer" in Germany, which is probably the most rabidly anti-Semitic publication in Germany. We asked the company about the correctness of this rumor, and their reply was that it is false, and that they are interested in learning of its origin. We therefore mentioned the advertisement referred to above and asked for an explanation in full. As yet we have not heard from them in response to this last query.

Cushman's Sons Inc.

The New York Post reported recently that the Bakers Union charged this company with being pro-Nazi and with hiring Nazi gangsters to break up their strike. We immediately attempted to contact the president of the Cushman firm by telephone, in order to secure an interview. We called three times but were unsuccessful in reaching the party. We also wrote a letter asking for a

write for copy of this company

Answer

GERMAN TOYS

The German press recently published widely a report that German exportations of toys to the United States during the first ten months of 1935 were ten times as large as those of the same period of 1934. Our own check-up on the trade figures of the United States Department of Commerce, shows that the actual increase in the quantities of German toys since last year was 40%. It must be borne in mind, however, that in 1933 the quantity exported to this country was about half of that of 1932 (the last pre-Hitler year) and that in 1934 the figure was half of that of 1933. Since 1934 was an extreme low, the slightest manipulation of the German government by export subsidies could easily have raised the quantity for 1935. The German statement is obviously a deliberate falsehood, designed to mislead the German public outside of the toy centers into believing that German toys have a ready market here. Our friends will be interested to learn that a large portion of the toys which came from Germany have "stuck" on the importers shelves, since most jobbers refuse to carry German goods and have replaced them with American and Japanese products. In the meantime American production and exports of toys have been rapidly increasing so that we have captured foreign as well as domestic markets which formerly were considered German monopolies.

EMBROIDERY MACHINERY

Most of the embroidery machinery used in the U.S. and elsewhere have been imported from Germany. It is only on account of the boycott that a Swiss concern is beginning to attract the attention of embroidery houses. Recently a firm in Mexico, which was seeking several new German embroidery machines, valued at \$7,000. apiece, was contacted by the Swiss representatives, and it immediately decided in favor of Swiss machinery, in spite of the fact that the latter is more expensive. The firm of Culver Embroidery Works in Union City, New Jersey, was also on the point of purchasing some German machines. When the League sent them a telegram they immediately began to look for machinery which would not bring any profits into Germany. The League has just located for them some machines in Austria, which they may be able to use.

A. H. KARSTEN, 2338 Hermany Avenue, Bronx.

This is a Nazi concern which is trying to seek new customers all over the Bronx, including people who are very strongly anti-Nazi minded. If you know of any people who are buying their milk products from this firm, please pass on the information to them.

GERMAN GLOVES ON THE STREET

German gloves are offered by certain street salesmen to passers-by, who are in a hurry and may not be thinking of looking for the origin of the goods. One case we know of is that of a man selling such gloves at Broadway between 91st and 92nd Street, New York City. Please keep a careful watch for such peddlers and report to the League any instances you may come across.

ONYX, CAMEOS & SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES

If you intend to present one of your friends with a ring, you will be interested in the following information:

Onyx cameos are probably all imported from Germany. The same is true of black onyx and colored onyx which are often used for initial rings. Because of the impossibility of denoting the country of origin on such items, they are often sold disguised as

French or Czechoslovakian. As far as other semi-precious stones are concerned, they are either German, French, Czechoslovakia or Swiss products. These include amethyst, topaz, turquoise, garnet, colored stones in general and synthetic stones. In purchasing a stone or a ring, remember to demand a purely non-German product.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN ITALY

On account of economic difficulties in Italy, the Italian government has barred the importation of such unnecessary foreign goods as Christmas trees. Germany is the chief loser thereby, as Italy is one of her most important markets for this item.

BRIDGE MATCH at ESSEX HOUSE

This week there is a Bridge Tournament at the Essex House, 160 Central Park South, between the champions of America (all of whose members happen to be Jewish) and the French champions. This hotel had been found to be using German dishes and have made no attempts to replace them. It is also rumored that the management is Nazi inclined. Of course, attending the tournament would be a way of giving financial aid to the house.

WATCH OUT FOR GERMAN CANARIES

Although the United States is an important source of canaries, some importers have tried to create the impression that it is necessary to obtain them from Germany. In this part of the country importers are bringing in many birds through Holland and other countries where they can label them as non-German products. Sometimes a cage with an English label leads purchasers to the impression that the canaries themselves are non-German. In addition, to being careful about canaries, it is also important to see that the canary food is of non-German origin.

GERMAN COKE

The Stines people in Germany, who are steel magnets and among the strongest supporters of the Hitler regime government, are still doing their best to sell their coke in the U. S. Among the largest local dealers in German coke are:
The Kokancoal Company, Inc. of 21 West Street, New York City

The Colonial Fuel Corp. of 37 Commercial Street, Brooklyn, New York

Newtown Creek Coal & Coke Co. Inc. of Freeman and West Streets, Brooklyn, New York

Mountain Valley Fuel Corp. of 29 Broadway, New York City

Among the smaller dealers in German coke are:

Bakers Fuel Service, 65-15 Fresh Pond Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Knickerbocker Coal Co. 86-78 109 Street, Richmond Hill, Long Island

Freese Fuel Co., Inc. of 129 Varick Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
and a firm running under three names

Montgomery Coal & Coke Company
Blue Flame Coal Company
Bohack Coal Company

all of 13 Varick Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
owned by a Jew named Faber

DEC. 20, 1935

Some of the above firms deny that they are using carbon copy. Among them is the Knickerbocker Coal Company of 26255 Richmond Hill. This firm is owned by Ruffin and should not be confused with the Knickerbocker Ice Company of 42 East 42nd St., New York City, which handles domestic coal. The ~~KOKANCOAL~~ company which was mentioned above, has been offering its coal to a large number of iron foundries as a British product. However, as soon as they found out that the coal was German they refused to deal with the company.

WOMEN'S DIVISION REQUEST

We would like to receive reports regularly from each of the women's groups regarding the firms which their members have investigated, and the facts and questions that come up. Please pay particular attention to the various chain stores. It is imperative that the different groups of the women's division immediately make a thorough investigation of all the chain stores, such as Spelworth, Kroger, S.S. Kresch, S. & W. Grand, and S.S. Grant stores to ascertain which of them are the biggest violators of the boycott. Please report your findings at once, as we are preparing a special leaflet to be distributed in front of such stores.

NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE
To Champion Human Rights
REPORT OF MEETING Held at

HOTEL COMMODORE, FEB. 4/36

Mrs. Mark Harris, Chairman of the Women's Division opened the meeting at 2:25 o'clock extending greetings and welcome to the women present, and expressed her gratitude for their coming out in the bad weather, which was evidence of their interest in the work.

She said the purpose of the Conference was

- 1st. To report on work of the organization.
- 2nd. To Formulate plans for further activities.
- 3rd. Discussion on the Boycott which is to be prosecuted with greater vigor than ever.

A brief résumé was given of the German activities against the Jews, - the systematic campaign of starving, extended from the small towns to the cities despite official statements that Boycott against Jewish firms suspended. The Kurensberg Conference - disfranchising all Jews in Germany, even the living there 1000 years.

As to Hitler's statement that the "Boycott is a Jewish Boycott", the answer has been the uprising of civilization against this Nation reverting to the practices of the middle ages. It is Humanity's answer to Hitler, from people of the world regardless of race.

Mrs. Harris reported to the conference her visit of Washington, D.C. Feb. 2 which was called to hear the three prominent Jews from London discuss ways and means to transport Jews from Germany to other countries. She read a very interesting editorial from a Washington Newspaper, entitled - "Behind the 3 wastrels" Among other things it reported increasing unemployment, there being 523,000 more unemployed than the end of the preceding month, - a shortage of raw materials, - that part-time employment is the rule and deprivations a matter of course. Unemployment in the armament factories will not satisfy a shortage of food. The seriousness of the German economic situation is shown by the need of force to make farmers deliver their products to the cities. Herr Schacht statement is important that the false stimulus given by the manufacturing ambitions cannot contend forever.

Mrs. Harris read from a report giving the German Government's figures showing that the exports from Germany for 1935 were approximately 1,500,000,000 reichsmarks less than in 1933, and the imports 500,000,000 reichsmarks less for the same period.

The American public has been made more aware to watch for the "Made in Germany" marks, and for evidences of obliteration. As a result American industries and employment are reaping the benefits where Germany loses. Her exports of machinery and parts which always lead her other exports is now 50% less. The losses in other industries range from 15% to 40%. American as a result has been able to give her competition in every market of the world. It is significant of the efficiency of the boycott that the importation of German gloves has dropped to almost nothing, to the United States.

At this time, SPH Mrs. Harris introduced the guest speaker of the afternoon Dr. Bonn, an eyewitness of the happenings in Germany, a former Journalist and Interpreter of National and International Events. His speech was broadcast thru the courtesy of SPH and it was very interesting for the women to witness the preparations and equipment used for the broadcast.

Dr. Bonn made a dramatic statement in reference to Hitler, he called upon all anti-Nazi workers to "attack the monster where he feels it most - in the pocketbook". "Fight until he feels the earth fall under his feet - thru foreign trade." "The whole world is witness of the battle. In Germany women are told how many children to bear - youth is terrorized - it is a world of terror, tyranny and hate. Contrast it to our country of liberty and democracy. The crisis will continue until one or the other goes down. In stirring tones he called out to the women "I beseech you, let us be united, it is not to battle for the Jew alone, they are only those at present most hated. It is a battle for the world. It is a battle against tyranny and hate, all of us must fight the monster." Dr. Bonn made the statement that at the meeting where he has addressed German speaking people, 75% of them are against Germany. Again he insisted we must never compromise whether it takes a year or if our children have to continue. The English speaking world can crush the monster if united.

Dr. Bonn stated he travelled thru Germany this summer. He says it is a beautiful country, and the Germans are fine people, but they are so stricken and hopeless with despair. Where there is starvation, there can be no liberty. The trouble is there are too many people on too few acres.

Dr. Bonn brought up Bismarck and said that it was he who developed National Socialism before Hitler was born. Bismarck gave old age pensions, university insurance housing system for the poor. This system was built up for half a century but as far as the people were concerned they were ordered as slaves and disciplined as soldiers. Then came the war and a transition, the people were told the industries were to be more for the people. He called the affairs of Germany ~~in~~ ^{3 acts}

1st act Bismarck built up a military nation of 66,000,000 people with the idea to let take from others to fill their mouths

2nd Act Germany defeated in the field + 1919 Revolution, people wanting liberty and peace. Germany needing more than anything else a friend beyond her borders. But Clemenceau has his way, Germany out in two parts and a Polish corridor made. Peace with reparations, as long as she could pay. With goods as long as she had goods and gold until there was no gold.

3rd Act Bismarck }
Clemenceau } Colloquy
Hitler }

Dr. Bonn continued that it was Clemenceau that thru the masses of German people into misery. That it was the millions of starving boys he made that became the soldiers of Hitler. That the conditions in Germany were such that ANYBODY who in 1933 are arisen who would say "I will pay no more reparations" Germany would have made him King. Hitler wanted to unite the people behind him and his method was HATE. In Germany 1/3 are Protestant 1/3 Catholic 1/3 profess to no church. The Jews are about 1% of the population and he used this 1% as the victims of hate to unite the other 99% for political purposes.

Dr. Bonn said that on his visit to Germany he visited 19 cities, he met people of all distinctions, clergymen and Julius Streicher.

He related an incident that took place at Darmstadt. A group of about 12 men were standing in front of a Jewish store. They were taking pictures of all who entered and left the store. It is known and understood that anyone buying from a Jew places himself and his family in jeopardy. A mob of several hundred were watching on the other side. An old man spoke up, he could stand the outrage no longer and a Nazi came after him and called him traitor. He pointed to a big sign "Who buys in Jewish stores should drown in Jewish blood". The old man yelled he had to tell the truth, the he now knew what to expect. There is no doubt Dr. Bonn said that 6 hours later he was dragged to a concentration camp. Dr. Bonn told of a sick man he knew who swears "I shall never surrender to Hitler", and his wife who steals out a night, an act forbidden, to get laundry work in order to support them, she too swears she will never surrender.

In a final statement Dr. Bonn repeated this is a "WAR of Civilizations against hatred" -- "Those who love one another and love liberty, United in this fight --- humanity shall be free."

Dr. Bonn is head of the Emergency Relief Commission for Refugees. They help political refugees of all parties against Hitler. Their address is 20 Vesey St and they invite our help.

Mrs. Harris then continued with her report, of which the following are the outstanding accounts. Germany chemical exports, one of leading industries suffered a loss of 5,000,000 reichsmarks in 1933 compared to 1932. United States exports in this line are constantly improving and reached a new high for 1935. Germany threatened that if boycotted our cotton, fruit and petroleum industries would suffer, but notwithstanding her threats, she is compelled to import them. The general unsoundness of your program is shown by rising unemployment. The refusal of American Bankers to grant new credits is indicative of her lack of a sound financial program, and the subsidizing of exports at the expense of foreign creditors. Mrs. Harris closed her report with the encouraging statement of proof, THE BOYCOTT IS VERY POWERFUL.

Mr. Grigot

Time 8:35

At this time Mrs. Harris introduced our next speaker Mr. Eugene Grigot and he continued the introduction by telling the ladies "I am a German by birth, and an American citizen. I am Executive secretary of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY which has a membership of 90,000 to 100,000 German anti-nazis. Also Vice President of the German-American League for culture. In explaining these connections and as a speaker on our platform it shows that the boycott is no Jewish.

Mr. Grigot stressed the danger of the transplanting of Hitler methods to our shores. He said that on the anniversary of Hitler's rise to power, speeches were ordered all over the world in celebration and praise. Here in New York the German Consul General compared Hitler's rise to power as the 4th of July for Germany. That a travesty on liberty.

Mr. Grigot called him the Hero of the 20th century and proceeded to give the bloody statistics from his first days:-

Murdered	4,870
Held for court trials	5,425
Sentenced	20,083
Total jail sentences	90,798 years
Concentration camps	100,000 "
Sentenced to death	110
Awaiting execution	17

This bloody record because these unfortunate did not agree with his kind of freedom.

Mr. Grigot told of thousands of Nazi newspapers being distributed by uniformed storm troopers, attacking American citizens, and showed photostatic copies. These Nazis are now going into politics with the swastika as their party emblem. They call themselves the American National Labor Party. Mr. Grigot sent copies of their first printed political appeal to every man in politics in the Democratic and Republican Parties from district leaders to Congressmen. He also sent them to the newspapers who did not publish anything at all about it. Mr. Grigot said as an aside, "maybe it was better not to". But the day, the Jewish Newspaper gave it the front page.

For the first time in American political candidates for this party will be pledged to a racial policy. They have no idea of combatting communism he says, but are ~~EMPHASIZING~~ ON AN AMERICAN CLONK IN ORDER TO UNDERMINE AMERICANISM. Other issues are to be the sales tax, which they contend is Jewish origin. City College which they contend is 99% Jewish to be closed and the funds appropriated for its use to be used for those in need. He says the success of one candidate to them will determine the advisability of supporting a Mayor to oppose the JEW-IA GUARDIA.

One district leader has answered as being heartily in accord, his name is Harold Foretensor, 362 E. 171 St, also Dan E. Fitzpatrick, member of Assembly James L. Dickson, Joe. Bopercoll

NOTE: (This part of his speech is ambiguous to me. He says)

Mr. Grigot reminded that in 1934 Gov. Langdon of Kansas ricked his political future by supporting Mr. Allen White who fought intolerance and the KKK in Kansas.

Mr. Grigot said it has come to the point in New York City where twenty uniformed Nazis attacked both men and women on an occasion at 3rd Ave between 84th and 85th streets.

Mr. Grigot very pointedly remarked about some Jews who say the Nazi don't bother me, we have a Constitution and the Supreme Court. GERMANY HAD THE SAME THING he reminded, AND HERE IS IT.

Then he told us of courageous State Senator Jacob Schwartzwald who has introduced in the Senate under date of Jan 9th An Act - To amend the penal law, in relation to hostility against people by reason of race, color, or religion. Some think the higher courts may find it unconstitutional as an infringement against freedom of speech and press, but we can wait until that time. New Jersey, Penn. and Massachusetts have these bills.

Mr. Grigot says that if the Schwartzwald bill passes thru undefeated the Nazi movement in this state is defeated.

Mr. Grigat said he is going to Albany when the bill comes up for hearing with a larger delegation than the Nazi will get together.

He also said he is a strict believer in lawful methods, but if the time and occasion requires force, then they are ready to keep Valentine busy.

He also mentioned the Austin bill which is to forbid any part of the swastika.

He also mentioned that when the Nazi attend meetings, they do not depend on their memory to retain things, but have pad and pencil and mark down everything.

He suggested that everybody write a card to their Assemblyman or District leader as follows:

IT IS BY ME AS A CONSTITUENT IN YOUR DISTRICT TO ASSIST IN PUTTING
OVER THE CUMMINGS AND AUSTIN BILL.

Address to 308 Washington St.

At this time Mrs. Morris introduced Mrs. Hason who read several resolutions, following were adopted.

RESOLVED That the continued use of the Boycott as most effective weapon to defeat brutal policies of German Government and bring force of public opinion to bear on those who do not support it.

RESOLVED To congratulate James G. McDonald for his report and recommendation in his recent letter of resignation.

RESOLVED, To favor plan for Jewish emigration provided plan will not increase trade with Germany.

RESOLVED To oppose sending Olympic team to Germany as violating, contradiction to principle of liberty and humanitarianism which we all cherish, that we pledge our best effort to consummate non-participation of American Athletes.

Mrs. Harris mentioned plans to further Boycott.

Prog. of Organization to devote 10 minutes talk hours on Boycott
to appoint one member to meet with us once a month to
plan further activities and to act as contact between our organization and theirs.

Finance -- Since our financing is practically voluntary we urgently ask that your members enroll in our organization. In return we will send a copy of our Economic Bulletin which contains the latest news all over the world, also includes names of Boycott violators.

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February 7, 1936.

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

Thank you so much for the report of our Conference, received today. You really did do a splendid piece of work, and I can only say "Thank You" once again for all the interest and splendid co-operation you have given whenever called upon.

I will have Miss Smith make a few revisions and corrections, but they are relatively small as compared with the report as a whole.

Assuring you of my appreciation for the work you are doing in helping us carry on, I am with kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mark Harris

Mrs. Mark Harris
Chairman Women's Division

MH:BLS

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1956 Edison Ave.,
Bx Ny March 11, 1936.

Box Square Laundry,
1471 Edgewater Rd.
Bx, NYC

Dear Sirs,

Several weeks ago I returned you your check for \$1.50 which had been returned by the bank on account of date and requested you to send another check replacing it.

It is the third meeting now that I have been requested by our Chairman if I have attended to this matter.

Will you therefore be so kind as to send the check direct to our Bronx Chairman, as follows,

Mrs. Louis Myers, Gen'l Bx Chairman,
Non Sectarian Anti Nazi League,
1605 Walton Ave.,
Bx NYC.

You will greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

B. V. Corsets,
Bronx Sec'y.

March 28, 1936

Research Dept. Report to Women's Division

Pitch-Pipes. In spite of the fact that good non-German pitch-pipes are available, a N.Y. City school recently supplied its students with German pitch-pipes. Upon taking the matter up with the proper authorities we learned that according to their knowledge they were compelled to furnish German pitch-pipes because the non-German item was of a poor quality. This is not so, the German pitch-pipes were purchased most likely because of price. The League is doing everything possible to rectify the matter.

Semi-precious Stones When purchasing semi-precious stones, please be careful as to what country the stones come from. At the present time Germany is flooding this country with her onyx, agate, amethyst, colored stones and Jewish importers are helping Germany dispose of them.

Blue Ribbon Yeast. Blue Ribbon Yeast is a German yeast, brought over in bulk by the Compressed Yeast Corp. Greenwich St. N.Y.C. This yeast is packed in small boxes and carries the label Blue Ribbon.

Agfa-Ansco. Recently the Executives of the Agfa-Ansco Corp. have made numerous advances to us in order that we ~~remove~~ give them a "clean bill of health". This is an American firm producing photo-graphic equipment, but it so happens that we have information to the effect that this firm ~~is~~ has some German connections. If Agfa-Ansco Corp. can disprove this, then we will be glad to give them a "clean bill of health".

We would like to have the following stores investigated. They have been reported as carrying German merchandise: Please report findings to Research Dept. The list is as follows:

Albrecht's - Cor. 170th St. and Walton Ave. Bronx, N.Y. ---gloves.
Fisher-Beers Co., - Tremont and Webster Ave. Christmas novelties etc.
Grant's Store - Fordham Road, Bronx, N.Y. --Gloves.
Madam Francis - Burnside Ave. (Bet. Walton and Morris)- Gloves.
John Maris Co. - 55 Walker St. N.Y.C.- Drug sundries.
The Bucilla Co.- Green St. N.Y.C. German knitting needles.

Fancy metal Foil. Various leading American manufacturing concerns of metal and fancy foil recently lodged a sharp protest with the U.S. Treasury Dept. over alleged German dumping. The Germans are selling their products here, for less than what it costs to manufacture same in Germany.

Beauty Supplies. It has been reported that a great many Beauty Shops and ~~Shops~~ Schools are using German combs, marcel-irons, nippers, scissors and cuticle instruments. Will the women please check up, and let us know of their findings.

Scherks Mystikam Perfume. It was recently reported that Scherks Products are German. Will the women please not spread this report; we are investigating Scherks and it is likely that the product is now American-made. A latter dispatch on Scherks will settle the matter.

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Dear Friend:

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 29, 1936 at 1.30 P.M.
55 West Burnside Ave. Bronx, N.Y.

Please come.

We will vote for a representative, or perhaps two, to send to the Samuel Untermyer Dinner at the Commodore Hotel, May 12th, 1936, to bring back reports of extreme interest to our workers.

Second, and important, is our new undertaking. Because of the continued outrages by the Nazis, there are a large number of German-born Christians, who, though they still love the Germany of the past, are heartily ashamed of the present Hitler regime.

This group, known as The Friends of Democracy, - the German Christian Anti-Nazi movement of America - consists of very fine men and women, who want to acquaint the whole world with the fact that all Germans are not Nazis. They are trying to help us, and we must show them our sincere appreciation. They need funds to strengthen their numbers, and strike at Naziism in America; just as we need money with which to carry on the Boycott.

As a result, we are urging you to please accept the enclosed four (4) tickets which will explain our joint undertaking. The Friends of Democracy are doing their bit to make this affair a success, and it is our duty to do all in our power that we may be equally well represented.

More tickets can be secured upon request from the League. Again we urge you to come to this meeting, and assist us in carrying out our plans successfully.

Thanking you for your co-operation in the past, and counting on your continued assistance, I am

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Louis Myers
Chairman West Bronx
Women's Division

YM:S
Enc.

NAZI GERMANY IS THE ENEMY OF CIVILIZATION

REFUSE TO TRADE WITH THE ENEMY

a Special meeting of the W. B. D. of the N. S. A. N.
League - April 29th - Mrs. Meyers, presiding -

Mrs. M. asked women to take more tickets
(bridge)

Mrs. Rosenblatt suggested a rally before bridge
notice of rally to be put in *Stadtszeitung* and *Volkszeitung*
by F. of D. - we to attend to Post and Bring Home news
Promise of Prince Lorenstein as speaker.

Mrs. Meyers to broadcast - also announcement
of rally at various stations -

Mrs. Tyler to represent group at Lutenmeyer
dinner - Mrs. Meyers donated raffle - same to
be held at another meeting - and blame to be taken
from Treasury -

Mrs. Meyers reported - meeting at League,
discussion in re picketing - Mrs. Harris was
asked to take it up at next meeting

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Account of Card Party May 21, 1936

Cash Collected at door	\$ 74.00
" " at meetings	45.00
Raffle for dishes	20.20
2 Packs Playing Cards sold	.50
1 Additional ticket collected	.50
	<u>\$ 140.20</u>
Cash from Friends of Democracy	76.
	<u>\$ 216.20</u>

Expenses

* Playing Cards	3.00
Postal Cards - Spec Meeting	3.00
Stamps (sending tickets)	2.40
(charging 1/2 of meeting postage)	2.00
Raffle books	.25
Signs	1.00
Bridge tables	3.60
Coffee & Coke	55.
Tablecloths	1.00
Flowers 3 ladies	4.50
Porter \$1. - Waiters \$2.	3.
Exp. for Fr. O.D	4.00
Light -	<u>82.75</u>

82.75
\$ 133.45

Received Credits

Dinner set. Complete service for 8 - Raffle
 Sherbet set & Tray - door prize
 Printing - all tickets &
 showy circulars

check to Friends of Democracy 1/2 - \$ 66.73

* Please note that while \$3 was spent for playing cards, 50¢ was collected for 2 packs sold. (Cards cost 12 1/2¢ pack) Remaining unsold decks divided between both organizations and stand as an investment for future card parties. You have received 2 dozen as requested by Mrs. Rowlett.

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750

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August 27, 1936.

Max Mayer & Co., Inc.,
#2 Park Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter dated August 3rd, in which you claim that "it is unfair and an injustice" is done you in the listing of the name of your Concern among others who still carry German merchandise in the "Economic Bulletin", I have taken the matter up with the League who inform me that it is not to their knowledge that your Company has discontinued the practice of purchasing gloves in Germany.

It has been called to my attention that you have gone so far as to alter German gloves that you had difficulty in disposing of in this Country, so as to make them appear as "American products".

It may be true that your Company recently decided to obtain supplies elsewhere, due to present difficulties which you would have to encounter in Nazi-land. However, if this is the case you should notify the League.

I regret that so fine a young man as your Mr. Ostro, who is entirely innocent, must be made to suffer simply because you are so mercenary and willing to sell your people for just a little extra profit.

I trust that you will realize before too late that you are helping to bring about conditions in this Country and elsewhere, similar to those that now exist in Germany, where our Jewish brethren are being rapidly eliminated, and that you, as Jews, will not be spared.

Yours very truly,

Mark Sorets
Inspector General

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956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 10/28/36

F or the Research Dept.

At our meeting of the West Bronx women to-day the question was brought up as to the status of the Atlas Corp., recent purchaser of Franklin, Simon & Co., and sometime ago of Lord & Taylor. One of our members claims she and a group she speaks for, has a suspicion of nazi ownership. If it is possible for you to trace the corporate structure to that extent, please let us know. The same women, one of most ardent workers, has a daughter an artist. This daughter would like to know whether the SCHMINKE ARTISTS MATERIAL SUPPLY CO has a clean bill of health.

Hoping you can supply this information,

Very truly,

Bertha V. Corets,
Bx Sec'y

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956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 10/28/36

Dear Miss Smith,

Please add the following two names for
Bulletins only.

Carl Shvide 3821 Broadway NYC
Mrs. Schwartz 671 W. 162 St. NYC

Please look up our member

Mrs. Rothman 576 E. 179th St.

she was formerly on Harmon Ave. This member claims she
does not receive the bulletin.

I would appreciate receiving any Bronx names who
have become members thru the office as I am making an effort
to organize groups again.

If you will also give me your Brooklyn names I
think we may be able to do something with them in the way of
organization.

If you have any 50¢ or dollar tickets circulating
please let me know, as I may be able to use them.

Yours truly truly,

Bertha V. Corsetti,
Bx Sec'y

at your
personal note
and explain the
Pelham Parkway 3
Holland Ave
-on, you are well, and with greetings from the

XXXXXXXXXXXX

956 Edison Ave.
Nov. 10, 1936

Mrs. Themy Grossman,
Chairman, Pelham Pkway Group
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi
2199 Cruger Ave., Bx.

Bertha V. Corots

Dear Themy,

Since the revival of Winter activities we have revived our interest in forming new groups.

We are trying to make headway again in Brooklyn and with this idea we are trying to find an active woman able to start this. We are also collecting names of women in Brooklyn who may be interested in coming to a meeting.

We got these names by inquiries among our members.

At the same time we remind them of our Pelham Parkway group with the result that I have two names for you. May I suggest that you place these on your mailing list, that your secretary invite them to attend a meeting with a personal note that you will personally be glad to meet them and explain the work of the organization. The names are:-

Mrs. Sam Netsch 834 Pelham Parkway S
Mrs. Roth 2115 Holland Ave

Hoping you are well, and with greetings from the West Bronx Women,

Yours,

Bertha V. Corots

Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi

11/13/36

This is what I suggest you do. Bring the matter up again at your next meeting. Have a committee appointed (with you on it) to interview the secretary of the entire organization. Also go to such people as Rabbi Wise and other important people. In seeing all of them bring out these points.

(1)- There are tremendous forces of Nazi propaganda and Nazi colonization in Central America and in South America, as well, I think.

(2)- Nazi government subsidized ships have such low passenger and freight rates that those of other countries (except those similarly subsidized by the fascist-trend government of Japan) are finding it increasingly difficult to compete.

(3)- German merchandise is pouring into these countries at half price, (much lower than the same merchandise could be purchased in Germany itself) because the Nazi government has special subsidies to its business firms for just this purpose-In this way, they build up "good will".

(4)- In some countries- Costa Rica, for example, the Nazi government and the German colony is so strong as to be able to influence the government of these countries. Recently in Costa Rica, a large colony of Polish people were deported. They were told this was because they could not accustom themselves to the country and its ways. This is ridiculous because Costa Rica is a poor country needing business and development of every kind. The obvious implication is that the GERMAN colony needed room for more of their kind.

(5)- Germany in her desire for colonies is successfully ~~working~~ paving the way to establish not only colonies in foreign countries, here, but actually to acquire the land at the first opportunity. This will be a terrific menace to the entire Western Hemisphere.

These are the points you must make, and you must make them strong. Now, here is what you have to do. Surely, on the files of your organization, you must have people interested, or even members, who live in some of these countries. You must have the secretary write them-sharp-forceful letters, insisting that they take active part in combatting the Nazi menace. That is not all you can do, either. Another committee should be set up to find out whether there is some way of getting the names and addresses of rabbis throughout Central and South America. They must have some kind of organization. Rabbi Wise or someone like him could probably help you to find such information. Then you must contact all such rabbis, send them your literature-make them follow up and distribute literature. This will require a great deal of work, and I don't advise that you or your branch should undertake the whole thing. It should be brought up at a big meeting, emphasized as the active menace which it is, and all branches should co-operate in this work.