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#### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

#### in the CITY OF NEW YORK

#### Department of Anthropology

March 4, 1937

Dr. Boris E. Nelson Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League 20 West 47th Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I regret exceedingly that I shall be unable to attend your meeting the coming Sunday.

cess of all anti-Nazi activity depends upon the willingness of the various large and small groups to concentrate their activities and to work according to a common plan. I fully understand that it will not be possible to obtain agreement in regard to the different ways in which the end that all these groups have in mind can be obtained. Some may be more interested in activities that have a direct effect on the German people, others in the attempt to create difficulties for the present German government by means of the boycott, still others in the conviction that it is most necessary to combat Nazi propaganda in our country and in other countries, still others in the conviction that race prejudice should be fought everywhere, still others, like myself, in the conviction that the fundamental pseudo-scientific basis should be attacked both scientifically and by means of popular instruction.

In my opinion every organization should work out its problem as best they can but with a clear mutual understanding that would bring about avoidance of duplication of work.

I should also like to stress the desirability of associating with the general movement the various German American anti-Nazi organizations, some of which are quite strong, while others would be activated by cooperation with an entirely non-sectarian purely humanitarian movement.

I submit these considerations for what they are worth. Whatever means may be adopted to bring about unification of anti-Nazis will have my hearty support.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Franz Boas Franz Boas NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, INC. Samuel Untermyer, President

March 7, 1937.

HOTEL ASTOR

New York City

11:00 - 1:00 :: Luncheon :: 3:00 - 6:30

Mr. Siegfried Hartman, Chairman - Morning Session Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman - Afternoon Session

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Committee

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- B. Export of Nazism: Mr. Gerhart Seger, Editor of the Neue Volkszeitung; Democratic Deputy to the former Reichstag: President, German American League for Culture .-
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Dear Mr . Corets:

Thank you for your card of October 5th inquiring about our policy with regard to the sale of German merchandise.

The consumer boycott of German merchandise has been so widespread and effective that we have found it necessary to secure merchandise to which there is no resistance. For the same reason we found that there was no longer any need for our Berlin office which was closed in June, 1934.

We have long since discontinued the display of German merchandise in all of our departments. Only on a rare occasion where the inability to get wanted merchandise from any other source in the world do we feel more or less compelled to satisfy a customer as a matter of accommodation. We do not encourage the sale of such articles. They are filled only on a special order basis as a result of a specific request from a customer.

We hope that this satisfactorily explains our policy and that we may continue to enjoy your patronage.

Very truly yours,

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## Report of Inter-State Conference of the NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS

Held at the Hotel Astor March 7th, 1937

Chairman Mr. Siegfried Hartman Morning Session

Mr. Samil Liebowitz Afternoon

On the Dads Dais - Mrs. Mark Harris, Mr. Louis Myers, Dr. Max Winkler, Dr. S. Wm. Kalb Mr. Gerhart Seeger, Dr. Frank Bohn, Dr. Benj. Dubovsky (These remarks are not taken verbatim, but from personal notes of the writer).

A message of welcome was addressed to the assembly by Mr. Hartman. He was a most interesting speaker and had full attention. The essence of his remarks was that we must watch the political situation. He contrasted Germany a country without any freedom of any kind with our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and splendid independent institutions. He warne how small active minorities can introduce laws that restrict freedom of thought and action. An example of this was the law in Tennessee prohibiting educators from teaching evolution. From that he felt that it was not at all improbable that even the President of the United States could exercise a curbing power against freedom of speech in just such cases as the La Guardia incident, for since the President has certain supreme rights, such as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy and charged to maintain friendly relations with foreign countries, he could compell silence on the ground that such utterances might endanger a foreign situation.

A telegram was then read from the President of the League, Samuel Untermeyer who is recuperating from a long illness. He stated that we much watch our tariff laws and imports. Both are being evaded, merchandise is coming in under evasive invoices and the "country of origin" not marked. He protested against the apology by Sec. Hull to Germany on account of Mayor LaGuardia's statement. He called the State Department cowardly to stand by while a cesspool of propaganda is poured on a people because of their race. He felt that if Hüll would take the trouble to acquaint himself with the actions of a former German Ambassador, (referring probably to Count Von Bernsdorf during the war) he would hold his place. He stated that the gross calumnies Henry Ford had printed in his Dearborn Independent, and later publicly repudiated and apologized for, are now being printed and distributed in Germany. He said these Germans in this country who are enjoying the benefits of our democracy and at the same time plotting against us, in Germany for much less would meet the firing squad. They are not entitled to the benefits of our free institutions.

A telegram was read from Franz Boas of the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University regretting inability to be present. He streesed the importance of all groups co-operating in order to conduct successful anti-nazi activities. He also stressed the desirability of bringing into such a general movement the various German-American Anti-Nazi organizations, and reminds that while many will be activated by anti-nazi work other will be motivated by a non-sectarian humanitarian movement. He concluded with his hearty support.

A report was then read by Mrs. Harris copies of which were available. It covered the destruction of all political parties, freedom of any and every kind and the turning of Germany into an armed camp and menace to the peace of Europe.

Dr. Kalb read a very fine report that had chiefly to do with German trade, boycott violators and evasions. A copy is available and it is suggested this constructive and educational report be read in full at another meeting.

Mr. Morris, the delegate from Cleveland then took the floor. He said the seed for this conference was laid some weeks ago and he hoped it would result in some definite and concrete plans to intensify the boycott. He said that in New York the Jews by weight and number are self-sufficient, but in Cleveland they are only a small minority. They have been working very hard indoctrinating labor groups, etc and have actuall become a non-sectarian group, Jews and non-Jews working together

Mr. Morris cont.

They have all the department stores co-operating with them, that includes the Higby Co and Taylor Co., which are non-Jewish. He brought up the problem of the chain stores and said something will have to be done about it zazd as the small stores cannot continue to lose business to the big ones. They must be protected otherwise their co-operation will be lost. The Cleveland branch is in existence 3 1/2 years and have helped to organize Detroit also tried to organize in Youngstown, Akron, Canton. Tey are on a sound financial basis and their money fram comes from the Jewish Welfare Fund. He brought up the subject of pro-nazi propaganda and their method oc combatting it. They ascertain where the speaker has been and send an anti-nazi speaker to tell the other side of the story. He brought of the problem of exchange students between Germany and the United States. That the German Consul arranges to send 12 or 15 German student to enter High School for 6 weeks and in return a like amount are transferred to Germany. Cleveland he explained is made up of 40 municipalities. The plan was stopped in Cleveland Heights, Rocky River is trying to prevent it. He was shocked to find in his own municipality the Board of Education had last week before it a resolution to permit the exchange. The community was outraged. He went before the Board and asked them to reconsider and succeeded in revoking the plan. is the plan of the German Government to send over 100 or 1000 students. He says youth must not be indoctrinated in this way with Nazi propaganda. He considers the League has too few officers and on this account are missing the smaller communitied. He concluded by demanding contrete suggestions to spread our work.

Detroit delegate was a very fine women, sorry to have missed her name. She explained that Mr. Morris of Cleveland came over there and helped them organize. They have also contacted all the large department stores. They issue a Boycott News Bulletin with circulation beyond their wildest dreams. Detroit is headquarters for the Nazi movement with the former Ford employee Fritz Kuhn at the head. She said we must not minimize his strength, and in the last few months there are indications of definitely increased organization. She suggested that instead of always trying to reach the American people an attempt be made to reach the Germans, and speakers be sent to counteract the Nazi activities. They also receive their funds from the Jewish Welfare Fed, and lately have been given increased funds. They have the cooperation of every group in the City and number an army of 50,000. in Detrot

Daniel Ellison was the next delegate representing Baltimore and substituting for Rabbi Israel. He said they were not so well organized as Cleveland and Detroit, but have been fairly successful with Department stores. He brought up a question bothering a Baltimore merchant regarding German china, namely Rosenthal's. He said stores were required to carry it for fill-ins, and asked what answer to give. Dr. Kalb answer this question and said that where the life of the business was concerned not to be too severe on re-placements.

The morning session came to a close with a committee appointed to consider resolutions. This was composed of Mr. Louis Myers and Mrs. Ferber for New York and the various delegates from Cleveland, Detroit, Baltimore, Newark, NJ.

Afternoon Session, S amuel L. Liebowitz, Chairman 3:30 Dr. Max Winkler. PPresident. American Council of Foreign Bondholders, Inc. Professor of Economics, College of City of New York. - was the first speaker. He said that up to now American investors in German securities have lost \$3,000,000,000. He continued with explaining conditions in Germany directly after the war. An indemnity of \$40,000,000,000 gold dollars was placed against Germany. All the powers knew that Germany never could pay this amount, -- then what was the reason for writing down such an enormous inedmnity? BECAUSE they knew that sooner or later Germany would repeat the same ghastly performance and they felt this indemnity would make her think twice before attempting anything. That was the main reason for that stupendous indemnity. Now what followed - 1921 - hugh indemnity was substantially reduced. As a result of this concession came the birth of National Socialism. 1924 - Reparations imposed on Germany drastically cut - result -- marked progress in National Socialism. 1930 the Young Plan - Germany's payments still further reduced. National Socialists became the second leading party.

1931-1932 - Lausanne -- After every concession made to Germany, Hitler's arrogance increased. Then came Charles G. Dawes. The Dawes commission was sent to investigate economic conditions in Germany and to make recommendations. The first was to make a high loan of 200,000,000. American subscribers took half. The earlier loss of 2 1/2 billion was forgotten and the flow of credit resumed. This American money was used to build swimming pools, highways, slum clearance and all sorts of non-productive products. No one protested against the high loans to Germany, but protests were vigorously made from these same lenders for benefits for the American people. When the economic crisis arrived and loans ceased, Germany stopped reparations. GERMANY PAID ONLY SO LONG AS WE LOANED HER. She was paying with our money. She paid old debts with new borrowings, then stopped paying old debts and waited until the new debts became old. For every \$100. circulating in Germany there was only \$1.68 protection. This is how a Government can defraud on a large scale. Only 40% of exports yielded actual currency. If there was excess it could be used only to take care of propaganda.

Then Germany claimed no recovery was possible until the return of her Colonies.

Mr. Winkler stated there was less then 1/2 of 1% exports from the colonies.

A desperate attempt is being made by this claim to divert the attention of the German people from the desperate conditions of the country. If postponed they will gain in arrogance and ruthlessness, and Great Britain will help them with the claim, hoping to salvage investments in Germany.

Mr. Winkler closed by saying we must abandon petty jealousies in our own ranks, we are not fighting for personal glory, but for the Jews and Democracy. In this fight Unity is of paramount importance.

Mr. Blum a delegate from Phila. asked why they can float German Bonds which are such bad risks when other stock and bonds are so rigidly investigated, and why we did'nt withhold Germany balances in the banks of this country as Great Britain did to pay debts.

Mr. Winkler explained we could not do this because Great Britain bought more from Germany There was also an invisible balance existing in the favor of Great Britain from shipping and tourists. By a decree on June 9, 1933 Germany defaulted her bonds. By a modified decree she paid 50% and the balance in blocked marks. In 1934 she made payment with 30% cahs and 70% blocked marks. When that was accepted she paid the cash and did not redeem the 70%. Since then there was no payment. Now they offer to pay only on the interest and that with new bonds. The money withheld from bondholders has been used to buy up the bonds and crash prices. That is a sample of German high finance and the value of their "promise to pay".

Gerhart Seeger, Editor of the Neues Volkszeitung was the next speaker. He is the author of the book Hitler's Reign of Terror and was also a political prisoner confined at the concentration camp at Oranienburg from which he escaped. He has been here two years during which time he delivered 453 lectures in 42 States of the Union. These tours he said has made him acquained with all kinds of propaganda. He mentioned that an one occasion Dr. Luther, the German Ambassador made a speech in San Francisco. Mr. Seeger secured a verbatim copy after the reading of which he insists there was an abuse of diplomatic privileges by the Ambassador, and these abuses continue with the German Consuls and Consul Gemerals. Mr. Seeger told us that he keeps on the heels of the Nazi prppagande ists. They are trying to co-ordinate the fascists of the whole world and these of course are opposed to our democratic institutions. He discussed the idea of exchange professors and students and said that the this was actually a democratic idea to create mutual understanding, it is now abused because nobody is permitted to study abroad unless they oblige the students to act as propagandists. They students must undergo a special proceed ure before they are permitted to leave Germany. At times when Mr. Seeger was engaged in lecturing on these subjects he had to be taken from the meeting in a police patrol for protection against the nazi engaged to break up the meeting. He stated that exchange professors in the North West, in Calif were engaged in subversive propaganda. In Western University at Salina Kansas he was asked to address the German class and saw on th desk in the room Nazo propaganda. He asked why it was used and was told that they desired to secure German writings to distribute among the students studying German and the German Consul supplied all Universities with German Nazi literature free.

He mentioned one young lads, a product of the exchange student idea, who spent a year in Germany and now is touring the country visiting all kinds of clubs, rotary's etc spreading violent pro-nazi propaganda.

Mr. Seeger took up the angle of the Nazi's claiming credit for all the present fine things in Germany. He said that before Hitler the trains arrived on time, the streets were clean, they had the same beautiful Black Forest and the sincere admiration that belongs to Germany because of all its fine belongings has been transferred to Hitler. He said that almost all the nazi money spent for propaganda was spent on newspapers, that there are 166 pro-nazi newspapers and millions of people are influenced by them, Also a great many speakers and much money is spent in both the United States and Englad to influence these nations to the so-called Aryan race theory advocated by Alfred Rosenberg. That these Aryan nations such rule the world, Germany in Europe, the United State to rule North and South America and England to rule the rest of the world. Germany is working to the end that in the next war England and the United States should not be agains her, or at least to remain neutral.

He said there are 18,000,000 (18) German-American in the U.S. not more than 5% of these are nazi, about 5% actively anti-nazi the other 90% are indifferent. One of the reason more Germans are not actively anti-nazi is because they are afraid of repercussions against their relative in Germany.

He mentioned that the Nazi here have a stronger position than their numbers would justify. Aside from their nazi activities they are actively mixing in American politics. In the past Presidential election they came out actively for Lemke, then they tried to show that Roosevelt was an agent for Moscow. There is present in this country an organization of anzi working in military fashion. Every week on Long Island 1500 undergo military training. The minute men of Sinclair Lewis are already organized and nothing is done about it.

Mr. Seeger mentioned the difficulties in trying to counteract the nazi activities One of the paralyzing influences was the fear of things happening to relatives in Germany. That keeps them from working openly for anti-nazi or advertising in anti-nazi newspapers. It is impossible for the German anti-nazis to counteract the whole activity of the German legations or spend the money to counteract the influence of the german nazi newspapers. He asked that we make the best available use of one medium we have at hand and that is to support the German anti-nazi newspapers. He said we must send back all exchange students or professors engaged in nazi propaganda. They are not only pro-nazi but anti-American as well. There should be a general investigation as far as espionage and the storm troopers in the United States. He mentioned professors have been thrown out of their positions in the Un.S. because of Reda activities, but none because ofnazi activities. He mentioned how successful the nazi are in organizing the young people and recommended that we give support to the young organizations thru sport activities. He cautioned that sectarianism in our seats of learning is a growing cancer. They must be kept non-sectarian and non-political.

Mr. Goldman, Sec8Y of the Newark Chapter of the Non Sec Anti Nazi was then given the floor and made a brief report of Newark activities. He said they had sent letters to 340 Jewish organization and had responses from 45. From these they formed a Conference Comm and an Actions Comm. In a short time they have perfected a permanent branch of combined Jewish and English organizations. They have planned a massmeeting for the Following Thursday at which Congressman Dickstein would speak, the German Sangerbund would entertain, there would be a Catholic speaker, and speakers from labor and fraternal organizations.

Mrs. Miller, Boycott Chairman delegate from Denver Colo. made a brief report in which she said all department stores were 100% behind them and they had the full co-operat ion of the gentiles.

Dr. Bohn, Pres. of the German American League for Culture next spoke. He stressed the necessity for forming one general boycott committee and not to get into one another's way. He insisted most emphatically Unity is the very essence of success. If the Nazi win Spain, he continued, they will pinch out France. Poland went Nazi 2 weeks ago. The Germans are suffering with he Jews in Germany. A relative may disappear and nobody

knows what became of him. Then the family receives an urn of ashes stating the person had committed suicide. Such terror must not continue. His joh is to arouse the German Americans. Germany must be set free. In firey words he shouted, The world is being fought for and the devil is winning the case.

Nazi socialism is slave socialism. The battle is not a Jewish battle. It is a battle of humanity against slavery and barbarism.

Chairman Morris of Cleveland then read the Resolutions.

I am giving only the essence of the resolution, not the complete form.

- L. Resolved that the assembled delegates to the Inter State conference offer support to said organization and pledge continued support until Hitler is removed from power. Delegates among themselves and organizations pledge to carry on continuous Boycott of all Bazi goods and services.
- \*2. on the exchange of High School students,
  Resolved as opposed to said exchange of students because suckxexxexs is opposed
  to the German Educational System skxkkaxiixikadxxkakax is opposed to
  German reedom of speech
  - of inquiry
    of religion and tolerance.
- 3. On the network of Nazi propaganda subsidized by the Ger. Gov.

Resolved that the delegates to the Interstate conference protest the continued dissemination of nazi propaganda in American and re-affirm the need for official action to prevent continuance of such actions. That we further the Gongressional investigation to expose the action of the Nazi Brown network in America. Copies of this resolution be sent to various organization.

- 4 German effort to raise money = a tremendous loan, and the called a peace loan will be assolved to increase armament and threatens the peace of the world.

  Resolved to pleage this organization and the individuals key represent to use their efforts to prevent the floating of all loans to Germany.
- 5. on Gemeral extension of Anti-Nazi movement unification under one great Non-Sectarian Banner.

Resolved. the Non Sec Anti Nasi Leage as the co-ordinating body for anti-nazi activiti for groups represented here and such groups who are not actively engaged in anti-nazi work, to act as a clearing house and exchange for research, and to issue a general call to all to meet for the purpose of consolidating to the end that there be no duplication, and with the idea not who is to be the leader but that to solve the problem. This applies to American Jewish Comm. American Jewish Congress, B8Nai Brith.

- 6. Concerns better coordination with the League, every district affiliated to be represented on the Executive Comm.
- 7. Some uncertainty exists on vital questions. Resolved that the Boycott policy of the League be extended to all those who sell German make at this late date. No leniency to be shown. That the bulletin be enlarged and become the bulletin for all anti-nazi activities. Weekly reports be issued in the form of clip sheets. That the German -Amer element so sincerely opposed to Hitlers German Reich be further urged to cooperate against Hitlerism. Ammendment The carrying out of this resolution be left to the discretion of the Executive Comm.
- 8. Reclution introduced by Mr. Myers of Newark that a telegram of T. G. Masaryk, Pres of Checko Shovakia be sent him on his 87th birthday.
- 9 Resolution introduced by Mr. Epstekn of Newark to Sam&L Untermeyer and Mayor LaGuardia

After this the floor was open for questions and suggestions.

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One suggestion was that there be a National Non Sec Youth movement to bring it into the League

Dr. I Stolper of Bklyn asked about pickets.

Mrs. Grossman of Pelham Pkway reported broadcasts on the short wave by Elsa Maria Troya that would bear watching.

Mr. Cronn of N Y, a member of the Amer Jew Cong. asked about coordination in New York

Mr. Enrico Glichtenstein, a world famous šewish sculptor brought up the broadcasts of the Caruso products. It appears they would also bear watching.

Efforts are being made to amend the Schwarzwald bill that makes it a crime to libel a race and is now a law in New Jersey to have it include making it a disorderly act to send such libels thru the mail, or for a nazi to stand up at meeting a vilify the Jews.

A delegate from the Friends of Democracy, the German Christain Anti Nazi organization operating in Yorkville gave a report of their activities. One startling thing he said was that thru the youth movements children are being taught to spy on their parents and as a result parents and brothers are being sent to conentrations ca,ps.

Dr. Dubovskys report was on general conditions concerning the boycott and efforts made to extend it among jewish and christain organizations. He concluded by saying the boycott is a powerful weapon for peace and the League can take credit for having kept out of the hands of the Nazi much of the money and raw materials so necessary for the launching of a war he has been scheming for four years.

ELLTON L. HOME 30 SOUTH BROADWAY YOURERS, E.Y.

April 22, 1937

Non-Sectarian Apti-Nasi League

Sentlemen:

The Broadway Theatre is located on the east side of South Broadway in this city near Lawrence Street. I am reliably informed that it is easied by the owners of the Park Hill Theatre, No. 483 South Broadway, Toniers.

I am further reliably informed that the Brondway Theatre was let to certain laterests for the exhibition of moving pictures. About a sect ago, displays were exected in and above the lobby of the <u>Broadway Theatre</u> amounting a coming <u>Jermen Secson</u> during which German photoplays would be shown on weekends from Friday to Sunday inclusive to start on April 23, 1937.

The photoplays announced in the lobby are manifestly of German origin embracing German actors. German dialogue and German manufacture. I speak for an unorganized group of local residents who solicit, if possible, an investigation by your organization and who would appreciate your suggestions.

Kindly excuse the professional atmosphere above this letter - it is the only stationery issadiately available.

Yery traly yours.

(Signed) Hilton L. Rose

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OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD

April 26, 1937.

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

My dear Mrs. Corets:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of a letter which we received in this morning's mail and which will speak for itself. We would appreciate your checking on this matter and letting us know what the facts are and whether your protests have borne results.

Always glad to cooperate and thanking you for taking care of this matter, we see

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Boris E. Nelson EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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MILTON SOLOMON National Intelligence Officer Brooklyn, N. Y. May 21, 1937.

To members of the National Boycott Committee:

I have tentative plans to leave New York on next Wednesday morning, for a ten-day vacation in North Carolina. Before leaving, I would like to discuss one or two boy cott matters with the Executive Committee, and would appreciate it very much if you can find time to drop in at National Headquarters, Honday afternoon, around 5:00 P.H.

Yours in commadeship.

EDGAR H. BURHAN Acting Chairman Wat'l Boycott Committee

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June 17, 1937.

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

Dear Mrs. Corets:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 14th. I am writing Mrs. Basson today and sending her the requested literature.

Always glad to hear from you and to cooperate and thanking you for your personal good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Or. Boris E. Nelson Executive Secretary

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## EWS--

#### from the NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS

SAMUEL UNTERMYER, President
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RESOLUTIONS

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT THE UNIFICATION\*CONFERENCE OF THE NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE, SAMUEL UNTERMYER, PRESIDENT, HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 27th, 1937, at the HOTEL EDISON in NEW YORK CITY.

#### RESOLUTION #1.

WHEREAS, the present government of Nazi Germany relentlessly pursues its policy of terror, vilification, and brutality against Jews, Catholics, Protestants, trade-unionists and all those who refuse to be regimented within the Nazi program of a totalitarian Nazi-Germany, and

WHNEAS, the present Nazi government of Germany has been extending its policy beyond the national boundaries of its own country into other lands subverting the institutions of those lands, stirring up racial antagonisms, and defying other precepts of human decency, and

WHIREAS, a resolution was unanimously adopted at the Interstate Conference of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League on March 7, 1937, setting forth and endorsing a program of unification of all agencies engaged in and sympathetic to the Anti-Nazi movement under a single, centralized non-sectarian banner.

HE IT RESCLVED THEREFORE, that the organizations and groups represented at this Conference called by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, held at the Hotel Edison, on this day, June 27th, 1937, in New York here and now designate the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League as the national clearing house for the boycott of all Nazi-made goods and services, and all other anti-Nazi work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each organization here represented, carry on boycott and other anti-Nazi activities within its own province according to methods and procedures best suited to its province and its needs, there being no mutual interference, but that each affiliated and branch organization shall be given assignments, instructions, and cooperation for action within the general policy set forth by the League under whose auspices each organization will nunction, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that groups and organizations engaged in anti-Nazi activities form regional, city or borough councils, and organizations of specific regions, cities, or boroughs becoming member bodies of the local council, and that each council thus formed shall join the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League as an affiliated organization pursuing a common objective with a unity and singleness of purpose.

WHEREAS, the crisis brought to bear upon the world by the present Nazi-Government of Germany both in and outside the Third Reich is an immediate threat to the welfare of the civilized world, and

WHEREAS, the struggle against Nazism must be extended and intensified still further if the enemy of humanity is to be destroyed, and

WHIREAS, the present Executive Committee of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi
League is not representative of all the organizations and groups opposed to Nazism
in all parts of the United States,

BE IT RESOLVED TREREFORE, that the present Executive Committee of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League be immediately enlarged to include a member from each state in the Union not yet represented on the Committee, such state representatives to be chosen by anti-Nazi and other groups affiliated with the League in the respective states, and

HE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each national organization affiliated with the League shall designate one of its national officers to serve on the Executive Committee of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, and

EE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the organizations represented at this Conference, called by the Non-Sectarian anti-Nazi League, at the Hotel Edison in New York, on June 27, 1937, proceed immediately with the execution of this resolution in their respective states.

#### RESOLUTION #3.

WHEREAS, the present government of Nazi Germany, defying God and conscience, has launched a campaign to make the Catholic and Protestant Churches property and subservient to the Nazi State, and

WHEREAS, the Nazi campaign against the Church has been marked by vilifying propaganda, slander, confiscation, terror, murder, and imprisonment of and against churchmen of all denominations, who have refused to supplant the authority of God with the Authority of Hitler, and

WHEREAS, the campaign of the Nazi Government against the Church in Germany is a concerted and calculated effort to exterminate the freedom of religious belief and conscience.

HE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the groups and organizations represented here at the Conference called by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League at the Edison Hotel, on June 27, 1937, in New York invite and urge Protestant and Catholic organizations and individuals who are as yet passive in their anti-Nazi expressions to join in the struggle against Hitler, and

HE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the groups and organizations here represented will use every effort to mobilize the opinion and energy of Catholics and Protestants in the United States in the struggle to save the Church from the menace of Hitlerism.

#### RESOLUTION #4.

WHEREAS, a basic and common agreement among the organizations cooperating together and with each other in the struggle against Hitlerism is absolutely essential if that struggle is to be successful, and

WHEREAS, the groups and organizations cooperating and/or affiliated with the Non-Sectorian Anti-Nazi League both in the prosecution of the boycott of all Nazi-made goods and services and in the general movement against Nazism have in common the single, unalterable aim to defeat Nazism,

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the groups and organizations cooperating and/or affiliated with and those groups and organizations intending to cooperate and/or affiliated with the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League pledge to each other and among themselves to refrain from interjecting into this work political issues of any sort whatsoever that are not directly related to the common cause against Mazism.

#### RESOLUTION #5.

WHEREAS, a competent, national machinery is necessary to educate and enlighten the people of America as to the real menace of Hitlerism, and to direct their energies, by means of honest publicity, into an organized active movement against the menace of Hitlerism, and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning publicity machinery is necessary to counteract the subversive Nazi propaganda both here and elsewhere in the world,

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the groups and organizations represented here at the Conference called by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League at the Edison Hotel in New York on June 27th, 1937, do here and now agree to set up such a proper machinery using the existing publicity department of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League as the basis for expansion, and

HE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all organizations represented here pledge their aid both financial and moral to this most important instrument of counteracting world-wide Nazi propaganda.

#### RESOLUTION #6.

WHEREAS, the present Nazi Government of Germany has despoiled a once great and glorious nation, robbing it of its honor and prestige, banishing its artists and thinkers, wasting its energies in warlike endeavors, winning but the scorn and contempt of the civilized world, and

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Submitted to the Meeting of the Board of Directors on December 20, 1938

The balance sheet of the LEAGUE on September 1, 1938, five days before I took office, indicated a credit balance of \$2358.23. On that day the bills outstanding totalled \$1464.27. At that time the income from the mail campaign averaged about \$100 a day. An additional income averaging about \$200 a week was received through the efforts of Mr. Zatkowitz who had been retained after the contract with Mr. Benjamin Levy was discontinued. Thus both income and expenses of the LEAGUE averaged about \$1.000 a week.

Barsel, the subscriptions solicited by Mr. Zatkowitz and one or two others, and the routine work done by the Publicity and Research Departments, the LEAGUE was not engaged in any vital activities. There was no organizational work in progress and no special emphasis was being laid on the development of boycott activities. Our supply of propaganda material and mail campaign folders was virtually exhausted and no effort had been made to replace these.

Several reasons were responsible for this condition. In the first place, we had just passed through the summer period when activity naturally tends to slacken. Secondly, there had been no executive head or a person to assume responsibility and direction for work since May. The office personnel was demoralized and disorganized by suspicions of lack of loyalty, charges of inactivity and inefficiency, shifting around of workers into positions for which they were unsuited, and what the personnel interpreted as an unsympathetic attitude toward the demands of their union. Finally, the lack of enthusiasm and action on the part of the professional personnel was a reflection of the factional strife through which the LEAGUE had just passed and the uncertainty as to its future.

At this time the LEAGUE suffered under two very serious handicaps insofar as its reputation and public relations were concerned. Mrs. Mark Harris, who had resigned from the organization, was extremely active in spreading among both influential Jews and non-Jews misinformation concerning the honesty, financial responsibility and radicalism of the LEAGUE. She also made grave charges regarding the integrity, personal ambitions and intentions of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Executive Committee. These charges were responsible for several resignations from the Board of Directors, including George Gordon Battle, Richard Beamish and J. David Stern. They were also reflected in the antagonistic reaction of people whom your Executive Director approached for support and cooperation immediately upon taking office.

The second of these handicaps was the connection of Benjamin Levy and his crew of solicitors with the LEAGUE. In addition to the general disapproval of the high commissions paid to these solicitors, there were specific instances where the solicitors had cashed bad checks, borrowed money on the strength of their connection with our organization, run up hotel bills and other debts. For a period of at least one month following the severance of contractual relations with Levy, the National Office received reports from New York City and other Cities throughout the East concerning these incidents. In all cases the LEAGUE itself was held responsible and, in many instances, threats of legal action were made against the LEANUE. The attached copies of an exchange of letters with Mr. Aaron Wittwoein, one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of Bridgeport, will serve as an example of this reaction to the activities of Levy's solicitors. Mr. Wittstein had received a letter from Mr. Schroeder of our Organization Department requesting him to help in establishing a chapter in Bridgeport. He did not reply to Mr. Schroeder but returned the letter to Levy with the comments that are quoted below:

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

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August 17, 1937.

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Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Bertha Corets, 956 Edison St., Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

Thave been informed by the Chairman of the National Encampment, that we can have a booth in a prominent place, to be used for a boycott display. I would like you to act as Chairman, in charge of arranging and handling this booth, and I am sure that if you will accept, it can be made both interesting and instructive.

I believe you can get a lot of AntiSemitic literature, charts etc. from the League
and the Joint Boycott Council, that could be used
to good advantage for display purposes. We also
have material at National Headquarters that could
be used, and in addition, we are sending out to
every Post and Auxiliary, a request that they lend
us any interesting material that they may have. We
also have many letters from various firms, in answer
to our letters, and I would like about 50 of these
selected and tacked on card board, and displayed at
the booth, so that our members can see some of the
work that we have done.

You will have 100% cooperation in this endeaver, and I would like to hear from you by return mail to the effect that accept this designation. Kindest regards.

Fraternally yours

EDGAR H. BURMAN Acting Chairman

NAT'L EXECUTIVE BOYCOTT COMMITTEE

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New YORK

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

November 3, 1937

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Mr. Edgar H. Burman Jewish War Veterans of the United States 276 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Burman:

Thank you for your letter of November 2nd.

For several years, in fact since the Nazi party took control in Germany, we have not purchased any Nazi-made merchandise.

The members of our organization do very little ocean travelling, but when they do, they endeavor to use the United States Lines.

Yours very truly

Neil Petree PRESIDEN**T** 

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September 2, 1937

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ISAAC SOBEL

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MILTON SOLOMON

Mrs. Mark Corets, 956 Edison Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Corets:

I was glad to hear that you had accepted the job of collecting material for the Boycott Exhibit at the Convention. I think you can make this the most interesting and important thing at the convention. My idea is to have an exhibit of all possible wazi and anti-semitic literature, similar to what the League sent to several cities on exhibition. Some of it is still hanging in the office of the Veague. This might be brought up to date by the purchase of Der Stuermer. I think you can also borrow some of this literature from the Joint Boycott Council.

Dr. Stein of the American Jewish Committee probably has a pile of it, and one Clarence Loew has much of it. If you will talk to Mr. Zerwick at the League, he will be able to tell you about how to contact Mr. Loew.

Robert Edminson. It him you ought to also have a large chart of boycott figures such as hangs in the office of the League, and similar to the one we had at our Pittsburgh convention. Should also have at this exhibit, samples of German merchandise sold in this country without markings - with marks covered over, or in places where it cannot be seen. You probably can pick some of these up, or borrow from one of the other organizations. I would also suggest that you get several of the recent copies of Der Weckruf und Boebachter, and some of the editions of the Idealist gotten out by Mr. Roederer who walks up and down the streets, selling them for 2ו

If there is any help I can give you, do not fail to call upon me.

Wishing you and Mark a Happy New Year, I

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Sincerely your,

JGF/bmf

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.
276 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Sept.10,1937

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE
To All Ladies' Auxiliary
Boycott Chairmen, State of New York

Dear Sisters:

The Boycott of Nazi-made goods and services is vitally imperative because Hitler has declared a war of extermination against the Jews. Starting in Germany it has branded the Jews as a corrupt inferior people, it has boycotted and confiscated their business and closed all avenues of economic livelihood. Jews have been ousted from the free practice of all professions in Germany. The Schools of education are denied them; they are expelled from citizenship, participation in sports, and even denied the right to reside in some towns. If they try to leave Germany, they are exploited in disposal of their business or property and then taxed about 75% of the capital they raise and still further limited in the money they may take out of Germany. The Jews in Germany are in a trap and slowly being driven to suicide or slow starvation.

Anyono knowing these facts and buying German goods is a traiter to the whole Jewish race. By keeping our American dollars from going back to Germany, we deprive Hitler of the foreign exchange needed for imports, that is to buy foodstuffs, steel, oil, wheat, wool, cotton, rubber and other vital necessities. Today Germany is using more substitutes than during the war blockade.

If Hitler's anti-semitic program were confined to Germany alone, the plight of 600,000 of our brethren would be enough to enlist our sympathies and our purses, but the growth of the Nazi menace in the United States makes us all sit up and watch the safety of our own existence and the liberties of our children.

Recent investigations show the growth of the Nazi organization in America to an estimated 250,000. They are drill-ing under the swastika, wear uniforms and are permitted legally to carry arms.

It is difficult to understand why an organization, loyal to a forcign government, should be permitted to devolop military force in the United States,

On August 29th at Yaphank, L.I., the home of the Nazi Camp Siegfried, 25,000 Nazis celebrated. There are 26 other Nazi camps in the United States.

This menace must be exposed, and this part of our work, fighting Nazi growth in the United States is just as important as strengthening the boycott.

I think the importance of our work should be clear to everyone and we women doing most of the purchasing for the family, have the main job. This Fall the National and State Boycott Committee will supply you with more fighting materials than ever before, but each individual has also an important obligation.

EXAMINE CAREFULLY ALL PURCHASES. SEND TO ME ANY ARTICLE
YOU DISCOVER OF GERMAN MANUFACTURE. REPORT THE NAME OF THE STORES
CARRYING SUCH MERCHANDISE. REPORT ANY NAZI ACTIVITIES IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD AND BE ASSURED IF ALL J.W.V. WORKS IN UNITY ON THIS
SUBJECT, WE CAN EXTIRPATE NAZIISM IN THE UNITED STATES AND
HITLERISM IN GERMANY.

Yours in comradeship,

Bertha V. Corets, Boycott Chrmn Dept. of New York Ladies' Auxiliary

956 Edison Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

Sppt. 28, 1937

Dear Mr. Burman.

When we organized the United Non-Sectarian Boycott Council here in the Bronx, I personally paid the \$5.00 required of each joining organization. This was done after full explanation and approval from both Mr. Schaffer and yourself. I am therefore asking that the Boycott Fund re-imburse me for this amount at once.

I hope you will have at Headquarters all the material you removed from the exhibit as quite a number of things loaned to me have been taken.

When I returned to the exhibit after lunch. I found it in a state of disorder, all the literature missing, some of the Leagues articles missing, and others separated, some things issued by the German-American League torn in strips. I made inquir at the candy booth opposite and they told me a man and women in civilian clothes took the things apart. I could only feel that it was unfriendly hands that did it. If you know of the announcement I made to our woman you may understand the anguish I felt.

Altho you promised me "plenty of cooperation" I really received none, but I took it all good naturedly and did the best I could. But I must say, this unnecessarily unpleasant experience has lessened considerably my enthusiasm to work with the Veterans.

Yours very truly,

Barratt Dorth

956 Edison Ave., By New York 19/5/87

Non-Sectorian Anti-Nasi League, 20 W. Wth St.. New York City,

Attention Dr. Spanglet

Dear Bira.

Please do not think so negligent in schooledging one provision of your assistance and contributions to my accept Exhibit at the National Convention held recently. J Goldy Pail, 7 f

I have already made a full report to our listional Commander and I believe you will hear from this Hond.

Personally I want to say that I am deeply grateful for your cooperation, for all the printings you gave me to distribute, and for the articles of Gamman transacture with a nextly typed accommanying card explaining the evanive and subterfuse cardings.

The Publicity went to Tooks and Ameiliaries in all parts of the United States and a steady stream of vicitors was enlightened on the Roycott and the inreads of Nazl activities in the United States.

The exhibit was next to the elevators in the lebby of the Hotel Barkeley-Carteret, and from the point of view of preminence. this place could not be excelled.

I want to further thank you for your individual assistance in giving me the benefits of your research. Vithout this assistance my activities would be very much handleapped.

Hoping for a continuance of these friendly relations, and for a more efficient and effective program. I am

Yours very truly,

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**MINTONY** 

Incorporated Movember 10, 1915, under New York laws, with on authorized capital of \$10,000. While figures regarding the amount of paid in capital are not available, it is reliably reported that William Randolph Moarst holds the major portion of stock in this company.

Thin company formerly had one subsidiary, namely the International News Photon, Inc., and formerly is reported to have held aspital stock interest in other similar concerns. However, on September 15, 1934, the Universal Service So., Inc., formerly of this address, marged with the Subject company, and became a divisional metivity of this organization under the registered style of Universal Service. Later, on March 23, 1936, a certificate man filed, indicating the marger of Ming Feature Syndicate, Inc., and International News Photon, Inc. and Central Press Association, Inc. The International News Photon, Inc. was argued on February 2, 1929, under New York laws, with the Sentral Press Association, Inc., formed on February 21, 1930, under New York laws. They are now both conducted as divisional sectivities of the Subject company.

It is reliably reported that this company is closely cilied with the veried and wide newspaper interests of William Randolph Escret, one

of the largest publishers in the country.

The officers of this corporation have been identified with the vertions described interprises for the greater portion of their commercial carcers, having formerly been employed in various capacities. Yough V. Commolly is editor and general manager of this organization, and is an efficient and director in many other means typhications. The other officers were formerly employed by meanst in various capacities, prior to help directed to their present office.

This company supplies special news features, including cartoons, somic strips, featured articles, and various syndicated items, in addition to specializing in atill photos. It also acts as agents for photographs oured by others. These features are printed in various languages and sold to approximately 2,000 newspapers throughout the entire World on 30 day and special contract terms.

The company operator a well compand attractor plant, photo enserving and map department, and employs a large starf of writers, artists,
actions the series abraes virtually every new interest
throughout the series. The company has representation in Gleveland, Ohio,
south, Made, Los Angeles, Gal., Ban Francisco, Cal., Mashington, D. O.
And Falledelphia, Pa., in addition to other leading Cities in the Country.
The thormore, it has a production plant at 1435 E. 12th St. Gleveland, Ohio
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#### Paper & Prig. Division

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FIRE HAZARD

Rents two floors in this modern office building, located in the heat of the midtown business district. The balance of the building is tenented principally by a large newspaper publishing organization. The building is kept in excellent repair.

FIRE RECORD: No fires reported.

FINANCIAL IMPORTATION
On April 23, 1937, A. Piromer, Chief Accountant for this company, confirmed the above information, but declined to submit a statement or discuss the financial affairs of this business.

This is the continuation of an established business, and since the inception it has been credited with making steady progress. In addition, while figures are not available concerning the financial status of this organization, it is reliably reported that the backing is substantial. Moreover, the company is reported to be transcoting a sufficient volume of business, being one of the outstanding organization of its type, to permit it to catisfactorily retire normal obligations incurred.

PAYMENTS

On September 8, 1936, one supplies reported selling the account for many years, with a high credit of \$5,000., nothing owing, and payments prompt.

TEIS IS THE CONTINUATION OF AN ESTABLISHED BUSINESS, THE MANAGE-FIRST DEING REGARDED AS CAPABLE. NY 12-3-37 IV Also Cleveland, Ohio



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NEW YORK CITY

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HISTORY: (Cont'd)
Istated value of \$1,428,000. but was reduced on March 30, 1933 to \$280,000, and the balance of \$1,148,000 credited to Capital Surplus

The terms of issue of the Preferred stock give it preference as to assets and \$7. cumulative dividends. Sinking Fund provisions, starting July 1, 1930, call for annual payment of 2% of the largest amount of preferred stock ever outstanding, to retire Preferred at not over 110. Preferred dividends were unconditionally guaranteed from July 1, 1925 to July 1, 1929 by Vereinigte Glanzstoff Fabriken, A. G. and J. P. Bemberg, A. G., who advanced \$796,250. for this purpose. These companies are entitled to re-payment with interest at 5% of these advances out of profits after provision has been made for current dividends on Preferred stock. Dividends accrued from July 1, 1929 to June 30, 1930 were paid by the company.

METHOD OF OPERATION:

This concern is one of an unknown number of subsidiaries of Algemeene Kunstzijde Unie, N.V., of Holland, known as "A.K.U". The exact extent of ownership of the subject company by "A.K.U", cannot be learned, but it is said to be above 50%. The Holland Company is reported to control large rayon manufacturing companies in Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan and elsewhere. Arnold Hunziker, Assistant ceretary is authority for the statement that there are no inter-company relations with the parent organization such as merchandise transactions, loans, advances, endorsements or guarantees.

American Bemberg Corporation is engaged in the manufacture and sale of special synthetic silk made by the cuprammonium process, having exclusive production rights in the United States under the Bemberg Patents owned by J. P. Bemberg, A. G., Wuppertal-Elberfeld, Germany. Plant is 1cc ated at Elizabethton, Tenn., and has an annual capacity of about 5,000,000 pounds. Principal purchases consist of wood pulp. Output is sold to all branches of the textile manufacturing industry on a nation-wide scale, terms of 20-30 net thereafter.

LOCATION & FIRE HAZARD:

Rents quarters in this modern of fice building in good repair. Other tenants are engaged in various lines. Full fire insurance is carried. FIRE RECORD: "ecords show no fire loss."

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### TEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

National Headquarters

276 Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

MUrray Hill 4-1389

HARRY H. SCHAFFER, Commander-in-Chief

October 21, 1937.

Bertha V. Corets 956 Edison Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Mrs Corets:

Please try to attend the meeting of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League on next Sunday. Due to the fact that we are having Navy Day Parade, will be unable to come.

I have also written to Wrs. Cohen, asking her to be there to help represent the lewish War Veterans.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Fraternally yours

EDGAR H. BURMAN; CHAIRMAN

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Reached home C. K. very tired and very blue - so went right to bed. Your hubby was a dear to take me to the station Saturday, and I appreciate very much.

No vember

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First

Doc was terribly busy at the office today, so I just phoned him about several matters, and also about the verification of the drug item you have on your list. He said that all products made by the Sterling Products are to be boycotted. so that list you have enumerated is on the boycott list. If I were you, I would mail this bulletin out to all auxiliaries as is, because I believe the information contained therein would be most beneficial to every sister. It is well worded, explicit and to the point. So here's to you kid, and good-luck with your first bulletin - don't let Ed stop you - tell him you are the LADIES National Boycott Chairman, and are abiding by their wishes.

Vas up to see Al yesterday, and he seemed a little more cheerful. He was so glad that I went up to see you - Expect to see him tomorrow afternoon - We are so busy up here, am working 1/2 day and will go in to New York from Newark. Do let me hear from you from time to time, I will answer, no matter how busy, even though it be a few lines.

Love to you and hubby.

Fondly

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Mr. B. Corets
3460 E. Tremont Ave.
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Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to send you a few sample copies of The Journal of Commerce under separate cover, for your inspection.

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# NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U. S. 276 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

N.H.Q. MEMO #14

November 2, 1937.

#### THE NZZI PARADE IN NEW YORK

To All Commanders
National Officers
Boycott Chairmen

Dear Comrades:

J.W.V. members swamped the city authorities with telegrams of protest against the proposed Nazi parade. Public sentiment was aroused by the militant stand of our organization.

After our meeting at The Breslin, we paraded (with colors) to the Astor Hotel, where the Mayor was scheduled to speak. We assembled in Times Square in front of the Astor, and a Committee headed by Past Commander-in-chief George Fredman, went inside and spoke to the Mayor.

Afterwards, your National Boycott Chairman, together with a few comrades, went to Yorkville to watch the parade. We stood on 85th Street and Lexington Avenuo, and counted in all about 250 marchers, more than half of whom were children. We saw no Swastika displayed, although I understood it was displayed when the parade started. There were no derogatory signs or songs. Some of the men wore what looked like bus drivers uniforms.

The parade, originally scheduled to extend over three miles, was restricted to two streets, 85th and 86th, in the heart of Yorkville.

The Press ridiculed the entire affair. All in all, it was a great victory brought about by the militant action of J.W.V. members.

Yours in comradeship,

EDGAR H. BURMAN, Chairman Nat'l Executive Boycott Committee

EHB/cjs

956 Edison Ave., Bx NY 12/5/37

Non-Sectarian Anti Nasi League. 20 W. 47th St., New York City.

Attention Executive Gorw.

In making a study of popular drugs to be boydotted. I find with the mid of articles printed in the Langue's Bulletin that the Sterling Products, In of Theoling. Va., is the parent company of the Bayer Company. Winteres Chemical Co., and H.A. More laboratories, and this perent company in turn affiliated with the German L.C.

In the boycott list the Sterling Products, Inc. for the Bayer Company appear. I suggest that this be changed to include these names if your information is correct.

Yours vary truly.

Bertha V. Corets. National Boycott Chairman

#### LADIES' AUXILIARY JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CEIL POPELL 44 ASHLAND STREET



SADYE SALNER 14 WESTLAND TERRACE HAVERHILL

PRESIDENT ALICE R. GILMAN 8 CROSS STREET

Tues. Nov. 9, 1937

Dear Mrs. Corets,

On Sunday evening, I had occasion to address a large gathering in New Bedford, Mass. on the work of our organization and stressed the baycott. I also listed the articles you mentioned at our last Council meeting and As has been my experience with this list electrified my audience. I have in the past three weeks addressed approximately the gatherings and have at each time stressed boycott. These gotherings have comprised our own succlearies, Hadassah, Zionists, Council of Jewish Women etc and Ibelieve That in this way I am in my own small way. furthering our cause and creating fresh sympachy and cooperation for our work. On Sunday, after listing the new baycott Phillips mild of Magnesia, etc., I also, as you did

included luminal. I told my audique the reason for boycotting was that these products were in the hands of German holding companies. A doctor in the new Bestord group was very much ferturbed about luminal. He told me that the product was sold by the Winthrop Chemical Company of Ortario and 4. S. 4. and. that the Mit. Since Haspital of 5th live M. Y. purchase at least 20, ooo worth of luminos from the said Winthrup Co. yearly He further told me that this company employee as many as possible of German-Jewish refugees. Somehow this information rather offsets baycotting. Jour can realize han little effect my words will have had if this man is correct and we are Burman and that I, too, would write into the hational office. Will you check, or was (wrong) From now until well in December I will have te address at least fifteen more groups. I would like to talk "baycatt." Can you furnish me a list of articles, companies, products, etc. ton the boycutt list. Techaps I can make mass women boyeut couscious. Sincerely, alice P. Gilman

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November 11 1937

Mrs. M. Corets 956 Edison Avenue NewYork City.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

Would you be good enough and ask some members of the Women's Division to please check up whether Goldsmith Bros. of 77 Nassau Street carry any imported German merchandise or merchandise distributed by the companies on our boycott list. It is physically impossible for one person to do so.

Yesterday we had a conversation with Mr. Nackerson and he assured us that they do not carry any German merchandise. However, I am suspicious. I want to mention here that they carry A.W. Faber pencils, which they promised to eliminate gradually and also Agfa Ansco films. May we ask you to help us check whether there are other articles besides the two just mentioned.

Many thanks in advance and looking forward to receiving your reply, I remain, with best personal regards,

Yours sincerely, NON SECTARIAN ANTI NAZI LEAGUE

EW: JS

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856 Edison Avo. Bx NY 11/12/37

Pear Sister Gilmen,

I have your very interesting letter and I am very happy to find you doing such active boycett work.

The sending of my drug list required norn research than I expected, but I am expecting to release it only day now.

Hadasah, Licelete and Council of Jewish Boron. Could you work it out in much a way that you have a rowen from each organization to be an accredited delegate as your sentest vomes, to be present at your important beyoutt conference. By that I mean, we recently called a State Department beyoutt conference. It was for Amiliary Presidents and Rejectt Chairmen, plus representatives of the beyoutt active ergonizations i.e Non Besterian and Pricade of Democracy/ Our plans for New York is to get more delegates of other organizations so that our programs will be taken up by as many women as possible, at one time.

We are new consentrating on Wear Right gloves, made by Wimelbacher & Rice, 1107 Broudway. While they manufacture here, they import from Hamburg on German steamers. Register your sales resistance wherever you find these gloves. Suggest to the stores to return the gloves. Create as much sales resistance as you can, but always do it in a ladylike manuer, with courtesy, and asking for comparation. Mobody such ever take the position of insisting or demanding. I will be very pleased to get individual reports from Auxiliaries on this particular assignment. I am keeping a card record for each Auxiliary and will enter upon it any accomplishment they report to me, on the boycett and will make public praiseworthy activities of any Auxiliary. Please impress upon your Auxiliaries that I am very serious when I give them an assignment and I am keeping a close watch throughout the Organization on how our women take up their Boycett work.

Regarding Ht. Sinai, I am enclosing copy of a letter cent to that hoppital and will inform you the result. It may be that they are baying phenobarbital. However if they should say Lucinal, it can only mean they buy from Winthrop and Winthrop must be boycotted. Whether or not they employ German-Jewish refugees is not the point. (Some of them do that at the lowest wages in order to divert criticism). You are absolutely right in boycotting Luminal, prepared by Winthrop Chemical Go. I have had an auful lot of work to to and an only just beginning to see daylight. You will hear more from me.

956 Edison Ave. Bronx New York 11/12/37

Mt. Simai Heapital. 100th St & 5th Ave., New York City.

Attention Executive Offices.

I would deeply approximate if if you would inform me thather the phonobarbital purchased for use in your hospital is purchased as

phenobarbital or - Imainul

Luminal, prepared by the Winthrop Chemical Co. is on the Beycott list of our organization as well as other Matienal knows expending tions prosecuting the economic beyont of Bast Germany.

We are esking your cooperation in this important distinction.

Yours very truly.

Sertha V. Coreta.

## THE MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

FIFTH AVENUE AND ONE HUNDREDTH STREET,

#### **NEW YORK**

November 15, 1937.

Miss Bertha V. Corets Nathonal Boycott Chairman 956 Edison Avenue New York

My dear Miss Corets:

Mount Sinai Hospital has been purchasing phenobarbital (not luminal) for many years. This is in reply to your inquiry of November 12th.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH TURNER, M. D. Director.

#### Non Sectarian Anti Anzi League 20 W. 47th St.

November 16, 1937

Mrs. Mark Corets 956 Edison Ave. Bronx NY

Dear Mrs. Corets

In connection with the various drug products listed in your instructions we believe it is important that the consumer is familiar with the manufacturer's name as well as with the fact that the products are a source of revenue for the Nazi government.

Fletchers Castoria Centaur Co. 80 Varick St NYC California Syrup of Figs Sterling prod. Inc Wheelind W.Va. Byons Tooth Pewder and Paste R.H. Watkins Co. 170 Varick St NYC Phillips Milk of Magnesia Chas H. Phillips Co. "Watkins Emulsified Shampoo B.L. Watkins Co. "Vicks Vaporub Vicks Chemical Co. 122 E. 42nd St. Vitalis )

Ipana Tooth Paste ) Bristol Myers Co. 639 Fifth Ave

The above concerns are affiliated with the Sterling Froducts Inc. which in turn is partially owned by the I.G. Fabbenindustrie (German Dye Trust). If follows therefore that the profits resulting from the sale of these products consequently go to the Nazi Germany.

We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter which is being sent to all the above compenies informing them that their products are listed among those which are a source of income to the Nazi German government.

We trust that this is the information you desire and ask you not to hesitate to call upon us at any time when you feel that we can be helpful.

Sincerely yours, NON SECTARIAN ANTI NAZI LEAGYE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

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P.S. Should you care to it may be advisable for you to wait about ten days before releasing this information until we hear from them.

NEW YORK



BROOKLYN\

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

November 19, 1937.

Miss Bertha V Corets National Ladies' Auxiliary Jewish War Veterans of the United States 956 Edison Avenue Bronx, N Y.

Dear Madam:

We have your letter of November 9th directing our attention to a recent advertisement which appeared in the World-Telegram featuring "Wear-Right" gloves. These gloves have been purchased from Wimelbacher and Rice; and after investigation we have been assured that these gloves were made in Czechoslovakia. Each of these gloves is marked and labelled in accordance with the customs' requirement with the name of the country of origin, Czechoslovakia.

As you know, Oppenheim, Collins does not, knowingly, offer for sale any merchandise produced in Germany.

We trust the above sets forth our policy with respect to merchandise of German origin.

Very truly yours,

Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc.

Kinz

Treasurer.

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Auxiliary Memo #1

Nov. 24, 1937.

Te All (Presidents (Boycott Chairmen

Dear Sisters:

In the first message sent to you as your National Boycott Chairman, ENCOURAGEMENT is the important word. There have been many times when we could not truthfully send such a message, but today the results of our years of work are beginning to bear fruit. The fruit is the measure of courtesy and cooperation we receive when we call upon outstanding firms to discontinue the purchase of Nazi made merchandise, ships and services, and in this connection we expect some important names to disappear shortly from our boycott list.

There are other names where we shall have to develop sales resistance, if we are to lessen the sales of their merchandise, and so make the importations from Germany unprofitable.

Because this is the Glove Season, gloves is a timely article

to concentrate upon.

BOYCOTT ASSIGNMENT #1 GLOVES
WIMELBACHER & RICE, 1150 Broadway, Now York City. Their brand is

"WEAR RIGHT".

"This company continues to import German gloves. They received 33 cases of cotton gloves on Sept. 21 on the S/S Bremen and one case leathor gloves and two cases cotton gloves Oct. 23 on the S/S Deutschland.

WELL KNOWN GLOVE CO., 468 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C. Their brand is

"This company was found guilty of violating section 304D of the Tariff Act of 1930 which makes it illegal for any person to cancel, deface, destroy, alter or obliterate the markings of origin of merchandise imported from foreign countries. They pleaded guilty when tried in Jan. 1937 and were fined \$300.
They admitted having unlawfully obliterated the words "Made in Germany" from box labols and gloves which had been imported from German.

Please make note that even if gloves of the above brands are marked "Made in USA" we are still not buying these gloves. Until the above concerns discontinue importing from Germany, and using Nazi ships and services, they remain on our boycott. Examine carefully every glove purchase, visit your neighborhood stores, department stores, etc. where gloves are sold and acquaint them with our attitude regarding these brands. If you have any difficulty with the larger stores where their purchases amount to something, please send me their name and address and a record of your experience and I will take the matter up further. If all our Auxiliaries throughout the United States concentrate on the glove program until you receive new orders, I am sure that in a short time we will remove an additional name from the boycott list.

To encourage you in your work, I am quoting part of a letter I received on 10/8/37 from R.H.Macy & Co., 34th St., N.Y.C.:-"The consumer boycott of German merchandise has been so widespread and effective that we have found it necessary to secure merchandise to which there is no resistance. For the same roason we found that there was no longer any need for our Berlin office which was closed in Juno 1934. We have long since discontinued the display of German merchandise in all of our departments. Only on rare occasions where the inability to get the wanted merchandise from any other source in the world do we feel more or less compelled to satisfy a customer as a matter of accommodation. We do not encourage the sale of such articles. They are filled only on a special order of a specific request from a customer." basis as a result

I am proparing another paper for you on drugs which you will shortly. Write me at all times if you have any problems and I should appreciate it very much to receive a report from each Auxiliary as to their boycott activitios and accomplishments. do not forget your contributions to the Boycott fund. Asking for your sincere attention to these orders and your full cooperation in carrying them out, I am

> Yours for an intensified boycott, BERTHA V. CORETS, Nat'l Boycott Chrmn

956 Edison Ave., Bronx, N.Y.C.

Mrs. Herris, Chairman Women's Division, Non-Sectarian Anti-Mazi League, 20 West 47th St., New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Harris:

At the conference held at your home sometime ago, Loeser's Department Store of Brooklyn, was reported to be carrying German merchandise. This information was given to our Brooklyn women, and they immediately got on the job, with the result that I have received a letter from that concern, in which they stated it has been their policy for many months, not to purchase merchandise of German origin, and their buyers are instructed to adhere to this policy. They request that we contraduct any rumore otherwise.

I am now asking that you contact the two women who reported this to you, and request them to worlfy their statements by submitting an article of German origin purchased in that store.

If you have any other suggestions on this subject. I will be glad to cooperate.

Sincerely yours,

BERTHA V. CORETS, Boycott Chairman National Ladies! Auxiliary

BVC/c 18

From: Mr. E. Werner, To: Mr. Teller,

December 2, 1937

Re: International News Company

Among the importation of German books, Nazi books dealing with Nazi ideologies, doctrinesy books elaborating on the Nazi regime, are the major items in this German catalogue released by the International News Company. Usually the heads of the German departments of the various book companies such as above mentioned, westerman & Stechert, are either Nazis or have pro-Nazi inclinations, and are responsible to a great extent for the spread of Nazism in this country. The importance of the importation of Nazi books and the spread of Nazism by means of these books, should not be minimized because these books find their way all over this country.

The Research Department has recently worked on one specific case of the International News Company in the direction of eliminating or partially offsetting the influence of these Nazi books. It has come to the attention of the Research Department that the International News Company, which is owned by the American News Co of 131 Varick St. has in their 1937 catalogue only those books which are approved by the Nazi regime. On pages 27 and the following, they list under the special headline of "National Socialism" books like "My Kappf" My Struggle", books by Rosenberg like "The MYth of the 20th Century" speeches by Dr. Goebbels, etc. and the Franz Eher Verlag, Hitler's own publishing house, has run a half page ad in this catalogue. In this catalogue there is not one book which is published outside of Germany after 1933 by authors like Lion Feuchtwangler, Heinrich Mann, Emil Ludwig, Gerhart Seger and others which are of Anti-Nazi character. Books like the Brown Book which gives the right version of the Reichstag fire or "Die Oppenheims" by Lion Feuchtwanger, are deliberately omitted. These facts have been brought to the attention of the American News Company and the International News Company, of which Mr. Grieb is the manager and Mr. Brooks, Manager of the German Department. We have requested that a comprehensive list of anti-nazi books should be included in the new 1938 catalogue, which is going to be released shortly. However, all kinds of excuses have been made in order not to include the list of anti-nazi books in this catalogue, for instance, it has been said that there is no demand for these books and that the prices are too high. But these contentions have been disproved by the fact that some of the Nazi books are carried in stock, but now listed in the catalogue and we have asked for an explanation why this has been done, and we sere answered that they could not do it because then the Fran Ener Verlag and other Nazi publishing Houses would withdraw their ads from the catalogue. These ads are only disguised way of financially supporting the International News Company and Nazi houses in this was influence in the make-up of the catalogue. Finally we had to agree to a solution, according to which the American News Co., is going to print a notice on their fromt cover explaining that the catalogue does not reflect any partiality on their part. However, the facts disprove this statement. We have emphasized in the letter to tee President of the American News Company, that for the next chalogue we have to insist upon a representative list of anti-mazi books which will be submitted by us to them.

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FRANK P. WALSH

December 7, 1937

Mrs. Mark Corets, Boycott Chairman National Ladies Aux. J. W. V. 956 Edison Avenue Bronz, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

Thank you for your report on Loeser's Department Store of Brooklyn. I have contacted the two women who made the report that this store was handling German merchandise, and they are checking again to verify their statements. I will let you hear from me in reference to this within a short thme.

Thanking you, and with my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mark Harris

Chairman Women's Division

MH:S

Since my voice is not very good this evening due to a cold, I will ask our Chairman to please read my report.

I attended a meeting of the Non-Sectarian AntiNazi League recently, I heard some women ask how to go about
boycotting beauticians. I would like to send them my report,
which I rendered sometime ago, on that. When I start with any
beauty parlor, I do not give up until they are 100%. A German
owner of a beauty parlor, at Madison Avenue and 99th Street,
in the heart of the Jewish district, has been slow in replacing
her German-made implements. Yesterday, she sent word to me,
asking me to resume my patronage and also bring back the other
clients whom I discouraged.

At our first meeting at the Hotel Pennsylvania, I suggested a little white card, with blue printing, stating "this establishment does not buy, sell or use German-made goods", with the name of our organization in a corner of the card. This card would be displayed in the windows of firms who are 100% with us. I understand that in Cleveland, our comrades and sisters are doing that.

Mrs. Corets has my report on Bloomingdale's Department Store.

Since this is the most important time of the year to watch for German goods, we must work hard. The following is a recent incident. Mrs. Kravitt of Hoffman Post No.94, Brooklyn, phoned me and told me of a little shop on Church and Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, that was selling "Wear Right"Gloves. I immediately formed a Committee of women, who, one at a time, went in and asked for gloves. When they saw the labels, they told the proprietor they would not buy anything in her shop as long as she was selling any black listed goods. She evidently felt the loss of some business, because she promised to return the gloves to the manufacturer. She too, would like to have one of the above mentioned signs.

I feel that in order to get the best results, we should invite the help of the "youth" of our nation. I have started, by going to the Young Men's Hebrew Ass'n, 92nd St. at Lexington Ave., New York City, and speaking to the different clubs of the boys and girls, explaining to them the importance of the boycott. Some of them did not know that if the German, Schmeling, loses the fight, he still will get a lot of money to take to Germany. They are very willing to cooperate with us.

Signed

Dec. 8, 1937.

Mrs. Gertrude Cohen

From. Mr. E. Werner

December 8,1937

To: Mrs. Corets

Will you please be kind enough to delegate a few Ladies of your Division to check up on Abraham & Straus store, main floor, whether there are Christmas trinkets stamped "Made in Germany,"

We have had telephone information to the effect that these Christmas trinkets have been taken out of boxes stamped "Made in Germany". We have written to Abraham & Strauss and received a reply from Mr. Richard M. Brown denying that they have these Christmas trinkets.

#### KRESGE

Kresge Store at 1004 Flatbush Avenue has merchandise stamped "Made in Germany" displayed on a counter in the rear of the store, main floor, right hand. Please also check on this and let me know.

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December 22,1937

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

Dear Mrs. Corets,

Answering your letter of December 15th, I wish to correct an impression that I get from your letter regarding freight rates.

We fully realize that the freight rates are the same on all Lines and all Ports, and that we are not using any specific Port because of any saving.

Our main problem is the refrigerated service that our product requires, and it is extremely difficult for us to tell just when these products will be ready for shipment. We are compelled to ship them on short notice and must take advantage of the quickest refrigerated service that is available at that time.

Nevertheless we will do our utmost to comply with your request and assure you that we will favor you as much as we possibly can, in accordance with the above circumstances.

Yours very truly,

FOOD SALES COMPANY, INC.

President

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Dec. 23, 1937.

Anta-Nazi Boycott Committee

Mrs. Bertha Corets,

956 Edison Ave.
Bronx, N. N.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

I have not sent out the drug release as requested by you because of the fact that some of the firms which you mention, are not included in the boycott list which has been compiled by the Joint Committee.

I would prefer to discuss this matter with you before doing anything, and would suggest that you let me know when you can come in town.

Kindest regards.

Fraternally yours,

Windest regards.

EDGAR H. BURMAN, Chairman

956 Edison Ave., Bronx NY 12/28/37

Non-Sectarian Anti Nazi League, 20 W. 47th St., HYCity

Attention Mr. Werner, Bear Mr. Werner,

Replying to your letter asking for a check on Kresge 1004 Flatbush Ave., I wish to say that I called on one of our Brooklyn women to investigate this store and she reports to me:- that the store is loaded with German merchandise. She purchased one of the novelties used for timing the boiling of eggs and it is plainly marked Germany on its base.

I have not received a report on Abrahum & Strauss about articles that were removed from boxes yet.

If there is anything else you want checked please call on me.

Yours very truly,

Bertha V. Corets, National Boycott Chairman 956 Edison Ave... Bx NY 12/28/37

1015 Trinity Ave.

Bx

Dear Mr. Spanglet,

I am enclosing a copy of the orders I had propared and was thinking of sending out.

If there is still question of Watkins and Bayers they could be left off or worded differently and and could list more fully preparations of Winthrop.

Please give no your advise and assistance in making this of some value.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. M. Corets 956 Edison Avenue Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

We would like to receive a short report about the activities of the Bronx Division. The reason for this is that Mr. Spanglet wants to start a certain project which he can only execute after receiving your report.

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation, we are

Yours very truly, NON SECTARIAN ANTI NAZI LEAGUE

EW:JS