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General Correspondence

**July - October
1938**

NATIONAL LADIES' AUXILIARY
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES
NEW YORK, N.Y.

July 5, 1938.

Dear Sisters:

If you have not already done so, please remove from your boycott list the names of Sears Roebuck & Co., Butler Bros. and John Wanamaker.

At this time, with vacations close at hand, I wish to call to your attention the importance of investigating ships before engaging for cruise passage. The following are the names of ships controlled by Germany:- The St. Louis, The Deutschland, The Hansa, The Columbus, The Bromon, The Reliance, The Europa. Our slogan for Americans, and I ask you to pass it on, is to "TRAVEL AND SHIP AMERICAN".

New source of revenue for the boycott department is from the sale of men's felt hats. If you have any men's felt hats that are not torn and without holes, ship them on to headquarters and we can get ten cents for each.

I recently visited the Nazi Camp Siegfried at Yaphank, L.I., and one of the shocking things that met my eyes was a very large sign bearing the words "German Americans demand equal rights". This is following the same tactics of the Sudeten party in Czechoslovakia. In this connection, I have a clipping from the New York Times that expresses a new Polish view, in which the Warsaw press indignantly comments "How dare the Nazis demand territorial autonomy for the Germans in Czechoslovakia, while they ruthlessly persecute the Polish minority in Germany"? Could not we further say "How dare the Germans, any part of the world, demand not only special privileges, but even equal rights, when they have proven themselves incapable of recognizing the human rights of minorities living within their borders"?

We are now in a position to answer any inquiry concerning a substitute for German drug preparations, so that if doctors or dentists have any questions in this regard, we are happy to say we will be able to take care of them.

If, during the summer, you have any inquiries, be sure that at all times you can write to me and I will take care of them. Wishing you all a happy and healthy vacation, I remain

Fraternally yours,

BERTHA V. CORETS
Boycott Chairman
National Ladies' Auxiliary

BVC/cjs

P.S. The enclosure is a list of monies received, and I suggest that you check this, and if there is any error or omission that you let headquarters know at once.

MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY FOR THE BOYCOTT FUND FROM
Oct. 1st to June 30th

1938

Oct. 6	Manhattan #1	\$ 2.00	Apr. 28	David Kulok 69	\$ 5.00
	Albany 105	2.00		Sam'l R. Hoffman 94	2.00
21	Richmond Hill 75	2.50		Brockton 139	5.00
23	Marie Kroll 109	10.00		Wash. Heights 7	3.00
28	David Blick 63	5.00		Preiskel-Miller 47	1.00
	Jacob Cousins 99	2.00		Kingsbridge 101	25.00
	" " "	.50		Parkside 151	6.25
Nov. 5	Chelsea 71	5.00		Sgt. J. Goldstein 53	10.00
10	Norwich 93	3.00		David Kulok 69	1.90
	Parkway 61	2.00		Preiskel-Miller 47	1.00
16	Washington 58	10.00	May 4	Suburban 78	5.00
17	David J. Kauffman 41	2.00		Jacob Levy 82	5.00
18	Buffalo 25	1.00		Bay Ridge 11	5.00
	Yonkers 68	3.00		Albert A. Werthor 6	2.00
	Mt. Vernon 42	10.00		West Phila. 77	25.00
	Pittsburgh 49	2.00		I.A. Rosenberg 103	10.00
	Lt. Simelson 54	4.00	14	Cutler 3	5.00
	Ph. London 83	2.00	16	Richmond Hill 75	5.00
	S. Phila. 98	2.00	20	Ph. London 83	10.00
	I.A. Rosenberg 103	2.50		Albany 105	2.00
19	Cleveland 14	10.00		S. Phila. 98	2.00
20	Newark 34	5.00		Reuben Kaufman 36	11.50
	Reuben Kaufman 36	10.00	25	Brooklyn 2	10.00
	Benj. Groman 104	7.00		Kulok 69	1.00
26				Prince Straus 161	5.00
	Brockton 139	5.00		Knickerbocker 111	10.00
29	Brooklyn 2	5.00		Lt. Louis Simelson 54	10.00
	Malden 74	4.00	June 3	Harrisburg 97	4.00
Dec. 9	Yonkers 68	10.00		Monmouth 125	5.00
	Sam'l R. Hoffman 94	2.00		Onondaga 131	2.00
15	Pvt. Jacob Levy 82	5.00	10	Richmond 155	3.51
	Richmond Boro 80	3.00		Worcester 32	10.00
	Sgt. Harry Ragovin 5	2.00		" "	1.80
	Parkside 151	10.00		Stamford 142	5.00
20	David Blick 63	5.00		Now Brunswick 133	1.54
	David Kulok 69	3.00	20	Parkway 61	2.00
Jan. 5	Ph. Lehman 50	1.20	30	Boro Park 37	1.70
	" " "	2.00		" " "	2.29
	David Blick 63	5.00		Gabriel Cohn 95	1.15
	Parkside 151	2.25		Springfield 26	5.00
	Tri County 126	10.00		Meriden 92	2.00
	Bayonne 18	2.00		Indianapolis 114	5.00
	Boro Park 37	1.45		Chicago N.E. 153	5.00
17	Brockton 139	5.00		Boston 22	2.05
22	B.M.B. 109	1.78			
Feb. 2	Lawrence 40	3.00			
	Bridgeport 88	5.70			
	Manhattan 1	1.00			
5	Parkside 151	1.10			
10	Hartford 45	5.00			
16	Brooklyn 2	5.00			
25	Bayonne 18	1.00			
Mar. 8	Ph. London 83	5.00			
	Newark 34	5.00			
	Chas. & M. Gordon 130	5.00			
	Mother Gordon	2.00			
18	New Bedford 154	5.00			
	Ph. Lehman 50	2.00			
	W. Phila. 77	5.00			
	Mt. Vernon 42	34.12			
	-----	5.00			
28	Parkway 61	2.00			
29	D.J. Kauffman 41	2.15			
	Rockaway 57	2.00			
	Sgt. Goldstein 53	3.73			
	Richmond Hill 75	4.61			
Apr. 1	Bayonne 18	1.00			
	Lehman 50	6.60			
	" "	2.00			
	Pvt. Gabriel Cohen 95	10.00			
8	Bayonne 18	1.00			
28	Marie Kroll 109	1.35			
	" " "	3.35			

July 8, 1938

Dear Mrs. Harris,

Enclosure is the Drug report I released in this organization.

You will note that tho we are reporting rather fully on Sterling Products, we are not issuing boycott orders.

You will further note that the Bayer Company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary is reported thro a profit sharing agreement

With Winthrop we have gone further and put them on the boycott list. It is another wholly owned subsidiary of Sterling.

American I.G. Chemical is described as an outgrowth of world wide development program instituted by I.G. Farbenindustrie. Capitalization of the company consists of \$25,318,000 5 1/2 convertible debentures due in 1949 which are guaranteed as to principal and interest by I.G. Farbenindustrie.

American I.G. Chemical owns 77 % interest in Agfa-Ansco. Agfa Ansco has exclusive rights to manufacture or sell in the United States and its territories and possessions all photographic products developed or produced by I.G. Farbenindustrie.

From the above it would seem to me that we should find some reason to have Agfa Ansco on the list. In addition I believe they use in their film some product brought from Germany.

Hoping you will find this of interest,

Yours very truly,

Bertha V. Corets

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

National Headquarters • 276 Fifth Avenue • New York, N. Y.

Murray Hill 4-1389

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July 23, 1938.

Bertha V. Corets, Boycott Chairman
National Ladies' Auxiliary, J.W.V.U.S.A.,
956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

I am very glad to learn that your brother is better, and certainly hope he continues to improve.

The checks you forwarded have been deposited to the boycott account, and acknowledgments will be mailed to the various Auxiliaries.

I am enclosing a letter from the Ladies' Auxiliary in Norfolk, Va., for your attention, as I feel you may have some additional information regarding Lever Bros. since we last spoke of the matter. The boycott stamps have been forwarded to Mrs. Blumberg.

In reference to assisting you in preparing your report for the convention, I will be very glad to do anything I can, as you know. However, I have a full day ahead of me today, and my vacation starts Monday, and I will be away for a week. When I return I will certainly do what you asked in your letter.

As to your report which you sent to the C.I.C., his stenographer is also away on vacation, which probably accounts for any delay in answering. I have no doubt but that you will hear from him within the next few days.

Again, hoping sincerely that everything will be alright with you and yours very shortly, I remain

Sincerely

Lucile Schaffer

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July 26, 1938

Miss Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies Auxiliary
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York

Dear Madam:

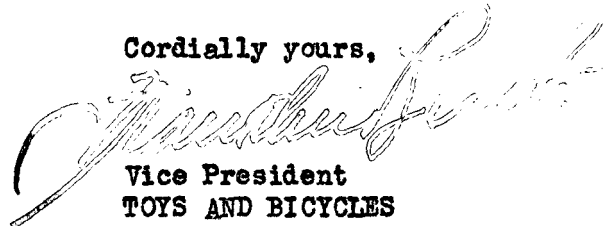
Answering your letter of July 25th.

Our publication does not accept advertising of toys made in Germany or Japan. It is devoted exclusively to the American toy industry.

As a matter of fact, since the war very few toys have been exported from Germany. Japan has been quite an offender until it became involved in their Chinese mix-up.

Probably 98 per cent of the toys sold over retail counters in this country today are toys made in America, and, of course, we shall continue to do our part to induce buyers generally to confine themselves to American made toys.

Cordially yours,



Vice President
TOYS AND BICYCLES

Franklin Butler/rb

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 8/8/38

Borden's Farm Products,
110 Hudson St., NY.

Attention Mr. Sam Slaughter,
Director Sales Promotion.

Dear Sir,

I should like you to know at this time that a member of our organization reviewed your picture "The Eighty Years" and found this picture interesting and instructive.

We take this opportunity to thank you for making the showing available to them, and to assure you that no part was found objectionable or the basis for any complaint.

Yours very truly,

Bertha V. Corsets,
National Ladies Auxiliary

BORDEN'S FARM PRODUCTS

DIVISION OF THE BORDEN COMPANY

110 HUDSON STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.



August 9, 1938.

Miss Bertha V. Corets,
National Ladies Auxiliary
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.,
956 Edison Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

My dear Miss Corets:

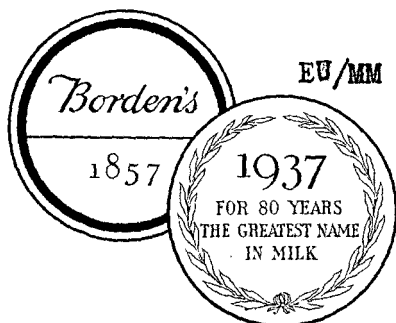
Mr. Slaughter has passed on to me your letter of August 8th, containing your comments on our film "The Eighty Years".

On July 14th, the writer was pleased to hear your Mrs. Goldstein's favorable reaction to our film, and we are greatly gratified to receive your official letter of approval at this time.

Let us thank you for your interest in this matter and assure you that we will be happy to be of service to you at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Zoraed Urean Hart
MILK EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.



956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 8/29/38

Dear Miss Schaffer,

Enclosed

Richmond #155 5.00

Newark #34 4.70

Please acknowledge.

Sincerely

LAW OFFICES OF
WALTER D. WILE
11 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE DIOBY 4-0086
CABLE ADDRESS "DWILAW"

September 2nd, 1938

Jewish War Veterans of the United States
276 Fifth Avenue
New York City

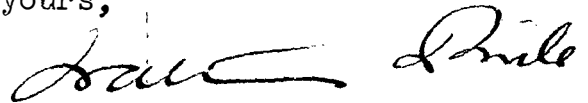
Gentlemen:

In behalf of my client, Julius Wile Sons & Co., Inc., importers of wine, at No. 2 Park Avenue, in this city, I have for some time past been in negotiation with the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of this city, as a result of which they have become satisfied that my said client has severed its connections with its German wine-shippers and discontinued any further importation of German wines. A news item to this effect has been released for publication in the press by the Anti-Nazi League, and I have been assured by the League that my said client's name would be eliminated from the next (September) number of its Bulletin, with an appropriate explanation. I was also informed by Mr. Krasney of the Anti-Nazi League that he had notified you of the action taken by the League in this matter.

I understand the information upon which you base the list of boycott violators circulated by you is obtained from the Anti-Nazi League. May I assume, accordingly, that you will likewise eliminate the name of Julius Wile Sons & Co., Inc. from your next list.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your reply,
I remain

Very truly yours,



WDW/EG

SEP 3 1938

THE CITY LUMBER CO.

75 THIRD ST. BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

September 8, 1938

Mr. B. Levy
c/o Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League
20 West 47th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am returning to you enclosed a letter recently received from your organization. In view of our correspondence since our letter to you of July 28th, what do you think my reaction is toward the enclosed letter? As you did not show us the courtesy of a response to our letters of August 4th and August 10th we were just about to write you again regarding the matter when the enclosed letter was received. We were just about to write you that, while we are wholly in sympathy with the purposes and efforts of your organization, we would not only never contribute again in the future but would make it our business to make it known throughout this community what sort of an organization is behind the movement. Mr. Teller was your agent and representative while he was in Bridgeport and therefore you are responsible for his acts and representations as we had no knowledge whatever that he was no longer with you until we received your letter of July 29th in reply to ours of the 28th.

In response to the enclosed letter you may not only not count upon my cooperation until the \$10.00 in question is refunded to us but I shall do everything in my power (and I flatter myself that I have some influence in the Jewish community of this city) to prevent the formation of a branch of your organization in this city.

What are you going to do about it?

Very truly yours,

THE CITY LUMBER COMPANY
of Bridgeport, Inc.

(Signed) Aaron Wittstein
Treasurer

September 13, 1938

Mr. Aaron Wittstein
The City Lumber Company
75 Third Street
Bridgeport, Conn.

My dear Mr. Wittstein:

By a stroke of luck your letter of September 8th addressed to B. Levy, care of the League was opened in this office and finally turned over to me. I need hardly say to you that I find your communication extremely disturbing and I am determined to straighten out this matter to your satisfaction.

However, let me give you a little of the background of the entire situation in order to clarify matters. As you will realize when you have read it, this information is private and I trust you will keep it confidential. Let me say, parenthetically, that in so far as the sum of ten dollars is concerned I shall see to it that it is refunded to you if, after reading the rest of my letter, you feel that the League is in no way responsible.

Some time in April the League entered into an agreement with this man, Levy, to solicit subscriptions for our Bulletin. This was undoubtedly one of the most foolish and unfortunate arrangements that it was possible for the League to make. Johannes Steel, Executive Secretary of our organization at that time, was asked to resign for this and other reasons but the League was still left with the Levy contract on its hands.

Cont'd - Mr. Aaron Wittstein

September 13, 1938

Levy had an organization of professional solicitors operating independently of the League, whose personnel was unfortunately unknown to our officers. These men spread all over this community like a flight of locusts. Such instances as you report occurred in a great many places. The difficulty was that the reports of their activities came directly to Levy and he kept them from the notice of the officers of the League.

Within a couple of months we were able to get enough information on Levy's character and background to enable us to break our contract and to sever all relations with him and his gang but by that time the crew had done irreparable damage to the League. This was only realized since Levy was requested to leave the office and it is up to me to do what I can to rectify the costly mistake of our association with that crew.

You can readily recognize what a terrible thing this has been to our organization. At least a dozen men have echoed your words "while we are wholly in sympathy with the purposes and efforts of your organization, we would not only never contribute again in the future but would make it our business to make it known throughout this community what sort of an organization is behind our movement."

I do not need to urge you to reconsider such a statement. I have had some experience of your courtesy and fairness in the past and I know that you will not hold an idealistic movement, which is both honest and sincere responsible for the activities of a gang of unscrupulous solicitors which was never "behind the movement."

I have just begun my work here as Executive Director and this is an unpleasant duty which I feel I must perform in order to enable our movement to exert the efforts and reach the purposes which you approve. As I mentioned before, if you desire it after this explanation, I shall have the money returned to you in the next mail. Meanwhile I am informing Levy who has established headquarters at 2 West 46th St., New York City, that I shall withhold any and all commissions which may be due him for some belated mail contributions until they total the sum which is due to you and which I shall thereupon send you.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience and please bear in mind that this movement is greater than any of its individuals and deserves your support and cooperation.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Johan J. Smertenko
Executive Director.

September 23, 1938

Mr. Johan J. Smertenko
c/o Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League
20 West 47th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Smertenko:

This will acknowledge your very welcome letter of September 13th explaining the background of the situation relative to my complaint. Naturally, the mere fact that you are now actively connected with the League changes the picture entirely and I join with you in the regret that an organization such as yours had the misfortune to be associated with an unscrupulous group of profiteers.

In view of your explanation you are right in presuming that I would not ask the organization to refund the ten dollars to me. You understand, of course, that it was not a question of the money involved but the idea of being so grossly taken in after having made a substantial contribution and extended help in other way.

Mr. Johan J. Smertenko - Cont'd

September 23, 1938

However, should you accumulate sufficient funds which may be due Mr. Levy, naturally I shall be glad to have the ten dollars refunded to me out of such funds.

Your letter restored my faith in the organization and I wish you every success as Executive Director.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Aaron Wittstein

**OFFICE
PERSONNEL**

Upon taking office your Director first turned his attention to the personnel. He made a satisfactory agreement with the Union which raised the salaries of a number of the underpaid workers. At his suggestion one of the workers who had been accused of disloyalty to the LEAGUE, especially in connection with Mrs. Harris, found other employment. An office manager was appointed and the workers were assigned to tasks for which they were best qualified under stricter supervision than they had had before. By systematizing the routine work of the various departments and initiating new activities it was possible to arouse the enthusiasm and cooperation of the entire personnel which is now functioning in an efficient manner. There is a marked improvement in the morale of the office and I am happy to report that I am satisfied that the workers are now conscientiously and efficiently performing their duties.

Despite two additions to the office force, however, the office is very seriously understaffed. We are now doing more than ten times the amount of work which was done before I began my program of activities and it is physically impossible to cope with this work with the number of people who are at present available. In order to overcome some of the handicaps of the inadequate staff, as well as the taxing demands on my own time, I have had to arrange that one of my secretaries come at eight o'clock each morning in order to allow me an hour of dictation before the rush of business begins. I have also had to request from the office force a great amount of overtime work, sometimes extending to past midnight in order to keep up with the demands made upon me and the office.

Another serious handicap has been the office itself which is so constituted that it is impossible to achieve maximum efficiency. Aside from the fact that the dilapidated condition of the office makes a very bad impression on the public which is constantly streaming in through our doors, there is the question of arrangement of rooms which do not permit any privacy or concentration on the part of the Executives. I have been forced to take several mornings each week for work in my own home with either one or two secretaries in order to overcome this difficulty.

An increased personnel and improved office space are imperative for the successful development of our organization. Our present income as well as our general prospects justify action in this connection. I am convinced that with these improvements we can further increase our income by greater and more effective activity.

ORGANIZATION

DEPARTMENT One of my first actions was to establish a functioning Organization Department with a view to forming local chapters throughout the country and branches in the City of New York. Mr. Gerhard Schroeder was put in charge of this department and he is assisted by Mr. Samuel Maness as Field Secretary. It is due to their efforts that a Chapter has been established in Philadelphia with a membership exceeding 700. They have also been able to organize 30 neighborhood groups in Greater New York which are now being combined into branches representing the various boroughs. Steps have been completed toward the establishment of a Connecticut organization with chapters in Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury and New Britain. At the present time Mr. Maness is in Albany where a strong Chapter is being organized in a very strategic position. Preliminary steps have also been taken in other up-State cities of New York, in Pennsylvania and in Massachusetts, as will be evident from the report of the head of the Organization Department.

An attempt has been made to secure greater cooperation with the New Jersey Chapter. At the time I took office certain members of the Executive Committee were under the impression that the New Jersey Chapter sought to establish itself as an autonomous organization totally independent in policy and financial relations from the National Office. This impression served to create considerable misunderstanding and resentment which are gradually being dispelled. I have attended two meetings of the Actions Committee of the New Jersey Chapter addressing them on certain problems of the LEAGUE. We have recently received \$100. on account of an outstanding debt and in part payment for BULLETINS and dues to the National Office. The New Jersey Chapter is still \$1,767.60 in arrears for the year 1933 but Mr. Alenick has indicated the intention of the Chapter to balance its account at the earliest opportunity.

WOMEN'S DIVISION I wish to call special attention to the most successful achievement of the LEAGUE in recent days which is due chiefly to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Esther Fisher and her Executive Committee who have been able to establish a Women's Division in New York City. There are now over 600 members in this Division. They have been able to carry on their activities without any cost to the LEAGUE. We spent \$607.18 in forming this Division and every cent has been turned back to the LEAGUE treasury. At the same time, the groundwork has been laid for further financial returns which will go to the development of the Division and the up-keep of the National Office.

In addition to fund-raising activities, the Women's Division has established active committees of propaganda, boycott, membership, organization and office help. These committees have been instrumental in spreading the work of the LEAGUE and enlarging our general membership. They have arranged to have the Christmas truck drive through the streets of Greater New York all this month to stimulate the boycott of German goods. This truck has been particularly helpful in picketing the German exposition at the Grand Central Palace.

By means of drawing-room meetings the Women's Division has won a sympathetic hearing among many groups in the City who previously had no knowledge whatsoever of the organization or its activities. Under the leadership of the Manhattan Executive Committee, headed by Mrs. Esther Fisher, similar work has been done in Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. Branches of the Women's Division have been established there. Under its auspices three overflow mass meetings have been held in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

SMALLER GROUPS A significant development in the organizational work of the LEAGUE has been the formation of smaller groups which are now being coordinated into the borough branches of the City. It has been my aim to establish the entire organization on a membership basis. The purpose of this is two-fold. I believe that by this means we shall really get active workers who will spread the propaganda of our movement throughout the nation. I also believe that when the entire country is organized on this membership basis we shall have a clear idea of the assets of the LEAGUE and on the basis of this information we can organize a regular annual budget which will enable us to apportion our funds among the various departments of the LEAGUE and not carry on a hand-to-mouth existence which, at this time, limits our plans and programs for the future. *

As a result of one such meeting at the home of Mrs. I. M. Zacharias, we have been able to bring into the movement Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seligsberg. Mrs. Seligsberg has personally raised about \$1000. among her friends. Through her help I have been able to obtain Mr. Alphonse A. Shelare as Treasurer of our organization. With her cooperation I have just arranged to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Stern, 875 Park Avenue, which will be attended by men and women of their acquaintance including Messrs. and Mesdames Percy Strauss, Max Steuer, Howard Dietz, William S. Paley, Paul Block, Howard S. Cullman and others. At the request of Mrs. Seligsberg we have been promised new quarters for our offices by Mr. David S. Shulte as soon as he can arrange to free the amount of space which we require.

A similar group has become interested in the LEAGUE through the efforts of Mr. Harold Lack. This group has pledged itself to raise funds for a project of a confidential nature which I have outlined to them and which will require between \$10,000. and \$15,000. Mrs. Zacharias has been able to interest some of the outstanding musicians in New York City and it is through her work that we have the offer of a concert by Toscanini's orchestra for the benefit of the LEAGUE. She is also making arrangements to put at our disposal the services of the Primrose Quartet.

A special word of praise must be given to the workers of the North Queens Branch which has been organized through the efforts of Mrs. Vieland, Mr. Martel, Mr. Rivlin, Mrs. Linnet and Mrs. Pierson. This includes memberships from Sunnyside, Astoria, Jackson Heights, Elmhurst and other communities. Since its organization three weeks ago, this branch has contributed over \$300. to the LEAGUE and it is doing very effective propaganda work in a community which has had a strong anti-Semitic campaign.

* The groups in question have been established by the use of drawing-room meetings and our efforts have been rewarded by a very enthusiastic response. So far, fifty-two parlor meetings have been held which have been addressed by your Director, Mr. Schroeder of the Organization Department, Dr. Mitchell Salem Fisher, Mr. Samuel Maness, Mrs. Esther Fisher, Mrs. Breckir, Mrs. Josephine Geddes and other occasional speakers. As a result, thirty groups have been formed, some of them of the most significant character.

It is obvious that these organizational efforts need to be coordinated and it is in this respect that the LEAGUE owes a great debt to Dr. Mitchell Salem Fisher and Mr. Herman Hoffman who have interested some of the most influential members of our community in the formation of a Greater New York Chapter. A preliminary meeting has been held at the home of Dr. Fisher for this purpose and a Temporary Executive Committee has been elected. To this Committee representatives from all the groups within the City are being added and the organizational meeting of these representatives is scheduled to be held immediately after the New Year. With the formation of this Chapter, we shall have the strongest single unit of the LEAGUE functioning in New York.

I need not point out here to those who realize the difficulties of organizational work how great a problem this has been to Mr. Schroeder and his small Department. Limited by the amount of clerical help which he could obtain, Mr. Schroeder has done an extraordinary job in establishing these local units of the LEAGUE and at the same time in carrying on the work of building the organization outside of New York.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the recent Nazi outrages in Germany taxed the office of the LEAGUE to the utmost in the matter of supplying the demand for speakers at protest meetings. While not all of these protest meetings were held under the auspices of the LEAGUE nor served to establish new groups, they did succeed in making the organization widely and favorably known.

Since November 11, I have spoken at nine large meetings and to over a dozen smaller groups. I have been particularly active in addressing the colleges of New York speaking to the students at New York University, City College and Brooklyn College as well as to several Young People's Leagues of Temples. These meetings have enabled me to begin the organization of an active Youth movement which I consider a prime necessity at this time. I am scheduled to address the City Federation of Women's Clubs, the Drama League, the Rand School Forum, and the Forum of the Community Church on questions of boycott and Nazi activities in this country. Wherever I have considered it essential to the organizational activity of the LEAGUE, I have participated in drawing-room meetings and the results have justified my attendance at these smaller meetings.

I feel confident that following the present program, the LEAGUE can establish a membership of over a quarter of a million people in New York City within the next year and a similarly large membership throughout the United States. There have been demands for organizational work from almost every major city in the country.

**PUBLICITY
DEPARTMENT**

As I have said above, the Publicity Department had done effective routine work in the publication of the BULLETIN and the sending out of publicity concerning the LEAGUE but there was no real creative effort made for a long period of time. The stock of all pamphlets was running low and nothing had been done to replace this with new material. The BULLETIN itself was amateurish typographically, poorly printed and full of ridiculous errors. Responsibility for this situation must chiefly be laid to the fact that estimates for printing were requested from small and incompetent shops and the jobs were given to the lowest estimate offered without taking into consideration the quality of the work that was done and the services rendered. Such questions as proof-reading, make-up and lay-out were not even considered. What was more important is that the LEAGUE had lost standing with the New York City newspapers, the press associations and the important papers of the country. There was also very little cooperation from the Labor and the Yiddish press.

My first efforts in the matter of publicity were directed toward establishing a more satisfactory relationship between the LEAGUE and the press. By getting in touch with personal friends on the editorial staffs of the various newspapers and magazines and by furnishing these papers with significant material, we have been able to establish a changed attitude toward the LEAGUE. We now have a good representation of the press at our press conferences and we are called up for comment by papers and the press associations on the situations affecting Nazi activities in this country and abroad. It is thus possible to get a good deal of educational propaganda into the columns of the newspapers. Moreover, in the past few weeks material furnished by us has been used by the Nation and the New Republic as well as in Commonweal and Tide magazines. Our meetings and broadcasts have received prominent space in the New York City newspapers and our comments on the Coughlin situation were reprinted in almost every newspaper in the United States.

I have made revisions in the character of the BULLETIN and further revisions are contemplated. This has become possible in a large measure due to the fact that, by applying for estimates to large printing plants, we were able to save over \$100. a month on the printing cost of the BULLETIN. In addition to saving money, we are getting a proof-reading service which we never had before, and which saves us a large amount of time; moreover we get the benefit of a large choice of types and other printing facilities and of expert workmanship. By making an arrangement with the Western Newspaper Union we are also able to save money on the cost of mailing the BULLETINS and we have received substantial reductions in the cost of smaller printing items such as application blanks, bills, stationery, etc.

I have, however, failed to produce the BULLETIN on schedule. This has been largely due to the fact that I found the material intended for the September issue wholly unsatisfactory and I considered it wiser to omit that issue than to produce something which was not in keeping with the character of the LEAGUE. The November issue was also omitted because at the time when I, personally, was under the greatest pressure, due to the crisis in Germany, the Coughlin situation, and to our own work in the radio and organizational fields, Mr. Howard suddenly resigned to take a more remunerative job. It took some time to obtain a satisfactory Director of Publicity and, since he was new to the work, the burden of getting out the BULLETIN fell chiefly on my own shoulders. I have given it every moment I could spare from what seemed to me more pressing needs of the organization and the December issue of the BULLETIN is now in the press. I expect to regularize this publication and to have no such lapses in the future.

Much of the LEAGUE'S publicity depends upon conditions over which we have no control. Consequently, except for meetings, radio broadcasts, etc., which are usually planned weeks in advance, publicity, especially daily newspaper publicity, calls for quick decision and concentrated effort. However, some publicity projects can be planned a month or more ahead. Several such projects are now being prepared which should give nation-wide publicity to the LEAGUE.

The first of these is the establishment of a "Democracy Award". Steps have already been taken to get an expression of opinion from fifty outstanding educators, publicists and historians as to the person who has contributed most to the cause of Democracy in the past year. The plan is to take the names submitted by these people and arrange with newspapers

throughout the country - one in each large City - to hold a popular vote to choose this person. To the winner, a gold plaque will be given in the name of the LEAGUE. It is obvious that this project will give us continuous publicity in the newspapers of the country and that the presentation of the medal or plaque will form an occasion where we can get international recognition.

Another project, well under way, is the establishment of public hearings at which refugees of all faiths will have an opportunity to tell in person their experiences in Nazi Germany. A "Court of Honor" composed of distinguished citizens will sit on each case and the press will be represented. We have interested several radio stations in the possibility of broadcasting these hearings which will be held weekly. This, again, offers a splendid chance to keep the name of the LEAGUE in the public eye. An immediate project which will take place Wednesday or Thursday of this week is the celebration of the Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party by holding a dumping party of German goods in New York harbor. The publicity value for the boycott of this stunt needs no amplification.

Other propaganda work of an educational nature is being carried on by means of pamphlets. Recently, we have published a pamphlet, "Nazism vs. Catholic Church," which is being circulated among Catholic groups and congregations. Material for a new pamphlet on the boycott is now ready for the press and several reprints of old pamphlets with improvements and revisions are being prepared. I am now writing a pamphlet describing the character of the LEAGUE, the work of the National Office and the program of activity for local chapters. There has been a great demand for this particular pamphlet and it is expected to help in stimulating and coordinating the activities of our smaller groups. The Research Department is preparing, under my direction, a new boycott pamphlet which lists German products by trademarks and labels in the various categories. This pamphlet will also contain authenticated reports from the cities throughout the country of stores which handle German goods so that our membership at large is able to function more efficiently in the prosecution of the boycott. Material for several pamphlets which will be published under other auspices than that of the LEAGUE is being prepared at present. The reason for this anonymity is that it is considered more important to impress the public with the facts contained in these pamphlets than to advertise the LEAGUE. We have the cooperation of nationally known organizations in disseminating this material.

RADIO

DEPARTMENT Outstanding in the work of propaganda has been the success of our Radio Department. Aside from the protest broadcast that initiated all the protests in America against the Nazi outrages which I was able to organize, this Department has carried on a systematic series of broadcasts on New York City stations with national hook-ups informing the public concerning conditions in Germany. Three symposia have been held - on the Nuremberg Laws, on Labor Conditions in Germany and on the Nazi attack on Religion. Among those who participated have been Bishop McConnell, Jeremiah Mahoney, Professor Leo Wolman, Frank P. Walsh, Matthew Woll, Dr. MacFarland, Reverend Sockman, Rabbi Louis I. Newman, Michael Williams and a number of the officers of the LEAGUE. Individual broadcasts on Nazi penetration into America have been delivered under the auspices of the LEAGUE by congressmen and New York State legislators as well as other distinguished speakers. Programs have been held in Yiddish as well as in English.

I have been able to cooperate with station W-H-N in a special program of refugee artists and actors by securing outstanding American writers to act as Masters of Ceremonies. With this Station I have just arranged the broadcast of a program to be called, "The Women's Voice on the Air," which will be under the direct auspices of the LEAGUE. We are also preparing the material for a dramatic broadcast in connection with the spy trials which will serve to make Nazism hateful to the American public. We are organizing a radio program in German in which noted refugees will participate describing conditions in Germany today. These activities have established a cordial relationship between the LEAGUE and W-M-C-A, W-O-R, W-H-N, WOE-V-D and smaller stations. This permits us to acquire the radio time sufficient for our needs. It is, of course, a well-known fact that one protest broadcast was given on Friday, November 11, and again repeated on the following Monday to an even larger audience. The LEAGUE arranged to have records made of this broadcast and the recordings were sent to 31 stations throughout the United States at their request. These stations are chiefly in the South, the Middle-West and Far-West and include California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New

Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The largest independent station in Buffalo, New York, also used this broadcast as did W-L-T-H in New York City which made connections with another station in Buffalo and in Cumberland, Maryland.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

This Department, which I believe forms the most important single unit in our organization, was distinguished from all others when I undertook my duties as director by the fact that this most effective work was done not by a paid personnel but through the volunteer efforts of the head of the Research Committee, Mr. Leo Spanglet. The paid Secretary of the Department was particularly handicapped in being unable to conduct correspondence in English, so that the letters sent out in the name of the LEAGUE had the minimum amount of effectiveness and reflected very little credit to the LEAGUE. At my request the Administrative Committee added to the personnel of this department, Mr. Shandler who has been able to improve the character of the correspondence.

I shall not prolong this report by citing the individual cases dealing with this Department, but refer the Board of Directors to the report which shall be made by Mr. Shandler. The Board will be interested to know that there is now an opportunity for a thorough reorganization of the Department as we have received the resignation of Mr. Renner who handicapped its activities.

FINANCES

The question of the LEAGUE'S finances will be dealt with in a report of the Finance Committee which presents for the consideration of the Board the campaign decided upon by the Administrative Committee. There are, however, several important phases that require brief mention from me. As you know, the Finance Investigating Committee, which met in May and June to consider the work of Mr. Levy, also concerned itself with the mail campaign for funds which at that time was under the direction of Mr. Barsel. Mr. Barsel's arrangement with the LEAGUE entitled him to a 16% commission of the income from this campaign provided that his commission and expenses did not exceed 40%. It was the contention of certain members of the Board of Directors that there were some gross irregularities in Mr. Barsel's conduct of this campaign and I will not at this time recapitulate all the charges that were made. The fact remains, however, that the Administrative Committee had before it a record which indicated that in the year 1937-1938 the income from the mail campaign totalled \$36,919.27 and that the commission and expenses totalled \$19,645.89. His 40% on this income only came to \$14,767.71. Mr. Barsel was overpaid a total of \$4878.18 which represents 53% of the income. I called the attention of the Committee to the fact that Mr. Barsel's commissions and expenses were not justified by the work which he was doing in connection with this mail campaign. The folder for the campaign was used for two years without any changes and the letter accompanying this folder was totally inadequate in presenting the appeal of the LEAGUE. At my recommendation, the Administrative Committee discontinued Mr. Barsel's contract when it expired and the mail campaign has been run directly from the office without the payment of any commissions. At present it averages almost \$200. a day in income. Since the cancellation of Mr. Barsel's contract we have received \$4553.65 and the cost in the printing of new folders, letters, bills, etc. has been \$1256.43, representing a 27% cost and a net of 73% as contrasted with a net of 47% when the mail campaign was supervised by Mr. Barsel.

At the urging of Dr. Dubovsky several attempts have been made to find a place for Mr. Barsel in the financial department of the organization. These attempts have involved the LEAGUE in an expenditure of an additional \$200. without any financial benefits to the LEAGUE.

Sally Rosenberg
6330 - 70th Street
Middle-Village L. I. N. Y.

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National Ladies Auxiliary
Jewish Veterans of the United States
956 Edison Ave. Bx.

Dear Mrs. v. Corsets!

I appreciate your kind remembering me and
thank you so much for helping me.
Until now, I have a very hard job, but I really am at
the end of my strength.

I should be very glad to have an appointment with
you after my daily work in the evening, or any time on
Sunday

Yours very truly
Sally Rosenberg

Sept. 20th, 1938.

Dear Auxiliary President & Post Commanders:

Greetings on your return to regular meetings and the hope that this year will be one of great progress in our Boycott and Anti-Nazi work.

During the past year and at the Convention, there were complaints that boycott releases were not received. We hope to eliminate all cause for complaint this year thru the enclosed questionnaire which we ask you to read carefully and ANSWER IN DETAIL. THESE WILL BE CAREFULLY STUDIED AND RECORDED, and aside from the valuable information they may contain, will also serve to establish intimate contact with your Post or Auxiliary and insure every unit being boycott conscious. With a further effort toward efficiency, we are planning to send boycott releases direct to the Presidents and Commanders, who are present at every meeting, to be forwarded by them personally to the Boycott Chairman.

We are asking you to report stores carrying Gorman merchandise and the type of merchandise displayed. We are asking a check on 5 & 10's and chain stores in your vicinity or town. We are also asking for your own ideas on how our organization may work more effectively on boycott and anti-nazi work, and also if you have any complaints. Do you have anti-nazi organizations in your City and to what extent do you cooperate with them? Do you have any personal problems caused by Nazi activities? Have your services been volunteered to our organization for this work, - have we utilized them to their full efficiency, and if not what suggestions have you to offer for greater efficiency?

Please answer all questions and return the questionnaires as soon as possible, and not later than October 20th.

Yours for an enthusiastic membership unified in the defense of our people,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, NYC.
BVC/cjs

BERTHA V. CORETS
National Boycott Chairman

REVIEW OF THE HEADLINES

FULVIO SUVICH, Italian Ambassador to Washington has been appointed head of the Reunione Adriatica, a very large insurance company at Trieste. He will replace ARNALDO FRIGESSI DI RATAIMA, a Jew, who resigned as the result of the new racial theories in Italy. EDGARDO MARPURGO, head of the ASSICURAZIONI GENERALE, of Venice, also a Jew, has been replaced by Count Giuseppe Volpi di Misurata, former Finance Minister.

AT THE CONVENTION OF TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA, Canadian labor called upon trade unionists, "to take the lead in organizing the Canadian people in an intensified BOYCOTT against all goods from AGGRESSOR NATIONS such as JAPAN, ITALY AND GERMANY!"

BRITISH FASCISTS STONED IN ABERDEEN, Scotland had to be rescued by the police after an angry crowd estimated at more than 5,000 hurled lighted fireworks, sticks and stones and pieces of coal at them. Attempting to speak from a sound truck, they had most of their loud-speaker equipment torn away.

SOPRANO SNUBS ITALY - Natalie Bodanya, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, New York cancelled a scheduled appearance at the Venice musical festival Sept. 25th because of Italy's recent anti-Jewish measures. She is a Jew.

ABE PICKUS, the one-man peace league who telephones governments' heads all over the world to tell them how to settle their troubles peaceably, cabled Adolf Hitler today to "stop bluffing" and "get serious". "Of all beasts, man seems to be most forgetful", Mr. Pickus, president of an oil company, cabled Hitler. "Other animals remember not to return to things which have caused them pain and sorrow". Germany, he said, "was licked in 1918 with more resources than you have now". Cleveland 9/14/38

FORUMS TO FOSTER RELIGIOUS UNITY - Better understanding among Catholics, Protestants and Jews will be sought in programs in colleges, women's clubs, churches and service organizations by the New York Round Table of the National Conference of Jews and Christians 300 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C.

UNOFFICIAL FIGURES DISCLOSE THAT SOME 90,000 American Tourists spent the summer in Europe. How many travelled on American Flag Ships?

DR. CYRUS ADLER, President of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Theological Seminary, honored on his 75th birthday, expressed "an abiding faith that mankind will rid itself of the aberrations now afflicting a part of the earth". He noted that "not Alexander, nor Caesar, nor Napoleon lasted, and their puny imitators of modern times will not last either".

(To be read at meeting and posted on Bulletin-board.)

Sept. 20th, 1938.

To Auxiliary Presidents & Post Commanders:

It is hoped that every Post in the country will follow custom of the past years and have a speaker address each congregation in the community, and stress the importance not only of continuing the Boycott of Nazi goods and services, but in these times of crisis to intensify the boycott, so as to strangle Nazi economics. With war clouds hanging so low it is more important than ever to stop the Nazi fanatics.

BERTHA V. CORETS
Acting
National Boycott Chairman

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3460 E. Tremont Ave.,
Bx NY 9/21/38

Journal of Commerce,
Bank Window Cith Hall Annex,
N Y P.O.

Dear Sirs,

I am enclosing check for \$15. for one years sub-
scription to the Journal of Commerce and would like to have
it sent to me at

3460 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NYCity.

Yours truly,

Bertha V. Corets

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 9/21/38

Mr. Selig Rosenberg,
c/o Battenberg,
6662 Pleasant View St.,
Middle Village, L.I.

Dear Mr. Rosenberg,

I met you some months ago at the Headquarters
of the Veterans.

I have not forgotten about you and have been
wondering if you connected with anything.

I have some friends in Brooklyn who have a
delicatessen store, and they are a very old couple. If you wanted
to clerk in the store I think you could get the place. It does not
pay much but you would have food too, and maybe something more
could come out of it.

They are German christians and I have known
their daughter-in-law for 20 years.

I am hoping you have been able to better
yourself, and if I can do anything, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

Bertha V. Corets

956 Edison Ave.
Ex NY 9/22/38

Treasury Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have been trying to understand the effect of Germany's controlled currency system in relation to the American workman, and as the system is so involved, I am writing to ask if you will help me in this analysis.

The American workman is employed to produce goods that are exported to Germany. This is not paid for in negotiable money but controlled currency that can only be used in Germany (except on the sale of a few necessities) for the purchase of German products which are then sold especially low as an inducement to accept the controlled currency. These articles then are brought back to the United States and sold in competition with American made merchandise, and displacing it because of the subsidized price, whereas if money was brought back it would again be spent employing American men in further manufacture.

I fail to grasp how this kind of trading can bring any advantages to the American workman. In the first place the American exporter must become a salesman for Germany, as he would have to re-sell the goods he is compelled to import in lieu of payment and secondly if these transactions reached a large scale, they would lower the living standards of the American workman as he would have to work for less in order to produce at the low prices the German products would be sold at.

On the other hand our importers pay for their imports with money that directly benefits Germany.

My opinion is that American exporters, and indirectly the American workman is at a disadvantage in trade with Germany while the payment of exports with controlled currency is in effect.

Hoping to be advised,

Yours very respectfully,

National Ladies Auxiliaries

Debate between Fritz Kuhn and Congressman Dickstein

Sunday Sept. 25

at

Caravan Hall

110 E. 59th St.

This hall was a dingy sort of place, two flights up. The street, entrance hall and spaced on the stairways, were policeman. In the room were policeman about 10 feet apart along both sides of the room and the rear.

Fritz Kuhn spoke first and he was insisting that the German-American Bund was 100% American, that they have nothing to do with Hitler and don't care what he does over there but we here want to save the country that our "forefathers" fought for. That we want to save the country from the Jewish directed Communists. He called Dickstein "that little shrimp from Russia" a number of times. He raves words without meaning. Mouthfuls of shouting about being for the workers, the poor men, about the country's big debts and gives the impression of talking big things but only making noise. However when you look around at the type of faces who are his followers you see that they are the very ordinary worker type who grin and show their pleasure and approval. Not intelligent, but not the less a dangerous following. The audience was quite while he spoke. He gave the Nazi salute when he left the platform.

Congressman Dickstein gave facts, he had photostat copies of an application to join the German Army being distributed in this country among the German-Americans. He showed a booklet like the Journals on which Hitler's picture was on the first page, Roosevelt second and Kuhn third and other pictures showing Kuhn in Germany saluting Hitler. Dickstein was booed and interrupted especially by one of Kuhn's henchman, so much so that he had to tell him to keep quiet or Dickstein would have him taken from the room. Dickstein said Kuhn had collected money and took it to Hitler and he would prove it. He said the Bund was not 100% American but 200% un-American.

Kuhn had said the the Dept. of Justice had could'nt find anything against us and Dickstein answered that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not thru with them yet. Kuhn also said, if your country is smeared from lies, should we try to laugh it off, no we are out to fight her in the United States"-applause

Then there were questions that were addressed to both Kuhn and Dickstein to answer.

Mr. Silverman asked Kuhn how he could explain the 9,000,000 registered communist voters in Germany when there are only 600,000 Jews including men, women and children. His answers were all evasive but said Communists are Jew directed.

I asked Mr. Kuhn about the sign I saw when I visited the Bund camp at Yaphank this summer, that covered the front of a building and read "German-American demand Equal Rights, why if they were Americans and entitled to all the rights of Americans they were demanding special rights as German-Americans. He answered this with evasion, by saying they hid their names of membership because German-Americans were fired from their jobs if it was known they belonged to the Bund- and I saw some of their moronic followers shake their heads in agreement and say Ja, Ja.

This was an important question because it brought into the open their tactics used in Europe of drawing Germans into a group and then making minority demands. I think the Times reporter was negligent in not reporting this question

Another important question that was not reported by the times was this

one asked by a young man. "If you say you are an American organization, why do you have on your application for membership no colored or Jewish blood". Kuhn stalled on this question but the young man later insisted on an answer. This young man standing up the second time re-iterated that you have that question on your application and Kuhn answered "Yes" and the young man then said "then you are not an American organization".

If the New York Times reported this debate fairly, he would have included this question in his account and the answer which ~~was~~ would have been a very important conclusion, that the German American Bund is not American, rather than what the account said that "After a two-hour debate the issue stood where it had been at the beginning"-

Kuhn replied in answer to a question -"why if you are an American organization you do not work with the other patriotic organization in this country"-- that they were working with 240 organizations.

Then a young woman stood up and asked him why the Steuben Society did not work with the Bund and it is a German Society. Kuhn replied that it was Jewish Controlled.

Another question why he gave the Nazi salute when he finished speaking and he said "I did not give the clinched fist, but the open hand of friendship".

Other questions were why should'nt they have their Bund when the Jews have B'nai Brith, and why should'nt they have a swastika the Jews have their star and their Talmud.

Well it is all pretty sad business and we should get together and do some serious talking how these going's on should be answered in a more business way.

I do think it would be proper for you to write the N.Y. Times in reference to their account in the newspaper reporting the Dickstein Kuhn debate why should vital questions as the ones I have marked with a star were not included in their account, or if you think it proper and prefer it, I should be glad to write them myself.

I should be very glad to know your re-actions.

Bertha V. Coats

Nazi Germany is the
Enemy of Civilization

Irving Harold

Boycott people

Meeting of

ACTIONS COMMITTEE

NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY

Thursday evening, Sept. 29th, 1938.

Douglas Hotel - Newark, N.J.

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A G E N D A

1. Opening of Session by Michael G. Alenick, President.
2. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting.
3. Report of Treasurer - Nathaniel Nathan.
4. Report of Auditor - Henry M. Besser.
5. Report of the Office Committee - Rebecca Lazarus.
6. Report of Research Committee - Sydney Hollander.
7. Report of Petitions Committee - Samuel Sabel.
8. Report of the President - Michael G. Alenick.
9. Address by Dr. S. Wm. Kalb, Honorary President.
10. Talk to be rendered on Program and Policy
by Jacob Malmuth, Vice President.
11. Reports from Units
 - Union County Unit
 - Paterson Unit
 - Hudson County Unit
 - Essex County Unit
12. Good and Welfare.

We shall not rest until the fight
Against Nazism is WON!

The Boycott is the Moral
Substitute for War

Report of
NATHANIEL NATHAN

Treasurer

The finances of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New Jersey at the present time are at an ebb-tide. The heavy responsibility of broadening and intensifying the campaign of counter-propaganda, and attempts to suppress the Nazi Bund and Nazi spy-camp activities throughout the State of New Jersey, also the serious pathetic refugee problems of employment and assistance to German and Austrian immigrants into this country, have drained and depleted the treasury considerably within the past five months.

However, contributions, renewals of membership and subscriptions to our bulletin have fallen off extensively this year. Some organizations and many individuals who contributed generously in the past, have either donated little or no monies toward our work for this year.

The overhead at the League offices are kept at a minimum, with only two paid employees-all other workers being voluntary. Our expenditures are chiefly for printing, circularization, stationary and postage. The services of our entire staff including our Speakers' Bureau are strictly voluntary.

We are constantly faced with a lack of money to carry on this most vital work. It is very difficult to keep pace counter-acting Nazi propaganda, when the Nazis spend thirty millions of dollars annually in this country alone for this subversive propaganda. If the Nazi element so willingly contribute to what they call their cause, why shouldn't we anti-Nazi sympathizers joyfully give financial assistance to fight this menace which means the future happiness of civilization and your very existence. "GIVE TILL IT HURTS OR THE NAZIS WILL GET YOU".

If we are to continue the splendid work started by Samuel Untermyer and Dr. S. William Kalb, we MUST spread the contagion of boycott and acquire financial cooperation from people of all faiths, individually and in groups or organizations, all faiths and all creeds-to stamp out the dragon of Hitler-hate and preserve our democratic country, if not for our own sakes, then for the sake of our own children, - the coming generation.

Report of
HENRY M. BESSER
Auditor

I have prepared from your books and other information furnished me, and submit herewith the following:

EXHIBIT "A": Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at August 31st, 1938.

EXHIBIT "B": Statement of Income and Expenses for
the five months ending August 31, 1938.

I was furnished with a list of Accounts Payable covering bills unpaid as of August 31st, 1938 and have taken these items into consideration.

While the net deficit for the period as shown in EXHIBIT "B" is \$116.31, there was expended during this period for equipment \$171.73, so that the total of these two result in an actual cash deficit for the period of \$288.04.

While the gross income for the period is somewhat greater than the same period during the previous year, the continuous shortage of funds makes it impossible to meet meagre current obligations. This makes it necessary to dispose of many vital functions of the League.

I trust that my next report will show results of greater and more conscientious support on the part of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. BESSER,
Auditor.

NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY

EXHIBIT "A"

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT AUGUST 31, 1938

ASSETS AND DEFICIT

CASH IN BANKS:		
Union National Bank - General	\$2.62	
United States Trust Co.- General	25.24	
United States Trust Co.- Special	<u>21.71</u>	49.57
DEPOSIT - New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.		15.00
ADVANCE - Paterson Unit		10.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		331.23
DEFICIT:		
Balance as at April 1, 1938	115.60	
Add: Deficit from operations for the five months ended August 31, 1938. as per Exhibit "B"	<u>116.31</u>	<u>231.91</u>
		\$637.71

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE,		328.71
LOANS PAYABLE:		
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New York	50.00	
Harry Fleeman	<u>250.00</u>	300.00
COMMISSIONS PAYABLE - B. Levy		<u>9.00</u>
		<u>\$637.71</u>

EXHIBIT "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDED
AUGUST 31st, 1938

GROSS INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES		\$2279.31
<u>GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:</u>		
Salaries	779.00	
Rent	275.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	88.53	
Stationery & Printing	593.87	
Postage	283.53	
Newspapers	20.88	
Sundry Commissions	26.99	
Office Expense	143.64	
Union County Expense	50.00	
Outside Meetings	101.00	
Anti-Nazi Digest	<u>33.38</u>	<u>2395.62</u>
NET DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD		<u>\$116.31</u>

Office Committee Report

REBECCA LAZARUS

Secretary

The following report endeavors to give a comprehensive outline of the extensive work being done in the office at the headquarters of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New Jersey.

Because of the state-wide campaign by our New Jersey Division against the vicious Nazi propaganda and the Nazi activities in Bund Spy Camps, this office sent 13,081 letters, aside from circulars and literature since our last Actions Committee meeting of June 23rd, 1938. In the past five months 28,300 letters were mailed from this office, excluding 3,105 petitions sent to organizations, individuals, priests, ministers, rabbis, churches, congregations, all state branches of the C.I.C. and A.F.of L.

In addition, mimeographed news releases were sent out to organizations and individuals with the latest boycott front-line news. Activities concerning our League have been constantly been kept before the public's eye, through the generous publicity of more than 100 various newspapers throughout the State.

Due to the serious refugee problem, our office has a daily stream of refugees seeking employment and aid. This naturally takes up considerable time for interviewing, writing, phoning and assisting these poor unfortunates. Clothing has also been distributed to some.

In order to enlighten the masses and have them become boycott conscious and also made aware of the serious dangers lurking outside their homes, our Speakers' Bureau have addressed numerous groups and organizations stimulating the public in our boycott work.

Our organizations have continually sent us contributions, although it is quite evident, presumably due to hard times, that in most cases the contributions were considerably less than last year, and some have not renewed their membership. With less monies coming into the League treasury and greater demands made upon the League through more extensive boycott, propaganda and refugee work, the League has and still is faced with difficult serious problems, as they have a deficit of over five hundred dollars with little or no monies in the bank.

Every month this office sends off several thousand letters to various trades - such as the beauty and barber, beer and beverage, printing and electrical trades requesting them to cooperate with the League by refraining from purchasing or importing Nazi-made merchandise and offering them a list of American substitutes. Our office is contacted daily by numerous individuals requesting information in respect to the boycott and also requests for substitutes of merchandise previously imported from Nazi-Germany.

Report of
RESEARCH DIVISION
SYDNEY HOLLANDER
Chairman

During the past year we have contacted the manufacturers and distributors in the Beauty and Barber Trades, the Printing, Electrical, Beer and Beverage trades throughout the state. The result in many cases have been most satisfying.

The Wilfred Academy of Beauty Culture was placed on the boycott list after our investigation. This worried them considerably because they were doing business in four different cities. The head of the Wilfred firm not only saw the light and decided to cooperate with the League, but he cancelled an order with a Newark concern, because they were using German materials in the merchandise they were manufacturing for the Wilfred Academy. The Newark Concern in turn became worried and after our contacting them, they too decided they would cooperate with us. Today you will find the Wilfred Academy sympathizes and cooperates with us, and the Newark manufacturing concern is certainly not taking any more chances of buying Nazi materials. That is the brief history of this case and others similar to it.

For your information the New Jersey Telephone Company directories are printed by the Jersey City Printing Company of Maple Street, Jersey City. We received information that this printing concern was using German made type and machinery in publishing the directories. We contacted this printing house and they did not deny that they were using German machinery and type. We subsequently wrote to Mr. Bernard, President of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, and he merely suggested that we inquire from the Printing company, although we had already done so; indicating that the Telephone company was not interested how or where their books were printed. It is therefore suggested that you delegates ask your organizations and also individually write letters to Mr. Bernard, President of the N. J. Bell Telephone Co., asking him why the telephone company is not interested in the manner in which their directories are published.

The following are the figures in dollars and cents of merchandise imported from Nazi-Germany since 1932.

1932-----	\$73,571,644.00
1933-----	53,180,506.00
1934-----	41,283,293.00
1935-----	46,644,884.00
1936-----	47,807,485.00
1937-----	55,586,302.00

note the steady decline year after year.

We have received as a result of our activities false complaints and without any difficulty we were able to prove them worthless. However when we are fully convinced that complaints do have a basis we do not hesitate and are unafraid no matter who they may affect. In numerous instances where concerns profess a desire to cooperate with us, we are able to suggest substitute items not only as to quality but also comparable in price. The need to continue our boycott efforts is even greater today than ever before, and with your good aid, we will do so.

Watch for the label "Made in Germany".

Beware of articles in which sections of the label have been scraped or scratched so that the lettering cannot be read. Please report all such cases immediately to our office.

Report of
SAMUEL SABEL

Petition Chairman

Report of Committee appointed to secure signatures to a petition to the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, requesting an investigation into the activities of the German American Bund.

An investigation into these activities must be held and through a tremendous enrollment of signatures of citizens of this State to this petition, we hope to crystallize action in Trenton. The methods and aims of the Bund are clearly unconstitutional and under Amendment 1 of the U. S. Constitution we have the right to petition our government for a redress of any grievances and in this instance our grievance is the negligence and indifference of our public officials to prevent these foreign sponsored organizations from furthering their unlawful activities.

We must report that we are very much disappointed in the results to date. As usual, a few have gone out and worked hard to secure signers to the petition and though they have brought in a goodly number of signatures, they are very much short of the goal we have set. To make any kind of an impression in Trenton and to carry any weight with our officials in this kind of a matter it will be necessary to present them with an overwhelming amount of signatures. To obtain them each one of us must assume the responsibility to see that the petitions sent to the many organizations are signed and turned in at once. The Legislature reconvenes in October and we want to have the petitions ready for the early part of the session when we can secure a proper hearing on their presentation.

Various individuals have tried to get our governor to act but his answer is that it is a matter for the local authorities. In our State which has become a hotbed for Nazi activities and with several Nazi camps located here, ~~no local authority could really cope with the situation.~~ We have a state law that prohibits such activities and that is what we want the Trenton authorities to enforce.

If through a strong petition we can **arouse** our State authorities to act and can secure the invocation of the proper laws to squelch the activities of the Bund, we will have struck a death blow at this sinister organization. What was done in Long Island can be repeated here. But this means the hearty cooperation of every one of our delegates. Take a petition with you and get it filled completely with signatures-NOW! Here is a concrete way to help the League's activities wherein no financial burden is placed on you. Go out and get the petitions signed and if we get the number we are aiming at, Trenton will stand and Listen! Act Now!

Report of
MICHAEL G. ALENICK
President

As the chosen representatives of organizations from all over the State of New Jersey to the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New Jersey, we should constantly bear in mind the two main objectives which give reason for the League's birth and existence:

1. BOYCOTT
2. COUNTER-PROPAGANDA

At no time must we lose sight of these objectives, but rather hold them aloft like burning torches in order that the light from them may illumine our further progress.

What work has the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League accomplished? That which has been done in the five years immediately following Hitler's accession to power is history. It is not necessary to refer presently to the leadership of Mr. Samuel Untermyer, who gave spark and inspiration to the boycott movement and whose militant utterances furnished the sounding board for similar expressions by leading citizens of the United States, leaders in business, industry and the professions. Mention need not now be made of the branches and units of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League which have been formed to intensify the boycott movement against Nazi-made goods and services all over the length and breadth of the United States. The remarkable work done by Dr. S. William Kalb, who for a number of years was in charge of the Research Division of the League in New York City, and was the spear-head of the League in New Jersey, is also a matter of past history. My purpose is not to dwell upon the accomplishments achieved during the first five years of the movement, but I am eager to present to the membership of the League what has been done during the past five months, since you clothed me with the mantle of the presidency of the League in New Jersey.

Mindful that we had two objectives to serve, viz: boycott and education of the masses in order to counteract the vicious and vituperative propaganda of the Nazis in this country, our labors necessarily fell into two groupings—one dealing with the boycott and the other with education on counter-propaganda.

Our boycott work took the form of continuance of the program that had been successfully initiated by our Honorary President, Dr. S. William Kalb, and embraced the publication at regular intervals of lists of firms who dealt in and traded with Nazi-made goods and services; the conduct of investigations into complaints that were frequently filed in the office against people and concerns who were suspected of giving aid and comfort to the arch-enemy,

Hitler, by using and selling Nazi-made merchandise. Our boycott work also included a Research Division run under the able administration of Sydney Hollander for the purpose of ascertaining the names of such firms as were able to manufacture goods in substitution for German-made merchandise. The leaflets, circulars, news-releases and mail that have been going out in a constant stream from the League's headquarters have always stressed and emphasized the need and importance of continuing the boycott.

When it is considered that there are many Nazi-controlled publications and organs grinding out daily, weekly and monthly, vicious printed lies and sowing wherever they can seeds of hate, planting kernels of distrust and fomenting unrest, and dissatisfaction everywhere; and implanting in young plastic minds scorn for anyone of so-called non-Aryan blood, you begin to perceive what a monumental task it is to check and counteract that propaganda. It is this work which drains our energy and exhausts our purse. It is necessary - nay, it is vital - that the truth be told and those who receive the pernicious writings of the mad Nazis obtain information to enable them to resist the assault upon their emotions and the appeals that are made to their prejudices.

A veritable flood of literature has been mailed from this office to ministers and preachers of all Faiths in order to acquaint them with the truth of what is going on in this country and particularly what inroads that the Nazis and the Nazi inspired press have made. The League is active in the circularization of a petition which it hopes to have signed by many thousands of people all over the state praying for the investigation by the State Legislature of Nazi Camps and activities within the State of New Jersey. Your help in that project is indispensable.

The Refugee problem is a matter that is giving very serious concern to the League, which is constantly besieged with appeals for aid in placing refugees, and the League's help is sought in preparing and furnishing affidavits for immigrants.

What gives the officers of the League particular satisfaction is the knowledge that the League's work is being recognized and that it is inspiring many other organizations to emulate it. Only recently the American League for Peace and Democracy staged an anti-Nazi demonstration in Elizabeth which attracted upwards of 5,000 people, men and women of all faiths, creeds and nationalities, but essentially lovers of freedom and respecters of American institutions and ideals.

During the month of July you may have seen airplanes flying banners

M.G. Alenick - report

reading "YOU PAY FOR NAZI SPIES IF YOU BUY NAZI GOODS." They were seen by tens of thousands of people along the Jersey beaches and emphasized in a spectacular way the kind of work that the League is doing in boycotting against German-made merchandise.

In the vicinity of the German Bund Camp in Andover, New Jersey, all the residents were circularized with leaflets and literature and the populace there aroused against the maintenance of the Nazi-owned camp.

These are but a few of the things that have been done in the past five months by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New Jersey, but much yet remains to be done. Categorically speaking, you should bring back to the members of the organizations that you represent the message that

1. We must interest more and more people in our objectives.
2. We must have more activity by individual members.
3. We must stress more active participation in the work of the League by many more individuals who are genuinely inspired by this movement for the amelioration of human suffering.
4. We must concentrate more deeply on organizational activities by multiplying all over the State Units that will function and help spread light in dark places.
5. We must print and distribute more literature of an informative character.
6. We must hold more frequent mass meetings and rallies.
7. We must obtain many more thousands of signatures to our petitions.

To do all these things we must raise funds. What can you do to help?

READ - STUDY - DIGEST - and then ACT on the recommendations that you will find set-forth in the plans and actions reports which are subjoined hereto.

Address
DR. S. WILLIAM KALB
Honorary President

During the past half-year the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New Jersey has carried out its program under the direction of Michael G. Alenick, our President. He has devoted himself with considerable energy and capacity and has given of his time and efforts in a large measure to help accomplish an effective and successful boycott in this State. Unfortunately our resources during this period have not been sufficiently adequate for the League to promulgate its activities as effectively as we have desired. We have been moving through a cycle of crises recently which has created considerable demands upon our office. The people in this Country do not want to deal with Nazi Germany so long as Hitler and his cohorts remain in power. They look forward to our office for advice and guidance with respect to Nazi merchandise and Nazi shipping. Many organizations and institutions are asking for substitutes. We have been responsible in a large measure during the past five years with the use of the boycott as a weapon against Nazi Germany to break their morale through economic collapse. Had there been no boycott against Nazi Germany, Hitler would have been a tremendous power in international affairs today. You must remember that Germany has always existed primarily by selling commodities to the world. She was able to get raw materials in this and other countries when she paid her bills, but today we find that there is no outlet for Nazi goods, because of the propaganda which the boycott has created against such merchandise - the markets have been closed. The law of supply and demand must apply to Nazi Germany as well as to any other force. She can only sell to the countries who demand her wares, and we in America refuse to use Nazi-goods. We have been instrumental to a great extent in instituting new businesses and in creating new markets in this and in other countries for merchandise which formerly came from Germany. The lack of public demand for Nazi goods and the clamour for goods from other sources is the greatest downfall that Hitler and Schacht have met with during the past year. Many people are under the impression that the boycott has not had the effective value which was predicted by Mr. Samuel Untermyer back in 1933. Let me enlighten you that because of the lack of funds, Germany has mortgaged herself completely. The Chemical National Bank in New York yesterday attached the s/s Westerland because of a mortgage which they hold on that ship for \$1,000,000.00. We find that the shipping interests of Hitler have been mortgaged to the extent of over \$100,000,000.00. It was necessary for Hitler to put the German people in pawn in order to raise money for armament purposes.

Organizations in this country such as the Deutsches Americanisches Volkes-Bund, the Silver Shirts, the Free Christian, the Christian Press, and those who disguise themselves as 100% patriotic Americans have spent a fortune to create sympathy in this Country for Nazi Germany. But because of the free press which we have, the American people could not be hood-winked and were able to see for themselves the barbaric display of Nazi German tactics.

Only the other day on September 24th, in Atlantic City, before the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Francis J. Mc-

Cornell told the conference that "a determined boycott of German products by the United States and France and a positive refusal to sell raw materials to Germany would stop Adolf Hitler. The Germans bluster about their synthetic products, but the very fact that they bluster shows that they're afraid. Certainly we have a right to choose our own companions with whom we want to do business. We don't have to sell raw materials to Germany. We can simply say in the words of the Kellogg Pact, that we are outlawing war and the war-makers."

Not so many months ago you read of the Nazi spies who infiltrated this country. Were they here looking for another Black Tom, or were they sent here to try and find out the truth of our defense? No doubt Germany would like to share our advance in defense technique, especially in aviation. But this approach seems to have had small results. The spies obtained little of value though they accumulated much material that might have been clipped from the Army and Navy Journal or obtained from the Government Printing Office for a few pennies. One of the secrets they relayed was the strength of our troops around New York and in the Canal Zone, information which they could have obtained just by writing a letter to the Secretary of War and a three cent postage stamp. Yet this stealthy prying into our affairs is mischievous and annoying. Since there is no question that this had official sanction from Germany, we are glad that it was nipped in the bud. Spies or no spies, America will go forward and strengthen her defense against any poppy-cock dictator invasions which may come. Even as we sit here tonight while the President of the U. S. is expending every effort in the course of Peace, the German American Bund in the New York area are planning ten celebrations in different halls rented for the occasion, commemorating Hitler's conquest of the Sudeten territory. All last week the German American Bund were distributing throw-aways throughout the streets of New York and elsewhere announcing the celebration of bringing the Sudeten under Nazi rule. We definitely know that the German American Bund can muster 5,000 of its storm troopers in this area whose uniformed appearances are identical to that of the Sudeten Storm Troopers. It would be almost impossible to distinguish between the two groups.

We, who have lived here and have learned to love this Country for what it has given us and our forefathers, appreciate the value of freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of thought. America has always been the haven of the oppressed. The very foundation upon which this country was built was to give refuge to the persecuted people from the rest of the world.

Any country which practices persecution of its minorities without relation to what is happening to the rest of the world, leads to madness. The persecution of the Jew is much worse than the suffering of the Jew. It is of utmost importance that the democracies of England and France who are sitting to-

day with Hitler and Mussolini in Munich should bring forth the traditions, the preservations, the freedom and the future of the Jew and any other minority group, which these ruthless dictators have allowed to suffer.

The democracies of the world including the United States must be sincere in their purpose for peace. Peace cannot be obtained by subsidizing or postponing war - Peace can only be accomplished if the democracies insist, and THEY MUST INSIST, to eradicate the hatred of religious and racial prejudices which has impregnated the minds and the hearts of the German masses. Unless this fact is accomplished, wars of the future generations will not be for conquest, but will be for religious and racial superiority, WOE UNTO YOUR CHILDREN AND MINE IF THE DEMOCRACIES FAIL TO GIVE THIS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION!

The German minority in Czechoslovakia has become a boomerang to Nazi Germany. Drunk with power, Hitler thought that he could bluff the world into taking any part of Europe that he desired. The Indeminable spirit of the Czechs stands as a mighty bulwark against the crumbling, sneaking and treacherous Nazi empire. I do not feel pessimistic - I feel that a day of reckoning will soon be here and when that day of reckoning comes, the fundamental decencies of human life will be recaptured by the people who live in the countries of absolute dictatorship. These people who have been confused and confounded because of fear and terrorism and propaganda. And the day will come when the Protocols of Zion will no longer be a cunning weapon in the hands of such ruthless men as Hitler, Streicher and Pelly!

A new era will rise for the oppressed and persecuted. Barbarism and ignorance will be relegated back into the history of the Medieval Ages and in its place TOLERANCE will prevail with standing among all men!

Report of

JACOB MALMUTH

Organization Committee Chairman

The fact that Nazism stands out as that force which threatens to throw the civilized world into the destruction of war is no longer to be disputed. The past few months and the last two weeks have dragged the heads of our human ostriches out of the deep sand in which they have been buried and forced them to realize that unless the madness of Hitlerism is stopped, humanity can no longer hope for even a minimum of peace and security.

In June of this year the Nazis let loose a new storm of anti-Semitism. Observers estimated that in the first half of the month of June close to 2500 Jews had been arrested. It was then reported that 65 army buses filled with Jews were leaving Berlin every night for the Buchwald concentration camp. A whole series of new anti-Jewish decrees and ordinances were passed which, according to a Berlin correspondent of the New York Times "virtually spell attrition of every sort."

It was then that the Nazi decree was issued demanding of all Jews possessing property in excess of 5,000 marks that they fill out property declarations. It is estimated that this survey of Jewish capital and property revealed a total well over 7,000,000,000 marks. The Nazis are now engaged in the process of strengthening their weakened economy through the confiscation of this Jewish capital.

Not content with the oppression of people within its own borders, Nazism, which for five years had devoted its complete economy to the task of preparing for a new war, marched in and annexed its weak neighbor, Austria. It did this on the pretext of restoring order. If there was any disorder, it was started by the same paid Nazi agents and their blind dupes who are today injecting their poisonous fangs into the countries of North and South America.

The Nazification of Austria plunged Austrian Jewry into a bacchanalia of Anti-Semitism. Nazi violence and brutality assumed proportions. According to a correspondent of the Times of London:

"In Vienna and Austria no vestige of decency or humanity has checked the will to destroy, and there has been an unbroken orgy of Jew-baiting such as Europe has not known since the darkest days of the Middle Ages."

Step after step was undertaken by Hitler to prove that he represents the greatest threat to the progress and safety of the world. He brought great political aid to Italy, who, not content with its rape of Ethiopia, must now begin exterminating its Jews. One after another of the German bombing planes kept slaughtering thousands of defenseless women, children and non-combatants in war torn Spain with the bombs of Krupp's munition factories in Essen. The removal of German military aides from China was meant to help in the defeat of another country fighting against aggression for the preservation of its independence and liberty. A military pact with Horthy of Hungary was made to guarantee that if Hitler went to war, it would drag with it, all of Europe.

In all the countries of Latin and South America there has been an ~~alarming increase of Nazi activities.~~ The Nazi inspired attempt at revolt in Mexico a few months ago and the recent Nazi motivated abortive rebellion in Chile are surface expressions exposing the undercurrents of Hitlerite plotting.

Here in the United States Nazi agents are engaged in espionage, in informing Germany of America's military secrets and in stealing the plans of America's naval preparations. The German-American Bund, the American Nazi outfit, is active throughout the country in an effort to create favorable public sentiment for Nazi Germany's aggressive foreign policy. In addition, the German American Bund is working in close alliance with American Fascist organizations such as the Silver Shirts and others spreading vicious anti-Semitic propaganda and creating the base for an American Facist movement.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA!!!

Need anything more be said?

Were it not for the rising sentiment of the masses of people in democratic countries, and there would already have been a new Anschluss - a new reign of terror - a new slaughter of Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Socialists trade unionists, pacifists communists, and liberals.

J. Malmuth - report.

While it is impossible to predict what the outcome of this situation may be, it should be clear that every peace loving person in our great United States must bring pressure upon and give aid to the democratic nations of Europe who are trying to stop the Nazi maniac.

The historic appeal of our President for peace must be the signal to us for intensification of our activities against the war makers, of our fight against Hitlerism.

Let me stress, here and now, with the strongest sentiment of which I am capable, that any person who bought one penny's worth of Nazi merchandise, to his eternal shame, has materially helped Hitler bring the world to its present state of terror.

As Chairman of your Organization Committee let me regretfully point out that Nazism through its American agency, the German-American Bund, has gained one of its strongest footholds in this country and in New Jersey. It has been given warm support by reactionary forces and other fascist groups in our state.

Despite this, in the past few months we can point out to two inspirational events which show the attitude of the American people to these Hitler stooges. In Trenton, they were driven out and their meeting became an anti-Nazi demonstration. Last week in Elizabeth, thousands of people showed the Nazis that they were most unwelcome. These two events are self-explanatory in indicating the sentiment of our fellow citizens in the defense of American ideals.

Our fight must be alongside with them in the struggle against Nazism and Fascism, whether that of Hitler, Mussolini or any other brand - and for the maintenance of democracy and its aspirations.

No adequate steps can be taken against this scourge unless concrete and powerful measures be engaged to strengthen the necessary forms of organization. I, therefore, propose:

1. The establishment of units of the anti-Nazi League in every community in our State.
2. The establishment of an adequate program of activities in all local units, to include the carrying out of boycott activities, picket lines, educational projects and the development of public support through a series of mass rallies, demonstrations, newspaper publicity and anti-Nazi literature.
3. The taking of initiative in developing a coordination of activities with all other groups interested in the common ideal of the defeat of Nazism, as the American League for Peace and Democracy, Jewish War Veterans, The German-American Cultural League, the American Jewish Congress, the Czechoslovakian groups and many others.
4. The organization of a more adequate and successful system of financial income to support the boycott work, publications, publicity, advertising and administrative work.
5. The establishment of a more adequate relationship between the state office and local units through a regular system of mutual information, to be attained by having each local chairman submit a monthly statement of activities so that coordination and guidance can be given by the state office.
6. The strengthening of work among Youth Groups.
7. The broadening of the base of the League by a greater effort to include the participation of Church, Labor, Veteran and other organizations.

In conclusion, let me thank one of the national leaders of the boycott movement, our Honorary State President, Dr. S. William Kalb; State-President Mr. Michael G. Alenick; my fellow officers and members of the Action Committee for their support, cooperation and devotion to our mutual cause.

Report of
Paterson Unit
Chairman

Since our last National Convention, the Paterson branch of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has been following up the work of combating the Nazis. That the objectives of our organization, namely, to see the complete downfall of Nazism, are in conformity with the wishes of the citizens in our industrial city, is clearly evidenced by the fact that representatives from all strata of society have joined our movement and given us their full cooperation. Our affiliated societies are composed of labor, business, Christian, Jewish, German, Spanish, Orthodox, and reformed organizations.

Unfortunately, the opportunity of building a solid united front against the Nazis has been neglected in many important centers of our country. The recent determined stand of Britain, France, and Russia against Hitler proves conclusively how a solid united front can cripple the diabolic plans of the Nazi war makers. "A united front of all American democratic forces to combat Nazism" should be our slogan.

Having achieved unity of forces in Paterson, we are not finding much difficulty in maintaining the boycott against German-made goods. In order to protect their business interests, the merchants consider it much ~~safer to exclude Nazi goods from their stores.~~ Nevertheless, some of them need careful watching and our boycott committee has attended to that. We are making plans to drive out the last remnants of Nazi goods from Paterson.

In general, the value of the boycott has been underestimated. Because of the recent victories of Hitler in the field of international banditry, some people began to doubt the efficiency of the boycott. The reverse, however, is true. The decrease of German imports into countries where the boycott has been popular has wrought havoc with the Nazi financial regime, which is on the verge of collapse, as Hitler cannot use the financial

wealth of his country to pile up armaments and feed the German people at the same time.

Friends of democracy and humanity, the Nazi beasts must be destroyed! We can help in this work by intensifying the boycott, by concentrating on the creation of a United Front against Nazism, and by arousing the American people to the realization that indifference to this menace, believing that "it cannot happen here", may bring to light a strongly entrenched American Nazi movement fighting our system of democratic government.

The task is colossal, but, to save humanity, it must be successfully accomplished.

MICHAEL G. ALÉNICK, President

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

September 24th, 1938

RACIAL EXCHANGE PROPOSED AS CZECH PEACE PLAN

An opportunity for 650,000 Jews and a million and one-half victims of Nazi persecution still inside Germany, to migrate from the Reich in exchange for the Sudeten Germans wishing to live under the Hitler regime, was proposed to the Governments of France, England and Czechoslovakia last night by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, in a last minute effort to prevent another world war.

The message sent immediately after the announcement of Prime Minister Chamberlain's flight to Germany, read: "Propose solution of Sudeten question by exchange of population desiring Hitler sovereignty for those Germans of every race and creed who seek escape from the Reich. International precedent in similar exchange between Turkey and Greece in 1922 and Palestine partition proposal. Democratic countries to finance action by bond issue for sake of peace and deliverance victims Nazi oppression."

The League's plan has a precedent in the population exchange amicably effected by Greece and Turkey in 1933 when 1,300,000 Greeks in Turkey and 400,000 Turks in Greece were exchanged. A similar plan was suggested in 1937 by the Royal Palestine Commission headed by Earl Peel, which proposed the partition of Palestine into a Jewish State, an Arab Kingdom and a British Protectorate with Arabs living in Jewish area transferred to the Arab Kingdom.

Copies of the League's message were sent to President Eduard Benes in Prague and to Premier Daladier in Paris. "Hitler contends that his interest is in the Sudeten people rather than in the Sudeten territory," a League spokesman said this morning. "If this is true he should be perfectly willing to effect such an exchange as we suggest. Mr. Chamberlain will of course carry several plans to the Conference with the Reich Chancellor. We trust that our plan is one of them as we believe it to be the logical way to preserve peace and satisfactorily settle both the Sudeten and the political refugee problem. It is an amazing coincidence in view of the factors involved, that the Hitler-Chamberlain conference is being held on the Third Anniversary of the enforcement of the Nuremberg Laws by which German Jews lost political and citizenship rights.

MME. HARAND CARRIES ON IN U. S. A.

An hour before dawn on March 11th, the caravan of trucks carrying Heinrich Himmler and 20,000 German Gestapo men rumbled down the Triesterstrasse in Vienna. Government buildings were to be taken over, mobs quelled, officials of the Schussnigg Government must be arrested. This was the initial task of Anschluss. But first, an old thorn must be plucked from the Reichfuhrer's side. A detail of thirty men set off at a dog trot to 1 Elizabethstrasse 20. It was 6 o'clock when they reached the 16 room suite of the Harand Movement against racial hatred and human distress. Before 8 o'clock the offices were wrecked, the files had been packed for shipment to Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry in Berlin. Heinrich Himmler smiled; the Fuhrer would be pleased; the thorn was plucked. But Heinrich Himmler overlooked the half million followers of the Harand Movement in England, France, Scandinavia, United States and Czechoslovakia. Reckoned too without that dark eyed woman who had fought Adolf Hitler and his program of racial hatred for eight years. Today the Harand Movement is stronger than ever before, and Madame Harand is in the United States preparing to launch a drive for public support of her struggle.

"Racial terror has spread across all Europe," said Mme. Irene Harand, "Every nation has Anti-Semitic newspapers. All are supported by the Hitler Government in one form or another. As recognized publications, they serve a double purpose. By spreading anti-racial propaganda in the countries of publication, they create the first phase of the Hitler campaign for totalitarian conquest. At the same time, quotations from these papers are published inside Germany as "evidence" that Europe is coming around to the Nazi point of view."

"The Jewish people are natural victims for a nationalistic program, Madame Harand pointed out. "Millions of Polish miners and farmers in northern Germany have suffered far more at the hands of the Reich than the Sudeten Germans

suffered in Czechoslovakia. But the Poles at least have an ambassador and a home government to whom they can appeal. The Jew has no ambassador and no home government. He is completely at the mercy of the Dictator.

"The second step in creation of the totalitarian state is the destruction of the Christian Church. This," she said, "has been carried out in Austria since March in a series of cold premeditated steps. The program against the Roman Catholic Church, as followed in Austria has been:

1. Dissolution of Catholic schools, in direct opposition to the Concordat with the Holy See.
2. Organization of Nazi Youth Movements among the church children.
3. Removal of valuable properties from the churches and monasteries; religious paintings, gold and silver, altar pieces and the like has not been revealed but it is believed that many of them are being sold by Nazi officials. Cheap substitutes manufactured in Germany are then presented to the churches as "gifts" from the Hitler Government.
4. Catholic newspapers, church periodicals and religious publications are banned by the Nazi censors. Frequently, the publication offices are wrecked and the editors placed in concentration camps.

A similar program is carried on against Protestant organizations who refuse to join the Nazi State Church.

"So," Irene Harand shrugged, smiled. "I have come to America. Here I am told there is the last stronghold of true Democracy - the Democracy that is a practice of fellowship and human understanding. And now I have come and I see this." She waved a thin hand toward a pile of newspapers published in New York City with big headlines - "Free America! Fight the Jews!" and weekly magazines stirring up hatred and racial prejudice by stories that I know to be lies. I see these things with my own eyes after one week in New York. I am told that magazines and newspapers printed in Germany by Hitler and Julius Streicher are sold openly in sections of New York City as are your American Dailies. So I say that the beginning is here too."

"Beginning," she repeated the word, musingly "There was not so long ago just a beginning in Austria. Now it is finished. There are still there 90,000 members of my movement who would work as they worked in the past. I have had letters from them begging to be allowed to carry on. I cannot say what I shall do.

"But here, among America's many millions, it MUST NOT HAPPEN. I think very highly of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League. In America they are fighting as I have fought in Europe. I pray God that they win this fight."

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 9/30/38

Dear Mal,

Enclosure is account of the debate that I sent to the National Commander.

I received a notation from the office to call a meeting so there will probably be a boycott meeting Oct. 10th or 13th. If you are familiar with any of our comrades who have ability for this work, and who up to now have not been called upon, will you please let me know. I am anxious to get a bigger committee of the men and especially some new leaders who I am sure are lurking in the background.

Gosh Mal, there is so much to do, when I stop to think about it I get bogged down, so can't stop and am digging in to the pile that you have already seen on my desk.

Hope you have succeeded in getting a secretary.

Love,

P.S. Please send on some new stationery when you have it ready.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO BATA?

Authentic Report on Czechoslovakian Crisis and the Position of the Bata Shoe Co.

by
John B. Atkinson

(reprinted from Oct. 1, 1938 issue of Boot and Shoe Recorder)

On Monday, Sept. 19, I returned from a six weeks' trip to Europe, during which time I spent over three weeks in Czechoslovakia and approximately ten days in Germany and Austria. I also visited the Bata factories in Holland, England and France. Therefore, I had an excellent opportunity, particularly during my stay in Czechoslovakia, Germany and Austria, to see and study conditions as they are in Europe today.

I found in Czechoslovakia a great enthusiasm on the part of the people to defend their homeland and absolutely no fear of a war against Germany, because they had such confidence in their own ability to defend Czechoslovakia.

It so happened I had an opportunity to see some of the Czech troops at maneuvers, and with the military knowledge I have as a result of over twenty years in the National Guard and two and a half years of service in France during the War, I can safely state the army was extremely well equipped and the esprit de corps was excellent. I found the soldiers to be infinitely better equipped than American troops are at the present time and to have a strong enthusiasm and absolutely no fear of war or the results of it.

I also found throughout Czechoslovakia, where I traveled over 2000 miles by train and car and visited in at least fifty different cities and villages, there is an ample supply of food and the population was quite determined to defend itself in case of emergency. In not one single instance did I see any evidence of fear against Germany.

I also visited about fifteen villages and cities in the Sudeten district and was interested in talking with various people there to find that by no means all these Sudeten people are enthusiastic about becoming German citizens. They all seem to realize in case of war theirs would be the first district to be injured, and furthermore many of them realize that in Czechoslovakia they have the same liberties and rights as any American citizen has here in the United States, whereas if they went under German domination they would be deprived of any personal rights.

Many Sudetens were leaving the Sudeten district because they did not share Heinelein's viewpoint, and realizing that in the case of emergency they would be the first to suffer, are anxious to quit these districts.

I found many of these people interested in maintaining Czech citizenship rather than becoming Germans and found absolutely no complaint as to their treatment by Czech troops.

Much has been said by Hitler regarding the rights of these people and the general impression has been given to the public that these people are actually Germans and were taken away from Germany by the treaty of Versailles.

There is not one single part of Czechoslovakia that ever belonged to the German Empire. That part which is now known as the Sudeten district belonged in its entirety, as did its citizens, to the Austrian-Hungarian Empire. The status of these Sudetens was exactly the same as was the status of the Czechs and the Slovaks, all of whom were subjects of Austria-Hungary, and when Czechoslovakia was created these Sudetens, as well as the Czechs and the Slovaks, helped to make up the Czechoslovakia republic. They were at no time ever a part of Germany.

The Czech air force seems to be particularly well armed, and while it has not as many airplanes as has Germany, nevertheless it has apparently enough to take care of itself.

I had the good fortune to visit a Czech airport together with Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh. When they made a forced landing in Czechoslovakia this was at a town not far from Zlin, where the main Bata factories are, and on hearing that Colonel Lindbergh had landed I went over and visited with him and at his invitation accompanied him out to the airport when he took off from there the following day.

The Colonel in charge of the airport was gracious enough to invite me to inspect the troops there and also the flying equipment, and I found it to be as modern as any that I have seen, and that includes most of the equipment in western Europe.

Many people have asked me whether Bata is affected by the proposed division of Czechoslovakia. To this I can safely answer that this will in no way affect Bata with reference to his exports. In the first place the Bata shoe factories at Zlin and Batov are located over 250 miles from the Sudeten districts and thus would not be affected by any change in status in the Sudeten district.

Furthermore, several years ago Bata started decentralization and today most of the exports of Bata are made in various factories which he has located in France, England, Switzerland, Holland, India, Poland, Yugoslavia, Syria and Belgium.

As a matter of fact, for several years I have been shipping goods to Canada principally from India and England, and in this past year we have started transferring many of our imports from Czechoslovakia to the U.S. so that they will now come through Holland and England to the U.S.

I do not feel that Bata's export business will be badly impaired by the Sudeten movement, nor do I feel his retail business will be very much hurt.

It is true that Bata has around 500 stores in the Sudeten districts and no doubt will be obliged to close these because of the decidedly anti-Nazi movement which Mr. Bata has maintained for some time. These stores are mostly in rented buildings, so if there is any loss there it will be only in the merchandise, and in as much as there have been many disturbances in this Sudeten area in the past six months, these stocks in the Sudeten stores are extremely small. Bata has 2300 other stores which are not in the Sudeten district.

Sometime ago Bata was accused by the Germans of being a Jew and they refused to accept his birth certificates and records of his family, which are available, going back through a period of 300 years, in the little Catholic church at Zlin, proving his Aryan ancestry. Mr. Bata replied that while he was not a Jew, under the circumstances he would be proud if he were a Jew. This answer has apparently infuriated the Nazis, as while I was in Germany many newspapers were running headlines against "Bata the Jew", entirely disregarding the reply he had given them.

The Bata Factory and several hundred stores which were located in Germany and have been there for the past eight or ten years have been taken from Bata by the Nazis and the names of the stores have been changed throughout Germany.

At the request of the Czech Government Bata has manufactured a large quantity of gas masks for the civilian population, but is not otherwise engaged in the production of any other war material, not even army shoes, because contracts for these are always given to the small shoe manufacturers in Czechoslovakia, Bata refusing to bid on these, feeling this is a business which should be kept only for the smaller manufacturers.

I have also been asked many times regarding the building of a Bata factory here in America in Maryland, where the Bata Company now owns several thousand acres of land near Belcamp, Md. This factory will eventually be built in America, but at the present time no definite date has been set for beginning construction there and probably construction will not be started until

the situation in Czechoslovakia is completely straightened out.

Jan Bata, head of the Bata Company, takes no part in national politics as far as office holding is concerned, but has been a very strong believer of support of the national government in Czechoslovakia, and has been the largest contributor to the gift fund of \$100,000,000 which was recently raised as a gift to the government to be used for defense purposes.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U. S.

Social unrest and racial antagonism develop in a country in periods of economic depression and unemployment. American principles of democracy, equal liberty for all, regardless of race, creed or color, must be preserved. A people gainfully employed is the strongest protection against alien subversive activities. Therefore, we consider the following editorial of timely importance:

~~FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK~~

(Reprinted by permission of *The Shoe Buyer*, Boston, Mass.)

" FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

There is a danger confronting us in the importation of footwear, especially from the new German territories. Germany in the past few years has exported but few shoes to America, compared to Czechoslovakia. It has been rumored, that with the taking over of many Czech cities, Germany will resume her flood of foreign shoes to this country with the Czech label. Knowing well that German shoes in America will meet with almost a solid wall of opposition, but many concerns friendly with little Czecho will continue to give this little nation her share of the shoe business, vigilant shoe buyers should be very sure what they are buying-do not be fooled by the Czech label alone....If you must buy these shoes...and you want them from the source from which they are labeled...be sure you secure shoes from concerns outside the Sudeten area.... who are not owned or controlled by Germany.

Shoe buyers, this is not a question of five and ten cent pieces-it is the destiny of the shoe business in America-if you are a volume buyer, you know that nowhere in the world can you match style and quality at such a price as you can here.

Germany is entitled to no consideration, whether it be shoes of equal value at lower prices or what not. Let us be vigilant...it is the work of every association to watch. Keep out their shoes and you will keep your self-respect.

With so much unemployment and over production of footwear in America, Department stores, Chain stores and Retailers should be able to match any shoes made in Europe by American footwear in quality, style and price. To be sure that you are not exploiting German shoes under any label-Buy Shoes Made in America-Keep Our Industry for Americans. Good Americans will do it... "

The Shoe Buyer
October, 1938

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October 8, 1938

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Sister Bertha V. Corets
276 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sister Corets:

Received your communication regarding Boycott Conference on Thursday evening, October 13th, at the New Yorker Hotel.

I regret to have to inform you of my inability to be present at this conference, much as I would like to.

I agree with you that the Boycott is an effective weapon against persecution and un-Democratic centralized Governments. However I feel that if we made it more general instead of just a boycott against Germany we would accomplish our purpose better - as there is Italy to be considered now and Poland, etc., so why not do the thing properly and put on a campaign of "Buy American Made Goods," and increase our own industries and prosperity. I have conveyed this thought to our National Commander Isadore Worth. I feel that our boycott would be more effective that way than to say, "For Humanity's sake do not Buy Nazi Goods." We would be accomplishing the same, only on a greater scale.

Wishing you success and will do anything that I can to assist in my humble way. Believe me,

Yours in Comradeship,

Dr. Robert Rosen

Dr. Robert Rosen,
National Executive Committeeman
Fifth Zone,
512 Fox Theatre Bldg.,

RR:MR

October 10th
1938

Mr. Samuel Deutsch,
2109 N. 3rd St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

I was pleasantly surprised to hear from you again after all these years. Your enclosure of the "Jewish News" was most interesting. I read, in particular, your article headed "The Jewish War Vets Meet", but I must offer a correction on your second paragraph. The Jewish War Veterans have been in existence many many years before the World War. I suggest you contact the Jewish War Veteran Post in Harrisburg (you tell me that you are working with them), and they will give you the history of the organization. I am sure it will improve your article, if you give this the proper place.

* I am enclosing a few of the releases of our organization, and I shall be glad to keep you on the mailing list for the future, as I believe you should be able to incorporate some of this information in your current events paper.

Regarding our Center in Throgs Neck, Rabbi Anderman is still in charge. There is much to be said and much more to be left unsaid. Sincerely hoping that you are advancing in your career, and with warm personal wishes from Mark and myself, I am

Cordially yours,

BERTHA V. CORETS
National Ladies Auxiliary

BVC/cjs

enclosure

October 10th
1938

Dr. David Coyne,
600 Washington St.,
Hoboken, N.J.

Dear Dr. Coyne:

In reply to your inquiry, it might interest you to know that the firm of Bolle & Detzel advertises in the German American Business League (Deutsche Konsum Verband, Inc., or DKV), which is the official organ of the German American Volksbund, which directs a boycott against the Jewish people and merchants.

Very truly yours,

BERTHA V. CORETS
Acting
Nat'l Boycott Chairman

EVC/cjs

Sept. 22nd
1938

Dr. David Coyne,
600 Washington St.,
Hoboken, N.J.

Dear Dr. Coyne:

In reference to your letter of the 12th instant, regarding Bolle & Detzel, we are looking into the matter, and on receipt of the information requested, will advise you further.

Sincerely yours,

G. J. SCHAFER
Secretary

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Sept. 13th
1938

Joint Boycott Council,
151 West 40th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Dr. Marcus

Dear Dr. Marcus:

I will appreciate if you will advise me if you have any information regarding the firm of Bolle & Detzel, furniture business, operating stores in New York City, Newark and Hoboken, who we are informed, give support to the Nazi movement, both financially and otherwise.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

C. J. SCHAFER
Secretary

DR. DAVID COYNE
DENTAL SURGEON
600 WASHINGTON STREET
HOBOKEN, N. J.

TEL. HOBOKEN 3-0611

September 12, 1938

National Headquarters
Jewish War Veterans of US
New York City

Gentlemen :

Will you please be kind
enough to draft a report on the
furniture concern " Bolle & Detzel,"
with stores in New York City, Newark,
and Hoboken.

This is requested because
of the continued complaints from
various citizens of this City who
maintain that they are supporters
of the Nazi movement, both financially
and morally.

I would appreciate an early
reply.

Sincerely

David Coyne

SEP 13 1938

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October 18, 1938

Mrs. Bertha Corets
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York

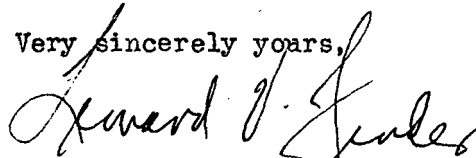
Dear Mrs. Corets:

In keeping with the information given to you earlier, I am repeating that we have definite reason to believe that the rumors concerning Schrafft's are entirely without foundation. These stories have been current for several years, and at the time that we investigated, we found Schrafft's to be very fair in its attitude and, in fact, to have some people of our faith among those in important position.

As for the New York Telephone Company, I cannot say too strongly that the stories about it are unjust libels. The New York Telephone Company has hundreds of Jewish employees, some of its chief executives in the New York area are Jewish, and a number of its workers who were honored for their long years of service to the Company are likewise of our faith. In fact, the man who had a dinner given to him because of his forty years with the New York Telephone Company similarly is Jewish.

I hope that this information will help to refute those charges concerning which you made inquiry.

Very sincerely yours,



LEONARD V. FINDER, Secretary
New York Regional Office
Anti-Defamation League

LVF:ELS

October 18th
1938

Admiral Emory S. Lands,
American Maritime Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Lands:

I called up Mrs. Russell Langdon this week, and was talking to her my ideas on the American Merchant Marine, and she told me to write to you.

I personally have been following the story of the American Merchant Marine in the newspapers, noting the remarks printed in the newspaper sometime ago by Admiral Kennedy, that "the American Merchant Marine would be obsolete by 1941". I have followed the society shipping column, and I have noted how so many of our distinguished Americans travel on the ships of other countries, giving them the benefit of the attendant publicity.

I have read of the enactment of Bill HR10315, that is designed to promote the Merchant Marine policy, and I have followed the trend of shipping interests to develop trade with South America through our good-neighbor fleet. Realizing that the building and operation of ships would give employment to industries and individuals from coast to coast, it occurred to me that this is a real patriotic program that would be proper for an organization such as ours to adopt, and to make public on the basis of an economic means to help restore prosperity.

Before taking this up officially with the members of our organization, I am writing to you for your advice on the subject. I should be deeply grateful for any comments you care to make and would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very respectfully,

BERTHA V. CORETS

New York, N.Y.,
October 18, 1938.

City Editor,
New York Times,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I attended the Fritz Kuhn-Dickstein debate that was held at Caravan Hotel on September 25th, and listened very carefully to both sides of the debate. I read the account of this debate as printed in the "Times" the following morning. While your account was fairly complete and covered some of the questions asked, I think that two of the most important questions that were asked on the floor, and were not reported, should not have been overlooked.

One was the question asked by a young man and when he did not get a proper answer he got the floor a second time and put his question again. That was the question "If you say you are an American organization, why do you have on your application for membership, "I am of aryan origin, free from Jewish or colored blood.?" When it was admitted by Mr. Kuhn that this was on the application, the young man drew the conclusion that "then you are not an American organization". I think that this question was most important and it should have been taken as a conclusion rather than to say as you did, "After a two hour debate, the issue stood where it had been at the beginning".

Another very important question that was asked by a young lady on the floor, was to ask Mr. Kuhn regarding the meaning of a sign she had seen on her visit to Yaphank in July, that read "German Americans demand equal rights". Why, if they were Americans and entitled to all the rights of Americans, do they demand special rights as German Americans? This was answered by Mr. Kuhn with evasion, by saying that they hid the names of their membership because German Americans were fired from their jobs if it was shown that they belong to the Bund.

I personally think that these were two of the most important questions asked at that debate, and I do not understand why your reporter should have overlooked them. I would appreciate any comments you have to say on the subject.

Yours respectfully,

BERTHA V. CORETS
956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

FRANK G. SHATTUCK COMPANY

OPERATING

THE **SCHRAFFT'S** STORES

58 WEST TWENTY-THIRD STREET

New York, N. Y.

October 18, 1938

16 West Street
Boston, Mass.

418 S. Warren St.
Syracuse, N. Y.

1216 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Louis Pilmer,
386 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Pilmer,

We have your letter of October 14th, in reference to the malicious and vicious rumor which is being circulated against our company.

There is absolutely no word of truth in it. We cater to and enjoy the patronage of thousands of Jewish people every day. We have built stores in neighborhoods that are 85% to 90% Jewish, for the purpose of obtaining the neighborhood trade.

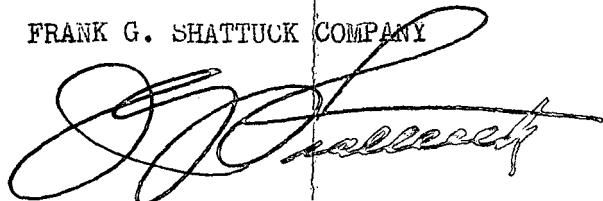
We have made every effort to trace these rumors to their source but have been unsuccessful. Always it is "someone else" who made the statement. Never have we been able to reach the person who actually had the alleged experience of being discriminated against.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter, and if anyone tells you they had such an experience we welcome your letting us have their name and address.

Again assuring you this rumor is untrue and that it has no basis or fact in any particular, we are

Very truly yours,

FRANK G. SHATTUCK COMPANY



JGS:A

October 18th
1938

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

Dear Sirs:

At a joint boycott conference held at this office last spring, the League presented a report that was based on investigations of the Security Exchange Commission, with which they asked, or rather ordered that Agfa Ansco be taken off the boycott list. The report was held by Dr. Kalb and was not available for general inspection as it was deemed highly confidential.

My personal opinion was that this concern with a trademark belonging to the German parent Company, should have been held on the boycott list in some way, and since there are the technicalities of their using some German ingredients in their photographic films, it seems to me that was the way. I spoke to Mr. Spangler at that time, and it seemed as though he had pretty much the same ideas. However, the League wrote them a letter, and that closed the matter.

My reason for writing you at this time is to ask whether this matter should not be reviewed again since I believe the six months are up, and it still remains my opinion that this concern should be on the boycott list. Hoping to hear from you, I am

Sincerely,

BERTHA V. CORETS
Acting
National Boycott Chairman

BVC/ejs

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THE SCHRAFFT'S STORES

58 WEST TWENTY-THIRD STREET

New York, N. Y.

October 18, 1938

16 West Street
Boston, Mass.

418 S. Warren St.
Syracuse, N. Y.

1216 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Rose E. Scheffler,
901 Walton Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Scheffler,

We have your letter of October 15th, in reference to the malicious and vicious rumor which is being circulated against our company.

There is absolutely no word of truth in it. We cater to and enjoy the patronage of thousands of Jewish people every day. We have built stores in neighborhoods that are 85% to 90% Jewish, for the purpose of obtaining the neighborhood trade.

We have made every effort to trace these rumors to their source but have been unsuccessful. Always it is "someone else" who made the statement. Never have we been able to reach the person who actually had the alleged experience of being discriminated against.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter, and if anyone tells you they had such an experience we welcome your letting us have their name and address.

Again assuring you this rumor is untrue and that it has no basis or fact in any particular, we are

Very truly yours,

FRANK G. SHATTUCK COMPANY



JGS:A

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THE SHERAFT STORES

58 West Twenty Third Street
New York, N.Y.

October 18, 1938

Mr. L--- P--
--Fourth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. P.---

We have your letter of October 14th in reference to the malicious and vicious rumor which is being circulated against our company.

There is absolutely no word of truth in it. We cater to and enjoy the patronage of thousands of Jewish people every day. We have built stores in neighborhoods that are 85% to 90% Jewish, for the purpose of obtaining the neighborhood trade.

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We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter, and if anyone tells you that they had such an experience we welcome your letting us have their name and address.

Against assuring you this rumor is untrue and that it has no basis or fact in particular, we are,

Very truly yours,

FRANK G. SHATTUCK COMPANY

JGS:A

(Signed) J. G. Shattuck

MEMO TO BERTHA CORETS,

10/19/38

from J. George Fredman, P. Nat'l Commander

I would suggest that a release be gotten out briefly describing the boycott meeting and enthusiasm shown at it.

It might call attention to the effectiveness of the boycott (superior to that of armies) that both Germany and Italy are in precarious conditions economically; that due to the attitude of Hitler and the speech he made which was heard in this country, that millions of Americans formerly lukewarm are now openly antagonistic to Nazism and could be induced to cooperate with us on the boycott; that the physical assault on Cardinal Inghizze has angered the Catholics of the world. A Half-million Czechoslovakians in this country are openly hostile to Nazism; the labor unions more than ever see the urgency of stopping the advance of Fascism.

If our committees get active, we can enlist these various groups and make the boycott in the U.S. much more effective than ever before. The Nazis and Fascists make no secret of their intention to exterminate the Jews, and thereafter the Catholics and other groups. We must decide either to let them do this without opposition or to fight. We might ask "what shall your choice be? So far as J.W.V. is concerned, it is a fight to the end. Are you with us? If so, go out and boycott and don't wait until it is too late.

It might mention that as yet we have not declared any Boycott against Italian in spite of their racial program, in the hope sufficient pressure may be used on the Italian Government to revoke his policy. What you can do in this situation is to prevail; upon influential Italians to protest to Premier Mussolini to withdraw his racial program. This has been done already in several cities.

Reminder - questionnaires should be sent in promptly.

Pleas for funds for continuance of boycott.

(releases should not be over 1 page (letter head size)

New York, N.Y., 10/20/38

Dear Sister:

There will be an organization meeting of the B.C. Committee on Monday evening, Oct. 31st, at 8:15 P.M., at headquarters.

Please have any questions to be presented prepared in writing, with the individuals and auxiliaries name thereon.

Nat'l Ladies' Aux.

Bertha V. Corets

BVC/cjs

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October 21, 1938

Mrs B. Corets
New York City

My dear Mrs. Corets :

Permit me to thank you for your diligent and very effecient service in regard to the request that was made concerning Bolle and Detzel.

We are going ahead with this case from every angle, including the Labor and employees situations.

If it is atball possible to receive that original advertisement, that certainly would be most appreciated. Do you believe that can be obtained ? Advise me accordingly.

Best personal regards to Mark and the rest of my dear friends and also to those who are not do dear.

Sincerely yours



MEMO TOBERTHA CORETS -

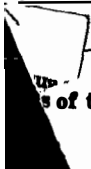
FROM J. GEORGE FREDMAN

RELEASE SHOULD BE SENT TO ALL POSTS - PROPOSED
TRADE AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY - POSTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
SEND LETTERS OF PROTEST TO SECRETARY OF STATE HULL
URGING THAT U. S. DO NOT ENTER INTO ANY ARRANGEMENTS
WITH COUNTRY OF THAT TYPE (Germany).

10/22/38

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Alte Bayer

956 Edison Ave.
Bx. NY 10/24/38

Dear Comrade,

Enclosed is the list of imported beers. These are on sale at restaurants and taverns in the Bronx and in some places are advertised thru the windows with neon signs.

You have heard the rumors concerning Schrafts that they are supposed to say "we serve Jews but we don't cater to them. The enclosure is a copy of a letter from Frank G. Shattuck.

You were personally present at the Selwyn store so can give a report on that.

The drug book I find I have no suitable envelope for mailing so will you please stop at the office and get one.

Also ask for a copy of my release Nazi Conflicts with Christianity.

On the drug book - when you talk - show the left side as the name of the German preparation, the right side explains the drugs it is made of, so the druggist is assisted in preparing things. Ask the members to suggest to their physicians when writing prescriptions to make "No German Drugs". We can certainly insist upon this if a doctor prescribes for us. I thought we could sell the books for 10¢, but the postage first class makes the price 15¢. One of our Auxiliary Presidents tells me that she has a letter from her druggist and her physician thanking for the books and assuring that it will be of great value.

I hope this will be of some assistance. Wish I could do more, but I am all in.

Sincerely,

Mal Pres. Jones

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 10/25/38

Dear Mal,

Enclosed is my report. It is the only copy I have so would appreciate its return when fully used.

Also enclosed paper from the meeting I attended for you. I expect you will hear further from them. As I thought Pauline Woolfe would call you Friday AM did not do so, otherwise you would have had your report

As I did not received the papers Mr. Farago promised me on Lever Bros., began calling him today, both thru the office and home. You heard part of it down there. When he spoke to me he said he wanted to call the whole thing off. I told him how I had given report on the strength of his conversation, and it was the first time in five years that I had done that --- make a report without having the corroborating evidence in my possession. I said it will be the first time I have made a faux pax, - and are you going to do that to me. He said "No, I won't" It seems the League is the cause of his annoyance. After giving them his papers, they went to Lever Bros., and asked for a contribution. That sounds terrible does'nt. Please do not repeat this and destroy this letter. So inconclusion, he is coming to my house tomorrow at 3 o'clock to give me the assistance he promised. I told him it was a very inconvenient place to reach, but he was willing to come.

I wrote a three page report to the National Commander. I also included one paragraph asking that those men who were experienced and now advising on the boycott, should become an official part of the committee. I said it was not conducive to good morale to have my work checked by several men not on the committee. If anything went wrong, I alone carried full responsibility. Those doing any directing should get credit for efficient work, ~~just xxxxxx walk xxxxxx they xxxxxx ready to accept responsibility if otherwise.~~

I am going over to Bronx County tomorrow to ask the men what they are doing on the Boycott, - so if you don't hear from me, you will know they disposed of the pieces.

Love and best wishes. Regards to Al and Babs,