



The Bertha Corets Papers

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General Correspondence

**January - February
1939**

956 Edison Ave.,

Bx NY 1/5/39

Dear Bernie,

The American Artists Congress, 100 W. 13th St., issued a statement recently charging the Metropolitan Museum of Art "with helping to subsidize Nazi industry" through the sale of color reproductions made in Germany of various works of art.

Henry W. Kent, secretary of the museum wrote in reply that it was their duty to furnish the public "material of the best quality and at the lowest prices possible." Also words about the relations between the United States being friendly there was no warrant for the Metropolitan to discriminate against any product of German industry.

I have been asked to handle this file, and as I know nothing about these reproduction, or even knew that the Museum was in the selling end of the art business, I am writing to ask you for some assistance.

Is the Museum the only place to obtain these reproductions, is it one of their proper duties to supply them, - can equally good prints be obtained outside of Germany?

Any assistance you can give me will be appreciated.

Hoping you enjoyed your vacation and with best wishes to you and Shirley,

Sincerely,

Bertha V. Corsets

956 Edison Ave.,

1/6/39

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Metropolitan Museum

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The angle for us to concern ourselves about is the question of employment. Will see you Saturday.

Best wishes,

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Dear Bertha:

O.K. on Metropolitan. We should be able in some manner to work on Blumenthal, who is THE one to blame. We can do this after we get the facts. There may be large Jewish contributors to the Metropolitan, who might be willing to speak up if these reprints can be had in U.S.A.

Will you work up a short questionnaire which we will send out next week. There will be all new commanders, and we'll send them out this time with a stiff letter and follow them up. There shouldn't be a single post or aux. without a chairman, whom we should contact and hold responsible.

JAN 12 1939

Jewish War Veterans of the United States,
376 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

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By direction of the Commissioner:

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. E. Higmar

Assistant Chief Counsel.

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Enclosures



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From the "Jewish Examiner" , Jan.13, 1939.

WATCH THESE SCOUNDRELS

The news from Washington this week that Major-General George Van Horn Moseley has been named as the one person most likely to lead the forces of fascism to triumph in the United States, is no surprise to those of us who have been following the sinister career of this ex-army officer with something more than just reader interest. To those who, on the other hand, have been smugly resting on the idea that America is impregnable to anti-democratic attack, here is ominous portent that they are destined to a rude awakening.

For quite some time, General Moseley has been priming himself for the position to which his admirers have now nominated him. At the time of his resignation from the United States Army last September, Secretary of War Woodring denounced him as "flagrantly disloyal". At another time, before a gathering at the Hotel Biltmore on December 16, Moseley, with venomous spirit insolently charged the Jewish people with being the "bearers of the germ of internationalism."

That James True, who is a notorious anti-Semite himself, should say of Moseley in a recent issue of his publication, Industrial Control Reports, that he is "The leader for which this country has been waiting anxiously for nearly six discouraging years" was to be expected. And when True says further that "We understand that many of his friends have urged Moseley to command a Christian army against the forces of subversion, and if he does we predict that the organization will sweep the country," then the fascist plot against the United States begins to thicken.

Today the only course for the American people lies in a vigorous offensive against True, Moseley, and company, who foully mouth democracy with ~~their~~ ^{up} their sleeves.

Metropolitan
written by
dictated

Jan. 16, 1939.

Memo to J. Geo. Fredman, Nat'l Boycott Chairman

Dear George:

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I do not approve of picketing the Museum, but do believe we should ask for an interview with their representative.

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Bertha

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OK
Meantime gets a bid from
some American firms showing
perhaps price they will do as
good reprinting &
submitted to
Bulmer

Mrs. Corets - Memo 1/18/39

Please note attached clipping - it looks like some others besides ourselves are showing interest in the Metropolitan Museum and perhaps you can contact them and work out some plan of action.

Regards,

George

**TO: THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION AND
UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, believing in the fine tradition such games should represent the acme of good sportsmanship and manhood and womanhood of the world, are opposed to the participation held in Germany.

The present rulers of Germany, by their persecution and oppression of Unionists, Veteran Organizations, Masons and other groups, have denied equality and fair play.

It is common knowledge that because of their religious beliefs and clubs, thereby being deprived of training facilities and the opportunity to compete.

Because of the unreasonable persecution and discrimination from hotels, theatres, restaurants and other public places. Because of their race or Jewish faith will be subjected to physical violence, intimidation and other forms of oppression.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, believe that the only way for holding the Olympic Games must be defeated by the very discrimination against the host, DO VIGOROUSLY PROTEST the participation of American athletes.

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January 19th
1939

The Journal of Commerce,
P.O. Box 25,
Church Street Annex,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

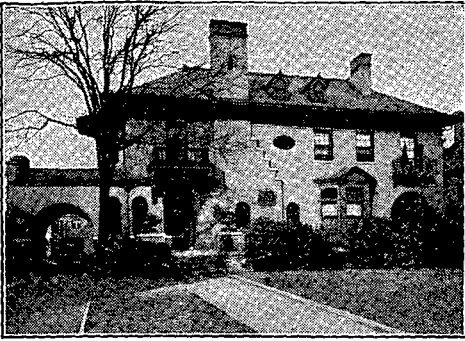
We notice in one of your recent issues that you have reported the information that the Joint Boycott Council has issued a book of German Pharmaceutical Products and Preparations and their Equivalents. Since you have shown that the reporting of such information is important and of interest, may we ask you in support of accuracy, that you likewise report for our organization, that we were the first to distribute this book last summer, and have since made the information available to all boycott organizations, societies, etc.

Your courtesy and cooperation will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BERTHA V. CORETS
Boycott Chairman
Nat'l Ladies' Auxiliary

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158 Ponce De Leon Avenue, N. E.

ATLANTA, GA. Jan. 19, 1939.

Miss Bertha Corets,
Nat'l Chm. Boycott . J. V. W. Aux.
276-5th Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Corets;

We will appreciate if you will get a copy of "Jewish Examiner" Jan. 13th, issue and note the article captioned "U.S. FASCISTS NAME GENERAL MOSELEY TO LEAD AMERICAN STORMTROOPERS".

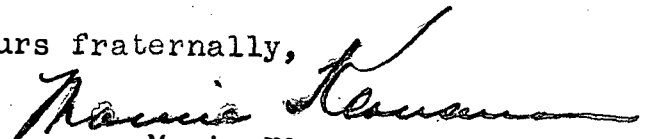
The General is making numerous speeches in this vicinity under the auspices of the American Legion apparently fighting all Isms, yet this article has been brought to our attention. He is to speak next Thursday night Jan. 26th and we (Mr. M. Frankel and I) are trying to get whatever information we can in advance.

I have today written to Rabbi Louis D. Gross, Editor, 186 Jerolemon St, Brooklyn asking for any definite information, but Mr. Frankel is anxious that you advise us just what your office thinks of this particular paper and the type of material it sponsors. We find that often as you know these things are said and have no grounds. There is no reason to get excited and create a furror unless we are sure.

Anticipating any information you may send and assuring you we will abide by your decision.

We were so happy to have our National President with us. She is always an inspiration. Hope we may all be together at some early date and know each other better.

Yours fraternally,


Mamie Klausman.

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January 19th, 1939

Mr. J. George Fredman,
Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.,
276 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

*2 Cases
Dec. 27, 1938*

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 17th please note the following:

Our firm has discontinued importing merchandise made in Germany since the early part of 1933. We have, however, found ourselves in the following predicament:

During the month of August and the early part of September certain commitments for merchandise were made by us in Czechoslovakia, a country from which we have imported for a good many years. These commitments consisted mainly of merchandise to be used for the spring season and usually take several months to complete.

It is a well known fact that the Sudeten part of Czechoslovakia was absorbed rather quickly the early part of October.

While it might have been possible for us to cancel parts of the contract, as we had not purchased any goods made in Germany, we, nevertheless felt that the record of our firm should remain unblemished by not annulling contracts made by us in good faith, and we feel quite confident accepted in good faith by our old reliable sources in that part of Europe.

We have not placed any orders in the so-called "Sudetengau" since the early part of October and it is not our intention to deviate from our policy of not buying goods made in Germany.

We believe the situation as outlined to you is something that has happened to a good many importers in various lines whose sentiments do not differ from our own.

We hope the foregoing will explain matters to your entire satisfaction but if not, the writer will be pleased to discuss same further with any authorized representative from your organization.

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B. BLUMENTHAL & CO. Inc.

Paul Hellman

President

PH:DL

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AFTER JANUARY 16th, 1939, WE WILL BE LOCATED AT OUR NEW ADDRESS,
1372 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 19, 1939

*Bertha
Curtis*

Proof of the effectiveness of the boycott of Nazi-made goods in America is evident in the frantic efforts of Nazi officialdom to push through their odious "refugee ransom plan," according to Dr. S. William Kalb, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

To protest any possibility that the United States Government, along with others, might approve the evacuation plans now being discussed in Berlin, Dr. Kalb cabled the following message to the American embassy there:

"George Rublee
International Refugee Committee
American Embassy - Berlin, Germany

"On behalf thousands members, hundreds affiliated organizations, protest most emphatically against adoption protocol with German Government as outlined American press. Unalterably opposed any plan placing premium on despoilation, expropriation, deportation German minorities. As sponsors, leaders American boycott German goods and services wish to declare unequivocally we shall continue all boycott activities with increased vigor should proposed plan be accepted your committee.

"Dr. S. William Kalb, Chairman
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to
Champion Human Rights
20 West 47th Street, New York City"

Dr. Kalb then elaborated on the position the League has taken with regard to the refugee question under consideration.

"No intelligent American opposed to the spread of Nazism throughout the world can possibly approve the terms of the protocol of the German government now under discussion in Berlin. It is a generally accepted fact that the boycott presents the most effective means of checking the spread of Nazism. Should this protocol be signed between the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee and the German government all the accomplishments of six years of growing boycott would be wiped out in a single stroke of the pen," he said.

George Rublee, the American chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, and Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichs-

bank, are still negotiating, with Rublee endeavoring to gain concessions from the original Nazi "ransom" demands presented to London conferences last month.

Dr. Schacht's London statement was plain. He said that if foreign nations wanted German cooperation in evacuating Jews, the governments must lift unofficial boycotts and import more German-made goods.

To these demands, Neville Laski, president of the Jewish Board of Deputies, conservative leaders of English Jewry, replied before the Baldwin Refugee Fund:

"I want you to know that we Jews are not prepared to buy the lives of our people at the sacrifice of civilization to a beast."

Members of the Anti-Nazi League are unalterably opposed to any compromise with the German Government in the matter of "ransom demands," considering them nothing more than kidnaping demands on a larger scale. And, as noted above, even those most deeply affected by the kidnaping of their own blood refuse to consider knuckling down to the outrageous Nazi demands.

The boycott of German goods in this country was sponsored by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, which was founded in 1933 for that very purpose, by famed attorney Samuel Untermyer. Since that time literally hundreds of other civic, religious, labor, and fraternal groups have voted to lend their entire support to the boycott.

Naturally figures on the exact effectiveness of the boycott are impossible to obtain but the best evidence of the League's work is the present extremely precarious position of German credit in world markets and her very unfavorable trade balance. It is the alarming diminution of her export trade that has forced the Nazi chiefs to take this latest step -- the literal kidnaping for ransom of more than 700,000 people -- truly gangsterism on an international scale.

*Boycott
your
friends!!
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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January 20th
1939.

Dr. Howard Gilman,
1791 Grand Concourse,
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have been requested by Mrs. Sylvia Kern,
of Salomon's Pharmacy, to get in touch with you
in view of the fact that you are interested in
boycott.

This is a subject that you will find me
most willing to discuss at any hour of the day.
In the morning I can be reached at Underhill 3-
1499, and in the afternoon, at Westchester 7-
6248.

Any information that I can give to you
will be supplied most willingly.

Very truly yours,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

BERTHA V. CORETS
Nat'l Ladies' Auxiliary

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*Draft Phoenix
for shipping*

January 20th
1939

Food Sales Co.,
99 Hudson St.,
New York, N.Y.

Att: Mr. Lester Claster, Pres.

Dear Mr. Claster:

We have had some very pleasant correspondence in the past, and I felt sure it had resulted in your complete cooperation.

I assure you I am very much surprised to find that you have been using the Nazi services of the Steamship Hansa. I regret very much to have to say that if we find another departure of this kind from the policy that you promised me, we shall have to put you on our boycott list.

Assuring you that we are working only for cooperation, and should regret exceedingly the necessity to take such a step, I am

Yours respectfully,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

BERTHA V. CORETS
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January 23rd
1939

Procter & Gamble Distributing Co.,
205 E. 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

We have received a great many inquiries concerning one of your products, Drene, and we have been informed that there exists a profit-sharing agreement with Germany on this product.

Will you please inform us if there is any basis to this, and oblige

Yours very truly,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

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956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 1/23/39

Admiral Emory S. Lands,
Chairman, U.S. Maritime Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral Lands,

I have received your letter of the 13th and regret that I did not know sooner that you were scheduled to speak at the Patriotic Conference. I would have made every effort to be there to meet and hear you.

However, I had prepared a resolution to be presented there, To Promote the United States Merchant Marine, and have suggested that our women contact you as to whether it begins to cover your views.

I have been working on this in our organization since last Fall and it is a subject that has become very dear to me.

I have a file of clippings showing our consuls, Governors of various States, movie stars, industrialists and society leaders travelling on boats of other nations and producing publicity for their ships by their actions. I have followed the progress of the good-will fleet, and the Bethlehem Shipbuilding putting men to work at the shipyard at Quincy, Mass.

Last year at the conference, it was pointed out that a Merchant Marine becomes an auxiliary to the Navy in time of War. I have traced the industries affected by shipbuilding and the benefits to food purveyors etc., in an American Flag Fleet.

I think the resolution is timely, I hope it will be passed, and I can assure you our organization will do everything we can to make other see, as we have been doing ourselves, the importance of TRAVEL AND SHIP AMERICAN. If I am in error in anyway, please correct me.

Yours respectfully,

Bertha V. Coverts

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 1/23/39

Dear Sister Klausman,

In reply to your letter will try to give you information in my files.

To begin there is a George Deatherage who runs the Knights of the White Camelia, the oldest Jew Baiting organization in the country, probably as old as the Klu Klux Klan, and also the American Nationalist Confederation which uses a red white and blue stripe with a swastika superimposed, as a decoration for their bulletin. Mr. Deatherage has said frankly he would like to become the "American Hitler", but doesn't think he could because he isn't very good at rabble rousing. Mr. Deatherage is looking right now for someone to rabble-rouse for him, while he master-minds behind the scenes.

This is where Major General George Van Horn Mosely, retired, comes in. A letter written by Mr. Deatherage has expressed the following "... We are delaying further reorganization in the hopes that we can get Gen. George Van Horn Mosely, Hotel Biltmore, Atlanta, recently retired to head up a national Christian organization that we can all back. If all interested will write him requesting such action, it will help a lot. Will you not do so?"

According to a report from the Propaganda Analysis Institute, it is said "Major General Mosely, who recently was denounced as flagrantly disloyal by the Secretary of War, probably could bring to Mr. Deatherage not only his talents as speaker and leader of men, but financial backing as well. It wasn't until Adolf Hitler managed to gain the support of German industrialists that his movement gained prominence without similar backing Mr. Deatherage's "Fascist Party" will probably remain in obscurity. However, Major General Mosely is respectable, and is supported by men of respectability and wealth. Only last month he was invited to address the New York Board of Trade, which lists among its members some of the country's leading industrialists. His audience cheered when he said: "... Our domestic enemies (the 'communists, President Roosevelt and Bernard Baruch) should be warned, therefore, not to excite the wrath of patriotic America, for once these patriots go into battle they will cure the disease definitely and make those massacres now recorded in history look like peaceful church parades...."

George Deatherage is further attempting to line up 800-odd fascist groups into one unified organization. It was for this purpose that he started the American Nationalist Confederation, which already publicizes itself as "the official Fascist Party." Thus far the group has confined its activities to distributing along with its own propaganda, the propaganda of the German Government, of fascist in other countries, and of the leading fascist groups in the United States - Defenders of the Faith, the Silver-shirts, the German-American Bund, the Militant Christian Patriots, and of course the old Klu Klux Klan, which the growth of the C.I.O. in the South has revived.

I think if you bring this to the attention of the American Legion and show he the kind of man they are furthering by giving him the opportunity to gain prominence, apparently with the backing, they may alter their attitude. It might be well to make the Legion make a statement on Mosely.

If the Legion is biased down South maybe we can do something about it up here.

As far as the Jewish Examiner is concerned, you must take them with a grain of salt. Of course in a way they are a help, because their publication has some circulation and naturally they spread some information. Sometimes they do good, but I have know where they jumped at conclusion and did harm to innocent people.

In this case it seems General Mosely is a very dangerous man, and not only will bear strict, but should be stopped now before he get any momentum.

If there is anything further I can do, please call upon me and be sure we will do everything we can to assist you.

Loyally,

Bertha V. Corets
National Chairman

January 23rd
1939

Schnefel Bros. Corp.,
684 S. 17th St.,
Newark, N.J.

Dear Sirs:

We have received reports in the past that you were attempting to replace all your imports of German manicuring articles, etc., with American made, and that you had succeeded for the most part excepting for the nippers. It was further reported that you had apparently reached success as far as the nippers were concerned.

We find, however, in our visits to drug stores, that a great many German nippers are on the market. A visit to a drug store, even last night, a store that has been in existence less than a year, also finds the German nippers.

We should like to know what you are doing in this respect, and also if you will consider the proposition that was put up to us last night, that druggists having these German nippers, would like them replaced with the American made as it is impossible for them to sell the former.

Hoping to hear from you on this subject,

Yours very truly,

956 Edison Ave.,
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January 24, 1939

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets,
National Ladies Auxiliary,
Jewish War Veterans of the United States,
276 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

This is in answer to your letter of January 20th in which you raise the question as to the source of imported malt being used by us.

The information which you request is as follows:

In addition to domestic malt, we also use some imported malt, most of which comes from Olomouc, which is in that part of Czechoslovakia still remaining Czechoslovakia. We also import some from Denmark and Hungary. As stated in my previous letter, we import nothing from Nazi Germany. We even insist that the malt purchased from abroad be transported in American ships.

We hope that the above fully answers your question. However, should our position in the matter need any further verification, please do not hesitate to communicate with us.

Yours very truly,
HOFFMAN BEVERAGE COMPANY

Alan C. Thurston

Alan C. Thurston
General Sales Manager

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UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1939

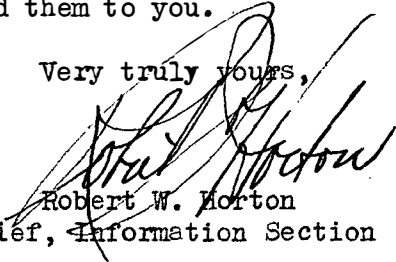
Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York

Dear Mrs. Corets:

As Admiral Land promised in his letter to you of January 18, I am enclosing two copies of his speech before the Fourteenth Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense, at the Mayflower Hotel yesterday.

Should you desire any more copies, I shall be glad to forward them to you.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Horton
Chief, Information Section

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UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION

Washington

January 25, 1939

FOR RELEASE IN THE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS OF JANUARY 26, 1939

TEXT OF ADDRESS DELIVERED BY REAR ADMIRAL EMORY S. LAND,
RETIRED, CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION,
BEFORE THE FOURTEENTH WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE ON
NATIONAL DEFENSE, AT THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
JANUARY 26, 1939

The topic which was assigned to me today - The Maritime Commission in Our National Defense - seems to me much broader than one might think at first. I could confine myself merely to discussing the more technical aspects of the merchant marine in connection with national defense. I could expand, perhaps, indefinitely on the theme --- The Merchant Marine is the Life Line of the Navy. That is true. And we can say that the backlog of the Merchant Marine Act under which our Commission functions is that the merchant marine is an auxiliary of the Navy. The overall efficiency of the Navy is dependent upon the "service of supply", by which is meant the auxiliaries which in an emergency are made up largely of merchant marine vessels. But, of course, that is not the whole picture. There is much more to the subject than simply the technical aspects.

I say this because I feel that the encouragement and the development of trade, the increase in friendly relations among nations, the expansion of good neighborliness, if you will, are means of defense that can be cultivated through the Merchant Marine with far more lasting effects than could be accomplished by the single gesture of mounting a gun on the forward deck of a merchantman.

A gun is important. Unfortunately, none can deny that. But more important, perhaps, in the long view, is the exchange of goods, of people, travelers,

the pacific intercourse among nations which, conducted with integrity and civilized intentions, can make it unnecessary to use that gun.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said --- "The most advanced nations are always those who navigate the most".

As I recall, he made that statement in an essay on Civilization. We can thus measure fairly accurately the true meaning of his words.

Only as nations advance in the arts of peace can the thin layer of their civilization acquire sufficient strength to resist the constant shocks to which progress is subjected in these contentious and dangerous times. It is as true now as it was in the earlier days to which Emerson had reference, that the instruments of progress --- the means to the end which I am sure we all seek --- namely, peace and the opportunity to develop the best in our country, can be most persistently cultivated through the exchange of goods.

I refer, of course, to the products of our tremendous technological achievements which can be exchanged with other nations for those things which we may lack and of which others have a larger share, or in which they may excel in producing to better economic advantage than we. Coupled with this, the exchange of travelers, people, students, business men and just plain tourists, is, in my opinion, the best means of permanent defense against the greedy, the territorially ambitious, the dictator and the tyrant.

That is why today I would like merely to suggest the military aspects of our Merchant Marine, and take up instead the broader view of my topic.

The Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense is made up of a number of distinguished groups, all interested in advancing the progress of our country, and in so doing, advancing civilization by way of democracy throughout the world.

It is a pleasure, despite my aversion to making speeches, to be here today before such an interested and intelligent audience.

I want to take the opportunity of suggesting at this point that your various organizations look to ways and means during the coming months of promoting the patronage, wherever possible, of American-flag ships. When you travel, travel under the American flag. Urge that shippers transport their cargoes under the same flag.

Today something like 70 out of 100 Americans going to Europe take passage on foreign-flag ships. It can be said that were it not for American patronage, probably a majority of the superliners and great ships of our competitors would be laid up.

I realize that some of these ships offer for the moment a certain number of comforts and extreme luxuries that cannot be found on every American passenger vessel. But that is not to say that within limits the same comforts and luxuries and admirable service cannot be found on any American-flag vessel.

It is, however, to say this, and I emphasize it. Through a combination of circumstances the American merchant marine fell to a point close to bottom in the list of the eight principal maritime nations. One reason for this decline was the inclination of our citizens to patronize foreign-flag ships. Through this patronage --- and the consequent denial of it to our own ships --- foreign nations were substantially assisted in building more and more luxury liners, while we found it increasingly difficult to operate economically the few which we had.

It is safe to say, I believe, that were half the present American passenger business that goes to foreign-flag ships returned to those of our own country, a major contribution would be made to a healthy revival of our

merchant fleet.

I would like to remind you that it was the American merchant marine that once was the envy of the world. Many of the best traditions of the sea were born on American ships. Many of the most heroic acts of seamen have been achieved under the American flag flying from the main mast of a simple American merchantman.

We have no corner on heroism. We have no monopoly on maritime traditions, but we do have a background. We have been at the top. There is no reason why we cannot return to that honorable pinnacle.

But what, you may be asking yourselves, has this to do with the merchant marine in our national defense program? Well, it has this. We have two courses open to us in providing an adequate merchant auxiliary for our fighting ships, to say nothing of the purely foreign trade aspect of the whole picture.

We have to have new ships. We need at least 500 for the next ten years to replace tonnage that is now obsolete or will be within the next year or two. We have many merchantmen which are of little or no use to our Navy as auxiliaries. They are too slow. They are mechanically inefficient. Without an adequate system of replacing this tonnage, we might as well lay up a good part of our defense fleet.

This long range program of 500 ships in ten years was, and is, based upon the Navy's needs. It gives full consideration both to peace time needs and to emergency needs. It was carefully worked out in consultation with the Navy, and I may say that it represents minimum requirements only.

There are two types of merchant ships considered essential for naval use in times of emergency. First, we have the type that can accompany the

fleet. It must, therefore, have speed. The second type accompanies the train, where the demand for high speed is not as great. There is also a third type --- large, fast passenger vessels capable of conversion into aircraft carriers --- an extremely important auxiliary.

To be more specific, there are certain types of merchant vessels that become very useful naval auxiliaries. One of these can be described as a comparatively small combination ship, which is primarily a cargo vessel, but has, as well, accommodations for fifty to one hundred passengers and the speed of sixteen knots, or better.

Such vessels are of great service to the Navy as auxiliary tenders for destroyers, submarines and aircraft, particularly for the latter two.

These combination vessels have not only large cargo capacity, but also sufficient quarters for officers and crews of submarines and aircraft when these officers and crews are not on actual observation duties.

It should be borne in mind that these merchant vessels do not take the place of regular Navy tenders for destroyers, submarines and aircraft, but they provide a vital supplement to the tenders in an emergency.

I think from these few suggestions that you can understand what is meant when we say that the merchant fleet is the life line of the Navy. It feeds it, fuels it and repairs it at sea. In addition, it transports troops when necessary.

So, assuming, if you will, the need for this new merchant tonnage, I ask how are we to get it? Through one of those two ways I said existed. The government will have to provide it --- build it and pay for it and operate it --- or the citizens of this country will have to see that as our merchant fleet is revived it is assured of American patronage. This is not a plea for maritime

nationalism primarily. It is a business matter. Our merchant fleet cannot exist as a sound economic arm of our democratic system if those who ship and those who travel continue to give their dollars to foreign shipping companies, and hence to foreign countries.

That, briefly, is the situation. I don't think any of us would like to see a one hundred per cent government-owned and operated merchant marine. It is a legitimate field for private enterprise. But neither would we like to see our merchant fleet seek an impoverished harbor, haul down its sails and give up to the rats and barnacles.

We are, therefore, face to face with an important issue. We have to have new ships, be they government-owned or be they private. If we want to enhance the prospects of a privately operated merchant marine, then it is up to us --- it is up to organizations like yours --- up to chambers of commerce, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis groups and every other organization which holds itself out as a promoter of our country's interest, to proceed actively to support the American merchant marine from the very practical point of view of insisting that travelers and shippers think first of American-flag ships and second of those of our competitors.

The more prosperous our merchant fleet, the stronger and larger it can become, and consequently, the greater its value as a naval auxiliary, speaking of national defense features alone.

But I would like also to emphasize that the larger it becomes, the more goods, the greater volume of products, the more passengers it will be carrying up and down the seven seas. It is possible through such a fleet for those outlying countries beyond our borders to be brought within the neighborhood, so to speak, and in the best sense of that sentiment.

Should you undertake such an effort as I have suggested, you will be confronted by the critical who remark --- "But we don't have enough good ships". Others will tell you that the last time their cousin or their uncle, or perhaps Aunt Bess, went to France a steward on the American ship was impertinent. She and the neighbors then expanded this into an indictment of all stewards and all merchant personnel. Out of this single case there developed a feeling that Aunt Bess or even Cousin Wilbur would not be safe on an American-flag ship.

Let me say to you now that such talk is bunk!

True, there have been instances of impertinence directed at passengers on American-flag ships. There have also been such on foreign-flag vessels. But because a few individuals have had an unhappy experience in having to ring twice for a towel or go get it themselves, is no sound reason for condemning all the boys in our merchant fleet, and thereby the fleet itself.

When one of the largest liners ran aground and was wrecked in the Orient last year, newspapers carried stories of acts approaching mutiny among the crew. They told of conduct for which, had it been true, the men might well have been shot. But what was the truth? The Maritime Commission naturally wanted to know. We found that on that ship under the most trying circumstances, the crew behaved according to the best traditions of the sea. And as corroborating evidence of that, it should be emphasized that not a single passenger subjected to the peril of that wreck suffered casualty though the ship herself was lost.

And I want to quote to you from a report made by an observer present at the scene and trained in maritime matters.

His written report stated: "The crew did splendid work in landing all passengers without one casualty and under adverse conditions of weather. The engineers stood by their stations through the storm of the 18th with marked

calmness. The engineers on this occasion were well ordered and disciplined."

How did the other stories start? Who knows? We don't. We prefer to think that it was not deliberate, but due entirely to misinformation and misunderstanding of the circumstances.

The Maritime Commission has established the United States Maritime Service in which it will train 300 officers and 3,000 seamen annually. Under this system the men of our merchant fleet are given an opportunity to increase their knowledge and skill and so be in a position to move up the ladder, and at the same time improve merchant service in all its aspects.

We also are continuing the cadet training system under which young men without previous experience at sea may obtain training to become merchant officers.

But what I want to say here is, and it cannot be repeated too often, that as time goes on the personnel of American Merchant ships improves in skill and ability, and consequently, in the service it renders the individual patron and the merchant fleet itself.

In answer to others who sneer at our present fleet, tell them that there are now building in American shipyards fifty-two of the best merchant ships that science and sound engineering can produce. Tell them that with the coming of spring there will slip down the ways of American shipyards almost one new ship a month. Tell them that the United States Maritime Commission is designing new and better passenger liners, the safest in the world, for our merchant fleet. Tell them that one of these liners --- the largest ever built in the United States --- will enter the North Atlantic service in the spring of 1940. Several others are practically off the drawing boards and we hope to invite bids for their construction at an early date.

Tell the critics that the past year has seen the greatest revival of American shipbuilding since the War and that it has witnessed the first long range, comprehensive merchant marine program ever adopted by this country.

The people of the United States contribute materially and directly to this program. Out of taxes come the funds to pay the construction subsidies that make it possible for American operators in foreign trade to buy a ship at a price comparable with the cost of its construction in a foreign yard. It is also from tax funds that the money comes to place American-flag operators on an economic parity with their foreign-flag competitors. These are subsidies which enable them to meet the lower wage levels, lower subsistence and maintenance charges of foreign competitors. They are thus placed in a position to maintain an American standard of living for those who earn their bread aboard American-flag ships.

This is all part of our national defense just as much as the gun on the forward deck. It is a means of defending the best political philosophy the world has yet produced, namely, democracy. It is not government by decree or by dictation. What I have just mentioned is government coming to the aid of the citizen faced with direct competition from economic systems which have not advanced to the level of our own. If honest and good intentions prevail in the transaction, it cannot be justly criticized.

The Maritime Commission's construction program will have put into pay envelopes of shipyard workers about \$140,000,000 between January 1, 1938 and the end of the next fiscal year. It will at the same time have resulted in purchase of material amounting approximately to \$175,000,000. It will have been the means of paying overheads and profits in the amount of some \$78,000,000.

No, this merchant marine program is not all talk and bubbles. It means

new ships, better ships, stronger auxiliaries. It means wages to labor, orders for industry, and profits to business.

Every ship we build for our own account or in conjunction with private operators, is approved as to national defense features by the Navy Department. Already one of the most remarkable tankers in the world has been launched. She was the first ship to come off the ways under the Commission's building program. She was launched January 7th.

She was constructed under contracts awarded by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, with the Maritime Commission paying approximately twenty-eight per cent of the cost of a fleet of twelve to provide national defense equipment. These tankers are fast. They are over three hundred per cent more powerful than the ordinary commercial tanker, and are equipped to fuel the Navy at sea. Already two of them have been sold to the Navy and it is possible that a third will also be taken. However, sold or not, they will be available to the Navy in time of emergency and they are a type of ship urgently needed by the fighting fleet.

That is one of the more technical aspects of the Merchant Marine in our national defense, for as an army travels on its belly, a navy travels on its oil.

On the other side again, stands, for instance, the "Good Neighbor Fleet". Of that I know you all have heard. Surely, you have read the inviting Advertisements urging you to make a thirty-eight day cruise to our southern neighbors.

This fleet was inaugurated by the Maritime Commission on October 8th last. It provides three of the finest liners of their class afloat, for travel between the two great continents, north and south. It is the first time that such facilities have been available on this route.

An official mission representing the United States Government was sent on the first sailing of the "Good Neighbor Fleet". It was my good fortune to have been included in the small official party, and I can say the thirty-eight days I was away were among the most pleasant of my life. The receptions we received in Brazil, in Uruguay, and in the Argentine were as cordial and friendly as those enthusiastic people could make them. No effort was too great to show Uncle Sam's representatives that they were genuinely welcome. The impression I received was that there is really no question of the two continents standing side by side to resist any force which may come, east or west, to attack our institutions or destroy our friendly relations.

There were three outstanding points on this cruise (1) Comfort of the ship, (2) Friendliness of the South American people and (3) Efficiency of the officers and crew.

There to the south lies one of the greatest opportunities our country has. It is to that south --- that vast continent in which one country alone is greater in area than the United States --- that we can join in a mutual exchange of goods and cultures to the benefit of all concerned.

It appears that the responsibility for the perpetuation of democracy lies on this side of the world. It is up to us to grasp the opportunity which is ours. And it is by no means an exaggeration to say that our merchant fleet can be one of the most important instruments in stimulating development of our political ideals in a friendly and mutually advantageous manner.

By showing an intelligent interest in and respect for our neighbors to the south, and all others who choose to deal with us, we cannot but have their confidence and friendship. Given those, a long step has been gained for the kind of national defense that withstands all attacks. That is not to say,

unhappily, that the guns are stilled. But it is to declare that for a permanent way of life, mutual trust and friendship are best.

In conclusion, I urge you again to look into the suggestions I have made concerning our merchant fleet and the necessity for an active, thoughtful effort to give it material assistance. I do not suggest an emotional or an hysterical campaign. There are cold facts in this situation which cannot be ignored any more than the cold steel which comes to mind when national defense is mentioned. But take those cold facts, analyze them yourselves, then if you agree with me, let's see that American-flag ships are used both for cargo and for trips.

Let's remember what Emerson said: "The most advanced nations are always those who navigate the most".

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276 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

*Harris
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Gentlemen:

Attn. Miss Bertha V. Corets.

We refer you to our letter of Jan. 27th, and we are now on the complaining side.

We just received a letter from our former agent, who is now in German territory, and who informs us that some of our competitors are buying merchandise in his market.

We should like very much to have you investigate this matter, and we should be very happy to assist you in this investigation, and will try to expose to the public those people whom we find are still buying goods in Germany.

We should be pleased to go into this matter further with you, if you will have one of your representatives call to see us.

Yours very truly,

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National Ladies' Auxiliary
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York City

Att: Miss Bertha V. Corets

Dear Miss Corets:

In reply to your letter of January 23, you are correct in reference to the information contained in the first paragraph of your letter.

Each month our supply of German Nippers gets less and less and we ship them only to those who desire them, and if any store gets them by mistake, there is a standing offer open to all that they may be returned and replaced with American merchandise.

Our present program contemplates no more German merchandise after our present supply is exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

SCHNEFEL BROS. CORPORATION

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Sales Manager

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NEW YORK CITY

1560 Broadway

January 30, 1939

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, N.Y

Dear Mr. Corets:

We are in receipt of your letter of January 26th.

We are sending you herewith sample copies of the J.T.A. service, for which the subscription fee is \$100 per year to organizations.

The NEWS, or, Daily Cable Dispatches are sent out daily except Saturday, by first class mail, and the Weekly News Digest is sent out once each week on Friday.

We shall be pleased to enter your subscription and look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,



G. Fleisher,
Secretary to Managing Director

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Southern Mdse. Co.,
223 Pryor St. S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:-

We received today your order of 28th inst. extended to our Mr. Wray, but we are sorry to inform you that we cannot accept your price of \$2.50 per 100 papers of domestic Machine Needles and the very best we can quote is

\$2.75 per 100 papers.

However, we can give you German Machine Needles at the price of

\$2.50 per 100 papers

which are of a better quality, because they are nickel-plated. We could make delivery on arrival of our next import shipment in about 2 weeks.

In regard to sizes we assume that you want them in assorted sizes, but if this should not be the case please specify the sizes when answering this letter.

Very truly yours,

ADAM BERNHARD

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Samuel Untermyer, Founder

February 1, 1939

Mrs. Bertha W. Corets:
956 Edison Ave.
Bronx, N.Y.

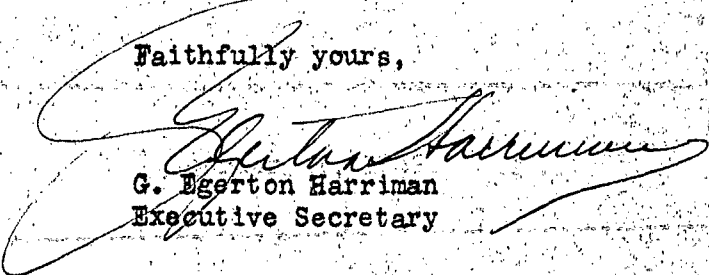
Dear Mrs. Corets:

I am directed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. S. William Kalb, to inform you that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League will take place at the Hotel Astor on Tuesday evening, February seventh, 1939, at 8:30 P.M. for the following purpose:

to consider proposed additions to and other changes in the Board of Directors.

Trusting that it will be possible for you to attend, I am,

Faithfully yours,


G. Egerton Harriman
Executive Secretary

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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956 Edison Avenue,
Bronx, New York.

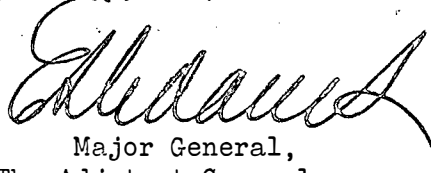
Dear Madam:

There has been referred to this office for acknowledgment your letter of January 24, addressed to the Secretary of War, in which you request information relative to the remarks made by Major General George Van Horn Moseley, United States Army, Retired, before a Board of Trade meeting at New York.

The War Department has no copy of General Moseley's remarks, which you request, available for dissemination. Moreover, it is the general practice of the Department to refrain from expressing comment, in response to inquiries of this kind, with respect to controversial discussions arising from time to time in connection with statements of public speakers or articles appearing in the press.

In view of the foregoing, it is regretted that the Department is precluded from complying with your request in this instance.

Very truly yours,



Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Moseley

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 2/2/39

Dear Sister Klausman,

I was very much interested in the subject
you wrote me about, and even more interested to know the result.

Will you please let me know what transpired
and oblige,

Yours sincerely,

Bertha V. Corets

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956 Edison Ave.,
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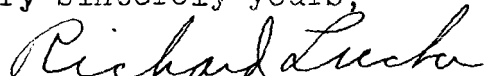
Dear Miss Corets:

This is in answer to your letter of January 26. Prior to the World War, the greatest advances in both pharmacology and pharmaceutical chemistry occurred in Germany. This naturally led to a so-called flooding of the American drug market with German-made as well as German-named drugs. Upon the entry of the United States into the conflict, many of the German patents were of course distributed among American pharmaceutical manufacturers, and American names were given to these preparations which were previously manufactured in Germany.

We believe that your idea of bringing the book which was sent you last June more up to date is a very good one. However, we believe that the vast majority of physicians, especially those who are American-born and educated, are quite well acquainted with the American-made products which are the equivalent of the German pharmaceuticals. The average physician has quite ready access to authoritative information regarding any drug or compound in such reference volumes such as the U. S. Pharmacopeia, National Formulary, and New and Nonofficial Remedies.

While concerted action on the part of American drug manufacturers might be of some value, it is our opinion that, in view of the present trends of international relations with the accompanying entanglements, the matter of American-made products, in contradistinction to those of foreign manufacture, will more or less automatically adjust itself.

Very sincerely yours,


Richard Lucke, M.D.

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February 2nd
1939

William Green, President
American Federation of Labor,
1440 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Green:

I received a letter from you on November 25th, and copies of your addresses to various bodies, urging them to join the boycott against Nazi Germany. I read your speech very carefully, and assure you that I was thrilled to see how firmly and with what fine ideas you expressed your cooperation. At this time, I am writing to ask whether it would be possible for me to receive addresses of your affiliates, as I should like to contact the Locals individually. We have brought our attention from time to time articles that are being used in some shop, or by some manufacturer, and this gives us an opportunity to eliminate one more source of Nazi selling.

Only this week we received a piece of marking chalk that is being used by one of the most outstanding clothing manufacturers, and it has convinced us that to work closely with the unions would be an effective way of getting information and closing the doors to Nazi enterprise.

It is my firm and personal conviction that this movement is one of the best things for American Labor because since undertaking this work I have seen how many industries were dominated by German interests. I should like to mention just a few of these to you, such as cameras, lenses, scientific instruments, heavy machinery, gloves, drugs, musical instruments, toys,

February 2nd
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William Green, President
American Federation of Labor

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chinaware, glassware, auto parts, birds, photograph-
ic supplies, cutlery, and a number of others. It
can readily be seen that when these things are
replaced in this country, it means work for American
labor. I still further feel that since we pay so
much attention over here to non-union construction,
we must certainly pay more attention to German
merchandise because it is non-union and produced
under continually lowering standards of living.

Hoping to have further cooperation from you,
we are

Very respectfully,

NATIONAL LADIES' AUXILIARY
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

966 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Bertha V. Corets, Chairman
National Boycott Committee

BVC/cjs

February 3, 1939

Adam Bernhard
45 W. 17 Street
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of Jan. 31, and wish to advise you to cancel all orders that you might have on hand for us.

We do not stock German goods and do not care to do business with any outfit who does stock German goods.

Very truly yours,

SOUTHERN MERCHANDISE COMPANY

FR:MS

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MRS. DOROTHY GREINER
790 Riverside Drive
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HARRIS B. WEINSTEIN
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February 3, 1939.

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

My dear Sister Corets:-

Many thanks for your letter of February 2nd, which was received this day.

I notice that you have asked Miss Schaffer to procure for you a list of the exhibitors at the recent Fair; I happen to have an additional copy here, and in my next visit to National, will give it to her.

With reference to your inquiry relative to engaging in follow-up and checking on some of the importers of German merchandise, please let me explain my circumstances. It happens to be my misfortune to be employed by the Works Progress Administration, and it so happened that at the time of the Fair, I was, together with other employees of the administration, given a "furlough" of 3 or 4 days, prior to the Christmas holiday, which time, of course, had to be made up. So you see why I could devote so much of my time to the task which was assigned to me.

From time to time, I do have a little leisure time, but you can understand how very little time I have for myself, when I tell you that I keep myself very much occupied in performing the duties of the New York County Adjutant and also the Adjutant of Knickerbocker Post, besides my other household duties.

Please call on me some time when the assignment does not require too much time for research and investigation, and I will be very pleased to give you my fullest cooperation.

Best wishes for continued success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Harris B. Weinstein
Harris B. Weinstein
N.Y. COUNTY ADJUTANT

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 2/3/39.

Mr. G. Egerton Harriman,
Executive Secretary,
Non-Sectarian Anti Nazi League,
20 W. 47th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Harriman,

I want to thank you for the very nice letter
you sent me.

I feel that the League has a very big mission to
accomplish and I sincerely hope things will go forward now with com-
plete harmony.

The women are all united in the Bronx and I be-
lieve with a little inspiration they will undertake big things.

The League suffered a very big loss in the death
of Louis Myers. In looking back we can see how he was always work-
ing for an ideal.

I shall try to help Mrs. Harris in anyway I can
and I hope she shall have the strength to accomplish the many things
she wants to do.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bertha V. Corets

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 2/3/39

Rev. Father Coughlin,

There has been so much talk about the radio speeches, would it be possible for us to receive copies of the last three speeches as we would like to discuss them at our meetings.

Will send a collection as soon as possible.

Respectfully

GEORGE BACKER
PRESIDENT

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NEW YORK CITY

1560 Broadway

*Attention
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February 6, 1939

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Corets:

We have your letter of February 2nd. We should like to make the Jewish Telegraphic Agency service available to your organization, and will therefore be glad to enter your subscription at the special fee of \$50.00 per year.

May we hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

GF:F

G. Fleisher
G. Fleisher,
Secretary

J. G. F. - Maybe they would do better on the price if we would be interested.

Bertha

*No!
J.G.F.*



THE PROCTER & GAMBLE DISTRIBUTING CO.

E. A. LOCKWOOD, District Manager
205 East 42nd Street

NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 6 1939

Miss Bertha V Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx N Y

Dear Madam

Replying to your letter of
January 23rd, I have been advised by our
General Office that we have no profit-
sharing agreement with Germany or any
citizen of Germany in connection with the product
Drene.

Yours very truly

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE DISTRIBUTING CO

By

E. A. Lockwood

District Manager

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February 6, 1939

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
956 Edison Ave.
New York, N.Y. - Bronx

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter of February 23 and are happy to enclose herewith copy of a letter of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

We sincerely hope that this letter will give you the desired assurance in regards to this company's activities and affiliations. If you should have any further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

AGFA ANSCO CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. A. Block". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

E. A. Block

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32 East 57 St

Feb. 6, 1939

Mr. J. David Delman,
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
276 Fifth Ave.,
N.Y.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: GERMAN CAMERAS

We have noted with considerable interest that from time to time stores that handle German cameras claim to you that they have no alternative because there were no American cameras of equal merit.

Frankly, heretofore, this was largely true. For that reason we thought you would be interested in knowing that the new Univex Mercury Camera has all the features which any candid camera enthusiast would expect to find in higher-priced German cameras. We also understand other American manufacturers are about to introduce models the equal of German cameras.

We felt that you might like to publicize this fact in your publication because this proves that American ingenuity can create anything to compete with any country when the occasion demands it.

Attached hereto is an advance proof of an advertisement which will appear in leading magazines next month.

If we can be of any further service to you, along the lines indicated above, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

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223 Pryor Street S.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.

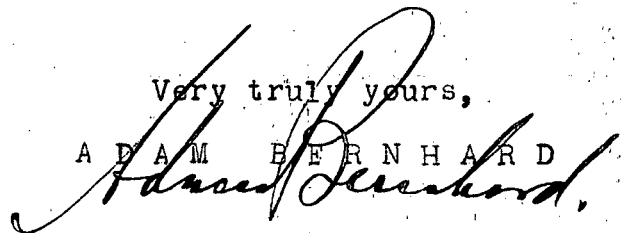
Gentlemen:-

We have your letter of 3rd instant and are glad to cancel your order for Machine Needles.

It is, of course, entirely your privilege to buy such goods as you want, but we hope you will not take it amiss if we tell you that we pay for our merchandise imported from Germany in Cotton which is produced and sold in the South and that by boycotting German merchandise you are hurting the American cotton grower more so than anybody else - and as we believe that many of your trade depend upon the sale of cotton, they might not like it as much as you may imagine, if they would find out that you are boycotting German merchandise.

Very truly yours,

ADAM BERNHARD



AB:ER

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Cameras*

February 7, 1939

The Jewish Veteran
16 Hudson Place
Hoboken, N. J.

ATTENTION EDITOR
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Very truly yours,

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HAND AND ARE SUBJECT TO CORRECTION.

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

Miss Bertha V. Corets, National Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Madam:

We acknowledge receipt of your uncalled for letter
of January 26th.

We will immediately make it quite clear that we do
import German books and we will continue to do so. At the
same time we might inform you that we import books in all other
languages from all other countries in larger volume, including
also Jewish books from Palestine and also from Russia. In other
words, our mission is to buy books from countries where we have
a demand for them. Also, this country still has diplomatic and
business relations with Germany and it would be absolutely
ridiculous of us to boycott this country. Your position does
not even make any sense and we are writing to the State De-
partment protesting against your letter.

Very truly yours,

G.E. Stechert
Walter A. Hafner
Partner

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Chaplain

My dear Mrs. Corets:-

HARRY A. TARR
Patriotic Instructor

HYMAN ARKIN
Inspector

It has been reported to me on good authority that the Ex-Lax people of Brooklyn have recently imported a large consignment of machinery from Germany. However, I believe, you should check on this to be positive.

DR. SAMUEL ADAMS COHEN
Historian & Memorial Chairman

FRANCES ANSCHERLIK
Liaison Officer

SOL MASCH
Americanism Officer

Another matter which has been called to my attention is a circular, which was shown me, entitled "Why are Jews Persecuted for their Religion?" being handled and distributed by the Nationalist Press Association, 147 East 116th Street, New York City, with the notation--"Reprint from the American Publication Society, Brenterton, Washington." An additional notation states that additional copies may be obtained at the rate of 200 for \$1.00.

JACOB BECKER
Officer of the Day

LOUIS WOLFSON
Welfare Officer

LOUIS B. KANTER
Finance Officer

JACK KALTMAN
Recruiting Officer

J. J. STONE
Editor

The paper consists of 4 pages and deals with scurrilous remarks concerning the Jews, even going so far as to quote from the Bible, Mishna, Derech Erez, Talmud, and other books of Hebrew learning.

MILTON REDLER
Aide-de-Camp

GEORGE GITSKIN
Intelligence Officer

SAM ROSE
Boycott Chairman

From the information given me, I have reached the impression that this literature is being supported by the Nazis in this country.

DR. A. W. GLUCKSTEIN
Hospitalization Officer

JACOB GERBER
Color Sergeant

HARRY H. KANTER
Deputy Aide

Glad to be of service to you at any time, and with best wishes, I remain

JACOB BECKER
NATHAN SIEGEL
Color Bearers

JULIUS GOLDSMITH
Trumpeter

Very sincerely yours,

Harris B. Weinstein
Harris B. Weinstein
N.Y. COUNTY ADJUTANT



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404 FOURTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 10, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Corets:

We thank you very much for your very kind letter of February 7. I will certainly keep the appointment on Saturday at two o'clock.

Again thanking you for your kind interest in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Vilma Friedmann
VILMA FRIEDMANN

Sons of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States

Office of
MACK FRANKEL
National Deputy Chairman
"Sons of J.W.V."
112 SOUTH BROAD STREET
ATLANTA, GA.

CHARLES EISENSTEIN
National Chairman
"Sons of J.W.V."
309 WEEQUAHIC AVE.
NEWARK, N. J.

Atlanta, Georgia
February 14, 1939

Beeth
Suggest you take
this up at a
meeting post

Mr. George J. Fredman
National Boycott Chairman of
the Jewish War Veterans of the United States
276 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Commander Fredman:

I am enclosing a copy of three letters, and I want you to notice how this concerns us. Their intentions are to use these tactics in order to demoralize the boycott in the southern states.

Of course, you are aware that our biggest cash crop is the cotton crop, and I would like to get some information from you how to combat such activities here. Please send me a new boycott list.

I am sure that you have forgotten the differences that you and I had in Atlantic City, and since you have forgotten I believe you ought to put my name in capital letters in your J. W. V. magazine, and you get my vote when you run for National Commander.

Please note my address in 112 S. Broad Street and not 112 S. Front Street.

Yours in Comradeship,

Mack Frankel
Mack Frankel
Boycott Chairman of the J. W. V. Post 112

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956 Edison Ave., 2/20/39

Recording Secretary
Esther Krador
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear George,

Judge Advocate
Bessie Hanken
Revere, Mass.

I have heard a number of times that you were very much concerned about the Stechert letter, so I would like to know just what your thoughts and re-actions are in the matter.

Inspector General
Dora Nevins
Lawrence, Mass.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with best wishes,

Chaplain
Hon Shapiro
Elizabeth, N. J.

Sincerely,

Conductress
Ethel Jacobs
New Haven, Conn.

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Charlotte Feldman
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Chief Aide
Pauline H. Woolf
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Chief of Staff
Sylvia Altman
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Bertha:

Trustees
Mary Savage
W. Roxbury, Mass.

Evidently Stechert had complained to the General Jewish Council about the "vicious" letter received from the League--about the same time, they received your letter, and possibly one from the Joint Council. The League letter elicited a similarly vicious reply, and a protest to the Secretary of State and other Government officials. Reply to us was couched in accordance with our mild request for information. I wanted to see the type of letter we send, because it is not my policy of immediately accusing, but politely seek information. Very often a mild request will gain our point, while a threatening manner makes the recipient turn up his collar. I have not come to any conclusion as to what is to be done with Stechert--books are a "ticklish"--problem, as we don't want to ape Hitler in his book-burning. How serious is this complaint--how many books are brought in by them, and what is your idea?

Patriotic Instructor
Vera Sachs
Bridgeport, Conn.

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Elizabeth W. Shapero
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Dora Gassel
Philadelphia, Pa.

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JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

ATLANTA POST 112

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20 NO. BROAD ST.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

JENNIE VRONO
PRESIDENT

CLARA H. LEVER
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



Feb. 20, 1939.

Moseley

Miss Bertha V. Corotz,
New York. N.Y.

Dear Miss Coretz;

Please accept my personal thanks for the information sent to me recently. We are still following up Mr. Van Horn Moseley and upto date have no further news.

As recently appointed Chairman of Boycott for our local Post which to take the pleasure of including a check for \$5.00 which we have voted to send you with best wishes and continued success in behalf of this splendid program you are heading. May God grant us all strength and understanding in our endeavor to curb the demons who would crush our jewish brethern everywhere.

Will you kindly send me whatever literature you have available as this is a new undertaking for me and I am almost ignorant on the subject.

Wishing you every success. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Hannie Klausman

send letter release

Klausman

February 28th
1939

Mrs. M. Klausman, Boycott Chairman
Atlanta Auxiliary No. 112, J.W.V.U.S.,
158 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sister Klausman:

Thank you for yours of the 20th instant,
and also contribution in the amount of \$5.00
by your Auxiliary to the National Boycott Fund.

When you have any further data regarding
Moseley will be please to have you forward it to
me.

I am enclosing a release which was recent-
ly sent to all Auxiliaries. Your name has been
added to our mailing list, and you will receive all
future boycott releases.

Many thanks again for your good wishes, and
if I can be of further service, please do not hesi-
tate to write me.

Sincerely yours,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Bertha V. Corets
Nat'l Ladies' Auxiliary

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U. S.
276 - 5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

(CONFIDENTIAL)

Feb. 20, 1939.

BOYCOTT PROGRAM FOR MARCH 1939

TO ALL BOYCOTT CHAIRMEN:

FREE MASONS: This organization is one of the oldest and the most influential fraternal organization in the United States. The majority of the Presidents of the United States have belonged to it. Previously, it was also powerful in Europe, but when the dictators came into power, ~~Masonic lodges in Germany and Italy were immediately abolished.~~

In spite of their destruction in the totalitarian countries, Masonic lodges up to now have been apparently apathetic toward defending themselves in the United States, or combatting the inroads of Fascism and Nazism. However, there is a recent awakening. Royal Arch Masons of New York State were told on February 7th, in Albany, N.Y. by Grand High Priest Seth T. Cole that

"they should make their voices heard in opposition to bigotry, hate, persecution, suppression of minorities and the exercise of dictatorial powers."

"If Masonry stands for anything, it stands for freedom of the conscience and freedom of thought. It encourages moderation, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and religious liberty.

"Masonry itself has felt the lash of totalitarian states. For this reason its devotees can better realize the plight of others who have been made the subject of persecution, whether they be racial or religious groups or fall into other categories."

Masonic lodges throughout the United States should be made to realize that the Nazis, Fascists and Communists now working in the United States, to under-mine our democratic form of government, also intend to destroy their Order in America. It should be presented to them as a matter of self-preservation.

To accomplish this important objective, it is urged that two or three comrades in your post, who are members of the Masonic Order, be added to your committee, so that they can present the matter before their respective lodges.

This should be OBJECTIVE #1 of your committee for the month of March, 1939. Please start working on it immediately.

LABOR UNIONS: About two months ago, we requested Boycott Chairmen to contact all local labor lodges, and have them pass resolutions, samples of which were submitted. In spite of the fact that the matter was handed to the posts "on a silver platter", many of our posts didn't take the trouble to make copies, and send even a letter to the local unions. ~~If we can't get this amount of cooperation, we feel very discouraged.~~ In EVERY CASE to our knowledge where the resolutions were submitted, they were passed by the unions and given publicity in the press. We are herewith again sending you two copies of a sample resolution. Please make sufficient copies and submit them by letter or representative to your local union lodges with requests to pass, publicize, and cooperate with J.W.V. Make this Objective #2 for March.

Y.M.C.A. BAN: The Young Men's Christian Association has been banned in many of the large cities of Nazi-land, under a decree "for the protection of the people and the state." If your local Y.M.C.A. does not already know of this attitude against their worthy institution by the Nazis, you should NOT OMIT to inform them.

NAZIS WANT COLONIES: Hitler rants about the return of German colonies, because they need expansion. How does he reconcile this necessity with the attempt of the Nazis to induce German-Americans to return to Nazi-land, because there is a shortage of employes. Many thousand Italians have also been imported to do the "dirty" work in Germany. Like most of Hitler's demands, it just don't make sense, and is not intended to. JUST BLUFF!

J.W.V. FIRST: You are urged to re-read the editorial so entitled in the February issue of the "Jewish Veteran". In our opinion, one of the important needs to stem the rising flood of anti-semitism, is proper and adequate counter-propaganda, to reach those masses that Coughlin, Pelley, True and Edmondson appeal to. To prepare and issue such counter propaganda requires funds. It CANNOT be done on the \$5.00 or \$10.00 contributions that about half of the posts send in. There is not a post in J.W.V. that during the course of a few months cannot raise (either from its membership or outside) \$200.00 for our anti-Nazi, anti-Communist, Boycott and Americanism work. We don't have to suggest how you can do it, if the WILL is present. You are sufficiently familiar with conditions in this country, to make it unnecessary to set them forth here. The time for our counter-propaganda to be effective is NOW. If the German Jews had been willing to spend only \$100,000.00 as late as 1932 for anti-Hitler purposes, Hitler would never have come into power. You know they stuck their heads in the sand and said in Cultured Germany "It could Never Happen". Enough said--let's see if YOUR post will respond.

NATIONAL GUIDANCE: We have recommended posts to cooperate with local units of other organizations engaged in similar activities. Conflicts within these federated groups come to our attention now and then. One question frequently put to us is: "Shall we sit on this committee with representatives of a known or doubtful radical organization, e.g. "The American League for Peace and Democracy"? The answer is obviously "NO", because the good name and prestige of J.W.V. must never be sullied--not even slightly stained. Another query is "Our federation has put Shell Oil or Lover Bros. on its boycott list, but they are NOT on the J.W.V. boycott list. What shall we do?" The first thing to do, is do nothing for the time, but immediately communicate with National Headquarters for guidance. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER Your instructions are issued by J.W.V., and in no case are you to alter or change them, irrespective of what other organizations may say or do, UNLESS and UNTIL you first get the permission of National Headquarters.

AT POST MEETINGS. It is YOUR DUTY to read these releases in FULL, at your first POST meeting. There is NOTHING in J.W.V. more important. These releases are not intended for the Boycott Chairman or Post Commander, individually. They are meant for the entire post membership. It has come to our attention that in some posts, the Boycott Chairman is given little or no opportunity to make his report or read releases. In these times, such neglect is almost criminal. If in YOUR post YOU are not permitted to make a full report at each meeting, you are hereby instructed to notify National Headquarters. This is the TIME for ACTION--the time for talking has LONG passed. Don't fail to send in your report, at least once each month.

Yours in comradeship,

J. George Fredman
J. GEORGE FREDMAN, P.N.C.
National Boycott Chairman

JGF/cjs

P.S. Has your post answered our Boycott Questionnaire? If not, why not immediately?

WHEREAS, the civilized world is outraged by the barbaric cruelties and persecutions which have been inflicted on innocent peoples of all faiths, and

WHEREAS, the destruction and desecration of church properties, the suppression of religious liberties, the denial of free speech, free press and free assembly, now prevalent in Germany are particularly shocking to all Americans, and

WHEREAS, labor unionism in Germany has been destroyed, the assets of all labor organizations confiscated, and all labor relegated to the condition of medieval slavery, and

WHEREAS, our President, Franklin D. Roosevelt has said "I myself could scarcely believe that such things could occur in twentieth century civilization", and

WHEREAS, William L. Green, President of the A.F. of L. (where this is going to a C.I.O. union, substitute John L. Lewis and C.I.O.), has publicly protested against these outrages and ordered all lodges and brothers to boycott German goods and shipping,

NOW WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____

~~in regular meeting assembled this _____ day of _____, 1939,~~ denounced and deplore the unconscionable and inhumane policies now being pursued

by the German government against Jews, Catholics and Protestants, as being destructive of the very foundation of modern civilization, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn the ruthless subjugation of labor, and the Nazi anti-union policies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our confidence in and approval of the policies now being pursued by the President of the U.S. and in the protests made by our own A.F. of L. President, Wm L. Green (or C.I.O. President, John L. Lewis), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a token of our own protest that we pledge ourselves to Boycott all Nazi goods and to refrain from travelling on Nazi steamers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, to our State President, and that copies be released to the Press.

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February 21st
1939

Julius Kayser & Co.,
500 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

We have noticed recently in one of the trade publications that you are planning a new factory for glove manufacture. As we are, in our organization, very much interested in collecting statistics concerning the growth of the American glove industry, which we claim has been given direct impetus through the boycott of Nazi made merchandise, we would appreciate it very much if you would assist us in this connection through your outstanding position in the glove field. We feel sure that since you have turned more to manufacturing in the United States, you have contributed to the employment of many workmen and so helped to relieve in some measure the present economic distress.

Hoping you comprehend the angle on which we are working, and further hoping for some assistance from you in compiling these statistics as far as the glove industry is concerned, we beg to remain

Yours respectfully,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary

BVC/cjs

*Chin Musical
Soup*

February 21st
1939

Charlotte Greenberg, President
Chelsea Auxiliary No. 71,
12 Clark Ave.,
Chelsea, Mass.
Dear Charlotte:

First of all, my congratulations! I am happy to see that my former boycott chairman did such a good job that she is now the President of her Auxiliary. I want you to know that I had missed your letters and I wondered what had happened to my very good boycott chairman. I certainly shall look forward to some good work from your Auxiliary.

Regarding your enclosure, this is but one of the many things being distributed by the anti-semites. We have stacks of them, and frankly, I don't know yet what means we can take to stop it. You see, they have as much right to distribute material as we have, but it does seem to me that there must be some angle of tackling this, since it is lies and designed to bring about the end of the religious freedom and liberty of American citizens who are guaranteed those rights by the Constitution of the United States. I do want you to know that this subject is very much on my mind, and I shall try to see some of the brains of our organization, and ask what should be done about it.

Loyally,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Bertha V. Cerets
National Ladies' Auxiliary

Chas

February 21st
1939

The United States Potters Ass'n,
East Liverpool, Ohio.

Att: Mr. Chas. F. Goodwin, Sec'y-Treas.

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

I have not had an opportunity to answer your letter before this, but I want you to know that I have read it very carefully, and I appreciate the attitude you display.

May I say that in the research work of our organization, we have developed some very interesting statistics that indicate certain industries in this country were almost completely dominated by foreign interests. Indeed we are interested in the unemployment in this country and are doing some very definite things to try to overcome it. We know that only in times of economic disturbances do religious persecutions arise, and it is not generally understood by the man in the street how his family welfare is tied up by imports or trade policies.

At the present time, there is a very strong desire among our membership to buy American made products, and there have been frequent inquiries as to how they can tell where the article comes from when there is no country of origin marked.

Can you tell me whether there is any movement in this country that would compel all manufacturers to stamp their products "made in the U.S.A."? I think that such a ruling would help American industry immeasurably.

February 21st
1939

The United States Potters Ass'n

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For our records, do you have any information available to us that would reveal the gains made by American potters during the past few years? We are quite sure that since foreign merchandise has been definitely rejected that the American potters' business should reflect some gains. Such statistics, if favorable, would act as encouragement to continue the program of "Buy America", because it would be a definite proof that the American workman has been the gainor.

Hoping to hear from you again and thanking you for your courtesy,

Yours very respectfully,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary

BVC/cjs

276 Fifth Ave.,
New York 2/21/39.

Perfektum Products Co.,
300 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs,

In response to a recent circular you sent out, we have received a number of requests from professional men that we inquire of your company, whether the products you sell are American made, or if any, and which, are of German origin.

Any information you may care to send us that will enable us to answer the inquiries in our files, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

B.V. Corets,
National Ladies Auxiliary

AGFA ANSCO CORPORATION

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.



February 22, 1939

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
956 Edison Ave.
New York, N.Y. - Bronx

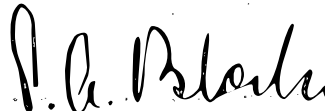
Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter of February 21 and do not hesitate to express our surprise that you are not willing to accept the statements by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League in regards to their findings. We have always felt that their decisions have been considered by all interested parties as the final word in debatable questions of this sort.

But, as we assured you in our previous letter we, of course, are at all times willing to supply any additional information which may be desired. For this reason I suggest that you call me in my New York office this coming Wednesday, March 1. My telephone number is: Murray Hill 2-5380, and at the time of your call perhaps we may find a day convenient to both of us for a meeting to discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

AGFA ANSCO CORPORATION



E. A. Block

EAB:S

February 21st
1939

Agfa Ansco Corp.,
Binghamton, N.Y.

Att: Mr. E. A. Block

Dear Sirs:

We have your letter of February 6th, which we have read very carefully, and since you have so generously offered to answer further questions, may we say that according to the information we have in our files, we cannot accept these statements as made to you on March 25th by The Non-sectarian Anti-Nazi League as being conclusive. According to existing reports, the contrary of this letter would seem to be the case, and we shall appreciate further information from you.

Yours respectfully,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Bertha V. Corsets
National Ladies' Auxiliary

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HOSIERY GLOVES - UNDERWEAR

KAYSER

CABLE ADDRESS "FINGER TIP NEW YORK"
ALL CODES USED

JULIUS KAYSER & CO
500 FIFTH AVE., AT 42ND ST.
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 23, 1939

Gloves

Miss Bertha V. Corets,
National Ladies' Auxiliary
956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 21st, we very much appreciate the interest you take in our program for increasing the domestic glove business in this country.

Since we have ceased for several years to import German gloves, the domestic business has been a growing one and we have been planning to materially increase this, as we believe it is perfectly possible to build up an industry in this country which will make it independent of the rest of the world as far as the manufacture of fabric gloves is concerned.

However, as this is only in the early stages, it will be impossible for me to give you any facts or figures as to the amount of additional employment it will create. However, you may rest assured we are going to do everything possible to make this country self supporting as far as the fabric glove business is concerned.

Again thanking you for your interest, I am

Yours very truly,

H. L. Van Praag

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February 23rd
1939

Imported Fashion Books, Inc.,
15 East 40th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

In response to an inquiry, may we ask whether
your books and paraphernalia are printed in this
country?

Any information you care to extend will be
greatly appreciated.

Very respectfully,

956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, N.Y.

Bertha V. Corets
National Ladies' Auxiliary

BVC/cjs

Memo

from the desk of

Dr. Robert S. Marcus

TO: Mrs. B. Corets

February 24, 1939

I am herewith appending a copy of the memorandum on drugs, which was distributed to our chapters. As you see, we do not call for a Boycott of any company.

Incidentally, I should appreciate your cooperation if you would ask the gentleman who registered the complaint with you to write this office so that I can get the facts first hand. I shall try to reach Dr. Grossman about the matter and will let you know as soon as there is something definite.

Kindest regards.

Chelsea -
Mt. Vernon -

Why Jews are Persecuted
Pauline Woolfe

Propaganda

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 2/25/39

American Jewish Committee,
386 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs,

As I have supervision of the Anti-Nazi activities for our Auxiliaries their inquiries are naturally directed to me.

I have received from widely separated parts of the country the vicious anti-semitic propoganda that is distributed by the Nationalist Press and Pelley's Silver Shirts.

They all ask me what is to be done about it and frankly I don't know.

I know these people are covered by freedom of the press but I do feel it urgent that we find some means of curbing the distribution of literature so replete with lies that they cannot prove. These papers are left at doorsteps in Philadelphia, distributed by a garage man at Harrison, N.Y., sent in to me from Brooklyn, upper New York State and Massachusetts. These things are bound to influence the Gentile mind. They are a growing menace and are steadily undermining the security of the Jews in the United States.

Were our country in a favorable economic position, we could afford to overlook these things, but with so much family distress, distress that has continued from four to six years we are not meeting normal conditions, but embittered minds easily swayed by prejudice, envy and hate.

I feel that one of our pressing anti-Nazi activities is to meeting this menace, because it is without doubt Nazi inspired.

Won't you please advise me.

Yours respectfully,



PerfeKtum Products Co.

Manufacturers—Originators

STANDARDIZED SPECIALTIES TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

300 FOURTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

Feb. 28, 1939

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National Ladies' Auxiliary,
276 Fifth Ave.
New York.

MAR 1 1939

Att: Mrs. B.V. Corets.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of Feb. 21,
we wish to say that we are not guilty and therefore
do not wish to defend ourselves as there is no
defense necessary.

In view of the fact that your office
is located only a few blocks from here, would suggest
that you have one of your officers pay us a visit
so that we can show what we are doing. If people
would be as active as we are in the boycott against
German goods than this cause would be 100% successful.

About two years ago we donated approximately
\$1,000.00, worth of German Hypodermic Needles to the
Hadassah, also a substantial quantity of hypo syringes
and needles to the Spanish Loyalists as we wanted to
get rid of this merchandise. This is merchandise which
we purchased prior to 1933. You can therefore see that
we do not have much love for German goods at the present
time. We probably will have no difficulty in disposing
of this merchandise to Mexico and other South American
countries. The above represents only a small example
of the things we wish to tell you.

Yours very truly,

PERFEKTUM PRODUCTS CO.

I. A. Popper

C. W.

AMPOULES,
AMPOULE FILES

VACCINE VIALS

REAGENT BOTTLES

HYPODERMIC NEEDLES

HYPODERMIC SYRINGES,
SYRINGE FILTERS

MICROSCOPIC SLIDES,
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PETRI DISHES

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COVER GLASSES,
BLOOD PIPETTES

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MEASURING TUBES

TALQUIST SCALES

FEVER THERMOMETERS,
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