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General Correspondence

1940 -1942

January 24, 1940

Honorable F. L. Guardia,
Mayor of New York City.
City Hall.
NYC.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I have received a report in which it appears that a City employee is distributing controversial material, and I thought you might care to investigate

A physician in the City has treated a woman who was a patient at the out-patient department of the Gouverneur Hospital. There she was handed a copy of the Catholic Weekly and in its folds was the Social Justice magazine. It is further reported that these were distributed by a Miss Thompson who is the housekeeper at the hospital. The magazines were forwarded to me with the report.

May I ask that if this report is true, is it a proper procedure for the hospital, and if so may other organizations arrange to distribute their material?

The average layman may regard the duties of hospital employees to be such that are devoted to the management of the hospital and care of the sick and needy, and not the distribution of printed material designed to influence others to their way of thinking.

I hope I am in order in bringing this to your attention, and that it will be convenient for your to reply.

Yours very respectfully,

Bertha V. Coets, Pres.
Dept. of New York

EAST SIDE LADIES AUX. #4
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U. S.
126 Clinton St. N.Y.C.

Jan. 11, 1940

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
President- Dept. of N.Y.
956 Edison Av. N.Y.C.

Dear Madam President;

As per phone conversation with you, I wish to relate to you how this case came over to me.

A member of East Side Post #4 has obtained from a patient visiting the Outpatient Dept. of the Gouverneur Hospital, Gouverneur St. N.Y.C. , a copy of the Catholic Weekly and concealed in the folded magazine was the Social Justice.

The party who distributed these magazines is a Miss Thompson and is the housekeeper at the hospital.

The member who I talk about , happens to be a Medical Doctor and he has requested not to mention him or his name. The fact is , that he treated the woman who was given these magazines.

With best wishes to you, I am

Loyally yours,
Rose G. Roossin
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Pres-elect E.S.Aux#4

Enclosed ; Catholic Weekly
Social Justice.

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February 27th,
1940

My dear Comrades and Sisters:

On February 20th, on the steps of City Hall, your National Department carried out its pledge to the heroic people of war-torn Finland. Pictures of the presentation of the Ambulance by our National Commander to the Finnish Consul, in which Mayor LaGuardia participated, appeared in all the papers of our country. Flashes were broadcast over the radio of our good deed and the presentation was dramatized over the air. The publicity derived from this venture meant much good to J.W.V. and Jewry the world out.

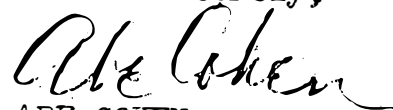
In order for us to carry out our promise, we were forced to borrow \$750.00 from an outside source. This money must be repaid and it becomes the duty of every unit that has not as yet contributed, to forward as much as possible and as quickly as possible to Headquarters, earmarked for the "Ambulance Fund".

It is our intention to forward to every post and auxiliary that has sent in their contribution, a full sized picture of the Ambulance, autographed by our National Commander and our National President. This photograph should be the proud possession of every post in J.W.V.

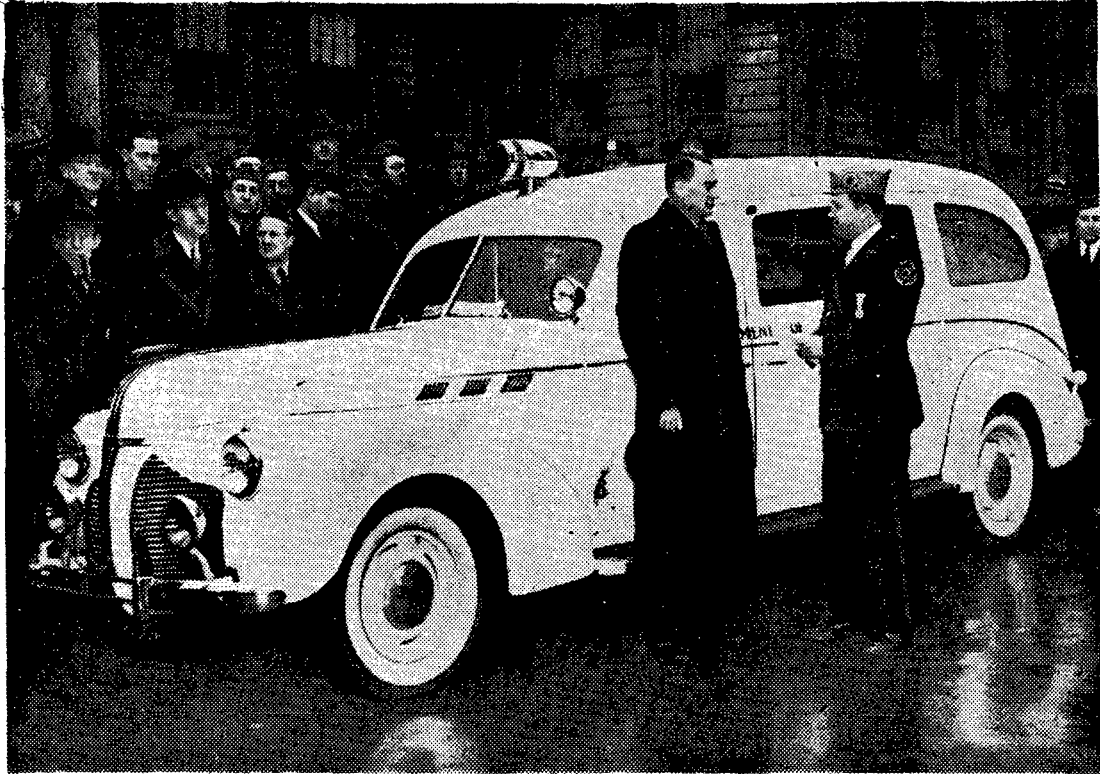
Please act now, send in your contribution!

Eagerly awaiting your immediate and favorable response, and with kind personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,


ABE COHEN
National Adjutant

AC/gs
Enc.



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February 2nd
1940

Dear President:

At the bottom of this letter, you will find a list of those posts in your jurisdiction who have not as yet made any contribution to our Ambulance Fund.

As you are well aware, the eyes of the entire world are focused on the plight of Finland, and it is very important that this undertaking of our organization be a most successful one.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would use your good office and your personal charm in contacting these units to urge their immediate contribution to this most worthy cause.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



ABE COHEN
National Adjutant

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East Side Aux. No.4
Buffalo L.A. No.25
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Onondaga L.A. No.131

Feb. 15, 1940

Mr. Abe Cohen,
National Adjutant,
276 Fifth Ave.,
NYC

Dear Abe,

Upon my return, I find your letter itemizing the various Auxiliaries that have not contributed to the Ambulance fund. There is a question in my mind just what you would like me to about this, in view of the fact that Miriam Hoffman has been appointed as Chairman for the fund.

Have you sent the same letter to her?

I am having a Department meeting at the Belmont Plaza on the 20th, and can very easily take this up in correspondence, as far as the local Auxiliaries are concerned. If you desire, and if Miriam is not doing so, I can write the up-state Auxiliaries,

Hoping that you are now fully rested -- (do you still have a chuckle for Jean and his dusky passenger) -- and with best wishes,

Loyally,

Bertha V. Coeats, Pres.
Dept. of New York

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January 5th
1940

Mrs. Bertha Corets
President, Department of New York
Ladies Auxiliary, J. W. V.
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York


Dear Bertha:

I have before me a News Service Article in which the World is informed that 35,000 members of the B'nai B'rith Ladies Auxiliary is actively engaged in soliciting and securing blankets for the Red Cross Chapters, to be shipped to Poland and Finland without delay.

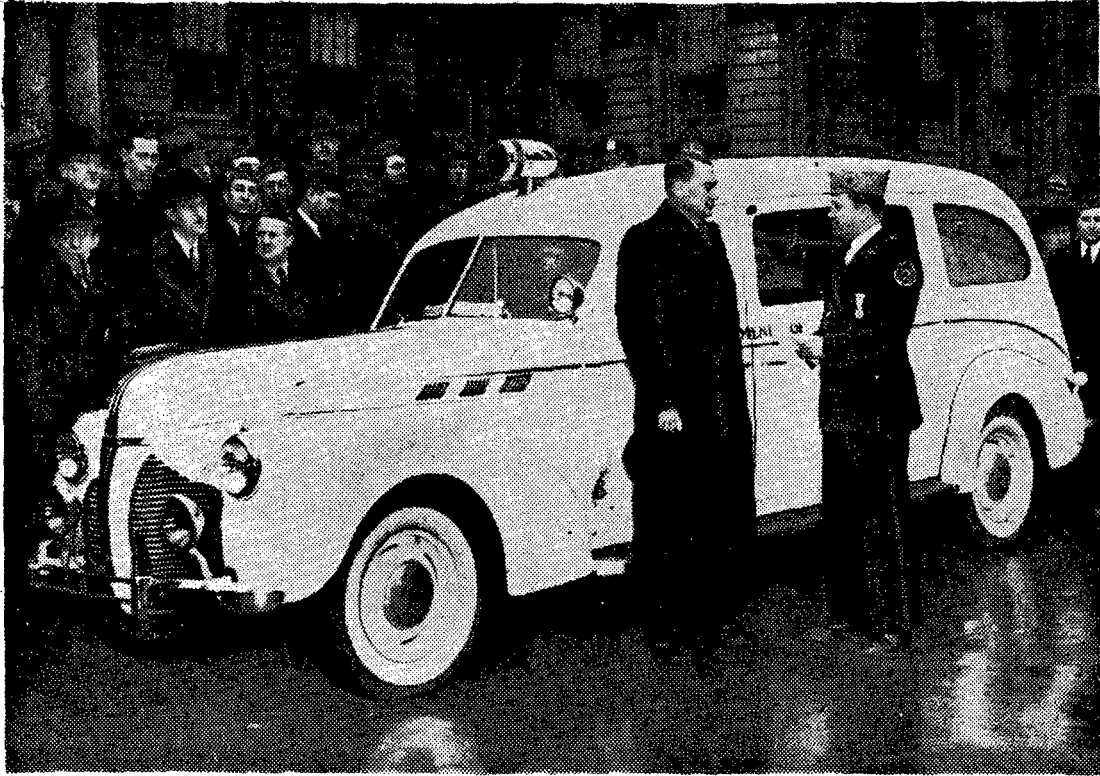
We in J.W.V. have started a fund to purchase an Ambulance for the Government of Finland. I am sure our National President has already conferred with you on this proposition and I am making this personal appeal to you knowing that if you will turn on your personality and make this a pet hobby, the goal of \$3,000 with which to purchase this ambulance will be attained so much easier.

Looking forward to your 100% cooperation and with kind personal regards to you and Mark, I am,

Yours in comradeship,


ABE COHEN
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

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276 Fifth Avenue
New York City

February 28, 1940

Greater New York Emergency Conference
on Inalienable Rights.
2 W. 43rd St.,
New York City.

Room 508

Dear Sirs,

I would appreciate it if you would list this Department as
one desirous of working with your extension committee, and also receiving
a report of your conference.

Hoping to hear from you further,

Yours very truly,

Bertha V. Corota, Pres.
Dept. of New York

NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE
TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, INC.

20 West 47th Street, New York, Medallion 3-2720

March 5, 1940

Jewish War Veterans
276 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Friends:

Our Council of Organizations is calling a "Closed Door Conference" for Sunday afternoon, March 31st, 2:30 P.M., at the Pythian Temple, 155 West 70th Street, New York City.

Through the efforts of our Investigation Department, we obtained the secret plans of the most vicious un-American organizations in this country. This program is expected to be put in effect during the coming Spring months. Should they succeed in gaining even a few of their points, it would bring great danger to all of us.

In view of these facts, this Conference is of the utmost importance.

The League, realizing the vital problem involved, feels that every affiliated organization should actively participate in devising ways and means of counteracting and combatting these subversive forces.

We, therefore, most urgently call upon your organization to elect or designate two of your active members to serve as your representative at the Conference.

Please do not delay - Fill out the enclosed postcard and mail it to us immediately, so as to enable us to send admission cards to your representatives.

Sincerely yours,
NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE

(signed)

B. DUBOVSKY
B. Dubovsky, Chairman
Executive Committee

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CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 11, 1940 fs

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary
Department of New York
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York

My dear Mrs. Corets:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 29th addressed to the Mayor.

I have forwarded your communication to the Department of Hospitals and have asked them for a report, which will be given careful consideration.

Very truly yours,



Stanley H. Howe
Secretary to the Mayor

March 15, 1940

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
276 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Attention Miss Fredman,
Dear Miss Fredman,

Referring to my 'phone conversation of this A M I am enclosing the clipping in which Senator Lundeen of Minnesota spoke at a dinner of the German-American Board of Trade.

You may recall that on April 23, 1939 a Treasury Department ruling went into effect directing a 25% penalty on merchandise imported from Germany thru Barter arrangements. It must be remembered that Germany for years has not been paying for her purchases with free money but really thru I.O.U'S. These I.O.U'S can only be cashed thru purchasing German merchandise and as an inducement to our businessness to accept this arrangement, they have been offered subsidies in some cases as high as 50%.

This country has union wages, short working hours and high standards of living. Germany has abolished unions, increased the working hours hence her products are produced at prices highly competitive to American industry. It isto protect our workmen and industries that the 25% Treasury Department ruling went into effect.

To further explain the effects of Germany's method of paying for her imports with BLOCKED Marks (marks good only in Germany), last year Chile wanted to buy 65 Airplanes and her army recommended American planes because they were better. But Chile bought them in Germany because she had a lot of blocked Marks. Similar arrangements resulted in the shop windows of South America being flooded with German radios, refrigerators, electrical goods and house furnishings.

The only things Germany is interested in buying from this country because of her shortage of foreign exchange and her inability now to get all the raw materials she needs, are oil, copper, lard, fats and wheat. In exchange we must take her manufactuered goods.

In conclusion, one may say the Senator should remember and point out that were Germany able to pay in negotiable money he would have a

reason for urging more trade with her, but under the circumstance, aside from the moral reasons for boycotting this aggressor Nation, he is advocating something dangerous to both the American workman and businessman.

In my estimation we have reason to mark this Senator pro-Nazi and watch his future activities.

Please let me know what, if any action, National takes on this.

With best wishes,

Loyally,

P.S. Please return this clipping for my files.

M. W. & M. W.

M. W.

16, 1940

Mrs. Rosa Rosenblatt,
1332 Riverside Dr.,
New York City.

Dear Rosa,

I am enclosing a booklet that was received by one of our members who is unable to interpret it. Can you tell me what it is all about?

I have received a reply to my investigation on the dictionary that you showed me at our meeting, from Funk & Wagnalls Co. They write as follows: "Someone has evidently shown you a copy of an old edition of 'Cassell's German English Dictionary.' If you will secure a copy of the present edition, which bears the copyright notice of 1939, you will ~~find~~ not find the obnoxious designation of Jew."--I am sure this makes you feel better.

Hoping you are well, and your family too, with very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League

TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, Inc.

20 WEST 47TH STREET, NEW YORK • MEDALLION-3-2720

Fighting Nazism Since 1933

Our Purpose

To champion human rights;
To foster the principles of
justice and liberty;
To foster the principles of
American democracy for
the United States;
To combat religious and
racial discrimination and
oppression;

March 22, 1940

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Dear Delegate:

Enclosed please find your delegate card to the Conference of the Organizations Council of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, to be held Sunday, March 31st, 1940 at 2:30 P.M. at the Pythian Temple, 135 West 70th Street, New York City.

As the Session is to open at 2:30 P.M. may we ask you to use every effort to arrive at about 2:00 P.M.

Looking forward to greeting you,
we remain

Very sincerely yours,

NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE

B. Dubovsky
Dr. B. Dubovsky, Chairman
Executive Committee

BD:IB

Nazi Ideology Threatens All Civilization

March 29, 1940

Mr. J. George Fredman,
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
276 Fifth Ave.,
NYC.

Dear George,

I have read your article in the Veteran and found it interesting. There is a lot to be said on the subject of Jews laughing at Jews. What would you say -- should there be a reform movement on Jewish jokes? Were you ever at a summer hotel and listened to the Jewish comedians tell Jewish jokes. Those, you would not dare to print.

But here is another angle and "Maybe It Is Funny". The type of that headline is German type. It is from the Bauer Type Foundry Co, 235 E. 45th St and is called Gillies Gothic Type, 48 Point, 4A 13a. That concern is on our boycott list.

What do you say? With best wishes to you and Mrs. Fredman,

Loyally,

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Office of
CARL MILETON
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
57 Jay Street
Brooklyn, New York

April 4, 1940

At a meeting attended on Sunday, March 31st, 1940, 2:30 P. M., at Pythian Temple, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, I present the following report:-

The meeting was opened by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Dubofsky welcomed all present and then eulogized the late Samuel Untermyer as the first influential man to fight nazism, not only in the United States, but all over the world; that on the surface, Dr. Dubofsky said, everything seems to be quiet, underneath, however, a volcano is brewing and he feared in the very near future there would be many more eruptions than we are having now; that 7 years ago Hitler 1st declared his boycott against the Jews; that the boycott was not started by the Jews against Germany, but by Hitler against the Jews. It was finally through Mr Untermyer's efforts that America recognized the only effective weapon to be boycott of German goods; that the Nazis have succeeded in organizing and financing a large number of organizations who are spreading the doctrine of hate against our people, they are following the nazis step by step and in one large city they called upon their listeners to destroy the Jews. A large organization is being formed to begin an economic boycott in New York State in the name "Buy Christian." This summer there will be public meetings at which there will be gangs who will attack every Jew; things will go on just as they did in German and we in our organizations must do everything in our power to prevent this.

The next speaker was Prof. Max Winkler, and economist. He said the argument always has been that if there were no Versailles, there would be no Hitler; that no one would raise this criticism if they had read the document. Two provisions were: 1 - the Germans were adjudged guilty of having caused the war; they admitted their guilt; this hurt their pride. 2 - Inasmuch as Germany is responsible for the war and the damage done, Germany agreed to make good. This caused the Germans much concern. Now to make good Germany borrowed the money and they borrowed \$1.84 for every dollar they paid; Germany then repudiated these debts so that reparations were paid by the countries who loaned them, Germany making .84 on each dollar besides. He then showed the difference between Democratic countries and those of the dictator. In a democracy the conference precedes the deed. With a dictator the deed precedes the conference. Germans are only impressed by deeds. He then outlined the various concessions made to Germany and their results. All reparations were finally wiped out but nothing could keep from the German mind the thought of their defeat in the World War so this was inevitable. Germany is in an era of conquest and until that instinct is destroyed there will never be peace.

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CARL MILETON
~~National Boy Scout Chairman~~
57 Jay Street
Brooklyn, New York

The next speaker was a Mr. Baumann, an investigator who reported in detail with reference to the various Christian Front and Nazi activities in this country. He promised shortly to publish some startling statements now in the possession of the F B I which could not at present be told. He informed us that our enemies were even getting ready to form the American Union Party and nominate for the assembly in the Bronx a man named Casterman. He told us that the greatest danger came from the Klu Klux Klan; that in past years it has always reached out for its membership to 3d 4th & 5th generation Americans - no foreigners; that now this Klan includes all these anti-semitic groups and they are forming a strong national federation. At Passaic the Klan held a joint meeting with the German American Bund at which there were a representative of the American Fascists. Burning crosses were placed in front of synagogues. These mobilizers will have their first open meeting May 1st -- outdoor meetings in Greater New York. At each meeting they will have only trained platform speakers and an additional feature will be a sound truck equipped with messages from Joe McWilliams.

The next speaker was a Mr. Malkinson the editor of the Jewish Morning Journal. He strongly urged that influential men and woman of our race contact and entertain editors of leading English papers. He felt strongly that our best medium was the newspaper.

He was followed by the Secretary for the legal staff of the Anti-Nazi group. He reported in detail what had been done. His closing remark was that he was an Austrian who had found refuge in America. "But after America; what."

My idea is that the meeting was called to impress upon all delegates the strong need of financial support so that the representatives of the League could work strongly against these evil influences.

FUNK & WAGNALLS COMPANY
PUBLISHERS
354-360 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 15, 1940.

Miss Bertha V. Corets,
956 Edison Av.,
Bronx, New York City.

Dear Madam:

Someone has evidently shown you a copy of an old edition of "Cassell's German-English Dictionary." If you will secure a copy of the present edition, which bears the copyright notice of 1939, you will not find the obnoxious designation of Jew.

Very truly yours,

FUNK & WAGNALLS COMPANY,

Per *Mr. Neisef, Sec'y*

A pril 16, 1940

Miss Lillian Smith,
c/o National Council of Women,
501 Madison Ave.,
Room 1904,
NYC.

Dear Miss Smith,

I recall that this is about the time of the year that your Convention takes place, and I would appreciate it if you could arrange for me as you did last year to be present. Unfortunately last year I could not take advantage of the invitation, but this year I should like to try.

Have you anything new that you are sending out? Mrs. Harris was at our Headquarters yesterday, and gave me some real assistance on the concert we are running at Town Hall on May 11th.

Hoping that you are well, and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bertha V. Corets,

July 2nd, 1940

American Chemical Society,
330 W. 42nd St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs,

I have noticed a report recently in the newspaper regarding your report on the drug "Quinine" and that tho is manufactured here it was developed abroad and controlled by a company overseas.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could give us the full information as to who controls the drug and if there are other essential drugs in the same control.

Our organization is always concerned with the security of American industry and we do everything we can to promote such independence.

Hoping to hear from you,

Yours very truly,

Bertha V. Corsets, Pres.
Dept. of New York

*Report
Reginald J. Friedman*

NAZI OUTPOSTS IN THE UNITED STATES

With the exception of the origin and growth of the German American Bund, Nazi philosophy and activities in the United States rarely predate 1933, when Hitler came to power. But since that time, not only have German American groups swung over or been taken over, but the United States has seen the growth of two other types of Nazi groups - the native Fascist and anti-Semitic groups.

Anti-Semitism has been and is of course, part of the stock in trade of the Nazi party in Germany. By means of the smokescreen of anti-Semitism, the Nazis were able to grow and to take over power even though they were a one-third minority of the German people. This demonstration of the value of anti-Semitism as a political weapon was not lost upon the host of malcontents created by the economic depression that began in 1929.

All this time, the Nazi government in Germany was rearming in violation of treaty agreements and in 1935 began its military march with the occupation of the Rhineland. To detract from what it was doing it stimulated disruptive activity by pro-Nazi organizations in other lands, including the United States. Through World Service, the official German propaganda medium, the Fichte Bund, the Auslands Institute, and numerous other agencies, came a steady flow of information, advice and propaganda. Through the offices of consuls in the United States came encouragement, both real and spiritual. And through willing or merely stupid individuals in the United States, the Nazis in Germany stimulated and guided myriads of organizations to act here as its agents or as its apologists.

German American organizations in the United States before 1933 represented in the main genuine cultural units centered about the German origins of their members.

Although there was an awareness of the difficulties in which Germany was finding itself as an aftermath of the World War, the primary loyalties of these groups were with the United States. Whatever regrets may have existed for the economic and political depression of Germany were mitigated by a certain feeling of pride in the knowledge that Germany was experimenting with a democratic form of government.

But within Germany itself the Nazi movement had been growing steadily since the early 1920's. Hitler's movement was a minority, but a highly organized minority. And true to the ideas set forth in Mein Kampf - the Nazi movement began to spread its tentacles abroad even before it came into power in Germany.

In the 1920's Hitler sent his emissary, Kurt G. W. Luedecke, on a tour of the United States. Luedecke's purpose was twofold - one, - to secure financial support for the Nazi movement in Germany; two, - to convert German American organizations to Nazi philosophy and ways. He was successful in neither, as he explained in his book, "I Knew Hitler." But in the 1920's a Nazi emissary in the United States did not have the power the Nazis themselves were able to wield directly from Germany after 1933.

Luedecke's failure, however, does not mean that the Nazi party of Germany was without an American branch from its earliest days. Among the other German American Societies in the United States in the 1920's, there was the Teutonia Society of Chicago, as Nazi as Hitler himself. Founded in 1924 under the leadership of Fritz Gissibl it sent contributions to Hitler from the very outset. In 1929 another Nazi group was organized in Detroit by Heinz Spanknoebel, who was then employed, along with Fritz Kuhn, in the Ford factories. An attempt by the members of Teutonia to effect an amalgamation of the two groups resulted in their coming off second best. Realizing the value of a united Nazi movement in the United States, Spanknoebel went to Germany, joined the Nazi party, and returned in 1932 as the full blown American Fuehrer. At this juncture, American Hitlerites were divided into two groups. The one was known as "Lagru," that is, "Landesgruppe (regional group) U.S.A. of the National Socialist German Labor Party;" the other was an organization expressly set up for American citizens of Hitler tendencies, known as "Friends of the Hitler Movement."

After Hitler came to power in 1933, these groups were merged into one organization, the Friends of New Germany, with Spanknoebel as its head. For reasons of diplomacy it had been decided by Nazi party officials in Germany not to call the American Nazi group the branch of the National Socialist German Labor Party. After Spanknoebel fled the United States upon his indictment by the Federal government for having acted as an agent for the Reich without being accredited to the diplomatic service, Fritz Gissibl and Dr. I. T. Griebel succeeded to the leadership of the Friends of New Germany. Subsequently Gissibl was forbidden re-entry into the United States as an undesirable alien and in 1938, Dr. Griebel fled to Germany as a result of Nazi espionage disclosures.

Prior to these developments, however, Fritz Kuhn, Gissibl's former co-worker in Detroit, became head of the Friends of New Germany on December 1, 1935. On June 3, 1936 the name of the organization was changed to the Amerikadeutscher Volksbund - the German American Bund.

The German American Bund is the mainspring of the Hitler movement in the United States. It and the organizations out of which it grew go back to the beginnings of the Nazi movement in Germany. About it clusters a swarm of subsidiary groups, organized for specific purposes. The result is a sort of holding company structure.

Old German American Societies have been brought under Nazi influence, if not domination, in large numbers. Through threats to wreak vengeance upon German relatives of German Americans, Nazi agents have been able to insinuate themselves into positions of importance in many groups. And even where they have failed to gain entry they have secured the subservience of these groups by means of the same threats. Other German American groups, of course, have gone over to the Nazi side without coercion. They simply came to believe in Nazism.

There is included in this memorandum a list of Nazi outposts in the United States. For the purpose of convenience, the organizations are divided into the categories of Nazi, Native Fascist, Italian and other foreign Fascist groups, and Coughlinites. In their method of operation, however, they cover more ground than is indicated merely by the general nature of the category noted.

NAZI GROUPS

Some of the groups in this category are frank in their espousal of German Nazism. They openly use Nazi propaganda sources. Other groups take no such affirmative stand, but close examination of their activities and literature reaches the same conclusion. At the other end of the scale are the groups that profess to be purely pro-American, but are controlled by known Nazi advocates.

NATIVE FASCIST GROUPS

Organizations in the United States whose philosophy or propaganda can be traced to Nazi and Fascist sources do not in all instances admit, and sometimes may not realize the source of their inspiration, nor are they always readily identifiable for what they are. In this category are many organizations which possess a seeming respectability in the eyes of the American people. Some would deny any intention to serve the interests of Nazism here. They are listed because known Nazis or Nazi disciples have frequented some of their meetings, because some of their literature has been approved and disseminated by Nazi organizations and because in some instances officials of these groups or other persons active in them have made statements that can be readily construed as exported Nazism, or are active in groups more readily censurable. Some of the organizations have consistently followed the line currently advocated by Nazi propaganda agencies in Germany. In so doing some of them may have been motivated by what seemed to them to be purely patriotic considerations, yet the effect of such activity on their part has been to acclimate American public opinion toward a receptiveness for Nazi and Fascist philosophy. Other groups have consistently worked against the best interests of our democratic republican form of government and have often shown slight regard for the liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. Some have continually flouted the age-old American concepts of tolerance and sanctuary from persecution. Some pretend to be anti-Communist. Others may attempt to cloak their activities under the guise of being political or patriotic groups. Many have utilized the technique of including the word 'Christian' in their name.

ITALIAN AND OTHER FASCIST GROUPS

The groups in this category do not, on the whole, owe their establishment to the growth of German fascism. They do, however, give first allegiance to foreign fascist lands and organizations, and their activities, like those of all fascist groups in the United States, reflect the magnetic attraction of the Nazi successes.

COUGHLINITE GROUPS

Organizations listed under this category have been as flagrant in their espousal of Nazi philosophy and propaganda as any other groups listed in this memorandum. They are truly in a class by themselves and they partake in equal measure of the worst characteristics of the Nazi, Fascist and anti-Semitic groups. They owe their inspiration to the activities of Father Coughlin, for he is their patron saint. From him they have borrowed the cloak of religion to cover an anti-religious crusade. Many of these groups functioned in a manner reminiscent of Storm Troopers in Germany, even though Father Coughlin may have disclaimed from time to time any intention to create civil strife in the United States. It is with the organizations that make up this group that most of the persons arrested for anti-Semitic street disturbances in New York City in 1939 were connected. The main organizations in this category are the Christian Front, the Christian Mobilizers, the American Citizens Committee, the Committee for the Defense of American Constitutional Rights, and the National Union for Social Justice. The other organizations listed are almost all merely names adopted by members of the main groups for a particular function or purpose.

Active

Aloha Book Shop
American Destiny Party
American Fellowship Forum
American Nationalist Party
American Nationalist Labor Party
American Youth Camp in Germany
Aryan Book Store
Austrian-American Society of Philadelphia
Board of Trade for German-American Commerce
Bunaste
Citizens Protective League
Committee of American Importers
Co-operation Voters and Consumers Alliance
Deutsche Frontkaempferschaft
Deutscher-Amerikanischer Zentralbund
Deutsch Nationalier Handlungs Gehilfen Verband (D.H.V.)
Deutscher Kulturkampf Bund
Deutsches Haus
Ernest Goerner Publicity Bureau
German-American Bund
German-American Business League
German-American Central Organization of Michigan
German-American Citizen's Alliance, Inc.
German-American Civic Association
German-American Conference
German-American Consumers League (Deutsche Konsum Verband)
German-American Front
German-American National Alliance
German-American Protective Alliance (D A W A)
German-American Settlement League
German-American Vocational Alliance (Deutsche-Amerikanisches Berufsgemeinschaft)
German Legion of Honor in America
German Library of Information
German Railroads Information Office
German War Veterans League
Gray Shirts
Institute of Germans Living Abroad
Kyfferhauser Bund
National Socialist Deutsche Arbeiter Partei (D.S.D.A.P.)
New York and New Jersey Plattdeutsche Volksfest Verein
Ordnungs-Dienst
Prospective Citizens' League
Protective League of Milwaukee
Pyramid Book Shop
Reichkriegers Bund
Steuben Society of America
Trans-Oceanic Press Service

NAZI (cont'd)

United German Societies of New York
United German Societies of Westchester County
Major George Armistead Society
Front Kampfer und Marinegeruppe des A. V. (Front Soldiers and Navy
Veterans of the German-American Bund)

Groups of Minor Importance, just a name, or defunct.

America Nordic Folks Association
American Gentile Youth Movement
American National Forum
American National Labor Party
American National Socialist League
American Workers' Progressive Club
Anti-Discrimination Committee
Aryan-Christian Union
Burger Bund
Bund Deutscher Maedel (League of German Girls)
Club Gemeuetlichkeit
Crusaders for Americanism, Inc.
Deutsche Kultur-Gilde
Edda Culture League
Frankford Schulverein
Friends of New Germany
Gemeinschaft Puer Literatur Und Kunst, N. Y.
German-American Independent Voters League
German-American Sports Alliance
German Legion of New York
German University Service
German Womanhood, Chicago, Ill.
Grovewood Social Club
Irish Outpost
Theodor Koerner School
League of the Saarlanders
League of Sudeten Germans in America
Loyal Aryan Christians
Ludendorf Bund
National Alliance
Nonpartisan Citizens' Union of Maryland
Nordic Aryan Federation of Usania
Nordic Union
One Hundred Per Cent American Organization
Philadelphia Quartet Club
Schwabenbund
Steel Helmets (Stahlhelm)
The Swastika League of America
Ten Million Americans
Teutonia Society

NAZI (cont'd)

United Guards of America
Verein der Saarlaender
Vigilantes of True Americanism
Von Mackensen Drill Corps
White Man's Association
Wide Awake League
Youth of America

NATIVE FASCISTS

Active

ABC Legion
Allied Patriotic Societies
American Action
American Defenders
American Defense Society
America First, Inc.
American Immigration Conference Board
American Indian Federation
American Nationalist Confederation
American Nationalist Party
American Nationalists, Inc.
American Patriots
American Publishing Company
American Rangers
American Vigilante Intelligence Federation
American Women Against Communism
Anglo-Saxon Federation of America
Anti-Communist Society
Associated Farmers of California, Inc.
Black Legion
Blue Cross
Business Engineers Associates
Christian Party
Civic League of North Philadelphia
Committee of 1,000,000
Constitutional Crusaders
Constitutional Educational League, Inc.
Crusaders
Crusaders White Shirts of Chattanooga, Tennessee
Defenders of Democracy
Edmondson Economic Service
Gray Shirt Pioneers
Industrial Defense Association of Boston
Industrial Legion of America
Junior Order of United American Mechanics
Knights of the White Camellia
Ku Klux Klan
League for Constitutional Government
League of American Workers
League to Save America First
Legion of the Blue Cross
Militant Christian Patriots
Molly Pitcher Legion
National Defenders, Inc.
National Defenders of '76
National Workers League
New York State Economic Council
Order of '76
Patriotic Research Bureau
Paul Revere Society
Protective League of Milwaukee

Native Fascists cont'd

Groups of Minor Importance, just a name, or defunct

Christian American Crusade
Christian American Defense League
Christian American Patriots
Christian Constitutional Party
Christian Constitutionals
Christian Democratic Corporation
Christian Knights of the Holy Alliance
Christian Legion, Inc.
Christian Relief Fund for American Indian Refugees
Christian Vigilantes
Christocrats
Church of the Latter Day Gentiles
Citizens National Committee
Clearing House for National Interest
Common Cause League
Constitution League of America
Constitution Legion of America
Constitutional Crusaders of America
Constitutional Government League
Constitutional Protective League of Illinois, Inc.
Copperheads
Councils of Safety
Councils of the Christian Party
Crusaders for Economic Liberty
Cultural and Good Fellowship League
Dearborn Crusaders
Defenders of America
Defenders of Christian Civilization
Defenders of the Christian Faith
Defenders of the Constitution of the United States
Defenders of the Constitution of the United States of America
Federated Christian Patriotic Societies
Federated League of Young Americans
Federation of Americanization of Michigan
Federation of 10,000,000
Foundation for Christian Economics
Gentile Commonwealth Party
Gentile Culture vs. Communist Bolshevik Slavery
Gentile Ladies and Junior League
Gentile Professional and Business People's League, Inc.
Gentile War Veterans Association
Gentile Workers Party
Green Mountain Boys
Homesteaders
I Ams
Immigration Restriction League
International Committee to Combat Communism
Industrial Workers League
International Economic Research Bureau
Knights of Civilization

Native Fascists cont'd

Groups of Minor Importance, just a name, or defunct

Knights of Dearborn
League Against Communism
League for Aryan Culture Study
League for Christian Economics
League for the Liberation
League for the Restoration of Aryan Supremacy in America
Liberators
Mankind United
Manual Workers of America
Militant Organization of Patriotic Americans
Modern Minute Men of America
National Americanism Foundation
National Americanization League
National Christian Committee
National Citizens League
National Committee Against Communism
National Council of Sons and Daughters of Liberty
National Gentile League, Inc.
National Independence Union
National Liberty Party
National Patriotic Council
National Protective League
National Protective Order of Gentiles
Nationalist Youth Movement
Negro Industrial Clerical Alliance
Newport Historical Association
Novelty Club
Order of Black Shirts of Atlanta, Georgia
Paladin League
Pan-Aryan Alliance
Parents International League
Patriot Guard of America
Patriotic American Civil Alliance
Patriotic Front
Patriotic Order Sons of America
Patriots of America
Major Pease Press Committee
The Plan
Pro-Christian American Society
Progressive Fascisti Party of U.S.
Progressive Nationalists
Round Table Club
Rural Road Improvement League
Sentinels of New America
Student Americaneers
United Brotherhood of America
United States Union of Fascists
Unity Party
Veterans Reserve Corporation
Washington Guards

Native Fascists cont'd

Groups of Minor Importance, just a name, or defunct

Westchester Security League

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White Shirt Corps

Women's National Association for Preservation of White Race

Women's National Committee to Keep the U.S. Out of War

Women's National Defense Committee of Philadelphia

Women's Rebellion

World Alliance Against Jewish Aggressiveness

Young America Patriotic Association

Young Americanist League

ITALIAN AND OTHER FOREIGN FASCIST GROUPS

Active

All Russian Fascist Party
Alpini National Organization
American Fascists (Italian)
American Italian Sport League
Antonio Locatelli Club
Arab National League
Association of Italians Abroad
Associazione del Littorio Sez. "F. Crispi"
Benito Mussolini Drama and Musical Society
Black Shirts
Bronx Italian House
Casa Italiana Canavesana Society
Centro Culturale
Circolo "Armando Diaz"
Circolo Arnolfo Mussolini
Circolo Aurelio Padovani
Circolo Culturale Italiano
Circolo di Cultura Il Dux
Circolo Educativo "Amiraglio W. Rizzo"
Circolo Educativo "Francesco Baracca"
Circolo Educativo Giovanni Berta
Circolo Educativo Italiano Nuova Impero
Circolo Gioventu' Italica
Circolo Mario Morgantini
Circolo Nazionale Impero
Circolo Roma Imperiale
Circolo Rossoni
Columbian Political League
Committee pro-Italian Language
Confederazione Nazionale Italiana d'America
Dante Alighieri Society
Domenico Mastronizzi Educational Center
Dopolavoro Dux
Edmondo Rossoni Educational Center
Fascio Italiano-Itali-American Citizen Assn.
Father Giuliani Educational Club
Fatherland Educational League
Federation of Pugliesi Societies
Francesco Crispi Educational League
G. Marconi Educational Center
General Gambaro Educational Center
General Nastasi Educational Center
Imperial Rome Club
Italian Chamber of Commerce in New York
Italian Historical Society
Italian Legion
Italian Library of Information
Italian Pioneers Educational Club
Italian Progressive Social Club

ITALIAN AND OTHER FOREIGN FASCIST GROUPS (cont'd)

Active

Italian Youth Educational Center
Italy America Society, Inc.
Leader
Lictor Association
Lictor Federation
Luigi Razza Educational Center
"Mai No!" Educational Center
Mario Morgantini Circle
Mario Sonzini Club
Montemaranese Educational Club
National Order of the Sons of Italy in America
National United Italian Association, Inc.
New Empire Educational Center
Nicola Bonservizi Club
9th of May Educational Center
November 18, XVII, 1935 Educational Center
October 23rd Educational Center
O.D.W.U.
Patronato Scolastico of the Bronx
Russian National League of America
Scuola d'Italiana della Parrocchia
Scuola Parrocchiale Sant'Anna
Sezione Arnaldo Mussolini
Sezione Ex-Combattenti
Sezione "Giulio Cesare"
Tito Minnitti Educational Center
21st April and 9th of May Club
United Hetman Organization
World War Legion

Groups of Minor Importance, just a name, or defunct

British Israel World Federation
The Britons
Croix de Feu
League of Young Russia
National Association of Roumanian American Christians of the U.S.A.
Russian Inland Relief Mission, Inc.
Russian National Revolutionary Party

COUGHLINITE

Active

American Citizens Committee
American Order of Justice
Christian Front
Christian Index
Christian Mobilizers
Committee for the Defense of American Constitutional Rights
International Catholic Truth Society
Minute Men Confraternity
Mothers of the United States of America
National Legion of American Mothers
National Union for Social Justice
Social Justice Distributors Club

Groups of Minor Importance, just a name, or defunct

Actioneers
American Brotherhood of Christians Congress, Inc.
American Christian Front
American Christian Society of New York City
American Honest Money Legion
American Patriotic Society
Christian Defense League
Christian Edifiers
Christian Labor Front
Committee Against the Red Front working in Flatbush
Committee for the Preservation of Constitutional Rights
Crusaders for Christian Social Justice
Federated Christian Patriotic Societies
Flatbush Anti-Communist Committee
Followers of Father Coughlin
Friends and Neighbors Club
Friends of Father Coughlin
Milwaukee Peace Army
Missouri Friends of Social Justice
Phalanx - Christian Patriots
Solidity Union
United Christian Front
United States League
World's Purity Federation

PUBLICATIONS

NAZI

Active

Burger Zeitung
California Democrat
California Staats-Zeitung
Cincinnati Freie Presse
Dakota's Freie Presse
Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter
Ernest Goerner Releases
Facts in Review
Freie Presse Für Texas
German American Commerce Bulletin
Lincoln Freie Presse
Nachrichten fuer den Nordwesten
News From Germany
Philadelphia Herold
Rochester Abendpost
Seattle Times
Sonntagsbote
Staats-Herold (Chicago)
Tägliche St. Paul Zeitung
Transocean News Service
Waco Post
The Forum Observer

Of Minor Importance or defunct

Today's Challenge

NATIVE FASCIST

Active

AID
America In Danger
America Speaks
American Bulletin
Destiny
Dispatch
Edmondson Bulletins
Hot Springs New Mexico Herald
Fiery Cross
Industrial Control Reports
In Retrospect
Liberation
National Republic
New American Order
Our Christian America
Pink Reporter - Montana

PUBLICATIONS (cont'd)

Publicity
Round Table Letters
Southern Progress
The Beacon Light
The Broom
The Community Builder
The Defender
The Individualist
The Monitor
Vindicator
Weekly Foreign Letter
X-Ray - Muncie, Indiana

Of Minor Importance or defunct

American Freedom
American Nationalist Confederation News Bulletin
Christian Defender
Christian Free Press
Commonwealth
Conference Reporter
Georgia Women's World
Herald-Tribune (Jacksonville, Fla.)
Hyposcisy
Nation and Race
National American
The Key

ITALIAN AND OTHER FOREIGN FASCIST GROUPS

Active

Corriere d'America (New York - daily)
Corriere del Connecticut (New Haven, Conn. - weekly)
Corriere Sisiliano (New York - weekly)
Gazetta Italiana (Seattle, Wash. - weekly)
Gazzetta del Massachusetts (Boston, Mass. - weekly)
I.A.N.U. Bulletin (Mt. Morris, Ill. - weekly)
Il Commercio (New York - monthly)
Il Corriere (Yonkers, N. Y. - weekly)
Il Corriere della Dominica (New York - weekly)
Il Corriere Italiano (Buffalo, N. Y. - weekly)
Il Grido della Stirpe (New York - weekly)
Il Messaggero (Kansas City, Mo. - semi-monthly)
Il Minatore (Scranton, Pa. - weekly)
Il Pensiere (St. Louis, Mo. - weekly)
Il Popolo Italiano (Philadelphia, Pa. - daily)
Il Progresso Italo-Americano (New York - daily)
Il Risveglio Italiano (Dunkirk, N. Y. - weekly)
Italia-Nuova nell Connecticut (Middletown, Conn. - weekly)
La Forche Cardine (New Haven, Conn. - weekly)
La Gazzetta del Massachusetts (Boston, Mass.)
La Gazzetta di Syracuse (Syracuse, N. Y. - weekly)
La Notizia (Boston, Mass. - daily)
La Nuova Capitale (Trenton, N. J. - weekly)

PUBLICATIONS (cont'd)

Active

L'Araldo (Cleveland, Ohio - weekly)
La Revista Commerciale Italo-Americano (New York - weekly)
La Sentinella (Bridgeport, Conn. - weekly)
La Stella (Portland, Oregon - weekly)
La Tribuna Italiana (Dallas, Texas - weekly)
La Tribuna Italiana D'America (Detroit, Mich. - weekly)
La Tribuna Transatlantica (Chicago, Ill. - weekly)
La Voce Coloniale (New Orleans, La. - weekly)
La Voce del Popolo (Los Angeles, Calif.)
La Voce del Popolo (San Francisco, Calif. - daily)
La Voce del Popolo Italiano (Cleveland, Ohio. - daily)
L'Italia (San Francisco, Calif. - daily)
L'Italia (Chicago, Ill. - daily)
L'Italo-Americano del New Jersey (Newark, N. J. - weekly)
Sons of Italy Magazine (Boston, Mass. - fraternal)
Sentinel Press (Greensburg, Pa. - weekly)
The Italian Echo (Providence, R. I. - weekly)
The Patriot (Indiana - semi-monthly except July and August)
The Trumpet (Denver, Colo. - weekly)
Unione (Pittsburgh, Pa. - weekly)
Fair Play
Rossya

Of Minor Importance or defunct

Black Shirt

COUGHLINITE

Active

Social Justice
The Tablet

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NEW YORK, N. Y.
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July 10, 1940

Mrs. Bertha Corets
Department President, JWV
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Bertha:

It has been my intention to write you sooner than this but I have been so tied up that I never got around to it.

Please accept my belated congratulations upon your re-election as Department President. I hope to see you soon.

I should like to have you with us at our next Department meeting which is scheduled for Monday evening, July 29th, 1940 at the Hotel New Yorker.

Sincerely,



SOL MASCH
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

SM:JK

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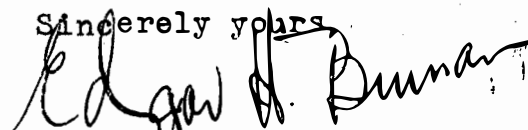
Mrs. Bertha Corets
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York

Dear Bertha:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 24th commending the Jewish War Veterans in its stand against recommending refusal of the ballot to the Communists in the United States. Be assured that it was a pleasure to read your communication.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours



EDGAR H. BURMAN
National Commander

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July 25, 1940

Franklin Institute,
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sirs,

I should like to purchase Smythe's Writings of Benjamin Franklin, by Albert Henry Smythe and would like to know if you publish those books.

Hoping to hear from you, and thanking you,

Yours very truly,

Bertha V. Coates, Pres.
Dept. of New York

July 26, 1940

Mr. Edgar H. Burman,
National Commander,
276 Fifth Ave.,
NYC

Dear Edgar,

I think that the resolution the organization published against the communists as a foreign political party having the right of franchise,-- so important, that I really think we should continue to follow it up.

Don't you think it would be good publicity and working for a good cause if that resolution was embodied in a petition and circulated to other organizations asking them to support it by writing Congress?

I have been thinking that I could send such petitions to the Women's organizations who participate in the Patriotic Conference at Washington every year.

Since we Jews have to carry the onus so much for Jews being communists, it is a responsibility for us to be the first to fight communism as a foe to democracy.

Please let me know what you think about this.

Its too hot to even sit still today, so I am trying to work the typewriter and forget the heat in other interests.

Hoping that everything is going well with you, and with regards to Mrs. Burman,

Loyally,

Bertha V. Corets, Pres.
Dept. of New York

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National Sergeant-at-Arms

DAVID FELTZ
National Color Sergeant

IRVING KLEIN
National Membership Chairman

August 5th
1940

Mrs. Bertha Corets
President, Dept. N.Y., L.A.
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, New York

Dear Bertha:

Your letter of July 26th, addressed to Ed Burman, has been referred to me.

The resolution to outlaw the communists from the political ballot is receiving attention in Congress. I understand there are Bills that have been introduced there and I think, therefore, petitions at this time would be unnecessary. We have displayed some of our circulars dealing with the resolution a great deal to our merit and for the prestige of J.W.V.

With kind regards and best wishes to you and Mark, and hoping that your Dad is much recovered in health, I am,

Yours sincerely,



ABE COHEN
National Adjutant

AC/eb

August 5, 1940

Station W. 46th St.,
NYC

Dear Sirs,

I have listened with great interest to the broadcast

It Happened There

and would like to ask if it is possible to obtain copies of the excellent talks of Mr. Theodore Abel and Baron Stephen de Ropp.

The information and statistics would be of aid in arousing and informing our membership and contacts, with additional reasons for increased activity against nazi activities.

Yours very truly,

B.V. Corets

Refugee

956 Mison Ave.,
Ex. N. Y. Aug. 13, 1940.

U.S. Com. care of European Children,
215 Fourth Ave.,
City.

Sirs:

We are very much interested in your work of evacuating children from England and Scotland and I would like to know whether your drive will also cover children of the other war-torn European countries.

I am interested in knowing whether you have homes to place these children or whether you are seeking homes for them.

Any information that you can give me regarding the progress of this work will be appreciated by the women of this Organization who have more than a passing interest in this great work of Child Refugee Salvation.

Yours very truly,

Sadye Katz,
Assist. Secy.

Dept. Pres.

UNITED STATES COMMITTEE
for the
CARE OF EUROPEAN CHILDREN, INC.
215 FOURTH AVENUE
New York, New York

August 26, 1940

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

Dear Miss Corets:

We are very glad to get your letter of August 13. We delayed our answer because we expected to have a new up-to-date pamphlet on the situation. As soon as these pamphlets are available, we will be glad to send you a copy.

Read

The United States Committee is interested in children of all European countries. Unfortunately, transportation and communication difficulties have so far made it impossible to bring children from any other country except Great Britain. We are hoping that these difficulties can be straightened out in the future.

We are still very anxious to find sponsors and homes for these children. If your organization knows of any, we suggest that you communicate with our Local Committee for New York City, which is located at this address, on the fifth floor. The secretary in charge is Mrs. Edith King.

Very truly yours,

The United States Committee for the
Care of European Children

Mary T. Denman

(Mrs.) Mary T. Denman, Director
Division of Field Clearance & Local
Committees



THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

September 4, 1940

Miss Bertha V. Corets, Pres
Dept of New York
Ladies Auxiliary
956 Edison Ave.,
Bronx, New York

Dear Miss Corets:

We are sorry that there has been a delay in answering your letter of July 25th, but the person in charge of this work was out on vacation and then was taken ill and this letter has just come to my attention.

We do not have writing of Benjamin Franklin by Smythe, however, I am enclosing a list of the books we have entitled "Profile of Genius" by Nathan G. Goodman.

We shall be very glad to fill an order for you if you desire these pamphlets.

Very truly yours,

Janet E Brown

incl. list of books available

956 Blison Ave.,
Bk., N. Y., Sept. 18, 1940.

Miss Esther Friedman,
276 Fifth Ave.,
City.

Dear Esther,

I notice that the Annual Christmas Charity Bazaar sponsored by the German American Conference of Greater New York, parent group of more than 500 societies, is planning a Bazaar at the Madison Sq. Garden from Nov. 30th to Dec. 7th.

Could you tell me whether this is the group whose activities we have followed up so closely in the past in connection with our Boycott work? Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes, I am,

Loyally,

Dept. Pres.

Sadye Katz,
Assist. Secy.

P.S.—Please send me any copies of the Weckruf that you may have to spare and are available. Thank you.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF U. S.

276 Fifth Avenue
New York City

December 24th
1940

TO: ALL MEMBERS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Comrade:

Enclosed, herewith, you will find a release which is self-explanatory. You are directly charged with the duty, in your respective sphere, to see that the reports requested are forthcoming immediately.

We cannot hope to put this organization on the basis where it will command the full respect, admiration and support of others unless our records of accomplishments are broadcast in all detail.

You can fully appreciate the value of these reports in seeking the aid and cooperation of other Jewish groups.

THIS MATTER IS A VITAL ONE. You must give it your immediate attention.

Since this is work in the field, the responsibility rests squarely upon your shoulders. May I anticipate your full cooperation?

With kind regards and best wishes for a Happy Chanukah and a Year full of health, Happiness and Success, I am,

Yours in comradeship,

Fred S Harris

FRED S. HARRIS
National Commander

FSH/eb
enc.

National Headquarters
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

276 Fifth Avenue
New York City

January 20th,
1941

CONFIDENTIAL

To: all Post Commanders and Officers

Dear Comrade:

You are familiar with conditions here and abroad. In the next two or three weeks, there will be considerable debate in Congress, and the press and radio will be flooded with discussion on Bill 1776, on Aid to Britain. There will be public meetings, advertisements and tons of mail. The Nazis, Fascists and Communists, let alone the isolationists and appeasers are going to be very busy. These groups all have the one objective--to hamper or delay our National Defense Program. The longer the debate, the more precarious the position of Britain, and consequently our own.

Patriotic Americans cannot afford to be silent during the next critical month. The Jewish War Veterans are pledged to support the National Defense Program, and we should do it in an affirmative manner. The "axis" are already flooding their United States Senators and Congressmen with protests against #1776. Every J.W.V. comrade and sister can do no less than write two letters, one each to their Senator and Representative urging them to support the bill. The letters should NOT be printed or mimeographed, but should be written individually, in the writer's own language. Form or circular letters are thrown into the waste basket and not counted.

You can also do more! The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans are mandated to support our National Defense Program and give all possible Aid to Britain. Comrades who are members of these veteran groups, can approach their members also to write to their Congressmen. Remember that bombs continue to fall daily and nightly on Britain and Greece, and every day counts. A delay of a week may be TOO LATE.

This notice is important enough for Commanders to call Special meetings of their posts. Democracy is in the balance--are you going to help swing the balance towards its preservation. Then get up and go to it.

Please acknowledge this letter, and advise us what action your post will take.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Yours in comradeship,

Fred S. Harris
FRED S. HARRIS
National Commander

FSH/gs

NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMITTEE
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES, NHO.

Office of
NORMAN L. MARKS, PC,
National Americanism Officer
10 E. 40th Street, New York City

February 11th
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TO: COMMANDERS & AMERICANISM CHAIRMEN

The Americanism Committee of the Jewish War Veterans is very thankful for the very fine cooperation which it has received from a large percentage of the Posts.

We have not, however, received the names and addresses of all Americanism Chairmen of the various local units. Will you please advise us at once.

~~For the coming month may we suggest the following activities:~~

- 1) The Lend-Lease Bill MUST pass Congress, and QUICKLY! All former Christian Mobilizers, Coughlinites, pro-Nazis, Communists, and other un-American groups are opposed to No. 1776, and on the side of the appeasers, isolationists and Axis powers. The safety of America demands the passage of the Bill. Make sure that your local Congressmen and Senators are advised of the position of our Posts, their members and their friends. Publicize your stand.
- 2) The Mid-Winter conference will be held in Louisville, Ky., on February 14th, 15th and 16th. Please make sure that your Americanism report is submitted so that (a) you may compete for the prizes being given, and (b) so we can inform the Nation of Jewish War Veterans activities.
- 3) Plan now to give medals for Americanism work in our schools for the June graduation. An essay or oratorical contest is helpful. Classes in citizenship and democracy are also suggested.
- 4) ~~Last month we called your attention to the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington. During the coming month the following occasions may serve as dates for Americanism rallies:~~
 - a) Arbor Day
 - b) National Boys & Girls Week
 - c) Army Day.
- 5) Increase flag education. Has every public building in your community an American Flag?
- 6) Have you followed the Model Bills for national defense prepared for the Federal State Conference on Law Enforcement Problems of National Defense? If such Bills have been introduced in your State Legislature, please make sure that they are enacted in to Law.

Remember that all suggestions in our monthly bulletins are important. Please read the former bulletins and let this one serve as a supplement to the others.

~~If you need speakers for your rallies do not hesitate to call upon us.~~

I look forward to seeing you in Louisville.

Very sincerely yours,

NORMAN L. MARKS
National Americanism Committee
10 East 40th Street, N. Y. C.

PERCY FRIEDLANDER
Chairman of Americanism Committee
310 South 4th Street, Louisville, Ky.

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300 Fourth Avenue
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February 17th, 1941.

Mrs. Bertha Corets,
956 Edison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Corets,

We hope you and the members of your organization are planning to attend the Meeting on Tuesday evening, February 25th, 1941 at 8:30 P. M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Concourse Plaza Hotel, 161st Street at Grand Concourse.

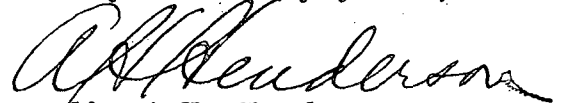
Tuesday, February 25, 1941 has been set aside as Bronx Women's Day during observance of National Brotherhood Week to give recognition to the splendid cooperation of the Women of the Bronx in helping to promote and foster mutual understanding and harmony among Bronxites of all faiths who believe in American Democracy.

A well-rounded colorful program has been arranged for Tuesday evening. There will be excellent speakers, music, vocal selections. Both Bronx Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have a special part in the program.

Won't you ask your members to invite their husbands so as to make this gathering truly representative of the Bronx -- a real interfaith meeting -- of public spirited Bronx men and women.

There will be no admission charge as all expenses are being defrayed by the Bronx Interfaith Council.

Very sincerely yours,



Albert H. Henderson,
Chairman,
Bronx Committee,
National Brotherhood Week,

AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION

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MRS. ALINE DAVIS HAYS
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DR. WALTER SCOTT NEFF
Executive Secretary

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Administrative Secretary

February 20, 1941

Dear Friend:

The American people today face a crisis rivalled by none in their history.

Step by step, and accompanied by a deadly attack upon our civil rights, our living and working standards, our democratic institutions, we are being driven into the war raging in Europe. If the President's War Powers Bill is passed, in the teeth of the overwhelming opposition of the majority of the common people of our country, only a hair-line will separate us from open warfare--with all that war means for the bodies, the health, the welfare of our people.

BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT! Thundered at by false leaders, betrayed by their elected representatives, they are in motion in every neck and cranny of the country in a battle to control their own destiny.

At this time of crisis, the American Peace Mobilization has issued the enclosed Call to an American Peoples Meeting, to be held in New York City, on April 5-6. At this great convention, people from all over the country--from mine, mill, and office, from farm and Church, Negro and White, the women, the young and the old--will take the steps "to mobilize America for Peace, Liberty, and the Common Welfare."

In the name of Peace and Freedom, we urge you to:

1. Bring the issues in the Call to the attention of your organization.
2. Have your organization elect delegates to the American Peoples Meeting.

Further copies of the Call, or any other materials or information may be obtained at this office.

Fraternally yours,

Walter S. Neff
Dr. Walter Scott Neff
Executive Secretary

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... MOBILIZE FOR PEACE ...



April 12, 1941

Mr. J. George Fredman,
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
276 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear George,

I suppose you have noticed the investigation going on of the drug companies with the attempt to show German control. What they mean, of course, is the I.G. Fabrenindustrie.

Do you recall about two years ago, I made an analysis of Agfa Ansco showing the trade mark owned by the German company. From this analysis we found the interlocking of several companies, WINTRHOP being one, with the American I.G. Chemical Co. I have within my files a wrapper that the American made Agfa film is wrapped, and one in which the German film is wrapped. They are identical in design and color, except for a few words.

Would it be worthwhile to write Washington and tell them of our investigations, if only as a gesture to show that we understand the situation.

I should be very glad to meet with you and make up a report that would have sufficient weight.

Somewhere in my file I have original bills of lading showing shipment of drugs from Germany to the Schering Corp. I tried to find them just now, but that's always the way with one man research bureaus, - can't find things when you need them most.

Please let me know what you think of this.

Best wishes to you and Mrs. Fredman for a Happy Passover,

Sincerely,

MEMORANDUM

from

J. George Fredman

NATIONAL EDITOR

"The Jewish Veteran"

JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the UNITED STATES

591 Summit Avenue * Jersey City, N. J. * JOurnal Sq. 2-0693

April 15, 1941

Memo to Mrs. Mark Corets.

Dear Bertha:

I have been following the tie-up on the German Chemical Companies here.

We knew of the Shering situation some time ago and the FBI have been checking on them for several years. There was also the Sterling Products Company, Merck and several others involved. I doubt if we ought to butt into this now that the government has taken over the investigation. If, however, we do find something recent which they may not know about, we should notify them. In the meantime, let us keep our eyes and ears open.

With warm regards and best wishes to you and Mark, I am

JGF/s

Sincerely,

George

May 2, 1941.

Mr. Geo. Friedman, Past Natl. Comdr.,
276 Fifth Ave.,
City.

Dear George:

In the foot-note of one of your letters you mention the absence of the American flag at Hias. I have investigated this and find that you are right. I am informed by one of our sisters of Krumholz Anz. that Isadora Genet is personally presenting this flag.

Hoping that this answers one question and with continued good wishes, I am,

Loyally,

Bertha V. Gorats,
Dept. Pres.

Sadye Katz,
Assist. Secy.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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FRED S. HARRIS
National Commander

May 7th,
1941

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets
President, Dept. of N.Y., L.A.
956 Edison Avenue
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Bertha:

Thanks for your letter of May 2nd, and for the information contained therein.

Our friend, Gennet, certainly gets around for himself.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


J. GEORGE FRIEDMAN, PNC
National Editor

JGF/gs

May 22nd, 1942.

Mr. Geo. J. Friedman, P.H.C.
276 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear George:

I am returning your release as per your request. Please notice the back page. Both of these women were at the Patriotic Conference but the Vice Pres. of the organization is the one who jumped up at me in the Resolution room. She is a fine looking woman with premature white hair, intelligent, well informed, cultured and prejudiced. The release is very enlightening. Thank you for sending it to me.

With best wishes to you, I am,

Loyally,

Bartha V. Corbett,
Dept. Pres.

Sadye Katz,
Assist. Secy.

P.S.-I shall try to make a report for the Veteran as you request as soon as I get over some of my present responsibilities. The Convention will soon be here and after that a vacation - I hope.

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Dear Malvina,

I went down to the National Executive Boycott Com. meeting this evening and since so few turned up and Edgar had locked himself out, we wound up at the State Department meeting (Poets) at the Hotel Sharon, for the purpose of discussing action to be taken on a Nazi parade to be held on the 30th at 1 PM beginning from 86th st and Lexington Ave., down to 57th across to 6th Ave and then to the Hippodrome for a mass meeting.

The men have formed a committee to discuss plans to oppose it.

I am now suggesting that you send a telegram to Mayor La Guardia protesting this parade and the flaunting of the Nazi flags which we recognize ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ to our sacred principles of liberty and democracy.

We as wives, sisters, mothers, widows and daughters of veterans who gave service to our beloved country when these sacred principles were in danger will personally be present, if it becomes necessary, to prevent this demonstration of Nazi activity in New York City.

We feel in order to preserve peace, and to prevent riot and bloodshed, this parade should not take place, and recommend the revoking of the permit for this parade.

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Let me know if there is anything else you suggest. If we do not hear of the permit being revoked in a day or two, it might be proper to ~~mas~~ our women together with the men and make a real showing.

Sincerely,

Bertha

956 Edison Ave. Bx
Underhill 3-1499

For Release Monday, October 26, 1942

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE SEEKS ACTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY CONCERN
WHICH ADMITTEDLY REFUSES APPLICANT BECAUSE OF RELIGION;
COMPANY TO ANSWER SUMMONSES TODAY

The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League has sought redress in the courts for the victim of what the League's chairman today described as one of the most blatant examples of discrimination ever to have come to its notice.

The League has been conducting a campaign against discrimination because of race, color or religion, charging that such discriminatory practices smack of Nazism and have the effect of impeding the united war effort by all elements of the American people against Nazism.

Isidor Rosenstock, 701 West 180 Street, New York, was sent out by the United States Employment Service in response to a request by the Shelter Island Oyster Co. for a cashier. Interviewed by the company's manager, Rosenstock was informed that the concern does not employ Jews.

On a card provided by the United States Employment Service, the manager wrote as the reason for rejecting the applicant, Mr. Rosenstock, "RELIGION".

Julius L. Goldstein, attorney and chairman of the League's executive committee, has been designated by the League as counsel for Mr. Rosenstock, who has sworn out summonses under the Penal Code against the Shelter Island Oyster Co.

The summonses are returnable today in Essex Market Magistrate's Court, under Sections 580 and 700 of the State Penal Code, which provide penalties for concerns discriminating against applicants for employment on the basis of race, religion or color, particularly where contracts involving war supplies are concerned. This apparently is the first case to be brought under these Sections, in which incontrovertible documentary evidence as to facts could be presented, and the League hopes, through this action, to establish the extent to which criminal penalties may be invoked under New York statutes in cases of this type.

Mr. Rosenstock is the father of three sons, 18, 14 and 4. The eldest is in City College on a scholarship; the fourteen-year-old attends Brooklyn Technical high school.

The U. S. Employment Service, at 10 East 40 Street, was not aware of the discriminatory practices of the Shelter Island Co. when it sent Mr. Rosenstock out on the job, and a spokesman explained to a League representa-

tive that it would not service the company any longer.

Professor James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, asserted today that "this case is one of the most blatant examples of discrimination ever to have come to the notice of the Anti-Nazi League. It is in direct violation of our war policy as enunciated by President Roosevelt, and is an example of how man-power is being wasted by unpatriotic individuals. Morally and politically, discrimination because of race, religion or color is a direct surrender to one of the worst of Hitler's doctrines, and in addition, such practices have the effect of slowing down production and impeding a united war effort by all elements of the American people against Nazism."

For Release Monday, November 23, 1942

ATTEMPT TO USE SEDITION TRIALS AS NAZI PROPAGANDA
SOUNDING BOARD LIKELY TO BE MADE,
ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE WARNS

That an attempt will be made to use the forthcoming trials in Washington of the 28 individuals held on sedition charges, as a sounding-board for the dissemination of Un-American propaganda is the warning of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League which yesterday transmitted evidence of such a plan to William Power Maloney, special prosecutor in charge of the trials for the Department of Justice.

At the same time, the League issued a statement calling upon the press and radio news agencies of the country, to be on guard against an attempt by the defendants to plant anti-American propaganda, introduced as "evidence", into the news columns.

The League pointed to a copy of a leaflet which has come into its possession, written and signed by E.J. Garner and Son, in which the pair assert that "the trial will be an event of great historical importance and will bring the Jewish issue 100% out...Who knows but... the Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion and other writings some known and others unknown to the public..." (will be introduced).

Garner, who is one of the 28 to be tried, was the publisher and editor of "Publicity", a semi-literate weekly newspaper published in Wichita, Kansas, which, until barred from the mails, was filled with Nazi propaganda and anti-Semitic diatribes following the Nazi line. Garner was shown to have connections with the German Railways information office, a Nazi propaganda and espionage outlet in this country. Writers for Garner's newspaper included Edward James Smythe and Colonel E.W. Sanctuary, anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic pamphleteers.

In addition, the League reported that its investigators had discovered a more or less concerted plan among several of the defendants to use the trials in the same manner for purposes of propaganda dissemination.

The Anti-Nazi League advised Maloney that its reports indicated that "many of the individuals on trial expect to make long, vituperative speeches, already being prepared, attacking the Government and the war, which they expect to be reported in the nation's press in detail. Anti-semitism, in line with Nazi propaganda technique, will be stressed.

"Just as many of the nation's newspapers unwittingly fall prey to Nazi propagandists abroad who send out stories which they hope will be used by our press, so do many of these 28 individuals and the people behind them hope that our newspapers may be tricked into running their loud-mouthed lies and innuendoes. The plans of some of the 28 call for exploiting any such propaganda possibilities to the full limit."

For Release Tuesday, November 24, 1942
(or thereafter)

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE APPEALS TO McNARY TO PLACE
REPUBLICANS BEHIND ANTI-POLL TAX LEGISLATION;
DENOUNCES FAILURE OF SENATE TO PASS LEGISLATION

A last-minute appeal to Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican floor leader, to place the Republican members of the Senate behind the anti-poll tax legislation, was made yesterday by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

In a wire to McNary, signed by Prof. James H. Sheldon, chairman of the Anti-Nazi League, the Republican leader was urged to "throw the full force of your support behind the vote for cloture on anti-poll tax bill.

"Senate rules make it clear that one vote against cloture will aid opponents of this measure more than would two votes against the bill itself. Millions of voters all over the country now stand aghast at printed reports that you are placing the Republican group in the Senate in opposition to the stand jointly taken by both President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie. We feel confident that these reports will turn out to have been ill-founded."

Commenting on the Senate's failure to pass anti-poll tax legislation, Professor Sheldon described the tax as "an instrument cunningly devised to pervert democracy by short-circuiting the voting and making it possible for the minority to rule. It is a mechanism consciously planned to rob the common people of the South of the rights which the Constitution sought to guarantee to them.

There can be no legitimate question raised as to the constitutionality of this bill, and efforts to raise such a question are only a camouflage for dark and dictatorial minds. Congress has always had and exercised the admitted power to regulate Federal elections so as to prevent graft at the polls, and the poll-tax is merely the biggest example of such graft.

The apparent failure to get rid of this nefarious perversion of the democratic process is disgraceful at a time when we are fighting on the battlefields throughout the world to preserve our democracy -- and if the efforts of Bilbo and his friends succeed they will deserve a Nazi medal as reward for services rendered our enemies.

For Release Thursday, December 3, 1942
(or anytime thereafter)

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE SENDS MESSAGE OF SUPPORT
TO WISE ON OBSERVANCE OF MOURNING FOR JEWS

The observance of yesterday by the Jews of America as a day of mourning and prayer for the millions of Jews in Europe already slaughtered or threatened with extermination by Nazi Germany evoked a message of support and sympathy from the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

Prof. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the League and former member of the faculty of Boston University, sent to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, leading sponsor of yesterday's observance, a message expressing the Anti-Nazi League's "profound sympathy for the Jews of Europe who have been forced to bear the brunt of the Nazi terrorism".

The text of the message follows:

"The Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League sends you its profound sympathy for the Jews of Europe who have been forced to bear the brunt of the Nazi terrorism. Americans of all faiths join with the Jews of America in mourning for the inhuman slaughter of these defenseless men, women and children.

"But Americans of all faiths are determined that the scourge of Hitlerism be removed forever from the earth -- not only because of our natural horror at the persecution of these defenseless people, but because we realize that such persecution is merely a devilish device used by the Nazis to further their plans for world conquest.

"Through anti-semitism the Nazis seek to gain sympathizers on the basis of a common hate. Now that they are failing on the battlefield and weakening on our home-front as well, they are taking the course which one expects gangsters to follow: torture and abuse of all those who cannot fight back.

"When the Nazis, by these barbaric excesses against the weak and defenseless and against the righteousness of God, reveal their utter contempt for the dignity of man, they make it transparently clear that this war is a war of all the forces of evil met together against the bulwark of Christian civilization, which stands above all else for the value of the individual and the dignity of the human soul.

"Be comforted in the fact that the Jews who have died and the God-fearing people of Protestant and Catholic faith who have borne the same persecutions, have not died in vain. We shall all remember their sufferings in the new world to come and they shall not be forgotten."

Non-Sectarian ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE

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December 3, 1942

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

Dear Mrs. Corets:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which was sent to Mrs. Rosenblatt, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Lehman and Mrs. Dingold. I shall also make an effort to contact them over the telephone to assure their attendance.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours for Victory,

Gerhard Schroeder
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Secretary, Organizations Council

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December 3, 1942

Mrs. Dorothy Lehman,
260 West 72nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Lehman:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Bertha V. Corets, I am calling a meeting of a few ladies whom we know are very much interested in our fight against Nazi and other subversive activities. This meeting will be held at the office of the Anti-Nazi League on Monday, December 7, at 2:00 p. m.

We are very anxious to have your counsel concerning certain phases of our work, and we hope that you will make every effort to attend.

Looking forward to the pleasure of greeting you here Monday, I remain, with best personal regards

Yours for Victory,

Gerhard Schroeder
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December 12, 1942

Mrs. Bertha V. Corets,
956 Edison Avenue,
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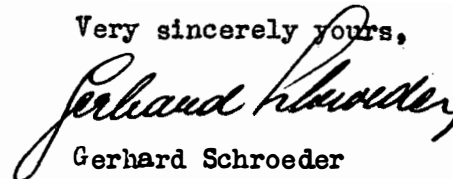
Dear Mrs. Corets:

The ladies who attended our last Women's Division meeting decided to hold their next meeting on December 17, 1942, at 2:30 p.m., at the offices of the League. I was asked to notify you of the time and place of this meeting.

I very much hope that you will be able to attend, and I look forward to seeing you at that time.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Gerhard Schroeder

GS:RSL

956 Edison Ave.,
Bx NY 12/16/42

Room 614
165 W. 46th St.,
NY City.

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

I received your letter and as I told you at the last meeting I will be unable to attend any meeting until after the Christmas holidays.

I have not forgotten my promise and altho I have not had the time to give the subject careful consideration I am typing a few ideas for the presentation of a program:-

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| Citizenship | Education for more intelligent citizenship discussion on general problems, religious, social economic and educational. |
| Rumors: | Collecting and analyzing rumors. Emphasizing that the rumor with an element of truth is the most dangerous. |
| FBI | Cooperating with this organization "FBI bids Public Hunt Spies" Information we may send may fit into the larger pattern they are working on. |
| Propagandist | To continue this work pointing out for encouragement the many who were once considered "Star Strangled patriots" and now under indictment with their publication ended or barred from the mails. |
| Legislation | To acquaint membership with important laws, pending or passed. To know the men who make our laws. |

Wishing you every success,

Sincerely,

December 17, 1942

Memorandum to Women's Divisions:

All women are naturally sympathetic with anti-Nazi and anti-Fascist activities. Whatever their creeds or social attitudes, the degradation of womanhood under Fascism has roused them to resentment. The elimination of German and Italian women from commercial, political and cultural life need only be presented to secure the support of American women. Those women who like to engage in pro-democratic work during the day should be organized into special women's divisions. In general, the women's divisions could concern themselves with the following activities:

1. Arrange social functions, entertainments, lectures etc. to provide funds for educational and other anti-Fascist activities.
2. Develop their own speakers' committee and send their members to address women's organizations throughout the city.
3. Watch neighborhood activities of Fascists and similar groups in their communities.
4. Analyze political trends particularly anti-liberal and reactionary in their neighborhood.
5. Watch for discrimination in defense industries.
6. Make it clear to other women, by all means at their disposal, that the winning of the war does not secure the right peace.
7. Help in the boycott against the "newspaper axis" by spreading the boycott against these newspapers.
8. Help in the distribution of leaflets which from time to time are printed by the national office.
9. Organize their own paper for the purpose of using this paper for the education of women throughout the country.

10. Try to establish the Council of Women's Organizations for the purpose of working for the better understanding between human beings and to interfere in racial discrimination.
11. Watch that our government is not forced under the pressure of reactionary circles in this country into a peace with the Axis.
12. Establishment of open forums which are to discuss current events and have speakers present the different views. Participate in these forums.
13. Try to educate younger people in schools through their parent-teachers organizations and teachers' unions.
14. Be helpful as volunteers in the offices of the national office.
15. Try to create women's unions throughout the country.