

# **The Bertha Corets Papers**

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**General Correspondence** 

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Mf. LeRoy Collins, Pres. Mat'l Assn. of Broadcasters, 1271 6th Ave. MYC.

In re: Article New York Post 12/2/62
By James McCarthey

Dear Sir.

It is a long time that I have had my feelings riled up when watching TV commercials using pretty young girls to enhance that chance industries provotion of cigarette smoking. One could well imagine that impressionable young people watching these commercials would assume it was both socially and gracefully the accepted thing to do.

I wanted to de momenting vigorous to make public, at least my objection and disapproval offsuch commercials.

Now Cov. Collins has done us all a great service. In view of the fact that he has not hemitated to speak out fearlessly, the he might well have jeopardised his \$75,000. to \$100,000. a year position, I think he deserves public support, and I am immediately expressing myself on his cide. I am reminded that in Great Britain, they have taken the official position connecting smoking, and tobbacco with the responsibility for cancer. Gov. Collins takes the position "that he has heard enough to convince himself that tobacco provides a serious hazard to health".

It is reported \$134,000,000 is received by the industry in revenues from dignest advertising. Should this be any consideration when the health of a nation is concerned. We should be very proud of this man the says" The job of leadership requires taking unpopular positions and I would'nt be happy if I ween't free to speak my mind when I feel I am right about samething".

There is nothing he could do better, then by this cutspoken criticism, to demonstrate that he is the right man for the job.

Very truly yours.

Mrs. Wark Octate

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

1771 N STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C., DECATUR 2-9300

LEROY COLLINS
PRESIDENT

December 5, 1962

Mrs. Mark Corets 956 Edison Avenue Bronx 65, New York

Dear Mrs. Corets:

I greatly appreciated your letter of December 3, regarding my statement on tobacco advertising.

Your comments are reassuring and your support heartwarming. Thank you so much for writing.

Sincerely, Le Roy Ollins

LC/jaj

### 956 Edison Ave., Bronx 65, NY 9/26/64

Hon Barry Goldwater, The senste, Washington, D.C.

CRITICAL CAMPAIGN MATERIAL

Derr Mr. Senator,

I or disappointed that so much of your compairn talks is of a negative nature, telling what faults you find with the democrat opponents.

INSTEAU of telling how to correct or improve existing deficiencies.

Here is an open problem.

THROUGHOUT THE NEW ENGLAND STATES
MILLS ARE CLOSING UP BECAUSE THEY CARNOT C RPETA .ITH
THE LOW PRICES OF JAPANESE IMPORTS.

Pres. Johnson wants to spend millions to allievate the Appalachia depressed areas. Soon you will be faced with the same situation in Maine, Mass. and Rhode Island. When those textile workers lost their jobs (591 fr m Worumbo Mrg. Co., Lisbon Falls, Me and eleven other plants since the lat of the year) they can find no other employment.

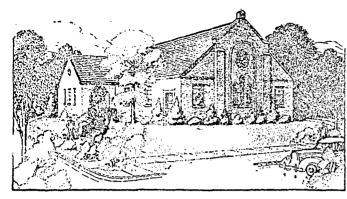
Mr. Bennet of the Rhode Island Textile
Assn said the situation can only be improved by government
action to limit imports of weel textiles and apparel,
either through an international agreement or unilaterally.

TEXTILE CORKERS ARE VOTINS.

GET TO WORK-constructively.

respectfully,

not pers nally involved Bertha V. Corets



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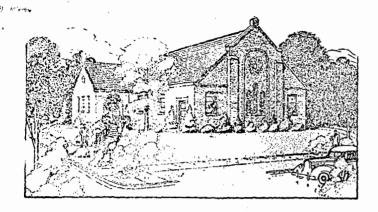
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BATON ROUGE 6, LOUISIANA

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man is her to for the sweet yours. Eternity to your to lack 7 yours. Eternity year to you coronally Rought



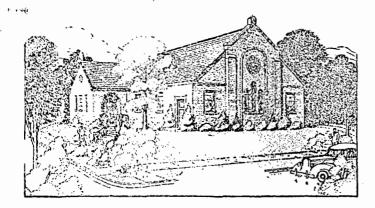
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MARVIN M. REZNIKOFF, Rabbi

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mark Corets + Dear Mr+ mrs Famely: -It was so good to hear from you after all these years! The new year has, unders, added merits. I shall never forget the clothing you sent for refugees that arrived in naples- how some of it was childrens clothing + there were no chedren who surrived how people - young people - said we will have chiesren again in Crety yesroil. and God did bless them. il have been here in Beton Knige



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succe 1949, save for a two year leave. mrs Reputoff + Januara, over eleven year old daughter, extend a cordial unitation to you to visit us wherever you yankees desire to worse this realm of remarked Confederates! Warmert New York greetings from home to home. Cordally harem Khilish

Oct 7, 1962/5723 Ever Yma Kepper

Bertha V. Corets, Chairman.

In November 1964, I recommended to our County, the reading of the Pulitzer Prize winning book written by our martyred president, John F. Kennedy, entitled PROFILES IN COURAGE. About four or five months later, in 1965 the stories were beautifully enacted on television by NBC.

A few days ago, April 27th to be exact, The World Telegram reported that the Peabody Awards Committee singled out this program, as one of two for their highest honors. The second was "CBS Reports". These two programs received almost universal praise from the newspaper fraternity \$\psi\$ assigned to report on the broadcasting medium.

It is very sad to note that Profiles In Courage will not re-appear in the Fall, for the reason it was unable to find a sponsor and that Lassie outran our program in ratings. I think if all our members wrote to NBC at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC expressing our enjoyment and appreciated of these superbly enacted stories of our history, they might reverse their decision. Probably our resolutions committee could send them a certificate of appreciateon.

### Mother's Day

May 9th we single this day to give honor and respect to the living, and loving reverence for the departed. A forgotten writer, Leopold Kompert, wrote more than 100 years ago, "God cannot be everywhere, therefore he created Mothers". That is the most beautiful praise ever bestowed upon woman.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** 

June 23, 1965

Mrs. Bertha VC Corets 956 Edison Avenue Bronx 65, New York

Dear Mrs. Corets:

Thank you for your letter.

I am pleased to learn of your interest in and support of my proposal for income tax credits for college tuition and other related expenses of higher education.

I appreciate your taking the time to give me your views.

Sincerely,

Abraham Ribicoff

DAVID M. POTTS
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Mashington, D. C.

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Dear Friend:

Last November the voters of the 26th Congressional District, in which you live, elected me as their Representative in Congress.

Since then many people living in that. Congressional District have written me about their problems with the government. I have tried to be helpful in all cases and in many I have succeeded.

It may be that you or members of your family have or will have personal matters involving your government. If you will let me, I should like to be of help if possible.

If at any time you would like to write to me on any pending legislation, I shall always be glad to have your thoughts.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

David M. Potts

Member of Congress

### Press release suggested by Mrs. Corets

Our attention has been drawn to several press releases on the part of another organization, stating that they are the National Coordinating Agency for boycott activity in this country.

In view of the fact that six years ago the Jewish War Veterans of the United States was the first organization to recognize the purpose and full meaning of Hitler aggression, and introduced the economic boycott as the only means short of war to stop him, and since the Jewish War Veterans of the United States has continuously and publicly adhered to that program adopted just six years ago today, we cannot permit any organization to make a statement in which they preempt a leadership position that would seem to include officially or unofficially the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. is composed of men holding honorable discharges from the government of the United States for services rendered to our country in times of need. The economic boycott as a means to stop Nazi aggression is an essential part of our program, as is also the fight against all alien isms, Gommunism, Nazism and Fascism.

Our organization stands alone, and is not directed or coordinated by any other organization.

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Dear Bertha, Would like to give you a personal report and å mental picture of yesterdays meeting with Mr. Eble of "made in america cent mis l'ivrote no to meet her at Holpto - at 4 oclock monday, apr. v. much to our surprise an appointment had previously been made to be at Mr. Eble's office for 4.30 and Mrs C had already a typervitten list of questions that she wroked to submit to him. This Tribung was also at the office at the time and Mis C. requested her to be spokesman for our interview. and we hurrically rushed to the greybar Bldg where the "Made in america Olich have their offices, and mis C gave us just a fan den of the whole situation en our way ug-town. introduced to me oble. Had autrepate a much defferent looking individual On opening our conversation

m. Eble explained that his organization was started in 1932 and received to in spiration through the insistence of several members of the government service at that time, also mentioning The name of min makel Willebrand (of prohibition fame.) ashis cucular states, he was his commissioner of Customs, etc, (see circular attachea) His organization has suice been financed by members of the match industry and has among its member representatives of the following industries - Pottery, Chinaware, Kugs glass ware, Losiery, Textiles, laces, and other fabrics. He mentioned that "made in auer project, oud american manufacturers were underested. He "feels distressed" because Juvo have not helped finance this organization; supposedly an organization of 5.000,000. The name of a aron strains of Baltimore was mentioned as the

contributor" to the find " and only Jewish directorate. He solunteered that his strag was the head of a cham of 20 furniture stores and a very chilanthiapic wan.

and belonged, because he believed

the organization was a boom to

humanity of a m. golds mith of a

selk firm in My. c. had been a member but requested that his name be with drawn from the list of member ship. When asked "why" he said he did not know. het us add here that Murble had called in a Mr Beck from the order office and his live slewographers to besten to the questions, and he asked each one of them whether this was an wage organization, and the answer was "no" and when he asked one girl why "him, goedsmite resigned sle said becadere he was Jewish," much to the chagin. The evidently ded not know the ansiver to that one. He also advised in confidence that he believed that Bloomingdales would soon leave the wade in am. Club

a. m. e. mointain a branch office in Berlin. He phoned the office of the a.m.c. and Win Bender explained although little business was trans-acted there (Bloomingdale is an officer of) Mrs. C.'s list of questions was geven to a stenographer and Mr. Eble promised to answer them in a letter and sent it to the office of haps. By the way, he claims that he works in er operation with Sam'l Unterweyer This of course was confidentie m. The is broad costing from station wB WV on Thursday at 5. 15-P.M. We, personally (meaning both of us) regret that he was not invited traddens a year representative members of the year and its and, at the office, to permit him to explain his program, eather - han send a delegation & him surce he approached us and wished our cooperation. Our reaction was that the interview was most unsalisfactory. The only thing that had been accomplished

on the offensive, and come to his office to accuse him of being in League with the magis or hu Heart. which he naturally would decry. The fact that a list of "questions were fred at him was antagonying. Too had it was not done in a more subtle manner. Our motives were too obvious. as evidence of this hu Table, much to our surprise phoned this a.m. asked for a better explanation of one of the questions. Doubtless it was a pretext to get further information. Perhaps because we were lesteners and just ventured to ask a terro enlightening questions one, original of this project, i reason forgolantistic maybe he took this means to get our reaction. He was very loquacions on the phone, held a lengthy one sided conversation (he on the defensive) We furnished no information and who has charge of the interview. He was too flattering (gersonal compliments) in his telephone conversation which makes in hore fuspiciono.

Our personal reactions mere, assuming that " made in america Plub" was sincere in its aims, me earld not become affiliated with them for the pumple reason they are averse to the german Bay calt or any boycott of any country. Boy eatt is an unstrument of war po he ray and the federal government is on friendly relations with Hermany. "a boyeat would embarrass the government." He said he personally would not brug german made goods because of. Ette way Jews are breated in germany Our personal impression are that he is a professional promoter and this is a very Inscative means of taking advantage of the present financial and economic pituation in america. of ourse we may be mong but it might be a good near to intervent mr. goedsmill. "Stop, look and listen" is a good slogan to follow At our last boycott meeting February 16th, our Chairman, Mrs. Corets decided that we form a committee for education and school problems. We hear so often of teachers being antagonistic toward Jewish children.

I have lost no time in trying to solve Sister Gnesin's case. Her cousin is in the Aviation School at 64th St. and Second Ave. Mrs. Gnesin's cousin claims there is a great deal of partiality shown, and that \*\*wixidram\*\* Jewish children cannot get ahead. I contacted an executive of the Board of Education, and I met one of the teachers of this particular school and informed him that we object to such discrimination to wards any class. I wish to ask the Committee whether they think it advisable for me to write a letter on our stationery to the Principal of that school, whose name is Elliott C. Noska. In as much as we want to change any existing condition of antisemitism, we must do so in a quiet way. I also advise contacting Mrs. Shaffer who is the President of the Parents Association in greater New York.

Saturde Servere Eshen Notional Boycotte Contitle All the ladies have heard the steps Pres. Roosevelt is taking regarding bringing over the refugees. I have learned from good authority, which at present I am not at liverty to discuss, that Hitler is going to make overtures to the President, to the effect that if we stop the boycott and make a loan to Germany, that he would permit the Jews to remain in Germany. This is absolutely against our wishes. It ought to encourage us to be stronger than ever regarding boycott work. Each and every lady should become a detective; in other words, a G-man, and learn of the various Nazi meetings that they have, and of literature that is handed out, and help us to carry on.

If the German Jews come over here, there will be a labor and racial war. Each and every comrade and sister are requested to write a letter to the President, thanking him for his humanitarian action, and make suggestions to the President, just how and where these refugees shall make their home.

The German-American Bund receives their mail at P.O. Box 75, Station K. Wrs. Cohen secured a box at the same station, where she receives her mail, and intends to carry on a fight.

Mrs. Cohen has also brought the attention of the head of the Board of Education to the application of membership to the German American Bund, which was printed in kam a recent issue of the "Deutscher Weckruf and Beobachter", Nazi newspaper, and an official of the Mayor's office has also brought it to the attention of the xxxx superintendents of the Board of Education of greater New York. A newspaper lady, who was present, whose name I am not at liberty to disclose at this time, immediately called Representative Dickstein and also sent a copy of this application to Borah, and from what I understand, it has already been taken up in Congress.

Dear Max:

I assume that I am addressing my friend, whom I helped before his New York trip to amains exgrammon with landary wearing apparel of various assortment. Although I did not get paid for same and though I do not want to ask for recompense, yet I do expect at least some help in return.

It is probably superfluous to describe conditions pertaining to xxxx Jews. I too belong to one of those who after 35 years are asked to get out and yet is unable to do so with his own means. Would it not be possible for you, or your son or friends to deposit in a National Bank in Paris or some other place the sum of 250 - 500Dollars so that I can get a permit to emigrate?

myself thankful and that I do not want something for nothing and that I shall oblige myself to repay every penny with interest. Perhaps I can accomplish this even sooner than I think, for as you know I am not lazy and have talent for almost everything. Even if it should not be possible for you to help me personally. I believe it should be possible for you to get me the necessary help through relatives or friends.

Please hurry and reply as soon as possible before I despair.

My sincere regards to your wife and son.

Your old friend

Hans

In the world today there is a great competition going on. It is a content among three economic systems. - The Communist, the Fascist and the democratic capatalist system.

Interesting reports in the field of business, was the sale of the Red Star Line to the Holland American Line. This sale included the ships Penhand, Westernland, Gerolstein, Ilsenstein & Koenigstein. These were formerly the property of Arnold Bernstein who is in a Nazi jail on the charge of viblation of Nazi currency laws.

On may 16 there was a report that the City of Toronto began a boycost of German Goods, from five cent pencils to automobile generators. Alderman Donald Fleming of the Toronto City Council told them that Germany "has already delcared economic war against the British Empire and therefore the city should not use taxpayers' money to buy Nazi goods.

A review of reports from the Department of Commerce shows that unusually large quantities of gloves have been imported in March from Belgium, 10,941, Poland 5,382 Switzerland 4,113 which have caused doubts in the domestic industry here as to the actual origin of at least part of the merchandise. It has been held that it may be due to goods originating with the Czech industry, but shipped to these other countries for details, perhaps merely packing, before transhipping to this market.

Letter Assn of Scientific Workers.

Dell skem We had so much to tell steen that will have to call aurtin weeting say Brysott poor

# Bronx Auxiliary No. 64

To The

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### GERMAN DRUG FIRM CONTROLS U.S. FRANDS

The American I.G. Chemical Corporation, representative of the German chemical industry in the United States, is a large shareholder in many of the most important chemical and drug houses in this country. Operating through subsidiaries and investments, this company now owns stock in domestic corporations with a market value of approximately \$36,000,000.

This Nazi firm controls operating organizations in this country which produce dyes and chemicals under German patents. Their investments stem from patents given in exchange for the stock of any number of companies. I.G. owns almost 53,000 shares of Sterling Products acquired in exchange for drug and medicine patents. Principal products are Bayers Aspirin, Phillips Milk of Magnesia, and Dr. Lyons Toothpaste, manufactured by a subsidiary, R.L. Watkins. Co. Among other revenue producers are Fletcher's Castoria and Cascarets.

The General Aniline, controlled by the I.G. and the Sterling products owns the Winthrop Co. The latter makes Chaulmestrol, a drug for leprosy, luminal, a sedative and avertin, an anaesthetic. It also owns an interest in H.A. Metz, which makes Salvarsan, Neo Salvarsan, Novocaine, and Pyramidon, and is part owner of the Bayer-Somese Co.

The I.G. German in its origin and control, also owns a substantial amount of stock in Bristol Meyers & Co., which manufactures, among other products, Sal Hepatica, Ipana toothpaste, Ingram's creams, Gastrogen tablets and Vitalis. It also owns stock in the Vicks (Vick's Vaporub) and United Drug Companies. Incidentally, the I.G. controls the Unyte Corporation, recently merged with Plaskon and Co., Inc., which is now the largest producer of Urea for Formaldehyde Plastics.

Dear Commades and Sisters:

Last year the combined funds from the posts and auxiliaries sent in for boycott would have barely paid for the services of one modest worker. Still the organization sent out many boycott releases, various types of printed material, answered all correspondence running into thousands of letters, held public meetings, and gave personal support. This was in great measure due to the inspired voluntary workers, who served on the Boycott Committee, and who so unselfishly gave both of their time and personal expense. Most of these workers will continue again this year in the same way.

However, the pressing problem before our organization is how our boycott and anti-nazi work should be intensified. Daily we read with serious reflection, the spread of the bund and anti-semitism in this country and the mirage of Hitler's power in Europe. We must awaken our neighbors to this menace to American liberties growing amongst us. We must fight for the persecuted and hopeless in Europe, who I am sure, in their prayers for deliverance, direct some of their pleas to us. Our work must be broader and more agressive. We must have newspaper publicity to reflute the Nazi lies. We must work with our Congressmen and Senators to bring about a better understanding of this subversive element, and for many more things we must have funds.

While we realize the fund-raising ability of each post and auxiliary is limited, it must be recognized that many have never responded, and most of them could do more, but in addition to this, we must appeal to outside sources, who can and should assist us to carry on this most important work. We have seen the successful efforts of some of our comrades in securing financial support for their journett., and feel that if some of that initiative and energy were extended in fund-raising for this vital important work, it would surely go over the top. Comrades and sisters, we are ready to undertake the work, but we must have money to put it in operation. Your cooperation will be the measure of your sincerity in J.W.V.

To Whom it May Concern,

On Sunday afternoon, May 28th, between the hours of approximately four and five o'clock I was standing neard the curb on the South side of 42nd street, between 7th and 8th Avenue.

I had a quantity of papers that I was holding out for passerbys. These were placed in outstretched hands.

A policeman came up to me and told me that I would have to move on. I asked him if it wasn't all right for me to give out those papers. He replied I was littering up the streets. I answered I was not throwing them away but handing them to those who put out their hand. He told me if I did'nt move on he would have to take me in. I replied that it was my understanding that it was proper for me to give out those papers and if it was necessary we would pick up any of our papers that were thrown away in front of me. By this time quite a crowd had gathered around us and the policeman became very short with me, and said "are you going to move away, or I take you in". Just then a young man came up to me took the paper I had in my hand, tore it up deliverately and threw it at my feet. One of the gentlemen around pay me said "Officer, that man is littering up the street, why don't you arrest him, I have your number #3549, if you don't arrest him, this lady who certainly is not throwing them on the street has the right to give them out."

The policeman made no answer at all and walked

away.

Yours truly,

#### DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

# LADIES' AUXILIARY to the

#### JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U. S. A.

Dear Madam President and Sisters:

The next regular meeting of the Department of New York, Ladies' Auxiliary, J.W.V. of the U.S. will be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel, 34th Street and 7th Avenue, N.Y.C. Thursday evening, November 30th. The meeting will be opened promptly at 2:30 P.M.

### WAYS AND MEANS:

It is important to know what the theatre ticket situation is up to date. Will you please help us and comply with the following:

- 1. Report how many tickets you have on hand unsold.
- 2. How many tickets were sold with ticket numbers?
- 3. Do you want additional tickets?

Are there any questions in connection with this? Would you like the Chairman to visit your auxiliary and help put it across?

The Department runs only one affair a year and your auxiliary gets a relate on the amount of tickets sold. From any vieweint - financial, social, and/or artistic - it should be a date on DECEMBER 14th1 How about it? IMMEDIATE ACTION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. Please communicate with your county chairman or the Department Chairman, Ann Abelow. Please bring all maney to the Department meeting on November 30th.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Have you made every effort to increase your membership. Take advantage of the new eligibility. The greatest epportunity is knocking at our door. DO NOT DELAY. From reports, some auxiliaries have more than tripled their membership. If any help is needed, contact the Dept. Membership Chairman, Daisee Haberman.

#### HOSPITAL:

On December 13th, the Department of New York plans to visit the Marine Hespital on Staten Island. It has been the custom of our Department to make an annual pilgrimmage to a hospital but we cannot make this visit without cash contributions from each Auxiliary. Let us not fail those men in their hour of need. They gave of themselves so that our country can still be safe for Democracy. Please send all checks immediately to Dept. Treasurer Miriam Block.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and fervently pray that a victorious peace be restored to us soon.

Loyally,

SELMA JACOBS-Pres.
DEPT. OF N. Y.

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JOHN WANAMAKITR

New York

Philadelphia

April 16th

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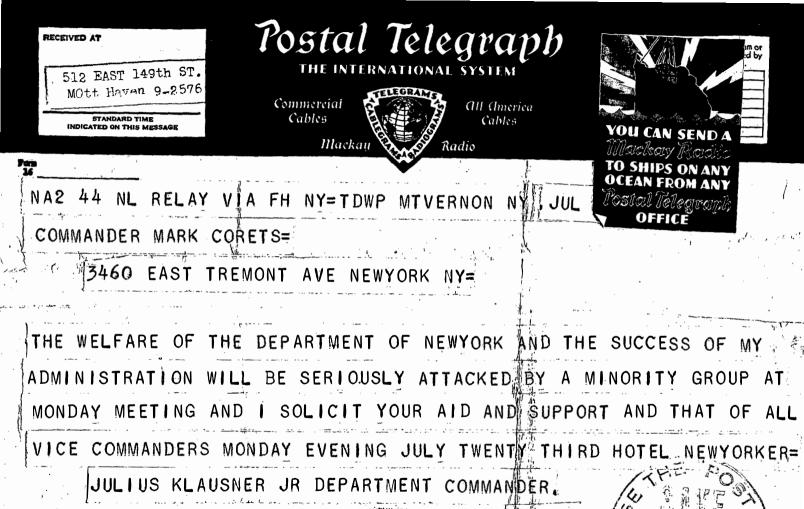
NOTICE TO ALL BUXIERG:

The United States Customs Bureau published efficially on prill4th its ban on the legend "Made in Austria". This ban becomes effective beginning June 13th. Imports from Sustria thereafter will have to be marked to show Germany as the country of origin. However, in keeping with the store policy not to purchase German merchandise, the ban against additional purchases of merchandise in the Province of Austria becomes effective immediately. You are, therefore, instructed to make no further purchases in the Province of Austria.

Department, immediately, a statement of all outstanding orders placed with Austrian firms before the absorption of Austria by Germany. The Invoice Department will be requested to clear merchandise bearing the legend "made in Austria" against such outstanding orders. Morever, it will be instructed not to accept merchandise bearing the legend "Made in Germany even if that merchandise is contracted for on outstanding orders. If this ruling is likely to affect receipt of merchandise outstanding, please communicate with your supplier, immediately, and inform him that the deliveries must be made to this country prior to June 13.

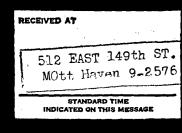
The Invoice Department has also been instructed not to receive any merchandise, bearing the legend "Made in Commany".

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Mear Bentin: It has been called to my attention than Schenley has been ou our boycotte list. I have Contacted our perchasing departucces and they have promised to peop buying from those fine. They have however asked me if we could farmich thouse. with a list of our of-town frims that placed be loyeated. You see, we do very little Haying in New York, but most four stuff is Volugles our. D. town pence our distrelesses are located our of hun york. Have you pull a list?

Duel work people. Regards with the proper color). • 

Their would be interested in from that might seed things that could be used in a ! dietellery, such as glassware or modimen and such. Tur lærge ferme me brey from Knickerbocker Mills Co. Inc. 60, West 26 St. New York we buy ande drugs from them Alvey Fergurson. located in New York + Commate Their are conveyors. Anderstond that we do not know anything about these people. They way personally on augituing your now to know about schauley.

Dear....

First of all my sincere and inexpressible thanks for your encouraging letter. May the Lord bless you in the same measure, was you have helped us with your inspiring letter.

You can hardly imagine how downhearted and depressed a person feels, particularly when one has not earned anything for almost two months and when one must live among strangers on the few Pfennings salvaged. You can figure it out for yourself how much we had to lose in order to be able at all to emigrate from Germany. To do so is certainly not a simple matter, particularly when one is forced to leave everything and when one is forced to flee like a convict sentenced to the gallows:

I am already well known here in Belgium, at least in the circle of my relatives and friends. The call me the Man in the I was dragged out of bed and arrested at two o'clock in the morning. Dressed in my pajamas and barefoot I was chased like a mad dog through the streets of Dortmund in a cold November night until I reached the police station. Half conscious and beaten black and blue I woke up the next morning in a cell. So badly had I been beaten that I had to stay in prison for three days before I was fit to be transferred to a concentration camp. Thus, and in a similar manner almost every German and stateless Jew was maltreated. Everything in the house I lived in was broken to bits by the vandals. Not a plate or a window or a chair or a bedstead remained intact. The kitchen and the heatingstoves were thrown out of the apartmenthouse windows with the fire in some of them still burning. featherbeds were ripped open with knives and their contents emptied on the neighboring roofs. Every piece of furniture that could be forced through the windows was thrown out. Sometimes human beings too were thrown out through windows or beaten up so badly that the next day the bodies of several of these unfortunates were found on the streets. Those who escaped from this nightmare with their lives could be seen the next day hobbling about, their heads bandaged and their faces covered with black and blue marks. The hospitals were forbidden to take in any Jewish patients. Those kindhearted souls who heldped the Jews or even expressed the least sympathy or pity, were likewise put into concentration camps, regardless of what religion they professed, Catholic or Protestant. One could indeed write entire books about these happenings, but even they could not possibly tell the entire story of what went on.

The regular police was powerless, but if one was in their custody, one had at least saved one's life. A policeman whom I happened to know, had tears in his eyes when he saw me, but he was not allowed to extend any help. Another "Schupo" (Traffic-policeman) was kind enough to fetch me a suit the next day. He pressed my hands and averted his head so that I should not notice the tears in his eyes.

Twice a day we received a piece of dry bread and water. As the prison was overcrowded four had to sleep in a cell meant for

one. As a result one could neither unders nor sleep.

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Nazi humor expressed itself by extending to us a so-called "concession" in the form of a piece of garlic which the called "furniture". This piece of garlic was fastened to the ceiling of the cell and then we were invited to "please take a seat"!, though there was neither a chair nor a bed in the room. With so many prisoners in one compartment the air got quickly used up and some of the inmates could not get sufficient oxygen. Several of these prisoners died of suffocation, which was about the only thing the Stormtroopers didn't object to.

On the fourth day were were transported to the concentration camp of Oranienburg. I was not allowed to see my wife and children before I lest. non one knew where we were headed for. We were packed together like cattle led to slaughter. The worst part was the recention when we arrived at the camp. Such sadism and bestiality never existed in God's wide earth. Our only luck was that there had been about 55,000 Jews arrested. So even if several thousand were murdered, one had a fair chance to escape. In Oranianburg alone about 6,500 Jews and about 9,000 Gentiles were kept. Our train that night contained about 1,000 Jews. Their ages ranged from 14 year old youngsters to 78 and 81 year old men. Among the crowd I noticed a lawyer whom I know, who had old men. been arrested with both of his sons. Particularly ill treated were the Rabbis. The doctors, the Lawyers and the Jurists. Everything was based on chicanery and it was therefore useless to ask "Why?". The most one could ask was "Why am I still alive?". We arrived late at night and the train stopped in the middle of the woods... far removed from all habitation. Enormous searchlights were trained on us. The S. S. and the S.A. came storming into the compartments and using their whips drove us out. At every exit there stood men with fixed bayonets, with which they out open the bellies of those who alighted. This resulted in an instant panic. Some of the prisoners jumped out of the windows. This was "Verboten" and those who did jump were immediately speared by the bayonets of the Nazis. I do not know how many lest their lives during this incident. Once out of the train, we were immediately chased through a gauntlet of fixed bayonets. From the front we were blinded by the glare of the searchlights while from behind we were driven by the rifle butts of the Nazis. How many lost their lives then, Lagain cannot even estimate. Finally after a chase lasting two and a half hours which made me sweat so much that even the outside of my overcoat was damp with perspiration, we arrived before a wall, in front of which we were lined up. The entire surface of this wall was covered with a network of barbed wire charged with 500 volt electricity. Then a count took place ..., a count that had a sinister meaning to it; for whoever prisoner was unlucky enough to get a certain number was shot from behind. God help those who dared to look what went on behind their backs. We were not allowed to move our heads either to the left or to the The command was "Stand Still:" Thus, with our hats in one hand and wet with perspiration we stood still on one spot the entire night.. and the entire day following for about 26 hours without food or drink. We certainly got "cooled off" during that period. Most of those who underwent that experience are still suffering from its effects today. One was even denied permission

to go to a toilet and whoever couldn't hold out simply had to make the best of the situation... a few older men protested and asked to be let go. They got their wish, but they never returned. They were thrown into the same sewerhole where they had been led to and thus suffered a terrible death for their sense of decency.

Everyone had to shout continuously "I am a traitor to the people", "I am guilty of the death of Yom Rath!", "I am the destroyer of German Kulture!" and such stuff. I t was too bad for him who didn't holler loughenough.

There were many who couldn't stand still any longer and who dropped to the ground exhausted. They were allowed to do so, but a few moments later a black handcart arrived and the last greeting was "Hats off!". Perhaps some of these men still lived? I don't know for certain. but God help him if he was still alive... for there was no return after such a man was once placed on this handcart, even is he should cry for help.

Finally, in the evening, after twenty-six hours of this torture, we were led to the barracks. There our at identity was established while we had to undress down to the skin. Then our hair was shaved off and we received a showerbath. After this we were handed prisoners outfits with the shield of David sewed onto the left side of the jacket and on the right pants' leg ... so as to distinguish us from the gentilex prisoners. The jumper and the trousers also had a number sewed on. As undergarments we received light summer underwear. Every bit of clothing and personal belongings, even such as socks and handkerchiefs were taken away from us and replaced by the prison outfit. Then we were led to the barracks. But whoever thought that this would mean food, was in for a disappointment. We were first lined up again and informed of the rules and regulations governing the The sounded something like this:

"The parting with your private possessions such as clothing, means also that you have left behind your private identity. Here in this camp one is no longer called "Cohn" or "Schulte" or "Mueller", but just number so and so. Forbidden is everything, permitted nothing... Everybody must call one another 'Thou'(Du). Comrades, you are now all equal: No matter if you were once a millionaire

or a pauper: every common soldier is your superior!

Finally about nine o'clock in the evening we were allowed to go to sleep. Before retiring we received a piece of what tasted like potatobread and a piece of sausage. I couldn't get myself to eat this food. The "bed" wonsisted of a pile of straw on the concrete floor and a horse blanket as cover. We had to lie on the side, for there was not room enough in the place to lie on our backs. When one side started to ache, we had to stand up and get down again on the other side. Shoes, pants and coat served as pillows. Thus we lay, tightly pressed together with our feet pressed into each others belly the entire night.

This may sound like a horror-tale out of the middleages when you read this ... but believe me it isn't so pleasant when one has experienced all this personally. But just why should I bother your heads with all such useless accounts? But the truth you

shall know. Newspapers report too little... They are afraid. Why should the world not learn the truth?

We owe our lives to the old political prisoners who had passed already two or more years in the camp. Among these prisoners were pastors and priests as well as preachers who had spoken the truth from the pulpit and who were incarcerated for no other reason than that. More than once had a pastor, in his capacity as overseer in a campblock consoled an entire community of Jewish prisoners, though to do so invited severe punishment. As so I had to leave all I owned and worked for during my entire life and with my wife walk the entire night so that I could cross the border illegally. Here we were received on condition that we would get out as soon as possible so as to make room for other refugees.

(Now follows a few lines from his wife)

Just a few words... I have so much trouble with the children. They to ock sick. It seems they can't stand the damp climate. I hope I can manage to get away soon. This long wait makes me nervous...

Dear Bertha:

I think we ought to get out some stickers, similar to the attached but smaller, to be distributed to physicians throughout the country, which they should attach to their prescription blanks: It might read:

" Please fill with American chemicals"

or

"Please use only American chemicals" (or drugs)

It might be well to discuss with a physician to give us a suggestion. We could have these distributed as well to drug stores to remind them. I would not specialize in Jewish physicians only.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THANK YOU

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States are furthering a movement to have American manufacturers conspicuously mark all products manufactured here "Made in U.S.A.".

The U.S. Customs Laws require that all imported merchandise be stamped, in a conspicuous place, with the name of the country of origin. Some foreign manufacturers, in order to avoid boycotts and other objections of purchasers, are evading the proper compliance with our laws, and are sending their merchandise here without proper markings. Since many American manufacturers do not stamp their merchandise, and with so many foreign imports similarly being un-marked, many American buyers are doubtful as to the source of merchandise offered. Experience has proven that frequently American manufacturers lose trade because of omission of this mark.

The Jewish War Veterans intend to approach

Chambers of Commerce and large industrialists direct to in
clude the "Made in U.S.A." mark on all American-made products.

(Please take the above matter up with the Chamber of Commerce in your community without delay).

# REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE TO CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS, Inc.

On

#### THE LEAGUE'S BOYCOTT ACTIVITIES

By

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#### BOYCOTT

When the Nazis came into power in Germany at the beginning of 1933, a large number of people in the United States and other sections of the world felt that the only method of stopping the progress of the Nazis in the land of their origin, as well as in other countries, was to carry on the boycott of German goods, shipping and services. The movement in the United States was carried on under the direction of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, of which Samuel Untermyer became the president. The American organization soon contacted similar organizations in other countries and helped to form still others, out of all of which there emerged the World Non Sectarian Anti Nazi Council with headquarters in London. Mr. Untermyer also became president of this world-wide organization.

Although from the very start the boycott movement attained great strength, there were a number of people—many of these in important stations in social life—who felt that the boycott was not quite the weapon to be used against the Nazi movement. One reason given was that it is an undignified manner to deal with the situation; another that it would be followed by further persecution of the Jews and others in Germany; another argument was that the boycott could not achieve the results it had set out to achieve. Some have felt that boycotts lead to war.

The underlying principle of the Nazi party is the regimentation of all industry and labor in Germany and the surrounding countries for the benefit of a few who might be considered as the leaders of a certain race - theoretically the cream of the human race. The Nazis

aim to suppress Jews, Socialists, Communists, Pacifists, Monarchists and all other groups which do not or cannot subscribe to the Nazi outlook. The Nazi theorists wrote volumes on the past moves to conquer the so-called inferior races and countries outside of Germany.

In spite of the wide feeling at the time the Nazis came into power that Hitler could not possibly carry through his program because of its enormity and the shocking extremes to which it would lead, nevertheless if any man who has ever attained power has at any time carried out a program faithfully, it has been in the case of Hitler. To those who still feel that Nazism is not a serious menace, we can point out the fact that not only has Hitler taken every step promised in his book "Mein Kampf" such as absorbing Austria, but there are a number of important steps, still awaiting fulfillment, which it is reasonable to conclude will be carried out if the Nazis are not barred in time.

The argument that the boycott is not moral can be answered by saying that boycotting German goods is nothing more than severing any economic ties we have had with Germany in the past and refraining from giving any economic aid of our own to the Nazis either directly or indirectly. Moreover, morality dictates to us to take such a step, as otherwise we would only be contributing to the persecution of either ourselves, our brothers, or others sharing our own outlook on life. Instead of being a step toward war, it is a step which makes war unnecessary, or avoidable, if that is possible.

The boycott, far from being an attempt by America to meddle with the affairs of a foreign government, is only an attempt to carry out a plan by individuals acting voluntarily in an organized and effective manner.

We do not claim that the boycott has been successful in the complete sense inasmuch as the success of the boycott would mean the end of the Hitler regime. If the boycott has attained enough strength to give concern to the Hitler regime we feel that we have achieved a degree of success.

In America's increase of foreign trade most of the important

countries of the world except Germany have been participating. Whereas in 1932 Germany's share in America's imports were 6.6%, this ratio has been steadily dwindling to the point where it is less than three percent of our total imports. The latest figures show a drop of from \$22,130,689.00 during the first three months of 1937 to \$14,291.372.00 during the corresponding part of this year.

Germany has threatened the United States with a complete loss of her export market for us, if this trend continues. However, America has little to worry about such a threat since in the first place our exports to other countries have gained to such a great extent that we can almost ignore Germany; and secondly, American exporters have little to hope for in the way of foreign exchange from Germany. All that Germany can offer us is German merchandise such as toys and novelties, which the American consuming public is not too prone to accept.

Germany certainly feels the pinch of the boycott. The Nazi reaction is to strengthen the movement to autarchy or self-sufficiency, which turns out to be extremely economical for Germany. In the meantime, the German population is suffering greatly by the continued decrease in wages and the standard of living, the quality of foods, the quality of clothing and even commercial products which Germany hopes to sell abroad.

Outside of the moral question of the boycott, industries in the United States and other democratic countries to which exporters have turned for new sources of supply, have been improving as the result of the boycott. We can mention the steel industry to the United States and Sweden, the chemical industry in the United States, Switzerland and England and such other American photographic supplies, wood and paper, toys and novelties, machinery, glassware and chinaware. The German exporters and unscrupulous merchants have taken every conceivable step to circumvent the strength of the boycott either by finding loopholes in the American marking laws, or by flagrantly violating these laws and hoping to escape punishment. The League has been studying every angle of the boycott and in the course of its work has compiled quite a store of information on the

methods attempted to annul the workings of the boycott. In numerous instances we have worked with Federal and State authorities to bring offenders to justice. If the boycott were not strong and keenly felt, this phase of our work would certainly not have reached its present dimensions.

In spite of the good results that we have obtained, we must constantly bear in mind that the Nazis have not given up their fight. The Nazi government is in dictatorial control of all monetary holdings in the country and applies vast quantities to extend the Nazi doctrine to all countries abroad including the United States. If one considers the boycott as already marching in full swing without the necessity of further attention, he is wrong. We must continue to spread our own propaganda and awaken the public to the necessity of combating Nazism.

If we wish to preserve the democratic principles as the basis of our American institutions, the boycott has certainly not gone far enough. It requires the attention of all liberty loving men and women the world over, particularly where all activities are not interfered with by a meddling government. It is now almost five years since the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League was organized. The objectives we had in mind have been partly realized. But the major part of our work has still to be done. With the support of a strongly organized national organization, such as I think we are now having, there is no doubt that our work will be crowned with early success.

Report of Mrs. Gertrude Cohen

1. Beauticians and Cosmotoleogists

My first step was to organize a group of women, sympathetic with the aims of the Boycott Committee. Our procedure was as follows:-

- a. We went into beauty shops and asked them to replace their German implements with those of American manufacture;
- b. In order to assure the carrying out of our requests, we shopped each beauty parlor weekly until they complied with our requests;
  - c. Two ways in which we met any opposition were as follows:
    - l. We contacted the Beauticians' Union, Local #913C of the J.B.I.U. of America, and told them of the work we are doing. They helped us considerably in applying pressure. The following illustrates:-

An employe who refused to comply, claiming indignantly that the German implements were superior to those of American manufacture, was subsequently forced to resign;

2. In Brownsville, the heart of the Jewish section in Brooklyn, there is a shop called "Sally's", located at 1823 Douglas St., which is in the neighborhood of a Turkish Bath. Both these places were patronized by the same clientele. The beauty shop used german merchandise, and refused to stop using it. I proceeded in the following manner:-

For quite a number of weeks, I patronized the Turkish Bath. By holding informal discussions with the women at the Baths, I informed them of the situation at the beauty shop. Quite naturally they were indignant, and agreed to help, by not patronizing the beauty parlor and having their friends do likewise. The immediate result was that the business at the beauty parlor dropped to such an extent as to force the owner to sell out. The new owner is 100% with us. I personally recommend the procedure I used in this case as being very effective.

#### 2. Coal

I learned that german coal was being offered for sale at the rate of \$3.00 per ton less than the domestic product. I contacted several places under suspicion (mostly Turkish Baths), and after a lengthy correspondence with them, they pleaged themselves to cooperage with us despite the fact that this increased their operating costs.

#### 3. Hotel New Yorker

I had an interview with Mr. Ralph Hitz, who operates the hotel,

I informed him of our campaign. He promised that in due time he would change the german dishes now in use, but would not take any immediate action. On german wines, he agreed to remove same from his printed menu. However, I am not satisfied with this case, because of the attitude taken by Mr. Hitz, and recommend that further steps be taken.

#### 5. Beads

I investigated the case of Mr. Boris Weisman, 154 West Avenue P, Brooklyn. He denied that he used german merchandise. He also denied his affiliation with the firms of Hollander Bead Co., Eittinger Bead Co., York Novelty Co. and the Novelty Bead Co., which firms are suspected of using German merchandise. Upon investigating for several weeks, I found this to be untrue, and that he has some connection with three of the above mentioned firms. Further data is in the files of the Jewish War Veterans Boycott Committee. I feel that this case is not cloed.

#### 6. Research

The Joe Lowe Corp., a bakery located at 601 W. 206th St., N.Y.C., is using a cream made in Germany, as an ingredient in the making of their product. While I haven't as yet found an American substitute for this product, I believe I shall be successful in doing so.

#### 7. Architect's blueprints

I learned of a group of architects who imported their blueprints from Germany. We wrote and asked their reason for the use of the German paper. In their reply, they stated that there was no paper of the same quality available in America. I spent a great deal of time in research, by contacting the Engineers' Club at 32 W. 42nd St., N.Y.C., and also the Engineers' Union, located at 184 W. 184th St., and found names of American Paper Manufacturers who made a product equal to that of Germany. Complete information was given to the National Boycott Committee. I recommend further action.

#### 8. W. T. Grant Stores

I visited several of the W.T.Grant Stores, and found that they were selling German merchandise, such as gloves and various other sundries. After a lengthy correspondence, an interview with one of the executives was finally procured. As a result of this interview, he promised the following:-

- a. He would withdraw all his German merchandise and cooperate with us in every respect.
- b. However, there were certain Christmas articles which he had already purchased from Germany (i.e. Christmas tree articles). These he wished to sell at Christmas time. I therefore informed him that if he pursued this course, we would consider Grant stores as still on our "blacklist", and that we would positively boycott them. I would like to have the assistance of the Committee in this particular instance, as I feel this matter is one of vital importance.

#### 9. James McCreery & Co., 34th Street and 5th Ave., N.Y.C.

I discovered the above concern to be selling german kuchens and condiments. I have maken no action on this, but it should be followed up.

#### 10. R.C. Williams Co. (Wholesale Groceries and Wines).

After a great deal of difficulty, I obtained an interview with a member of the Williams' family, who lives on Tenth Avenue.

·He gave me a thorough hearing and made the following statement:-

He is perfectly in accord with my argument, but feels that he must stress the following points:-

His business is to sell groceries, wines, etc. Most of the demand for the german pickles, wines, etc. comes from Jewish merchants and people of Jewish faith. Irrespective of his own beliefs and ideals in this matter, he feels that since the demand is there, he must satisfy his customers, even though they want German goods. I inquired as to where he sells his merchandise and he willingly gave me several of these outlets, which were of Jewish ownership. The above is a sad case of Jewish callousness.

#### 11. International Business Machine Co., 270 Broadway, N.Y.C.

Upon receiving a complaint about this company, I corresponded with them and requested an appointment. This was granted, and Mr. Britmeyer, Vice-president and Mr. Philips, Secretary, were both present at the interview. These gentlemen were very considerate and very much surprised at the tone of our letters to them and that we were suspicious of them. They professed friendship with the Jewish people, stating that of their 35,000 employees, many were Jews. They also said they donated to Jewish organizations and had even subscribed to a Jewish magazine. I informed them that finding this out was not my reason for seeing them, but I did want to know why they were doing business with Germany. They said they were not forced to answer this question, but would do so. For the past forty years they had a branch in Germany where their products were manufactured and distributed. They claimed that it was not necessary for them to ship their german products to this country for sale, stating also that the domestic product was superior. On questioning, they admitted that this was sometimes done and that the American company exported some products to Germany. Because of the fact that Mr. Watson of this company was decorated by Hitler recently, I feel that we should learn more about their busines: Mr. Watson is also to be the host to the  $\mathcal{D}$ uke of Windsor, on his scheduled visit to this country, a fact worth noting because of the  $\mathcal{D}$ uke's visit and fraternization with the officials of the German government.

Since accepting the position of a member of the National Boycott Committee, I have given two or three hours of my time each day towards this worthy cause. Many things I attended to, are on file, and I have not mentioned them here. I wish to point out that since I cannot contribute large sums of money needed for the Boycott work, I finance all my undertakings, at no time having received one cent towards my work. National should invite more who are willing to help our Chairman, Mr. Edgar Burman and Mrs. Corets, as I do.

## OPENING ADDRESS BY DR. B. DUBOVSKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

Fellow Delegates, in the name of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, I bid you welcome.

Five years ago delegates of approximately one-half of the organizations represented here today assembled in this city to voice their protests against the armed forces who had seized the control of the German government. At that time, we recited the crimes already committed by the Nazis and prophesied that their ideology, if unchecked, would in time threaten to engulf all humanity. We appealed to our fellow citizens to help isolate and quarantine the carriers of this pestilence through an economic boycott. Our hope was that, without nourishment, the Nazi fungus would die and true, democratic Germany might be revived.

Five fateful years have passed. And today we meet again, to review the lessons of those years, to examine the records of our activities, to judge whether our fears were justified, to decide whether the struggle against Hitlerism and Nazism is still needed, should be accentuated, broadened or abandoned.

We meet in the comparative security of this auditorium at the heart of the world's greatest city. But all around us is a world gone mad with fear. We sit today, not in a hotel auditorium, but at the deceptively, quiet center of a whirlpool.

Five years ago, many of our good natured, but naive neighbors, were not willing to share our opinion as to the seriousness of the Nazi threat. They could not, would not believe that Humanity's control of Barbarism was so weak, that a people in a few short years could revert back to the social perceptions of the ape. We were called rabble-rousers, we were the small boy who yelled "Wolf".

For those who still believe that the Nazis couldn't be as black as they were painted let me quote from an editorial written by a most respectable conservative American journalist - Dorothy Thompson, and printed in the respectable conservative American journal - The Ladies Home Journal in its very last issue (June 1938):-

"This spring we have seen the conquest of a small nation by naked, unashamed force, in defiance of every rule and concept of international law, coupled with unbelievable trickery. The conquest of Austria does not mean merely its annexation to Germany; it means the ruthless extirpation in that country of every scrap of civil and religious freedom, the brutal persecution of racial and political minorities, and the suspension of all ideas of Western justice written into law since the days of the Romans.

"Today a large part of the world, including countries which have been, for centuries, centers of civilization, science, literature, learning and law, is really ruled by gangs. Whole nations are in the hands of camarillas of conspirators, who came into power by violence and treachery and maintain themselves in power by the same means. Men rule who are guilty, in their public capacities, of crimes which, privately committed, would bring them death sentences. Men rule who, in their capacity as rulers, have committed murder, arson, slander, libel, illegal confiscation - that is to say, plain and fancy thievery; who are destroyers of homes, wreckers of existences, assassins of characters as well as of lives. They are book burners, pilferers of the people's art collections, rapers of culture. Lying is organized on an enormous scale, with enormous resources of propaganda, and the lie has become, veritably, a major instrument of national policy. Every crime is "legalized" by a decree issued by the criminal. And men seek no further justification for their deeds than that they are successful."

Fear is the natural reaction of the world's masses. Five days ago the United States Army Air Corps finished the first war games ever held in the vicinity of New York City. Senators from the Atlantic Coastal States are demanding an Atlantic Squadron of the U. S. Navy as large as the fleet now guarding our Pacific coast from possible Asiatic aggressors. The remaining democracies of the world are in the midst of a mad armament race, costing billions upon billions of dollars.

For many centuries, Man struggled painfully, heart-breakingly upwards along the narrow path from Savagery. In five years of

unopposed rule, Nazidom has succeeded in thrusting man back to the edge of the jungle.

"If a man on Mars were looking down upon the earth today", said Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler in his last annual report of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, "he would see an unbelievable public immorality in regard to practically everything which relates to national and international life and relations."

Were the fears we expressed regarding the evils of Nazism justified or unfounded?

During the last five years the Nazis have done their worst to prove that not only have we not exaggerated their ability and their readiness to degrade humanity and endanger the peace of the world, but that in our wildest dreams none could have foreseen the depths to which so-called civilized human beings could sink in this enlightened day and age.

Among the opponents of an economic boycott against the Nazis some have argued that granted our distaste for the theory and the practices of the Hitlerites we should not sacrifice business interests on the altar of sentiment. Germany, they said, is one of the hest customers of American goods. If we refuse to buy Nazi made goods the Nazis would discontinue buying American merchandise. This would not only be a loss of our profits derived from such an exchange of trade but it would also increase the number of our unemployed workers.

and taking for granted that trading with the enemy of mankind is permissible if only profitable financially, let us look at the record.

In the five years since the Nazis came to power, we sold to Germany goods grossly valued at four hundred and twenty-six million dollars. During the same period of time, and as a direct result of the creation of the Nazi war machine, and its threat to the peace of the world, we have spent and are spending on our increased national defense several billion dollars. Add to this the millions of dollars which the Nazis refuse to pay to their American creditors, and the money realized from selling merchandize to the Nazis shrinks to

insignificance.

If every dollars worth of goods we shipped to Germany during the last five years were paid for by our national government, the goods distributed among our own poor and unemployed people, and simultaneously if we helped crush the Nazis by an economic boycott, we might have saved, besides the peace of the world also the billions of dollars we are spending and will be forced to spend on increased armaments.

In the name of common sense where are the profits of commercial dealings with the Nazis?

And if this be true of the U. S. it is doubly true of England, France and the other countries, who are spending billions of dollars for additional defence against the enemy they helped create and arm.

Five years ago certain well meaning people argued that what the Nazis do in Germany is no concern of ours. We should not interfere in the domestic affairs of another country.

Again, leaving aside the question as to whether one can claim that if his neighbor is murdering his wife, children, and people living in his house it is his own domestic affair and outsiders should not interfere, let us again look at the record, or better still, let us look at the map.

For one hundred and sixty years, America has believed that it stood supremely aloof from the rest of the world's squabbles. Yet today, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 50 Nazi training camps rear ugly heads above our soil. Along Long Island Sound, in the shadow of Delaware Watergap, in the sanddunes beside the Great Lakes, on the Texas plains, beneath the trees of Oregon, we hear the blatant "Heil" of 250,000 armed Nazis, see the swastika floating over military training camps, learn that American teachers are being enticed into the movement, cringe at the sight of young children lisping "Heil, Hitler". National Socialism is already an aggressive factor in Canada's political life. Mexican Fascists threaten revolt against the established government and open sale of the country's oil to Germany, Japan and Italy. Eight Nazi papers already operate in our largest cities and plans are underway to start a chain of twenty more.

Fritz Kuhn, fuehrer of the American Volksbund, returned from a conference with Hitler only a month ago, boldly told correspondents of the N. Y. Times that Nazi philosophy is applicable in the United States, that he intends to establish a Nazi bloc in Congress and the State Legislatures.

No longer can our good neighbors claim Nazism to be a domestic German affair that is no concern of ours. Our democratic institutions, our civil liberties, my right to give this speech, your right to listen to it...these are the things in jeopardy---here---- today.

We come now to the success of our boycott against Nazi goods. We want to be perfectly frank with you who have so loyally supported our movement.

The boycott could not have been a one hundred per cent success for we had against us many insurmountable obstacles.

In the first place we were confronted with the double standard of morality to which government officials of every country are subjected. By a queer twist of logic or sophistry, government officials, who would privately condemn to death a murderer who killed a single person, officially may and must hob-nob and be chummy with the Nazis who are guilty of murdering thousands of innocent people, even as it was the case with one of the Nazi councils on our pacific coast, a self confessed criminal. Government officials who would shun petty thieves, must extend and accept hospitality to and from the Nazis who stole (confiscated) the property of many thousands of their innocent victims. We had therefore against us all officialdom in every country.

In the second place we had against us those short sighted business men who saw an immediate profit for themselves in the handling of German goods and overlooked, or refused to see, the threat they created for humanity, for their own country and ultimately for themselves.

We had against us all those sinister elements who parade in varicolored shirts. We had to contend with the indifference of a large number of people who refuse to recognize a dangerous menace

until it reaches their own door steps.

And yet, in spite of all these obstacles, and in spite of all the desperate efforts made by the Nazis to flood the world markets with their subsidized exports, in spite of their manipulations with barter and with a wide variety of cheap marks, in spite of stealing the properties of their victims at home and repudiating their debts to their bond holders abroad, in spite of all that, the Nazis have not succeeded, thanks to the boycott, to maintain their exportimport position in the world. And I offer the very latest report of the U.S. department of commerce in evidence that this statement is correct.

You will find the chart reproduced on Page 4 of the May, 1938 issue of our Anti-Nazi Bulletin. It shows, briefly, that while United States trade with Belgium, France, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands reached their ebb in 1929 and have climbed erratically upwards since then, Germany is at its lowest point today. True, that all nations have slumped greatly since the recession set in in the fall of 1937, but no other nation has squirmed, worm-like, along the same low, 1932 level on our trade charts. Germany stands alone in this respect...and we believe that our boycott helped greatly to keep her there.

The Nazi claims that all the Jews and only Jews are boycotting them has as much truth in it as their other claim that all the Jews in Germany and only the Jews were communists. In 1933, when the last democratic elections were held in Germany, though Hitler was already chancellor and anti nazi political leaders were persecuted and their political meetings disrupted by brown shirted hoodlums, five million votes were cast for the communist party deputies. If all the Jews in Germany, men, women and children, workers, professionals, merchants and bankers, the sick and the healthy, the new born babes and those about to die, if all of them would cast their votes for the communists, a statement which only mad men in delirium could accept, they would still make only ten percent of the total communist vote. Whence came the other ninety per cent?

But it is useless to argue with Nazis. One may as well

argue with beasts of prey not to molest their victims.

Is our struggle against Nazism still needed? Should our work be continued, accentuated, broadened or abandoned?

I have no doubt as to what the answer of this convention will be.

Five years ago, when this organization was established, the Nazis were mainly a potential menace to humanity, and many optimists argued that, given power, these barbarians may yet become tame, responsible rulers. Today Nazism and the Hitlerites are an actual menace to every country in the world including our own.

Permit me to quote from the N.Y. Times of May 13th, 1938, a special dispatch from London, England, concerning a parliamentary debate on air armaments:

"At long last public opinion has been definitely informed which great power is the cause of the British rearming. The pretense that huge armaments on land and sea and in the air are being accumulated against all comers seems to have been punctured. The British people are now told—if only by inference—that Germany is responsible for the arms race and that it is against Germany that Britain is expanding her immense war forces.

"It is precisely for this reason that the traditional policy of Britain demands that every possible effort shall be made to reach an agreement with Germany as a potential aggressor.

Because of this threat to the peace of the world the prime minister of England who, to quote the same dispatch, "has repeatedly said publicly and privately that he regards the Nazi regime as the nearest approach to hell on earth" is ready even at the price of real sacrifices to satisfy the Nazis and avoid war. Some of our American cities, notably Chicago and New York, could tell Mr. Chamberlain of their experiences in trying to buy off or bribe their lawless elements. These lawless elements, whether they operate on a municipal, national or an international scale can not be bribed into being decent members of society. They consider the concessions given them as proof of the weakness of their opponents, every gain

whets their appetite for more loot. There is only one successful way in dealing with outlaws... Every law enforcing officer knows it.

In his message to the recent convention of the Binai Brith our President Franklin D. Roosevelt said:-

"Except insofar as we deplore ill-treatment of human beings anywhere, the domestic policies of other nations are of no concern to the United States.

"WHEN, HOWEVER, ALIEN INFLUENCES SEEK TO UNDERMINE THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR OWN INSTITUTIONS, WE BECOME DEFINITELY CONCERNED."

If by some miracle Nazism could be wiped off the face of the earth in a single day, the danger of a new world war would disappear immediately. Millions of young people now trained or in training for the coming world carnage could be returned to useful occupations, and billions of dollars now wasted on war preparations could be diverted to useful productive channels.

Is there, or could there be a stronger argument for the continued and intensified fight on Nazism?

Five years ago Nazism was to us, in the U.S., a distant plague in a foreign land. Today it is near, it is with us, seeking to undermine our own institutions, and we must fight it for the protection of our own lives and our own freedom even if we do not care for the lives and liberty of the rest of humanity.

If the millenium of the Christian, the Promised Land of the Jew, the Federation of Nations preached by Tom Paine, the equality of man foreseen by Washington and Jefferson...if all, or any of these goals are ever to be reached, Nazism must be destroyed...NOW.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE

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