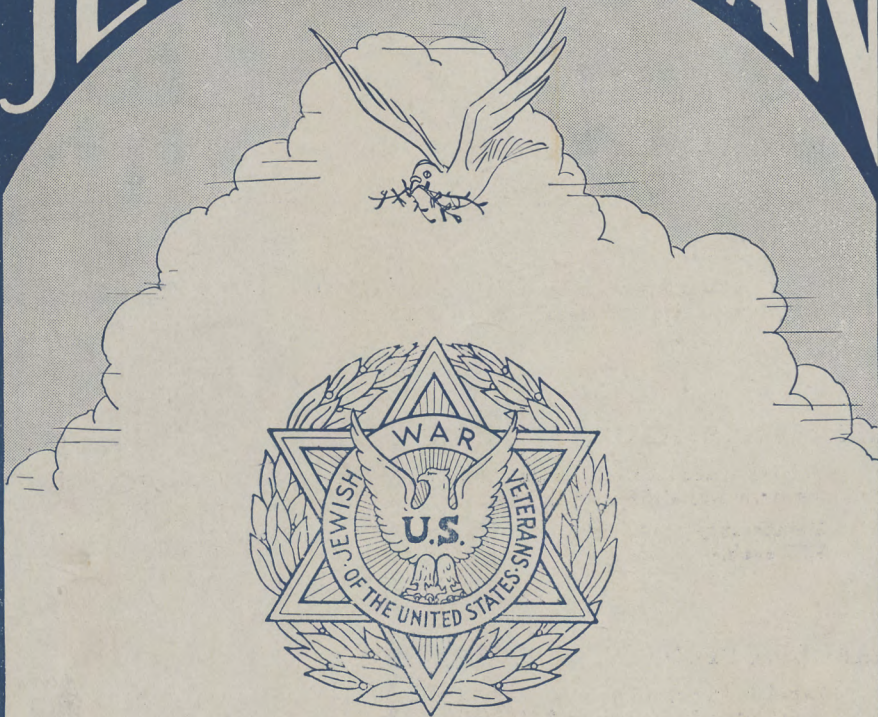


THE JEWISH VETERAN



IN THIS ISSUE:

The Boycott Movement

Can We Make Room For The Refugees?

By Alfred E. Smith

Jewish News and Views

10 CENTS A COPY

NOVEMBER 1933

\$1.00 A YEAR

Jewish War Veterans Supply Department

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: 276 Fifth Avenue, New York

National Headquarters is now in a position to furnish supplies of any nature and description, several of which are listed below. All orders for supplies must be accompanied by money or instructions to ship on a C.O.D. basis. All orders for supplies should be made at least ten (10) days prior to the date desired.

ALL PRICES QUOTED SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

POST COLORS

Class A-1—\$250.00 complete, Class A—\$175.00 complete, Class B—\$130.00 complete. (For full details write Headquarters)

MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICER MEDALLIONS

Officers medallions, individually \$1.25 in bronze, \$3.00 goldplate, in lots of ten or more, \$1.00 each in bronze.

Membership medallions, individually \$1.00 in bronze, lots of fifty or more \$.75 each.

LAPEL BUTTONS--J. W. V. UNIFORM BARS

Lapel buttons, bronze; lots of 25 or less \$.25 each; lots of 25 to 50, \$.20 each; lots of 50 or more \$.15 each.

J.W.V. Bars, brass, lots of 25 or less, \$.50 set of two; lots of 25 or more, \$.35 set of two.

ARM BANDS, OVERSEA CAPS



Arm bands, felt, each \$.25.

Oversea caps, two qualities, prices as follows:-

Grade A Caps, each \$1.50 including J.W.V. insignia, letters 8c each additional. Lots of less than 12 we quote, lots up to 50 or over we quote.

Grade B, \$1.75, complete with lettering. Oversea caps may be had with post or national office designated thereon. All quotations on caps include J.W.V., 2" insignia.

Insignias now available, 30c. each for Comrades to use on Caps now in their possession.

The JEWISH VETERAN

Published by

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF UNITED STATES

Business Office: 16 Hudson Pl., Hob., N. J.

Editorial Office: 276-5th Ave., New York

Subscription One Dollar a Year
Single Copy 10 Cents

Vol. 2 November, 1933 No. 1

Entered as second-class matter at the
Post Office at Hoboken, N. J., under act
of March 3, 1879.



EDITORIAL

J. W. V. must again awaken Jewry!

When the Nazis started their campaign of terrorism in Germany, we were the first to realize that protests and demonstrations would be unavailing to stop the madmen. Remembering Belgium, the gas, submarine and zeppelin warfare in the World War, we sensed what to expect. We realized that an economic embargo was our only effective peaceful weapon, and there upon launched the world-wide Boycott of German merchandise and services.

Against great odds, we preserved single-handed for many months. Finally, we were able to overcome opposition and enlist the support of practically every Jewish and many non-Jewish organizations in the boycott movement. Unquestionably the boycott has been and still is very effective. The original impetus given the boycott by the Jewish War Veterans still sustains it in large measure.

The Nazis realizing that the boycott will spell their doom, unless it is checked, have invaded the United States and is seeking to inculcate America with the alien virus of Nazi-ism. The American people has recently become aware of the existence of a menacing and wide-spread propaganda designed to spread and foster racial and religious hatreds entirely foreign to all conceptions of the American ideals of freedom and tolerance.

The demonstration before Mayor O'Brien of New York, the control of the United German Societies of New York by Heinz

Spanknoebel, the activities of the Friends of New Germany, as well as the insidious activity of the Silver Shirts, the Khaki Shirts (now defunct) and the Industrial Defense Association have focused attention on the Hitler subsidized campaign right here at home.

Hitlerism must not be permitted to gain root on American soil. The cessation of the spread of Nazi propoganda becomes of prime importance. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States must again take the lead and act as the spear head. Our organization is awake to its purposes and obligations.

This is a call to arms. The J. W. V. as always is ready. Comrades do your duty! There is no room in the United States for any "ism" but "Americanism!"

Post Activities

In the midst of the depression when everyone seems to have as much trouble as he can stand, it is most encouraging to note the many activities now going on among the various posts of the organization. The word activity is used in its best sense. Sometimes there is a great deal of stir without any actual accomplishments. However, the activities going on in the organization are of the healthiest and most constructive kind.

Unfortunately, most of the posts seem to have a modesty complex and do not see fit to communicate their activities to Headquarters for publication in the Magazine. Because of this fact, the Commander-in-Chief is compelled to pick out items here and there which come to his attention and to comment on them briefly in the Magazine. Unfortunately, this method is bound to overlook a number of important items which are of interest to everyone. Where this situation occurs, it is the fault of the post itself. From time to time comment comes in that there is insufficient Veterans news in the Magazine. A great deal of the asis for this criticism lies with the post. Some of it may be the fault of Headquarters. Comments and criticisms have been invited but very very few have been received.

Commander-in-Chief Berman requests that Posts make an effort at co-operation in this respect and asks that every Post try to get some news of its activities to Headquarters so that proper notices may be given the news.

THE BOYCOTT MOVEMENT

An International Survey

SEVERAL months have passed since the spontaneous boycott of German goods originated as a unanimous protest of the Jewish masses against Hitler's terrorism. We are still making speeches ourselves instead of doing a silent, serious, painstaking work. As yet we haven't a rationally organized boycott organization. This is especially true of the United States where continuous frictions between the boycotting groups and animosity between some Jewish groups puts the American Jewry in a ridiculous position.

The economic ground for the boycott is more favorable in the United States than in any other country in the world. The President's executive order of October 23rd puts up a special machinery to control foreign imports which are rendering ineffective or endangering the maintenance of codes or agreements under the National Recovery Act. This act opens the possibility for complaints against cheap German imports, and against German dumping which was recently organized with the help of the so-called frozen marks. We expect that the boycotting groups will finally create a united front and, with joint efforts, make use of this opportunity. Of course, these efforts will require a thorough investigation and research work, in which Jewish economists and business men have to work hand in hand.

It seems that the disorganization of the boycott in the United States in fund raising efforts has resulted in an inefficient financing of the movement because of rivalry of different groups. A comparison with the businesslike organization in Poland, with the admirable spirit of the poor Jews in Egypt, with the sacrifices of Jewry in France and Czechoslovakia, makes the American picture pitiful and lamentable. The attitude of some Jewish groups in this country reminds one vividly of the tactics of their German brethren in pre-Hitler Germany. But even the less timid and servile elements of American Jewry did not learn enough from the German lesson. The relief work is palliative. The self-defense against Hitler in constructive work is a duty of world Jewry. The

German elements organized an offensive against the boycott. The German societies in the United States developed very energetic activities trying to discredit the boycott movement in the eyes of Washington. The Steuben Society and the Board of Trade for German-American commerce are working hard in this direction.

The chances of the boycott movement are good because Nazis realize now the loss of Soviet trade in connection with President Roosevelt's move recognizing Russia.

The situation is not much better in England. The same friction and the same disagreement exists between the wealthy Jewry and the Jewish masses. It seems, nevertheless, that a united front is now being formed in England. It is expected that the conference in London on November 5th will lay the foundation for a constructive organization.

Meantime Hitler's poisonous propaganda spreads over the world. We know what is going on in our country. The "American Hebrew" deserves credit for the splendid work of information about this propaganda. Congressman Dickstein has undertaken energetic measures against the Nazi in the United States. In New York the Jewish efforts resulted in a temporary victory. But where is the Jewish general mobilization against the danger?

In Latin America the Nazis are successful in Mexico, and partly in Brazil and Chile. In South Africa the Jews are becoming increasingly perturbed by anonymous anti-Jewish propaganda that has been spread in growing volume during the last few weeks. It is presumed that the propaganda emanates from Nazi sources.

Jews often find their houses placarded overnight with anti-Jewish handbills. Many books in public libraries have been defaced with labels bearing anti-Jewish mottoes. Swastikas, accompanied by scurrilous letters have been sent to Jewish traders. Nazi principles, spread locally by an organization known as the "Gray Shirts" are beginning to attract public attention. The Jews here

have actively boycotted German goods since the Jewish persecutions started in Germany.

In Southwest Africa the Nazi problem has not been settled. The Cabinet thus far has not advised the Governor General to sign a criminal amendment ordinance making National Socialism illegal, and presumably it still hopes that time will ease tempers.

It is likely, however, that the Nazi forces in the Southwest territory will shortly be strengthened, for a storm troop leader and a member of the Nazi elite guard are due to arrive soon from Germany.

Officially their visit will be private, but it is understood its purpose will be to investigate dissension among the local Germans, particularly the members of the Schulverein, or school union. This body has recently deposed its chairman, Dr. Brenner, who had returned from Germany with strong Nazi leanings.

Also it is reported that the Nazi leaders will study the possibility of strengthening the Nazi organization in the Southwest territory.

In Europe, Austria became almost officially an anti-Semitic country. We are informed from Latvia that the German government has compiled blacklists of all persons in Latvia engaged in the boycott of German goods. This is significant in connection with the reports dealing with the spread of the Nazi movement in the Baltic limitrophes.

It was revealed this week by Nathan Zuckerberg, chairman of the petition campaign that three hundred and fifty thousand signatures of both Jews and Gentiles have already been affixed to the Examiner petition to President Roosevelt urging a protest against persecution of Jews in Germany.

Mr. Zuckerberg urges that volunteers increase their efforts to bring in additional signatures so that the half-million mark may be achieved over the holidays. The goal is for two and a half million signatures.

The addresses of the signers indicate that the move has extended beyond the metropolitan area and is gaining impetus throughout quite a number of the larger cities.

Five governors have already gone on record as approving of United States Governmental intercession to effect a cessation

of the brutalities and anti-Jewish measures in Germany. The five governors are: Wilbur L. Cross of Connecticut; Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania; Arthur Seligman of New Mexico; J. M. Futurell of Arkansas and A. G. Schmederman of Wisconsin.

Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, chairman of the committee on military affairs, was one of the notables who signed the Examiner petition this week.

The recent events in Palestine bring an additional sad item to the catastrophic situation of the world Jewry.

We can report to the reader only few facts of consolation. Unfortunately, news like the following does not reach us very often.

The Municipal Council of Zaandam, a town near Amsterdam has officially gone on record in favor of boycotting all German goods. The Council adopted a resolution which said that "the municipality of Zaandam resolves to boycott German goods because of the regime now prevailing in Germany."

Does the boycott effect Germany? We believe it does. The German figures do not show it, but they are not comparable because of the recent changes in the German statistical methods.

According to the last survey of the British Board of Trade Germany's foreign trade declined 40.4 per cent in the first six months of 1933, as compared with the similar period of 1932.

IMPORTANT

Notice is in order to all posts that unless all per capita due National Headquarters is paid up before the end of the current year in addition to all indebtedness officers elected for the ensuing year will not be installed. Posts must fulfill these obligations before they will be allowed to install the new officers.

Every effort should forthwith be made to end the current year with a clean slate and posts are ordered to communicate with headquarters in this respect immediately.

CAN WE MAKE ROOM FOR THE REFUGEES?

"NEW OUTLOOK"

November, 1933

By ALFRED E. SMITH

A PROPOSAL has been submitted to the League of Nations under which a special commission will have charge of the care of German refugees and their distribution to the more civilized communities which will agree to receive their fair share or quota. These refugees, contrary to public impression, consist not only of German Jews, but also of Liberals, Socialists, and generally of the bolder and more uncompromising spirits who do not stand in well with the Hitler government. There is obviously no future in Germany for these elements so long as Hitler's theories of government are supported, as they seem to be at present, by the great majority of the German people. Under these circumstances those who have managed to get out of the country are lucky, even though they are merely camping temporarily in bordering nations, and every facility should be extended to those who remain so that they also may make new homes in fairer and more congenial surroundings. There is talk of appointing an American as commissioner in charge of this work of emigration. I hope that this report is correct, because this privilege should properly go to a representative of this nation, which practically since its discovery has offered a haven of refuge and opportunity to the poor, the oppressed, the ambitious and the liberty loving.

As our country has become older and wealthier, as bigotry and snobbishness have raised their ugly heads among us, we have tended to forget that this country was built up by immigrants who in the vast majority of cases came here to escape poverty, oppression, social restrictions and lack of opportunity at home. The American who does not realize this has neither mental honesty, nor knowledge of our history.

From Germany have come some of our best citizens. Their descendents have mingled with all the other races of the country and have contributed their full share to produce the present day American. From the time of Napoleon, every uprising, every revolution, every oppression, civil or religious, in the countries which make up the

modern Germany, has produced a tide of immigration into the United States. Families who came from Ireland after the various famines and uprisings in that country found themselves landing side by side with the refugees from Germany after the revolutions of 1830 and 1848. Hundreds of thousands of Germans came to this country to escape military service and the dictatorships which preceded Hitler.

I am fully aware of the persuasive arguments for cutting down unrestricted immigration into this country. I have always suspected, however, that some of the more drastic provisions of our laws and some of the national quotas which were established were fixed on the basis of fantastic Aryan theories rather than American principles. The theory that only people of Protestant extraction from the north of Europe can absorb our ideals and understand the spirit of our institutions has suffered a rude shock since the World War. Recent events in Europe have blasted this theory along with a lot of others. In spite of these events, however, some of our patriotic societies continue to entertain strange notions of the exclusive uses which the Almighty intended that this continent, so long hidden from the rest of the world, should be put for the benefit of mankind.

Whatever may be our ideas as to immigration, we have before us now a demand for an asylum for a limited number of German refugees which we cannot ignore. Many of these Germans are people of superior education and great ability who, if intelligently distributed over the country, will be an invaluable asset to the communities in which they settle. It is not unlikely that among them will be found men like Carl Schurz, one of our most distinguished statesmen, and Dr. Abraham Jacobi, who was for so many years at the head of the American medical profession, both of whom were driven over here from Germany in 1848. It is to be assumed also that adequate funds will be provided by responsible groups and societies to insure that these people will not become

ARMISTICE DAY INVENTORY

By SAMUEL SINAINK

ARMISTICE DAY is now celebrated universally. The American people pay tribute to our world war heroes with high solemnity on this day. The War Veterans appropriately commemorate their comrades who gave their lives for the glory and protection of our country.

The people of the United States take yearly inventories on Armistice Day. They check and take stock of the immense sacrifices, our national contribution to the Great World War.

With these memories the voice of Woodrow Wilson still rings with his call to make the world safe for Democracy. He advocated a world democracy with the abolishment of human war. It is painful to observe that the newly created democracies, we were instrumental in bringing about as a result of the World War, today constitute a real menace to world peace. They breed mistrust, antagonism, human cruelty and manslaughter, with all the terrible and highly destructive implements of our time.

The cry that "we are fighting the last war" was a misleading and empty phrase. The European continent is an armed camp ready to resume hostilities on a mere act of provocation.

New dictatorships have completely destroyed democratic government. Wilson's idea of world peace and solidarity, conciliation and true world democracy, was the great dream of a great world realist.

As a tragic result of the World War, a Hitlerized Germany became possible. The Nazi dictatorship has forced the German nation to declare moral bankruptcy. Its rulers have abandoned and treacherously betrayed every democratic principle.

Hitler has outlawed civilization. He chal-

public charges, and that they will be given a proper start in life here.

The test of neighborliness is made in time of want and trouble. We must uphold our traditions and vindicate the principles on which this nation was established by making room here for our share of the refugees from Germany. We shall never forget it.

lenges the whole Christian world. Millions of decent Germans are forced to worship and live according to the prescriptions of a new Nazi religion, with the true essence of Christianity disgracefully eliminated.

The burning of books was the most horrible spectacle of the dark ages.

The attacks upon the entire Jewish population of Germany shook the world with aroused indignation. The latest attempts of Germany to spread Nazi propaganda through the world shows distinctly that the Hitler gang is civilization's dangerous outcast. The barbaric German government openly defies the world. It withdrew from the League of Nations and the Conference of World Disarmament. Its new motto is Hitlerism "uber alles." The Nazi regime constitutes the world's greatest disturber. It menaces peace and world economic recovery. It seeks to enter into a new adventure of bloodshed and beastly revenge. It defies the world. Jewish veterans, the world over, on Armistice Day, were gravely emerged in painful pessimism.

They are depressed while in their common world struggle to alienate the unbearable suffering and privations imposed upon them by the damnable Hitler. Desperately, we, the Jewish veterans, are seeking the sympathy and help of the civilized world.

During the World War the Jews fought with gallantry in the different nations' armies engaged in this struggle. What a tragedy! The German Jew killing the French Jew; the Russian Jew killing the Austrian Jew. In every country the Jew remained loyal to his country and its national government.

Now, 15 years after the Armistice, we, the Jews of the world, are being oppressed, denied human rights, driven out from Germany—a habitation a thousand years old.

But, as American citizens, the Jewish War Veterans, are true to the cherished American traditions. We believe America to be the greatest and safest democracy in the world. We are so devoted to the United States that we are ready to patriotically respond to its call to fight and die to preserve its territorial integrity and to preserve its constitution. On every Armistice Day we will once more