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Time to Rub Out The Hyphen

IF a discriminating woman refuses to buy stockings, underclothing or anything else which she knows or suspects has been made in an unclean and unsanitary place, that is entirely her own business.

If a man refuses to buy a package of razor-blades which he knows or suspects has been made in a place which is so organized and operated as to outrage his sense of decency and justice, that, too, is his own business. If he buys a package of blades which he knows have been made in a place that is operated in accordance with his ideas of freedom and fair play, even though they cost him a few cents more, that again is his own business.

If a department store refuses to put on its counters and shelves articles that are produced in a place which offends the American ideals of freedom and tolerance and whose display for sale would therefore cause resentment and loss of trade, that is the store's own business.

New York is getting sick and tired of Nazi demonstrations by men and women who call themselves Americans. New York, as well as the nation at large, has long been sick and tired of hyphenated Americans. This city and this nation are passing through a crisis in which a tremendous effort is being made to beat a depression caused by barbarous war, while preserving every tradition and ideal of American democracy.

It seems to us that the time is overdue to distinguish between loyal Americans and enemies of America, and to act accordingly. A man or woman who makes his or her

living in this free country and who gives the Nazi salute and shouts "Heil Hitler!" is no American, citizenship papers notwithstanding. Such residents in our country should voluntarily go to Germany or ways should be found to send them there, so that they can enjoy the Hitler terrorism which they so vigorously applaud.

This is just common, ordinary reasoning. For Nazi agents to try to disguise their activities in this nation by talking about a counter-boycott against Jews is typical of Hitler dullness and stupidity.

To be sure, many prominent Jews are active in awakening public sentiment to the folly of sustaining a government hostile to every American ideal by permitting it to suck revenue from the rich American market. There are also many Gentiles using their influence for the same purpose. There are thousands, hundreds of thousands of American Catholics, Protestants, right-thinking people of every race and creed who are refusing to buy German products and insisting on buying things made by Americans.

We are glad that the Government has started to investigate this Nazi business. It is high time. The hooked cross, ancient symbol of lust and savagery, modern symbol of oppression and barbarism, cannot be allowed to hang beside the Stars and Stripes.

(From Daily Mirror, May 19, 1934)

PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION

We, American citizens of the Jewish race, who served in the wars of the United States, in order that we may be of greater service to our country and to one another, and in order to perpetuate our highest ideals, do hereby unite to establish a permanent organization.

Objects

The objects of this organization are:

1. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to encourage honor and purity in public affairs; to combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights and full justice to all men.
2. To combat the powers of bigotry and darkness; wherever originating and whatever their target; to uphold the fair name of the Jew and fight his battles wherever unjustly assailed.
3. To inculcate and keep alive the spirit of comradeship among the men of our race who fought in the various wars of the United States.
4. To assist such comrades and their families as may stand in need of help, encouragement, or protection.
5. To gather and preserve the records of patriotic service performed by the men of our race.
6. To honor the memory of our heroic dead and shield their graves from neglect

MY EXPERIENCES AND OBSERVATIONS IN NAZI GERMANY

The following article was prepared by the writer recently upon his return from Germany. His identity is withheld because he has many relatives still in Germany who would be punished if their identity were known to the Hitlerites.

I WAS in Germany a little over a year ago when Hitler took over the office of Chancellor—I was there during the Jewish boycott, during which week I personally witnessed many distressing events.

Visiting Germany again, a little more than a month ago, I was in an excellent position to note the changes that had taken place.

The condition of the Jew is much worse today than it was one year ago. Thousands have fled the country—thousands are in concentration camps, yet thousands remain behind and suffer.

It is not so simple a matter to pick up and leave the country of one's birth—where shall one go and how? In the first place, it takes money. The German Government permits one to take 200 marks across the border. At today's rate of exchange, that is about 78 American dollars. In a few cases the Government permits a bit more to be taken along but those cases are exceptional. The poor who remain behind live on Jewish charity brought in from foreign countries. They receive no aid from the Government, and sympathetic Gentiles are afraid to help. In this connection, I should like to add that our own American Joint Distribution Committee has done a tremendous amount of helpful work. Their money gets to the proper hands, and their work is known and appreciated by every Jew in Germany who has sought aid.

The large Jewish department store is a thing of the past. The retail establishments have been forcibly taken over and handed to the Nationalists. Mr. Tietz, once owner of the largest stores in the country now resides in Amsterdam. The Jewish lawyer cannot plead his case in Court—his position is hopeless—the Jewish doctor has only Jewish patients, mostly without means, and the Jewish professor no longer exists.

The only Jew still in big business is the manufacturer. He has been undistributed until recently. It was more difficult to boycott him while the Nazis were lacking in organization. Now they are beginning to

confiscate his factory, which definitely means the end of all Jewish enterprise.

Letters such as the following have, within the last two months, been distributed to factory workers throughout the Reich. I quote:

"I hereby pledge that I will deal with no Jew now or in the future—nor will I deal with a middleman who represents a Jew. I shall never enter a Jewish store, and any Jew who comes to my residence I shall send away. I shall consult no Jewish doctor or lawyer. I will also be certain that none of my family, relatives or acquaintances go to a Jew for any reason whatsoever.

I am fully aware of who the Jews in my district are; therefore ignorance of such is no excuse. I am also aware that should I break this promise, either directly or indirectly, I will be thrown out of the party and will not be eligible for any Nazi organization, and that I will be declared openly in word and in writing that I am a "breaker of promises" and a rascal."

I possess an original of this letter. Naturally, every recipient signs this—he fears the consequence of a refusal.

The German capitalist is still strong for Hitler because he fears Communism which he feels to be the only alternative. He, too, believes the lies and false propaganda that the Jew deserves much of what he is now suffering.

The worker still believes in Der Fuhrer. There seems to be less unemployment in Germany for the moment. The Nazis go to a factory and ask "How many hands do you employ?" The proprietor answers "500." The Nazis then tell him that they are sending him 100 more workers the following Monday. The factory owner, Jew or Gentile, must obey whether he needs them or not. Chances are that he doesn't need his original 500, but he is permitted to discharge no one without official sanction from Nationalist headquarters.

The one bright spot in the entire picture is the result of the foreign boycott against German merchandise.

Business in Germany is very bad, and the

lack of any export business makes the situation extremely critical.

Last year the Jew in Germany feared the effect of a World boycott on him. He thought it would be taken out of his own hide as was the case at the beginning. He is now reconciled to it, and feels that conditions for him could be no worse anyhow. Because of this boycott against Germany, the government has eased up on violence. There has been considerably less physical torture since last July. Until then, however, Jews were beaten up daily, some suffering permanent injury, and some were slain. The Anti-German boycott has, at least temporarily, put a soft pedal on such atrocities. Hitler has begun to fear outside opinion.

I spoke to a number of Gentile manufacturers. They, too, admitted that the refusal of America, England and France to accept German goods was hurting them tremendously.

The German Minister of Finance, Dr. Schacht, now emphasizes in his speeches that until the outside World purchases German products, Germany will not be able to meet her obligations.

The *World Boycott* is *effective* and it is the *one weapon* that we possess. While I do not feel that it will erase prejudice against the Jew. I feel certain that it will tend to bring Germany to terms, and that it might assist in preventing the further spread of Nazi-ism in other lands.

In conclusion, I want to say that no one can really feel sufficiently for the Jew living in Germany unless he has been there and has seen, with his own eyes, the intense suffering which is being endured. Nor can one appreciate the terrible fear and dread in which they live. They talk only in whispers, lest someone be standing behind a door to spy upon them.

Newspapers still carry "The Jew is our misfortune" on front pages. Street cars are decorated with large placards reading "Buy only from Germans" or "Tell us from whom you buy and we'll tell you who you are."

Storm troopers at every corner saluting and marching—little boys in uniform carrying ferocious looking daggers.

The Nazis are preparing for War—of this there is little doubt—for this purpose they need money and that they cannot get so long as other nations refuse to buy from them.

Nazi signs very often read "He who buys

THANKS!

Comrade Ph. Ginsburg, member of Philip Lehman Post No. 50 an inmate of U. S. Hospital No. 81, sends a letter of gratitude in appreciation of the visit paid to the Hospital by the Jewish War Veterans last week, and is proud of being a member of the J.W.V. and a Jew.

U. S. Hospital No. 81

May 14, 1934

Dear Comrade:

These few lines from one who would have been "The Forgotten Man," were it not for the Jewish War Veteran Post I have the honor to belong to.

In reading and re-reading from cover to cover *The Jewish Veteran*, I failed to find any mention of the best Post of all, and that is the ever-growing and hustling Post of Coney Island No. 50, led by our own Commander Abe Cohen.

A large delegation came up to see us this week, not only bringing us smokes, but real rays of sunshine. A crowd of boys, well worthy of the name of "Jew."

I would consider it a favor were you to print these few lines.

Many Thanks,

Fraternally yours,

Ph. Ginsburg,

1707 W. 12th St.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

BALL PLAYER BAITs JEWS

Ben Chapman, outfielder of the New York Yankees, repeated an offense that he was guilty of last year, that of baiting Jews on the ball field. Last year the club issued a public apology for the same action on his part. Numerous witnesses have written to the papers in New York and complained of this player's insults, the papers have criticized him severely, and the management will no doubt take some measure to stop him from doing this unsportsmanlike thing.

from a Jew is a traitor to our people."

I should like to place a similar placard at every prominent spot throughout the world, reading "He who buys German merchandise is a traitor to humanity."

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

New charter granted to New Castle Post No. 81, through the efforts of Harry Schaffer, commander of Pittsburgh Post No. 49.

Department of Massachusetts Convention in Boston at the Hotel Statler, June 2nd, and 3rd under the chairmanship of Harold Seidenberg, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Plaque to be erected in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington this coming Decoration Day. Comrades urged to attend and take advantage of the low rate excursion fare which is \$3.50 round trip.

Motion made and seconded that in view of the statement of the Chairman of the committee on adverse publicity, that the committee be discharged with thanks for their efficient handling of the matter and the question be dropped.

Motion made and seconded that Commander-in-Chief appoint a National Recruiting committee of three to work under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Staff to undertake recruiting work on behalf of National organization. Committee consists of Rabbi Fineberg, Abraham Krador and Julius Klausner, Jr., with authority to select their own chairman.

Appreciation expressed for excellent work of Junior Fife and Drum Corps of Preiskel Miller Post No. 47 and letter of commendation ordered sent to Commander Kanter.

The need for cooperation urged by Inspector General Mannos to his deputies so that posts may be inspected and their membership properly recorded.

Announcement by C.I.C. Berman that Credentials committee for Convention will be appointed in June and all books of Quartermaster Department will be closed in the middle of August, therefore payment of per capita tax and other debts must be taken care of the earliest possible moment.

National Memorial Services to be held at Park Avenue Synagogue, May 27th, 11 A.M., Guest speakers to include Hon. Samuel Untermyer, Bernard S. Deutsch, President, Board of Aldermen, Senator Royal S. Copeland, and many others. Parade before the services will fall in at Temple Emanuel

Fifth Avenue and 65th Street at 9:30 A.M. All posts urged to be prompt and come with colors and in uniform. Broadcast over W. M.C.A. one-half hour between 12:30 and 1 P. M.

Edgar H. Burman, Boycott committee reported considerable activity in his department. Motion made and seconded that letter of commendation be forwarded to Congressman Auf Der Heide of New Jersey for his splendid efforts in our behalf in connection with the trouble encountered in the transfer of Post Office magazine mailing permit.

The true status of the Minute Men organization defined by Commander Burman, Chairman of the Boycott committee, to the effect that the organization is an individual organization, non-sectarian, with no connection whatsoever with the J.W.V.

Re question of Kaki shirt organization in Pennsylvania, motion made and seconded that letter be written to Commander Rothberg of the Department to take same action as taken with the Silver Shirts.

On the recommendation of the Chairman of the Boycott committee, a motion was introduced by Chaplain-in-Chief Fineberg, duly seconded and carried by majority vote that the Jewish War Veterans of the United States undertake an active campaign to oppose communistic activities in this country.

NEW POSTS INSTALLATIONS

June 14th—Suburban Post No. 78, East Orange, N. J.

June 15th—McKeesport Post No. 79, McKeesport, Pa.

June 18th—Richmond Boro Post No. 80, Staten Island, N. Y.

SCHWARTZBARD SAILS

Sholom Schwartzbard, French Legionaire and Jewish hero was tendered a Farewell Reception at Town Hall, New York on May 21st, prior to his departure for France. During the nine months that Schwartzbard has been in the U.S.A., he has traveled widely and written two books. P. C. I. C. Fredman was one of the speakers.

Presentation of Colors at Ball



Mr. Samuel Klein, presenting Colors to Ethel Cohen, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, on behalf of his mother. Mr. Klein is one of the J.W.V. staunch supporters.

JERSEY CITY MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial Services in Jersey City will be memorable this year. The Veterans of Three Wars Alliance, composed of 18 different veteran organizations, will hold services this year at Temple Beth-El the evening of May 27th. Jersey City Post No. 10, is a member of the Alliance. Hudson County Council J.W.V. will also cooperate.

A Rabbi, a Protestant Minister and a Catholic Priest will officiate. The speakers will be Dr. B. S. Pollack, President of the Temple, and three comrades of Jersey City Post, P.C.I.C. Fredman, Judge Morris E. Barison, and Corporation Counsel Jacob J. Singer.

Bernard Miller, Jr. also of Jersey City Post is chairman of the services. A parade headed by the Drum and Bugle Corps of Fiske Post, V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary will precede the services.

RECOMMENDED READING

Statement of Congressman Wright Patman showing how each group of veterans and dependent were affected by laws and regulations during the past 14 months, and their present status. The Congressional Record of May 18, contains this statement and page 9386. It can be secured by sending 15 cent to Supt. of Documents, Washington.