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The objective of the League is to immunize the American public mind against the modern savage passion, now prevalent in some foreign lands, which is an assault upon civilization and the highest moral concepts.

This new savagery would replace brotherly love with hate, religion with paganism, the soul and heart with blood and soil, liberty with tyranny, democracy with despotism, and the commands of God with the sophistry of totalitarianism.

This retrogression has been a tragedy both for Jewry and for Christendom. Which of these has suffered more no one can tell, but suffering makes brothers of us all.

The means we are using to obtain our objective are approved by reason and experience.

In this struggle we must maintain our dignity, courage and morale, and we must join unreservedly with all true fellow-citizens to promote social intelligence and preserve the democracy of America.

It will be my purpose to point out the theory and the necessity of our work.

A great student of mass psychology recently said, "To be able to face unwelcome facts is, properly speaking, the test of human intelligence."

Five hundred and fifty thousand Jews have lost their citizenship in Germany. Two hundred thousand have lost their citizenship in Austria. More than five hundred thousand Christians of Jewish descent have lost their citizenship in these two countries. There are approximately fifteen and a half million Jews in the entire world. Hungary has a Jewish population of 441,000; Rumania, 984,000; Poland, 3,000,000. In all of these countries the Jew is persecuted and threatened with loss of citizenship and rights. These, with the German

and Austrian Jewish population, make a total of more than five million, or about one-third of the entire Jewish population of the world. If the entire area of Southern and Eastern Europe tentatively included within the Nazi sphere should come under Nazi power, it would take practically half of the Jewish population of the world.

The imminence of having one-half of the Jewish population of the world deported back as far as human rights are concerned, to the 15th century, should arouse the conscience of the civilized world.

In the past it has been said that when the diplomats of the nations meet to discuss humanity, they forget the Jew, and when they discuss the Jew they forget humanity. Now, however, it may be said that when diplomats of the nations meet, they dare not discuss humanity.

That all this could happen in this enlightened age is bewildering.

In this tornado of hate and destruction, the conscience of the civilized world stands in despair. The humanity of mankind seems paralyzed. Armed forces are sent into neighboring lands to kill and they know not why. Men who advocate peace on earth, as did the prophets, the apostles, and the great Nazarene, are condemned as pacifists and persecuted. Scholars and scientists are expelled from home and barred from their vocation. Books of the masters are condemned to the funeral pyre, the shambles have been built for the extermination of an entire people—which has been preserved through centuries of persecution only through its faith in the God of humanity. Where is the Emile Zola of today—who “from the lips of truth one mighty breath shall, like a whirlwind, scatter in its breeze the whole dark pile of human mockeries.”

These conditions came about through the machinations of a small group with a well-defined plan of propaganda, charging the Jew with all the misfortunes and hardships suffered by the populace and making him the scapegoat

through fraud, forgery, and fiction. The credulity of the masses was well measured. The wish to believe was present. Enthusiasm for the campaign was abundantly supplied by artful propaganda. Those who would not believe were forced to believe. Reason was dethroned and emotion was exalted. To hate became a cardinal virtue. Justice was outlawed. Mercy was disloyalty, cruelty was valor.

Spengler, one of the leaders of Nazi Germany, in his text book on political duties of the German youth, wrote: “Lastly, we have learned something that I shall mention straight out: the ability to hate. Whoever cannot hate is not a man, and history is made by men.”

The history of these lands in the past few years has indeed been made by men of hate. Their youth has been taught the gospel of hate. They have had their instinctive savagery glorified. Even to the third and fourth generation will these precepts influence the social product. Missionaries of religion and civilization in the future will have to battle in these jungles to teach the gospel of love and peace. Passions of hate are like tidal waves—they reach all the shores of mankind.

In these lands, truth has become an outmoded virtue. Unblushingly, they admit the use of falsehood instead of truth when it serves their end. Hitler says, “The task of propaganda is not to weigh the rights of each side, but to emphasize exclusively the one that is to take the place of the other by the medium of propaganda. Propaganda does not have to state the truth objectively, not so far as it is favorable to the others; nor to place the truth before the masses with doctrinary candor, but must serve its own interests uninterruptedly.”

Let the world contrast this teaching of the Nazi Bible with the teachings of the Jewish Bible—“Swear to thine own hurt and change not.” “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” is the command of Sinai, confirmed by

the code of every civilized nation. Truth is the law of God, and it cannot be repealed by the command of a dictator.

The effect of these conditions upon the balance of the world is of prime importance. An emotional psychosis of the mass needs no passport.

We guard with scrupulous care that contagious diseases of the body do not enter our shores, but we neglect the contagion of a poisoned mind.

Every ingenuity is devised to bring to this land and others the scourge of antagonism. The radio, the platform, the press, the exchange students, the mail, the personal emissaries are all utilized to spread the frauds, forgeries and fictions of Nazism to the unsuspecting American public.

Stupidity cannot be eradicated. Artificial stupidity can be prevented.

There are many in this land, notwithstanding the sacred traditions of its democracy, who give credence to the accusations made against Jewry. This is not strange.

It is hard to free the human mind from traditional falsehood. Prejudice has shackled human kind so long that it fears the disillusionment. Social intelligence has not kept pace with scientific advance. In science, the cause of every effect is sought. In beliefs, the effect is identical with its cause. This is illustrated by a common-place example. The Jew is largely engaged in commerce. He is not proportionately engaged in farming or mechanics. How many of those who would correct this economic maladjustment inquire as to the cause? If they would do so, of course they would learn that the Jew, even to the last century, was denied the privilege of tilling the soil or of joining the crafts in the European lands where he lived. His maladjustment in this regard is the effect of the injustice practiced upon him for centuries.

The rational approach to this emotional problem must be by a fixed program. It must be one of education of the masses. It must be by a corrective propaganda. It must be continu-

ous and not sporadic. Every modern means must be employed so as to reach all classes in this country. Its objectives must be to correct the libels and the frauds imported here from foreign lands. It must make the Jew known as he is, so he will not be looked upon as an enigma. It must be a positive message for the promotion of social intelligence and good will. It must accentuate the truth that democracy, justice, equality and freedom are the basis of true civilization and the enduring happiness of humankind, and enlist Jew and non-Jew to staunch and undivided loyalty to our government and its ideals. It must, with a keen perception, of the crucial world situation affecting the well-being of nations, point out the superiority of the slower-moving democratic process over the illusion of material security so speciously dramatized by dynamic despots. We have answered every attack with indisputable facts. Generalities or arguments do not receive any credence from the credulous, even though they are in reply to mere scurrility. Arguments are like arrows sent from a bow; their force depends upon the strength of the arm. Facts are like bullets from a gun. Their force is the same whether the trigger be pulled by the feeble finger of a child or the finger of a giant.

In this work we face conditions as they are, and not as we think they should be. We are dealing with a reality, and our work must be realistic.

The public mind must be analyzed. It has been filled for years, yes, centuries, with fictions concerning the Jew. Traditions concerning the Jew have been handed down from generation to generation from the beginning of the present era.

The older a tradition becomes, the greater is its apparent authenticity irrespective of its origin.

As the mass mind is a social product, it necessarily is saturated with accumulated emotions. At the right time the mass mind can be worked up to a hysteria of hate. In this state all reason is barred and justice is outlawed.

To immunize the mass mind against the hatred of the

Jew, the emotional fallacies must be eradicated. This is a grass root job.

The fabric of religious and racial prejudice was woven on the loom built in the morning hour of our civilization when man first awakened from the slumber of savagery. Into this loom was fed all the emotionalism which burdened man in the jungles of his infancy. The threads of fear, of selfishness, of tribal preservation, of jealousy, of suspicion, of hate, of magic—were all interwoven into this mighty fabric of beliefs.

Humanitarianism and science have here and there changed the design, but the warp of fear and the woof of hate remain in this tapestry of tradition, ignorance, and superstition.

One who will for the time being divest himself of his pre-conceived ideas and his emotionalism and who will honestly use his mind to determine the cause for the antipathy against the Jew and the responsibility for the same, will contribute to the removal of this prejudice. Where there is correct thinking, there can be no prejudice.

The effect of propaganda has been under-estimated. Through its direct effects, several European nations have completely changed their government and defeated the achievements of a long struggle of human-kind against tyranny. The efficacy of propaganda is fully appreciated by dictators, who have themselves been placed in power by its force, in forbidding any form of counter-propaganda.

In one of our Eastern universities, a test was recently made as to the effect of propaganda. The results demonstrated that even among the student body, it was proven efficacious beyond what was anticipated.

The propaganda against the Jew today is the greatest ever undertaken against any people. Every vehicle to carry its appeal is utilized. It has no regard for the truth or its effect.

At the present time it has centered on the charge that the Jews are Communists or promote Communism. The effect of this constant accusation has reached the danger point, even

in this country. Many men of affluence with no conscious antipathy, have given credence to the charge without investigating the truth. Individuals cannot investigate for themselves all the various questions of national import. They instinctively accept as true that which is conveyed to them in a plausible manner. Continued repetition of the same charge impresses the mind. This is the purpose of propaganda. Those who sponsor it know that the great mass of men will not make independent search for the truth or falsity of its message. A continuous planned propoganda, therefore, is certain to succeed in its purpose, unless it is checked by corrective education.

The truth is that the Jews are not Communists and do not promote Communism. There are Jews who are Communists, just as Communists are in every sect and group. The total of all Jews who are communists and who believe in Communism is so small that it is negligible. The leaders of Communism in America are Earl Browder, William C. Foster, Clarence Hathaway, James Ford, Robert Miner, William Patterson, Harry Haywood, Ella Reeve Bloor and Max Bedacht. Not a single one of them is a Jew.

In nearly all the anti-Semitic diatribes on this subject, it is stated that David Dubinsky and Sidney Hillman are Communists. They are prominent in union labor organizations. We can authoritatively state that they are not Communists, are not connected with any Communistic organization, and do not favor Communism. They are opponents of Communism and have fought against it in their respective labor organizations. But even if either were a Communist, would this prove the accusation made against Jewry? These two men are not Jewish leaders, nor are they prominent in any Jewish organizations. Whatever their theories on economics or politics are, cannot be taken as the thought and the expression of American Jewry. Earl Browder and Clarence Hathaway were both born of Protestant parents. Would it be

fair to charge Protestantism with Communism because of this?

It is fortunate, however, in the present state of things, that these two Jews, Dubinsky and Hillman, because of their prominence in labor organizations, are the antagonists and not the proponents of Communism. Samuel Gompers, venerated founder of the American Federation of Labor and for a long time until his death its President, was a champion in the fight against Communism. Of the sixty prominent books most favorable to Communism, from John Strachey to Lockwood, not one was written by a Jewish author.

Karl Marx is continually pointed to as one of the founders of Communism, and it is accentuated that he was a Jew. He was baptized into the Christian faith at the age of six. His environments were entirely Christian. He never was taught anything about Judaism. In fact, he was an outspoken antagonist of Judaism. The mind is a social product. Which can be charged with the responsibility for his thoughts, which finally developed into Communism, his Christian environment or his parentage? Even his parents had been estranged from Jewry long before his birth, his father having been baptized into the Christian faith. His co-laborer in his philosophic work was Frederick Engels, a German. It is safe to say that if Karl Marx had been born of Christian parentage but at the age of six had been taken into the Jewish fold and taught Judaism and Jewish ethics, the charge would have been made that the Jews were responsible for his Communistic teachings because they had trained the mind, and that his parentage could not be held responsible.

Voltaire, Paine and Ingersoll were all born of Christian parents. Yet would it be reasonable to charge Christendom for their atheism?

Hitler, throughout his career, has been true to his theory of propaganda, namely, that it need not tell the truth. In 1932 the total vote of the Communist party in Germany was

5,980,240. There were at that time only 550,000 Jews in Germany, including men, women and babes. Out of this entire Jewish population there certainly were not over 200,000 voters. Most of the Jews were Social Democrats, but even if all had voted the Communist ballot, their number would have been negligible compared to the total Communist vote. Yet Hitler has continuously labeled the German Communist as the Jewish Communist. The use of "Jewish" as an epithet to that which is in disrepute is a trick of the propagandist.

One of the methods employed is to publicize that certain prominent Jews are Communists. Very recently in one of the metropolitan newspapers, in a communication prepared by an anti-Semite, it was stated that Dr. Albert Einstein was a Communist, that he attended the Third International Congress held at Moscow in 1929. This accusation was first made by the Nazi propagandists in Germany. Dr. Einstein, one of the most outstanding scientists of the world, quite naturally has felt that no credence would be given to such libels. He has authorized us to state positively that he has never been at any time in Russia; that he at no time attended any Congress of a political nature; that the charge that he is a Communist is false. The intent of those who have made this charge is to strike at Jewry by defaming a world intellectual figure who happens to be a Jew.

It has been repeatedly stated that 90% of the Communist party in Russia in 1918 were Jews. The official records show a total membership of 124,000 in Russia in 1918, of whom 75% were Russians, 10.5% Latvians, 6.3% Poles, 3.7% Estonians, and 2.6% were Jews. The anti-Bolshevist paper "Poslednija Novosti" in Paris gives the percentage of Jews in the party at this time as 4.34%.

The charge is made repeatedly and believed by a great part of the public that Bolshevism was conceived and created by Jews. In the great mass of propaganda material, the Russian government is referred to as "Jewish Bolshevism." The truth is that the Jews opposed Bolshevism. The Russian Jews suf-

ferred terrific persecution under the czarist government, particularly under the infamous May laws, which prohibited them from owning, living on or cultivating land, and confined them to the Pale of Settlement. They were to a great extent the lower middle class tradesmen and artisans. The intellectuals of Russian Jewry were in the Cadet Bloc which was a liberal democratic group. Among the leaders of this bloc were many outstanding Jews including Maxim Vinaver, who afterwards became Foreign Minister in the anti-Bolshevist Crimea government. Others were Herzenstein, Joseph Hessen, and Prof. Vladimar Hessen. The great part of the Russian Jewish population belonged to the Menshevik Party, which was a democratic party and opposed to the Bolshevik Party, and many of these suffered from cruel persecution after the Bolshevik Party came into power. The three great Jewish workers' organizations, the Serz, the Zionist (Poale Zion) and the League of Jewish Workers, openly declared opposition to Bolshevism. The Jews, with a few exceptions, were supporters of the Kerensky Provisional Government.

On March 15, 1918, Lenin's government issued a manifesto attacking the Jewish workers for their anti-Bolshevist attitude.

The majority of the Jewish bourgeoisie followed trades and professions, and were ruined in Communist Russia. They were all opposed to Bolshevism. In the Ukraine in 1918, the Jewish workers made common cause with the Jewish bourgeois and fought Bolshevism with armed resistance. After the victory of Bolshevism and when that government was established, the Jews had to submit in the same manner as all other Russians. Two-fifths of the Jews of Russia lived by private trade, one-third by handicrafts, and Communism necessarily meant a greater catastrophe for the Jews than for any other group of the Russian people. The result of the establishment of Bolshevism was that 35% of the Russian Jews became the declassé, while the non-Jewish Russian population in this class was only five or six per cent. The declassé

received no bread cards and had no right to hold offices, to be engaged as workmen in factories, or to send their children to industrial schools. The distress among the Russian Jews was so great that these would have died of starvation had it not been for the American Jewish relief.

The supreme directing body in Russia is the "Politbureau." It consists of nine members and four candidates. These are:

Stalin—a Georgian
Molotov—a Great Russian
Kaganovitch—a Jew
Voroshilov—a Great Russian
Kalinin—a Great Russian
Andreyev—a Great Russian
Kassior—a Pole
Mikoyan—an Armenian
Tchubar—nationality unknown—not a Jew.

Candidates:

Postishov—a Great Russian
Petrovsky—a Ukrainian
Shadanov—a Great Russian
Eiche—a Lett

Of the 19 Commissars, 14 are Great Russians and Ukrainians. One is an Armenian and four are Jews.

The Russian Bolshevik government has dealt blow after blow upon Jewry. Synagogues were converted into workmen's clubs; Jewish religious philanthropic organizations were liquidated. Hebrew schools were forbidden, and the teaching of the Hebrew language proscribed. No person under 18 years of age could be taught religion.

Lebedev, who was Minister of the Navy under the Provisional Government and who escaped from Russia at its downfall, and who is fully conversant with political conditions of Russia, in reply to an inquiry directed to him concerning this charge, has fully explained the attitude of Jewry

during the reign of the Provisional Government and during the struggle against Bolshevism. He stated that the charge that the Jews created Bolshevism or that the present-day government of Russia is a Jewish government, is lying propaganda.*

The great masses of the Jewish people are faithful to the religious teachings of their fathers. Judaism is a part of their life. In it they find consolation and hope. They believe in its precepts and in its prophecies. Russian Communism has fought unremittingly against the religious faith of the Jew. A Communist who was a Jew is now an apostate. Communism would destroy religious faith. If Communism were to rule, it would destroy both Judaism and Christianity. There are some Communists who were born Jews, just as there are Communists who were born Protestants and Catholics, but it is unjust for this reason to accuse either one of these religious sects with the responsibility of Communism.

There were eight anarchists convicted for conspiracy as a result of the Haymarket Riot in Chicago. All of these were Germans. Would it be fair to conclude from this that the Germans in this land are anarchists?

The reasoning from the particular to the universal is the technique of the propagandists of class hatred. It is the sophistry of the despoiler of good will and mutual understanding.

Even if it could be truthfully said that some Jews sponsored Communism in Russia and Eastern European countries, then it could be said with equal candor that no people could have found greater justification. They were the persecuted and the down-trodden in these lands. When they cried out for justice, they were met with scorn and contempt. How long could any people of intelligence with a long and an honored

* See Appendix III.

history withstand such treatment without being led to seek some means of redress even though illusory?

Disraeli, himself a conservative, stated in no uncertain terms that the Jews by nature were conservatives, and that injurious treatment alone was able to turn them into radicals. The orthodox Jew is the least revolutionary of all men and the great body of Russian Jewry were orthodox. Common reason dictates that conservatism is not aided by persecution of any minority group. Every civilized principle demands that the cause of social maladjustment be corrected rather than the effect condemned.

The charge that the Jews have an international conspiracy for any purpose is so fantastic that one is amazed that any person of sane mind can give it credence. In the problems of the world, the Jew is just as divided in his interests and outlook as are the Christians. There is no unity among Jews. The Jew is so disunited that he has no governing body of his church. He has no supreme organization, even for religious or communal purposes. Each organization is autonomous and absolutely independent, as is every temple or house of worship. There never was such a body as the Elders of Zion or the Wise Men of Zion. Even on the subject of Zionism or the establishment of a homeland for Israel, we have the Zionists, the non-Zionists and the anti-Zionists. On religious doctrines we have the Orthodox, the Conservatives, and the Reform.

The fraudulent "Protocols" are continuously used by these propagandists and millions of copies have been printed by the Nazis in German and in foreign languages, notwithstanding the fact that it has been established beyond doubt that this document is a literary forgery and a fraud. The fact that the "Protocols" were written by anti-Semites for the express purpose of poisoning the mind of the populace of Russia against the Jew does not concern Hitler or his co-laborers in the least. It serves their purpose; therefore, it must be used whether fraudulent or not. That any American would use the

same or would distribute the same can be attributed either to ignorance upon the subject or to dishonesty.

The old accusation that the Jew uses human blood for ritual purposes has been revived by the Nazi propagandists. The same accusation was made against the Christians in Rome. Time and again they were charged with using human blood in their sacrament. It was false as to them; it is false as to the Jew. It has been declared pernicious and false repeatedly by the highest authority of the Christian Church; yet it is used today in this enlightened age for the purpose of engendering prejudice and stimulating hate. These accusations must be answered continuously so long as they are made. The theory of anti-Semitic propaganda whatever its false charge, is that it must be repeated continuously and that continuous repetition, will eventually compel belief. Corrective education, to answer such pernicious propaganda, must necessarily use the same procedure to be effectual in the establishment of the truth.

The democratic countries have become the No Man's Land in the battle for public opinion. The dictators of foreign lands wage warfare to destroy liberty in the very lands of democracy, but prohibit any attempt to influence public opinion for liberty, justice, or democracy in their own land.

Even the Christian clergy are imprisoned for demanding the right to worship as their consciences dictate.

That foreign dictators have brought their warfare to this and all other democratic lands is not hypothesis, but a stern fact. The radio is used. Ships are laden with printed propaganda material for distribution. Their emissaries are sent here and to other democratic countries to preach the doctrine of Naziism. Resident nationals of these foreign countries are being marshaled as protagonists for the cause of Naziism.

It is more than a mere coincidence that all anti-Semitic organizations and professional anti-Semites in this country approve the conquest of Ethiopia by Italy, the invasion of the

Japanese in China, the attack and proscription on Freemasonry, the capture of Austria by Germany, the demands on Czechoslovakia by the Nazi, the anti-clerical laws by Mexico. All are in accord with the aims and objectives of the Italian, German and Japanese axis. They all profess loyalty to democracy, but align themselves with the forces inimical to democracy.

On March 26th of this year, eighteen American youths, all under the age of 18, all of German parentage, were sent from America to Germany to be trained in the German Fuehrerschulen. They will be taught the art of dictatorship, of terror, of hate, of falsehood. When they have finished their training, they will be returned to this land as qualified Fuehrers to lead in the warfare against freedom, liberty and democracy.

How many other shipments have been made or will hereafter be made, we do not know. We do know that the very liberty vouchsafed by democracy is used to destroy democracy.

The Deutscher Fichte-Bund of Hamburg has distributed in this country a portfolio containing a great number of leaflets to be utilized for propaganda. Each of these leaflets is numbered. The last which came to my notice was No. 942. In each leaflet it is stated, "Free copies of this leaflet and others may be obtained by writing to the Fichte Association. Please distribute the pamphlet among your friends."

The material published in these leaflets justifies the Nazi doctrine that truth is not necessary for propaganda.

Another German propaganda organization is the Racio-Political Foreign Correspondents. It is located in Berlin. It likewise is pouring into this and other countries similar pernicious propaganda.

The World Service is one of the greatest propaganda agencies. It is published in Erfurt, Germany. It issues its Service twice monthly in six languages. Each issue bears this legend: "These leaflets are intended to be passed from

hand to hand amongst Gentiles. They are not published with a view to profits." All of its issues are an attack upon Jews and Masons. In one issue it is stated, "The point of view of Mussolini that Fascism is not to be exported has become old fashioned." Illustrative of the Service, I quote from one issue:

"Between August 24 and September, 1910, a revolutionary world conference took place in the Lodg-palace of the Oddfellows Order in Copenhagen. This congress, arranged and inspired by the Masons, is the second of the internationalists with which Walter Rathenau from the Jewish B'nai B'rith Order, was closely connected. At this Congress were the following people, who at this time were still very uninteresting to the profane world:

Ramsay MacDonald	Vibault
Karl Liebknecht	Vanderveld
Friedrich Ebert	Vladimir Lenin
Rosa Luxembourg	Uljanow
Philip Scheidemann	Leon Trotsky Bronstein
Georges Clemenceau	Hjalmar Branting
	Stauning

It is not surprising that nearly all of these members who took part in the conspiracy for the world change became later on leaders in Europe. These were people whom the well-known journalist, Ralph C. Norton, had called, 'Men who were then called firebrands of all nations, trouble-makers, agitators, the world's worst wild men.' Later on MacDonald became Great Britain's Prime Minister; Liebknecht was surely the most guilty when the German republic was announced; Scheidemann became Chancellor; Ebert became the first President of the German Republic; 'The Tiger,' Clemenceau, became President; Vanderveld became Belgian Minister-President; Lenin and Trotsky, dictators of the 'Russian desert'. (This is the name of Bolshvikian in the map of the Masons which has been brought to light by the U. Boding Publishing House,

Erfurt, in the pamphlet, 'The Dream of an Emperor.') Branting became Swedish Minister-President; Stauning, Danish Minister-President."

The article then states that the Masonic Lodge of the underworld is responsible for the appointment of all these men. It is further stated that these facts are known to the enlightened Nazi Germany, but are unknown in other countries.

A few days ago a gentleman received a package of printed matter from Erfurt, Germany, the package bore the stamp "Passed by U. S. Customs Bureau." It contained more than fifty different pieces of propaganda matter. The letter of transmittal from the World Service, American section, stated:

"From a mutual friend we hear that you are interested in our fight against the hostile forces of world Jewry. We therefore take this opportunity of sending you a copy of the World Service, together with pamphlets and leaflets. There is no charge; our request is merely that you use the material as propaganda in our mutual fight."

One of the leaflets contained the following:

"You can help save America, yourself and your family, from the folly of other nations, by making the truth known to your friends and neighbors. Ask them to subscribe or contribute to the support of this paper. Inform yourself and inform others. Do not depend on rumors or daily (controlled) press. Get the facts and decide for yourself. Then join a fighting organization in your area to become active in spreading the truth. The books noted below can be secured through this organization. The publications and organizations listed below are fighting the battle with all they have—help them."

Among the organizations listed is the American Federation of Labor. The others listed are all anti-Semitic agencies. The subtlety of classifying the American Federation of Labor with the list of anti-Semitic organizations is apparent. In one of

the leaflets, President Roosevelt is listed as a "Jew-advised and Communistically-inclined President, who recognized the government of murderers, shook hands and dined with a murderer, bank robber and gangster, the Jew Finkelstein."

At a very recent meeting of a German society, a post card addressed to the Centralstelle fur Erforschung-Kriegsursachen, Berlin, was distributed to all present. It was requested that they answer the inquiry made on such post card. The post card requested the addresses of those to whom, with a degree of possible success, could be forwarded sample copies and prospectus of that propaganda organization.*

At a meeting of a German society recently, a questionnaire was distributed and all present were requested to answer the same and transmit it to Ernst Venekohl, Berlin. It stated that the named individual begs for mailing of reading matter from the old Fatherland. It requests the occupation and the full address, the year emigrated and from what town. It requests a list of the German-speaking organizations with which the individual was affiliated. It asks an answer as to whether the German language is spoken in his residence, also whether it is taught in the public schools in his city, or whether there are any German-language schools in his city, the names of the German newspapers, and in the event no German-teaching school exists could one be established and who could take charge of the same. There is a further request for names and addresses of persons of German descent who would like to receive German reading matter.**

A large number of the universities of this country are exchanging American students during the summer and fall with German students. This practice at this time, considering the status of German culture, is un-American. The students from Germany sent here are not sent to learn American ways, but are expressly sent for the purpose of furthering propa-

* See Appendix II.

** See Appendix I.

ganda. An address by Goebbels to the German students assembled who were sent to America in exchange for American students, appeared in the "News-Week" of September 6, 1937. They were advised of the purpose for which they were sent to America and that they must make known there the true spirit of new Germany. It was, all in all, a lecture on the method of propaganda. Certain of the American universities have admonished these German students that they must not indulge in propaganda. This, however, does not prevent the ingenious methods devised for this end. Very recently a German female student lectured at Jonson, Vermont, concerning Germany. In opening her address she informed the audience that exchange students are instructed upon leaving Germany that they must not spread propaganda and must not speak unless invited to do so. Disregarding this introduction, she immediately sketched the life of Hitler. She then told of the problems facing him; that the Jews held key offices in Germany the same as they do now in the United States. She then outlined the achievements which have been made in Germany. She advocated the purge of Jews, as they were foreigners and Communists, and they usurped the best professions and positions. She further stated that the German government was today a democracy, that the Jews were heartless and dishonest. She closed with this statement, "We desire that all the people from all countries know us better, so that we may be understood. Then in case of war they will not want to kill a friend whom they know so well."

Not only must we answer all accusations, no matter how scurrilous, in absolute truth and without equivocation, but we must also make the Jew known as he is, in order to replace the stereotype in the general mind created by literature and caricature of the past, and the scurrility of the professional anti-Semites and political demagogues.

In the tragedy enacted now by Naziism, who can measure the injury done to humankind, to the advance of civilization,

to the progress of science and art, to the peace and happiness of the world?

The Jew is excluded from higher educational institutions. Are there among these excluded students other mentalities such as Ehrlich, Wassermann, Hertz, Baeyer, Haber, Willstatter, Meyerhof, Frank, Warburg, Wallach, Freud and Einstein, who would in the future give priceless discoveries to conquer disease or add to the wisdom and happiness of humanity? This inquiry may be made to like effect concerning music, literature, drama and art.

In times such as these, we cannot be charged with lack of good taste in reminding the adherents to the Christian faith that the faith of the Jew is the mother faith; that Jesus of Nazareth was of these people; that all the Apostles, with the possible exception of one, were Jews; that the four Gospels were written by Jews; that the early Christians of Rome who lived in the catacombs, were Jews. Thousands, in true martyrdom, paid the penalty of loyalty and devotion upon the rack and pyre, uttering with their last gasp praise to God and forgiveness to man. There are some who would point to the shortcomings of idiosyncrasies of a small fraction of Jews as characteristic of the entire group. The impropriety of this is self-evident. Accepting the full responsibility, we can justly point to favorable behaviorism as compared to other groups. The wholesome domesticity of the Jew has been proclaimed universally. The sobriety of the Jew is acknowledged, his eagerness for education and culture is well-known, his charities have been a blessing to all, and as a law-abiding citizen he has a good comparative record.

It may not be amiss at this time, when propagandists charge the Jew with every crime and dereliction, to record an episode which occurred in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in October, 1937. A Jewish lad had been convicted on a bad check charge. Judge Thomas J. Mabry, presiding over the District Court, suspended the sentence and in doing so stated, "There

is not a Jew in a New Mexico prison, and I dislike to spoil that record of a law-abiding element of our citizens."

We have our derelicts, as have all other groups and sects, but when the total of all good and the total of all bad is taken and a balance is struck, it will be comparable with any group or sect in this land.

Jewry alone cannot win this struggle. The Christian people can save democracy, humanitarianism and civilization from the scourge of tyrannical dictatorship and totalitarianism. The Jew is the first victim as he has been in every struggle when the inalienable rights of man have been attacked. Naziism and Bolshevism are the enemy of Christianity as well as of Judaism. There are some leaders of the Christian church who have entered into the struggle with brave heart. During the past month Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle, formerly Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, said, "The fury of Egypt is indescribable. There has been nothing like it except the fury of Hitler and Hitlerism as it is expressed today against the Jews. The prejudice controlling persecution of Jews and Christians is only the beginning of greater atrocities. It is impossible for the Jew to fight this battle alone. It is a battle that must be fought by the Christian people."

He also said: "America should never tolerate racial prejudice or religious prejudice. Let me appeal to the Christian people to awake to their sense of duty and responsibility. The House of Israel is in danger! Awake! Answer the bugle call and march forth, guaranteeing liberty, freedom, right and protection to the House of Israel."

Dr. J. Frank Norris has likewise sounded a clarion call to the duty and responsibility of his church:

"The Jew needs no defense, even as the Bible itself needs no defense.

What a slander to call them 'Christ-killers!' A half truth

is the worst lie, and our New Testament plainly declares that all the powers of earth were involved in His death, and that it was a part of the pre-determinate counsel of Almighty God.

There are communistic Jews just like there are communistic Gentiles. Communism is not a Jewish question. It is an economic problem, a political issue, and communism knows no race, creed or color; there are communists in America and communists in China; there are communists in Russia and communists in England; there are communists in Germany and in France."

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Very pointed statements upon this subject have been made by such outstanding American Divines as John Haynes Holmes, J. Parkes Cadman, Harry Elmer Barnes, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Bishop Manning, and a host of others. All agree in calling attention of all Americans to this:

"Anti-Semitism is a threat to Democracy and a denial of the fundamental principles upon which this nation is founded."

Among certain nations and peoples, there has been revived the law of the jungles—which demands unlimited right to serve their own interest, but denies similar right to all others. They abuse the right granted in democracies, but prohibit any democracy in their own midst. They demand for their minorities in foreign lands equal rights, and the privilege of fostering their aims and purposes, but deny all rights to minorities in their own land.

The danger to democracy is that it permits its freedom to be utilized to undermine its own existence. Its freedom of speech, of press and of assembly is misused by foreign nations whose basic doctrines are incompatible with democracy. The very purpose of these foreign "isms" in our land is to destroy the very liberty which they thus utilize. This, however, is pointed out as the best evidence of the strength of democracy. Is it not, however, like a canker on a healthy

body, which is of annoyance but does not appear to undermine the body? May it not be, however, the poison of the canker enters the blood stream and then into the very vitals. When this stage is reached the injury is done beyond repair. Is it not an abuse of the liberties vouchsafed by democracy to use the same for the advocacy and furtherance of doctrines which would destroy its fundamental principles? When foreign governments misuse these liberties for propagandas which preach doctrines inimical to the fundamental principles of our government, it should be deemed an unfriendly act.

The avalanche of vicious propaganda material passes through our customs offices, is delivered through our post office department to the very homes of our citizens. Any communication or printed material espousing the cause of liberty and democracy however, would be condemned at the port of entry and destroyed to prevent its reaching residents of the lands which thus abuse American tolerance.

Through you I make this appeal to the Jews of America—the time is NOW to battle to the end the age-old frauds and fictions which have been used to enemize the public against the Jew.

We have everything to fear from stupidity, but everything to gain by truth. The Jews know the falsity of all these popular accusations. The Christian who has independently studied the same knows their falsity, but the great mass does not know. To depend upon them to find the truth of their own volition is like suspending a stone in mid-air. The time is NOW to make the truth known to the masses.

There are some who will say that it cannot be done, that it is impossible to reach the masses, that the masses do not think. Belief in witchcraft was older than anti-Semitism. It was believed almost universally; yet this superstition was conquered.

During the Middle Ages it was believed by the masses that

the Jews poisoned the wells of Europe, and that this brought on the epidemic of Black Death—that falsehood was conquered.

It was believed until recently that Jewish physicians were not to be trusted lest they poison their Christian patients. Even that myth is not now given credence.

It is a grass root labor, but with modern facilities it can be done and it must be done.

Above all, I make this appeal to Jew and non-Jew of America—our American ideal must be maintained, unsullied by any foreign “isms.” Communism, Fascism and Naziism are the mortal enemies of democracy. Anti-Semitism has been the tool and the entering wedge in the destruction of the modern European republics. Anti-Semitism and democracy are incompatible.

One true to the traditions of America will not permit these superstitions to foul its altar.

The pioneers of this land, the Pilgrims, the Puritans, the Huguenots, the Catholics, the Jews, driven from home by intolerance and persecution, builded on these shores with liberty and freedom a Cathedral of Humanity. Here the children of all faiths join in the hope, the dream, the prayer—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

High above the altar is engraven the American creed, ever lighted by the eternal fire of patriotic devotion:

“All Men are Created Equal.”

“Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable rights.”

“Free exercise of religion is guaranteed.”

“The privileges and immunities of citizens shall not be abridged.”

To bring into this shrine any foreign “isms,” whether Communism, Fascism or Naziism, is idolatry.

America is the holy ground of liberty and freedom—may no one defile by sacrilege this—The Cathedral of Humanity.

The foregoing was delivered as a message to the Supreme Convention of B'nai B'rith in session at Washington, D. C., May 9, 1938 and by resolution unanimously adopted as voicing the spirit and the conviction of the entire body.

APPENDIX

I

BERLIN NW6, LUISENSTRA. 31a

Datum des Poststempels

Die weitgehende Unterstützung, die wir von unseren Lesern in der Abonnentenwerbung erfahren haben, veranlasst uns, an Sie mit der Bitte heranzutreten, uns auf dieser Postkarte Anschriften mitzuteilen, an die wir mit einiger Aussicht auf Erfolg Probehefte oder Prospekte versenden können.

Alfred von Wegerer

Ich stelle anheim, ein Probeheft oder einen Prospekt zu schicken an:

_____, den _____

II

Herrn

Ernst Vennekohl, Berlin W30, Martin Luther Str. 97

Ich bitte um weitere Sendungen von Lesematerial aus der alten Heimat.

Name: _____ Beruf: _____

Ort, Strasse: _____ Staat: _____

Im Jahre _____ ausgewandert von (Heimatort) _____

Ich gehöre folgenden deutschsprechenden Organisationen an: _____

In meinem Wohnort wird die deutsche Sprache gelehrt: _____

1.) Öffentliche Schulen (welche) _____

2.) Deutsche Sprachschulen (von wem geleitet): _____

In meinem Wohnort gibt es folgende deutschsprachige Zeitungen: _____

Falls keine deutsche Sprachschule besteht, würde es sich lohnen, eine solche zu errichten, und wer könnte die Leitung übernehmen?: _____

Ich kenne folgende Deutschstämmige die deutsches Lesematerial bekommen möchten:

Name: _____ Anschrift: _____

Stadt: _____ Staat: _____

III

Chicago, Ill., April 22, 1938

Dear Mr. Livingston,

Replying to your letter, to your question as to what truth there is in the assertion that "Bolshevism is created by Jews" and that the present government of the USSR is allegedly "a Jewish government," I with pleasure respond to you as follows:

All these and similar assertions are a result of propaganda inimical to Russia, and they come, mostly, from the National-Socialist ranks, the aim being concealment of their real plans with regard to Russia.

This propaganda is absolutely one of lies; harmful to Russia, it excites racial passions. It is carried on in order to form in Russia and abroad, among the émigrés, anti-Semitic fascist groups, owing allegiance to the German National-Socialism and able to aid Hitler in case he marches against Russia.

As for the essence of this question I can say the following. The party of Bolsheviks was first formed in 1903, when the Russian Social-Democratic party split into the majority, "Bolsheviks," and the minority, "Mensheviks."

Its creator, theorist and sole dictator was the Russian nobleman, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin (Ulyanov.) This party carried on its propagandist

activity among the *Russian* proletariat and Russian intelligentsia, and during the war also in the Russian troops and navy.

Citizens of Jewish origin, equally with other national groups of Russia, were among members of this party. But Jews took part in decidedly *all* Russian political parties, excepting of course anti-Semitic parties.

The program of the Bolshevik party contained nothing specifically Jewish, and it promised the Jews no privileges.

The main mass of the Russian Jewry, like other masses of Russia, remained *outside* of politics. Being concentrated, mainly, within the so-called "pale of settlement," it / the Jewry / in its majority did not even know the Russian language and grouped itself around its social and religious organizations. As for that part of the Jewry, which was united politically as *Jewish* it grouped itself in the only mass-like Jewish party, the Bund. Part / of the Jewry / sympathized with the *Zionists*. The Bund as well as the *Zionists* have been persecuted by Bolshevism from the *first* days of the October upheaval of 1917 to the present day.

Besides, Jews, in a number *insignificant* when compared with Russians, entered as Russian citizens the other Russian parties as well: the Kadet (liberal-bourgeois, leader P. N. Milyukov), the Socialist-Revolutionary (leader V. M. Chernov), the Bolshevik (leader V. I. Lenin), the Menshevik (leader Plekhanov), etc., etc. But their / the Jews' / number was perfectly insignificant when compared with Russians, and these parties were *Russian*.

The Bolsheviks persecute all parties, so that very many Jews, members of these parties, have been *shot*, or linger in prisons and concentration camps, or are exiles abroad. No privileges, in comparison to other nationalities, were given to them by the dictatorship of the Bolsheviks. The law of death and persecution was applied to them as well as to other members of these parties.

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Of course, among Lenin's lieutenants there were also Jews, but they entered the party not as Jews (many indeed renounced their Jewishness publicly), but as followers of the Bolshevik doctrine. Lenin promoted some of them to important posts, just as he promoted Russians, Georgians, Letts, Ukrainians, Armenians, Tartars, etc., etc. From these posts they together with others carried out Lenin's teaching, which is not Jewish to any measure at all. The overwhelming majority of them have by now been executed by the present-day government of Stalin, and this again shows that their Jewish origin did not and does not have *any* significance.

However, the fact, that in Lenin's party there were *also* Jews, gave a pretext for the dishonest and lying propaganda to assert that

"Jews created Bolshevism" and that the present-day government of the USSR is "a Jewish government."

As I have already said, this propaganda is being carried on by the *enemies* of Russia, mainly by the German National-Socialists, who see in anti-Semitism and in racial propaganda a mighty medium of *strategy* for the seizure of power and for war, first of all against *Russia*.

The very same German National-Socialists prove that "Bolshevism is a revolt of Mongoloids against higher culture," and that the Russians themselves are a mixture of a lower Slav race with a lower Mongol / race / ! and that therefore it is necessary to divide Russia! The fib that Russia is governed by Jews is an invention additional to the striving toward a defeat and conquest of Russia.

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I have already said that in Bolshevism there never was, nor is there now, anything especially Jewish. It / Bolshevism / is a repulsive dictatorship, applied to all nationalities. The Jewish masses suffer from it just as all others; Jewish parties are interdicted, like all others.

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Equality of the Jewry to the rest of the populace was established in 1917 by the Provisional Government. The entire populace of Russia, among others that of Jewish origin, supported that democratic government.

Seizure of power by Lenin in October of 1917 was effected with the aid of a revolt of the Petrograd garrison and navy, also of part of the Petrograd workers. This seizure was made final by Lettish divisions.

Lenin's dictatorship guaranteed to Jews *no* privileges. It bankrupted the more or less well-off strata of the Jewry, the strata that either followed mainly the Kadet party or remained orthodox; it sub-destroyed social and religious organizations of the Jewry, and it subjected the Jewry to political violence just as it did other nationalities. And in view of the fact that the Jewry, because of special conditions, was more than other nationalities occupied in petty trade and brokerage, this dictatorship delivered it / the Jewry / a crushing blow.

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Such are the facts, refuting the stupid and harmful assertion of Russia's enemies about the alleged Jewish "dominance" in the times of Bolshevism.

/ Please / accept my expression of respect.

/ Signature / VL. Lebedev.

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American Medical Association" which was
founded in 1887.

The second was the "Journal of the
American Pharmaceutical Association" which
was founded in 1887.

The third was the "Journal of the
American Veterinary Association" which
was founded in 1887.

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American Dental Association" which
was founded in 1887.

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American Nurses Association" which
was founded in 1887.

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American Optometric Association" which
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American Podiatric Association" which
was founded in 1887.

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American Chiropractic Association" which
was founded in 1887.

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American Massage Association" which
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American Acupuncture Association" which
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