

Source A: Excerpts from The Boycott is our only weapon against Nazi Germany, 1933, by Samuel Untermyer

Address of Mr. Samuel Untermyer before the American League for the Defense of Jewish Rights.

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... When they [Nazi Germany] defied an outraged world-opinion and all the impulses of justice, common decency and humanity by deliberately launching this long-contemplated campaign of medieval savagery, any child should have known that appeals and protests would fall upon deaf ears that were made with triumph and exultation at the tragic success of their barbaric work.

The spontaneous and sympathetic responses and outcries of the non-Jewish people of this and other countries from the clergy, from the Bar, the Medical Associations and War Veterans, and especially from every corner of Great Britain and all the other English-speaking nations, were most heartening and inspiring. They confirmed us in the conviction that this reversion to the Dark Ages was rightly construed as a blow not only at the German Jews but at the heart of all humanity. Today the Jews are the center of attack. There are signs and premonitions that tomorrow it will be the Catholics, the Socialists and the Boy Scouts (whose property in Germany has already been appropriated), and so on, until every living soul within the German empire is reduced to a state of subjection that spells for the entire nation the doom of human liberty.

But after all has been said and done, the fight just now is primarily ours. How then shall we organize and conduct this struggle to restore the political and economic freedom, self-respect and property rights of which our unfortunate brethren have been robbed, and protect them against further persecution and bodily harm?...

...First, you must be sure that you are not buying goods made in Germany.

Next, you must refuse to make any purchases whatever from any department-store, chain-store or merchant who sells goods made in Germany. Wherever possible, patronize the industries of your own country that support you and that are the prior claimants upon your patronage. Enlist everyone you know in this campaign until every German-made article of merchandise is driven out of this country. You must refuse to travel in German ships or to visit Germany. Any man or woman who is seen in Germany or on a German ship demeans himself. He should be ashamed to be recognized by either Jews or non-Jews in places where he is regarded in the social scale as beneath the servants who wait upon him.

If you find, as you will (and it is being done to a considerable extent), that the stamps, brands and labels of German-made goods have been removed, so as to deceive you into buying them, you should notify the customs authorities of that fact and advise the owner of the store in which you make the discovery that you are taking this action. He may not know of it. It may have been done by the jobber before delivery, or in some other way.

The most important of the German industries, both in Germany and in this country and the most prosperous in its dealings with us is that of chemicals, dyes and colors. It is the German Chemical Trust, the very backbone of Germany, and is known as the "I. G. Farben." In its printed matter it proudly calls itself "A State within a State." It is not only a national but an international and World power. It controls all the artificial silk (Rayon) made in Germany, and has a working agreement with all countries that manufacture artificial silk — except with the United States — where the I. G. owns its own plant, which heretofore issued \$30,000,000 in bonds that were sold in this country....

...Aside from dyes, drugs and other chemicals, the I. G. is the largest single producer of nitrogen in the world. It also controls practically all the photographic materials in Germany; has a good part of the aluminum business; controls the manufacture of explosives; is interested in large land developments, copper mines, automobiles, heavy chemicals, petroleum products, coal, iron and steel manufacture, and

thousands of other items.

In all modern manufacture the use of chemicals is required in almost every process. The control of that industry by the I. G. gives it tremendous power. Besides dominating the Swiss Company, known as "I. G. Chemie" of Basle, it has a close working arrangement in Great Britain with the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., including nitrates. It has interests in Spain and Italy, and nitrate arrangements in other countries....
...There is no reason why we Americans should have to buy or use dyes, chemicals, colors, drugs or photographic materials imported from Germany whilst our own manufacturers are languishing. I am reliably informed that there is nothing made by the German I. G. that is not being equally well made in this country.

Why not exercise care in seeing to it that you give to your own industries the benefit of your patronage?

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