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St. Petersburg Times, March 22, 1933, page 1
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Submitted by Mary A.
“Persecution of Jews Ends, U.S. Is Advised”

*St. Petersburg Times*, March 26, 1933, page 1

**Event:** Nazis Boycott Jewish Businesses

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Submitted by Sam B.

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WASHINGTON, March 26.

(CP) — The state department tonight reported that an official investigation of conditions in Germany indicated that “whereas there was for a short time considerable physical mistreatment of Jews, this phase may be considered virtually terminated.”

This finding, based on reports from the Berlin embassy and American consulates throughout Germany, was telegraphed by the state department tonight to leading American Jews who had requested the government to verify the reported mistreatment of members of their race at the hands of Hitlerites and to take appropriate action.

While state department officials did not amplify the telegram, it was understood authoritatively that no official protest to the Hitler government is planned in view of the embassy’s report.

*Other Phase Improv*
Hitler Plans Nation-wide Jew Boycott

St. Petersburg Times, March 29, 1933, page 1

Event: Nazis Boycott Jewish Businesses

https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=feST4K8J0scC&dat=19330329&printsec=frontpage&hl=en

Berlin, March 28.—A tight nation-wide anti-Jewish boycott throughout Germany, affecting even the smallest village, was ordered tonight to begin Saturday in order to force foreign countries to abandon any hostility toward Germany.

This “counter-offensive” to the “Jewish atrocity campaign abroad” was organized and ordered by National Socialist party headquarters in Munich, obviously with the sanction of Chancellor Hitler following a conference with Dr. Joseph Goebbels, head of the ministry of propaganda.

Chancellor Hitler was still in Munich tonight, working at the brown house, Nazi party center, after a rest in his Harz mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden over the weekend.

National Boycott of Jews
FALL 2014

“PLEASE, RING THE BELL FOR US”

DECEMBER 2, 2014  NIKO  LEAVE A COMMENT

John Knott's cartoon Visually depicts the indecision Congress faced in the debate of the Wagner-Rogers Bill.
Event: Child Refugee Bill Fails in Senate

Alien Children
Phoenix

Editor,
Arizona Republic,

Sirs:

This is one time that I cannot agree with one of your editorials, as appeared in the Republic this date (April 27) relative to admitting 20,000 German refugee children into this country.

You say this bill is a humanitarian act. No doubt that is true. But why should the United States, when millions of workers are unemployed and hundreds of thousands of American children are hungry, bring in 20,000 foreigners and feed them?

The people who are sponsoring this bill should furnish the money to take care of these refugees—not the United States taxpayers.

I have read many editorials in your paper lamenting the great burden being placed on the taxpayers through relief programs of American citizens, but you failed to state in this editorial that bringing these children to America would impose any kind of a burden. But you did state that other nations are taking numbers of these refugee children, and it seems only fair that the United States should take its quota. What would be the quota of the United States—who has authority to say?

After we have amply provided employment for our unemployed and there are no hungry American children in this country and there is a labor shortage, then, and not until then, should we admit more aliens, children or grown-ups.

If the United States should join other nations in forming a colony in some other country and send these refugees there, I don’t believe that the many millions of 100 per cent Americans would object. But, why should we take bread out of our own children’s mouths to take care of 20,000 foreign children? We have too many aliens in this country today.

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“Urges Admittance Of German Children”
The Pittsburgh Press, July 3, 1939, page 4
Event: Child Refugee Bill Fails in Senate
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https://newspapers.com/clip/25787212/the_pittsburgh_press/
Submitted by Lael F.
“Lindbergh Removes His Mask”
Detroit Jewish Chronicle and the Legal Chronicle, September 12, 1941, page 2
Event: Charles Lindbergh Makes ‘Un-American’ Speech
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Submitted by Ginger M.

Lindbergh Removes His Mask
An Editorial
Appeasing isolationist (ex-Colonel) Charles A. Lindbergh has made some charges.
Hitherto his henchmen denied he was an anti-Semite, but Lindbergh himself did not talk.
Now, the suspected has occurred:
Lindbergh’s knowledge of Jews and his attitude towards us is rooted in Nazi ideology.
Jews, he said, control the motion pictures, the press, the radio and our Government.
THIS IS NAZI LANGUAGE.
More than that: This is an indictment of 130,000,000 Americans who selected an administration based on traditions of democracy and common decency. To Lindbergh, as to the Nazis, anything he dislikes becomes Jewish; therefore, the administration he dislikes becomes Jewish.

But the Des Moines, Ia., audience before whom he unburdened himself of his UN-AMERICAN, ANTI-SEMITIC, PRO-NAZI VIEWS on Thursday night gave the answer. According to the Associated Press report, “THE CROWD CHEERED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT 11 DISTINCT TIMES DURING LINDBERGH’S ADDRESS.” That was the answer of America.

We have faith that America’s answer will be in the spirit of democracy and not along lines of hatred—whether hatred of Jews or others the haters disagree with.

Because America and democracy is greater than the composite form of the Lindberghs and the isolationists and appeasers.
Defense Of Lindbergh

Editor The Star-Bulletin: The September 13 editorial “blast” at Charles Lindbergh was undeserved. What Lindbergh said, millions of people already know. What harm did he do? Herefore we have thought that The Star-Bulletin was not a “controlled” paper. Seems we have been wrong. One editorial censures an American citizen and the adjoining column editorial is a defense of French Jews. (“Nimble name calling.”) Lindbergh has been called about every smear name that could be “dug up” from history. But we have never read where The Star-Bulletin asks “Does it make sense?” Lindbergh’s great crime has been that he loves his own homeland more than he loves the British Empire and that is the great unpardonable sin with the noisy part of the population. It would be enlightening to know if the Lindbergh name callers are “Communist.” Lindbergh gains more friends by every “blast.”

M. N. C.

(Editor’s Note: Let Critic M. N. C. take note of Thursday’s editorial, “Cowardly and Contradictory,” which defends the right of speech for Lindbergh even though we do not agree with his views.)