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"American Jews Charge German Mistreatment"

St. Petersburg Times, March 22, 1933, page 1

Event: Dachau Opens

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Submitted by Mary A.

AMERICAN JEWS CHARGE GERMAN MISTREATMENT

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)

—In response to complaints by American Jews of mistreatment of members of their race by the Hitlerites in Germany, the state department tonight asked the embassy in Berlin to make a complete report on the situation.

The action was taken shortly after a delegation from the American Jewish congress headed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York had called upon Under-Secretary Phillips with the request that the American government investigate the reports of mistreatment of Jews in Germany and take the requested diplomatic action if they were borne out.

"Persecution of Jews Ends, U.S. Is Advised"
St. Petersburg Times, March 26, 1933, page 1

Event: Nazis Boycott Jewish Businesses

<https://newspapers.ushmm.org/article/19604>

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Submitted by Sam B.

PERSECUTION OF JEWS ENDS, U.S. IS ADVISED

No Official Protest Planned
As Report Says Cruelty
Is Terminated

WASHINGTON, March 26.
—(P)—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 Phases Improve

"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>

HITLER PLANS NATION-WIDE JEW. BOYCOTT

Germans Told It Will Make
Other Countries Aban-
don Hostility

By **KARL H. VON WIEGAND**
(Copyright, 1933, for The Times)

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 week-end.

National Boycott of Jews

<https://blogs.lib.utexas.edu/nonaka/tag/wagner-rogers-bill/>

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John Knott's cartoon Visually depicts the indecision Congress faced in the debate of the Wagner-Rogers Bill.

“Alien Children”

Arizona Republic, April 30, 1939, page 4

Event: Child Refugee Bill Fails in Senate

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Submitted by Lael F.

Alien Children

Phoenix

Editor,
Arizona Republic,
Sir:

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.

BILL WILLIAMSON
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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.

<p>King" which 945 English reporters promptly put into their headlines. SO WHAT.</p> <p>Urges Admittance Of German Children</p> <p><i>Editor, The Pittsburgh Press:</i></p> <p>The bill pending in Congress to admit 20,000 children of German Jews for adoption into American homes is opposed on the ground that it would decrease the number of homes available for American orphans. Even if this were true, the American child can always find a good home in an orphanage, while the Jewish child would be taken from want and intolerable persecution. Moreover, the opponents fail to realize that the wrongs and sufferings of the German Jews have so stirred our indignation and sympathy that thousands of homes would be open to the refugee child that would be closed to the American orphan. The entire influx would probably be absorbed by American Jews, and not a few disappointed applicants, having become adoption-minded, would doubtless draw on the orphanage.</p> <p>I believe the only valid objection to this bill is that it does not go far enough. To the crushing misfortunes of the parents it would add the refined cruelty of tearing away the child for an unknown home and destiny. Surely this country, which has always boasted itself a refuge for the oppressed, and to which 20,000 Jews would be as nothing compared to its 130,000,000, could afford a more liberal policy.</p> <p>The plight of the German Jews is much like that of the crew and passengers of a sinking ship. Certainly, because their plight is so much worse than that of either our workingmen or the taxpayers. Our workingman is unemployed until he finds a job, but in Germany the Jew is not only unemployed, but unemployable. True, a Jew can legally employ a Jew, but their employing power is nil, because they have been mercilessly sabotaged, robbed and impoverished.</p> <p>To bar our doors against the</p>	<p>menaced and stricken refugees, and turn them back to their tormentors, would be hardly worthy of a medieval civilization.</p> <p>H. G. TYSON, 841 Beech Ave.</p> <p>Says America Must Keep Out of Wars</p> <p><i>Editor, The Pittsburgh Press:</i></p> <p>Since the World War the aspirations of Germany, Japan and Italy for additional territory have been an ever-present menace to world peace.</p> <p>If flames over Europe ignite and countries ally themselves against each other, America must remain completely out, and at all cost. America must not be suckered into the universal lunacy that now convulses Europe.</p> <p>By "shutting our bloomin' selves up" while Europe explodes, we have only to provide for ourselves under relatively ordinary conditions.</p> <p>While Europe raises "cain," the United States could be completely solving her internal affairs and have the strongest line of defense.</p> <p>Remember, Fascism can only take hold of a country when it is weak — physically and mentally. Fascism or Communism is more probable to take hold of America wher she is draining all her resources to aid a European war and leaving her own internal problems undone. DAVID.</p> <p>Anent a Man's Trouble With Specs</p> <p><i>Editor, The Pittsburgh Press:</i></p> <p>My father got a new pair of glasses the other day. He complained that he couldn't see any better with them than with the old ones.</p> <p>He says he looks at all the pretty girls but he can't see them looking back at him. We pointed out to Pap that maybe the reason he didn't notice them returning his glance was that in fact they were not doing so. He admitted the possibility; said he had the same trouble with the old specs.</p> <p>RICHARD TAYLOR, Steubenville, O.</p>
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"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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<http://news.arcasearchdev.com/usmidjn-new/browse/pages/djc-1941-09-12>

Submitted by Ginger M.

JEWISH CHRONICLE and the Legal Chronicle

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”

Honolulu Star-Bulletin, September 19, 1941, page 8

Event: Charles Lindbergh Makes ‘Un-American’ Speech

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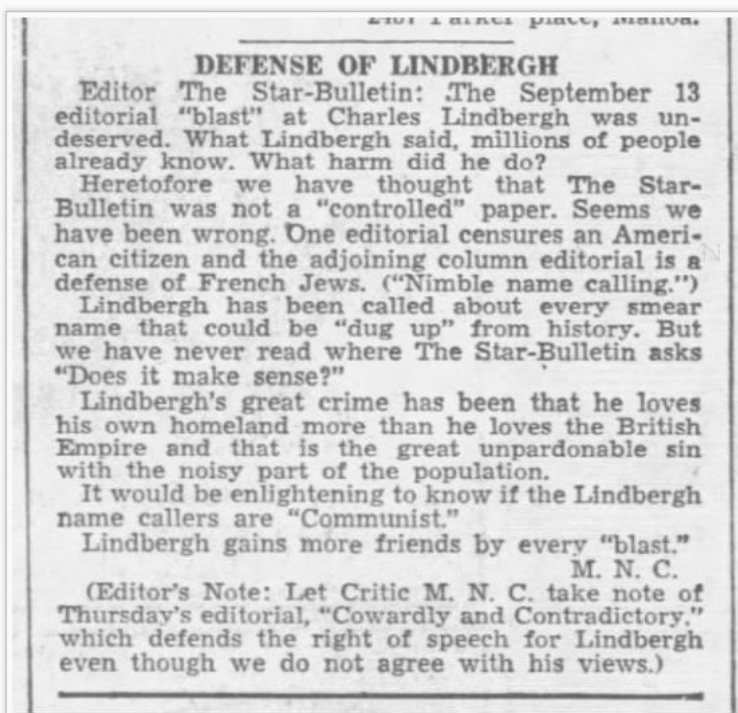
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Defense Of Lindbergh



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