

Boycott Group Exposes Nazi Trade Threats

U. S. Will Benefit By Penalties on Hitler, Statement Shows

The Joint Boycott Council, national coordinating agency for Boycott activity in this country, yesterday contradicted the German American Board of Trade which declared that the imposition of countervailing duties on imports of dutiable goods from Germany was a violation of a gentleman's agreement with the Treasury Department.

The Council also discounted the implied threat of retaliatory measures by the Nazi Government "who will find other sources of supply for the raw materials she has been getting from the United States."

In a statement signed by Dr. Joseph Tanenbaum, Chairman, the Council declared:

"The statement of the semi-official German American Board of Trade that the Treasury Department has violated a gentleman's agreement to permit a practice which is in contravention of the Tariff Act is a brazen affront to the integrity of duly constituted representatives of the American people.

"What really happened, was that the Treasury Department finally became fed up with the subterfuges of the Nazi Government which had agreed to an uncontrolled market on German American trade but had through her barter methods arbi-

trarily fixed the price of American goods. Under this arrangement, Germany restricted her imports to raw materials not obtainable elsewhere, paying in heavily subsidized goods which were dumped on to our shores to the detriment of American industry and labor. This subsidization was true of every item exported to this country with the exception of those commodities over which Germany has a monopoly.

"After the threat of losing 'a powerful market for American goods' this is merely a form of the propaganda tactics which had been fed the American masses by Nazi agents in order to break the Boycott. It is the same approach which has been used to prepare the ground for an exchange of American farm products for German machinery in order to aid 'starving American farmers.'

"The truth is that for years the Nazis have been purchasing from this country only those materials which cannot be obtained elsewhere and have carried on a systematic campaign of discrimination against us in favor of Central and Eastern European countries as well as Japan. As a matter of fact, their purchases in 1938, totaling \$107,491,000 was approximately 50 per cent of their 1933 imports. During the same period, our imports from Germany, mainly because of the nation-wide anti-Nazi Boycott, have only dropped from \$73,575,000 to \$64,537,000."

Dr. Tanenbaum also declared that the Council was preparing a memorandum to be presented shortly to the Treasury Department showing the extent of Nazi discrimination against American goods. Also that the Council would press for legislation amending the Tariff Act so that countervailing duties could also be placed on non-dutiable goods.

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