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ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH EX-SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

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All communications to the Secretary

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12th January 1960

Sir,

From the enclosed Press statement you will see that The Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women is organizing a mass demonstration to be held next Sunday, 17th January at 2.30 p.m.

This will take the form of a silent Protest March proceeding from Marble Arch to the Federal German Embassy, when a letter of protest will be handed to the German Ambassador.

It is anticipated that this demonstration against the resurgence of Nazism will be attended by considerable numbers - regardless of creed, or political opinion - who will wish to identify themselves with the purpose of the March.

Should you wish to cover this event, your representatives will be granted every facility.

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH EX-SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Yours,

G. Infield,
Hon. Secretary.

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Jewish March.

Start - at Marble Arch 2-30pm.

Finish - at German
Federal Embassy 3.15pm.

Control Point. in Beyswater
Rd - Mr. Dussack.

17 JAN 1960

**A PROTEST FOR SUBMISSION TO THE
FEDERAL GERMAN GOVERNMENT**

Today's protest march is a reflection of public opinion in Great Britain which holds anti-Semitism in abhorrence.

Anti-Semitism in Germany was the basis on which the Nazi movement was built. From this flowed the tide of Nazism which destroyed the rights, dignity, freedom, and lives of millions of people - Jew and non-Jew alike. The greatest alarm, therefore, has been caused by the recrudescence of anti-Semitism in Germany and whilst this has been condemned in public utterances by leaders of the Federal and Laender Governments, insufficient action has been taken to end Nazi influence.

Former active Nazis still occupy major positions in the Governments, Civil Service, armed forces, police and the judiciary. Furthermore, political parties and groups have been allowed to rise and flourish which are quite clearly devoted to Nazism under whatever name.

It is known that many teachers are anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi and are, therefore, an evil influence upon the young, basing their teachings on text books which give a distorted and inadequate picture of Germany under the Nazis and gloss over the horrors of their rule.

All these matters indicate that only by a thorough cleansing operation throughout Germany, undertaken with every sense of urgency, can the Germans convince the world of the sincerity of their aspirations towards true democracy. We are convinced that it is the duty of the Federal Government to eradicate these evils.

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Signatures to the Protest Letter

for submission to the

German Federal Government

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F. Ashe Lincoln, C.C., M.A., B.C.L.,
Commander, R.N.V.R.,
National Chairman,
Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen & Women

Barnett Janner, LL.D., M.P.,
President
Board of Deputies of British Jews

Anthony Greenwood, J.P., M.P.

✠ Mervyn Southwick

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Minister of Kingsway Hall Methodist Church.



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Copy of statement issued by the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women on
Tuesday, 12th January, 1960.

The recent spate of unabated anti-Jewish incidents has been attributed by a section of public opinion to irresponsible hooliganism or to an unco-ordinated "lunatic fringe". To a degree this may be true, but it is considered that a number of incidents do not fall into this pattern but bear the hallmark of a more insidious organising source.

Whatever the source, however, the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, as the field-force of the Anglo-Jewish community, has taken steps to ensure the protection of Jewish communal property and will continue to do so until such time as these acts of vandalism cease.

What is far more serious is that Nazism exists and is becoming more virulent and undisguised day by day. We know and are most concerned that self-confessed Nazis and Nazi sympathisers still hold positions of importance in the public life of Germany and we consider that this is a most dangerous situation, which should be rectified by the German Federal Government forthwith.

After the experience of the last war the Democracies must know that this problem is directed against Jews as a first step only. All thinking men and women are reminded—with all the emphasis at our command—that the history of the past 25 years points to this problem extending far beyond the small Jewish section of any community and must be faced by democratic society as a whole.

So that all who abhor the open resurgence of Nazism can be given the opportunity of expressing their feelings, we are organising a silent march on Sunday next, January 17th, at 2.30 p.m. from Marble Arch to the Federal German Embassy, where a letter of protest will be handed to the German Ambassador.

This march is intended to demonstrate determination and unity in the protest of all democracy-loving people, regardless of political opinion or creed and we call upon such people for their participation on Sunday.

PEOPLE OF IMPORTANCE WHO HAVE CONTACTED US

Signatories to the Letter of Protest who will March

F. Ashe Lincoln, Q.C., M.A., B.C.L.,
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Rev. Donald O. Soper, M.A., Ph.D., L.C.C.
Minister of Kingway Hall Methodist Church.

The Lord Bishop of Southwark is also a Signatory
but regrets he is unable to attend.

OTHERS WHO WILL ATTEND:

Lt. T. Gould, V.C. (a Jewish V.C. of
the Second World War)

Edward Evans, M.P.
Ben Parkin, M.P.
A.E. Hunter, M.P.
David Weitzman, Q.C. M.P.
Mayor of Hackney
Mayor of Stoke Newington
Kenneth Robinson, M.P.

PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT
OR ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND:

The Board of Deputies of British Jews
The Very Rev. Rabbi Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi
The Very Rev. the Haham, Dr. S. Gaon
Sir Vincent Tewson
Sir Tom O'Brien
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Mayor of Westminster
Mrs. Paul Robeson
Conservative Central Office
Labour Central Office
Liberal Central Office
Variety Artists Federation