

# City To Avoid Purchasing German-Made Materials

## Vote Is 14 to 5 When Motion Banning Nazi Products Adopted by Council

Nazi goods or materials manufactured or grown in Germany and imported here after April 1 will not be purchased by the city, City Council decided yesterday, by a vote of 14 to 5, in endorsing a motion of Ald. Donald Fleming. Argument on the issue produced views on world aggression, economic boycotts and dictators, during which Mayor Ralph Day ruled that speakers should stick to the motion and leave the dictators alone.

For the motion—Mayor Day, Controllers Wadsworth, Conboy, Hamilton, Aldermen Phillips, Smith, Fleming, Muir, Quinn, Innes, Rowntree, Plumptre, Bray, MacGregor.

Against—Aldermen Bogart, Balfour, Simmons, Howell, Millen.

Declaring he did not propose to call the dictators names, Ald. Fleming held that the plan was not a boycott in the general sense of the word. Citizens were not being invited to boycott German goods. He felt it was a matter for the individual, with the city setting the example.

### THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY

"We're not setting ourselves to deal with issues that affect legislative or Dominion bodies, but this concerns City Council, where taxpayers' money might be spent on German goods," he said. "Diplomatic relations have not been broken off with Germany but I do not think anyone can say there are cordial relations between the German Reich and democracies. The alliances of Britain and France were made to protect democracy against the aggressors, who have been condemned by all, even our own Prime Minister and the United States. We have a duty to face. The question is how to stop Hitler in his drive for world conquest. No one has any confidence in Hitler's word."

"Please stick to the motion," ruled the Mayor.

"I was giving reasons for the motion," the alderman replied, proceeding to say that the aggressors sought expansion, and purchase of German-made goods would strengthen Hitler in foreign exchange. Every such purchase would aid Hitler, and while there was an economic war to oppose him nothing was being done about it.

"Taxpayers' money should not be used to buy German goods," he went on. "There are Nazis in our midst. There are German trade representatives who are political agents as well. We should teach them a lesson in this British city. Restrict economic aggression with economic self defense."

### THINKS IT UNWISE

"I'm no admirer of Hitler, but this is unwise procedure," Ald. John Simmons objected. "Why just mention Germany? Mussolini and the Emperor of Japan are as bad and should be included in the motion."

Ald. Nathan Phillips termed the motion courageous. Hitler was the one enemy of British democracy, expressing his views in no uncertain

terms and attempting to foist a policy of force and intolerance on the world. This should not be tolerated.

"Keep to the terms of the motion," the Mayor ruled. "This is not an international forum."

"We should show leadership to everybody," Ald. Phillips responded. "Every dollar that Toronto invests in German merchandise goes to back up Hitler in his campaign of intolerance and force. We have nothing against the German people. They are a great race and nation. It seems too bad that the mantle of racial intolerance should be thrown over them by the leader they have. The motion is in keeping with enlightened opinion."

Ald. Bogart contended the issue was one for the tariff board and dangerous without knowledge of world conditions and economic problems. Japan, he said, had outdone Germany by seizing China, and the whole question of aggressor nations should be considered. Council, he said, should deal with the problem of getting people back to work.

"We're not at war," Ald. Balfour retorted. "The matter is for the Dominion Government. Let's be guided by the gentleman with the umbrella."

Ald. Stewart Smith held that the issue was properly one for council. If such policies were adopted by all nations, the aggressors would be defeated, and the League of Nations should institute economic sanctions, which would insure peace, he said.

### RELIEF PLAN REJECTED

By 14 to 9 council turned down Ald. Plumptre's motion to set up a special committee of nine to deal with relief.

For—Aldermen Smith, Shannon, Fleming, Muir, Davy, Bogart, Innes, Plumptre, Bray.

Against—Mayor Day, Controllers Conboy, Wadsworth, Hamilton, McNish, Aldermen Phillips, Johnston, Quinn, Balfour, Rowntree, Simmons, Howell, Millen, MacGregor.

Con. J. D. McNish, opposing the plan, held that policy on relief was not laid down by Board of Control but by the Provincial Department of Welfare, and individual complaints could be better handled through Board of Control.

While Ald. Quinn had been named as a member of this committee, he asked to have his name removed. He supported the present policy of having the Board of Control deal with relief.

Council endorsed by 15 to 4 Ald. Plumptre's motion asking that action be taken to restore the voting franchise to income taxpayers who were deprived of their civic vote when the Ontario Government took over the income tax.

Ald. Fleming's motion asking that civic employes be granted a week's leave with pay to attend militia camps was withdrawn after Mayor Day explained that Board of Control had already given this direction. Those who were members of the militia, the Mayor explained, will receive pay and the extra week will not interfere with their holidays.

Council refused to suspend the rules to permit discussion of Ald. Muir's motion asking that only British subjects be given civic contracts or employed on such work.