

GERMAN-CANADIANS PROTEST PROPAGANDA AND BOYCOTT

Send Letter to Weston Town
Council Deprecating Hatred
and Spite

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Weston, Aug. 9.—Protesting what they termed a "violent and vicious propoganda campaign against Germany," members of the German United League of Ontario in a letter to Weston town council last night asked co-operation in combatting the alleged discrimination.

Demanding respect for German traditions, the letter maintained that German-Canadian citizens were denied the freedom for national traditions guaranteed to other Canadian groups.

"We find that a violent and vicious propaganda campaign is being conducted against Germany in part of the Canadian press located particularly in Toronto and that irresponsible groups are waging a boycott of German merchandise with words of hatred and spite against everything German," the letter read.

"We highly resent these attempts to single out the country of our birth or of our forefathers for defamation and we call upon the Canadian public to help us in our fight for respect for Germany."

A preamble to the letter stated that the communication was a resolution adopted at the "Fourth German-Canadian annual reunion in Ontario" in Kitchener, Ont., and death with the boycott of German goods.

"Offending the feelings of its citizens of German birth or descent is sowing civil strife and dissension," continued the letter, "and is subversive to national unity in Canada.

"We do this for the sake of Germany, whose cultural heritage we shall never forget in our life. We do this both for Canada and Germany for he who continuously picks at Germany in Canada, wilfully troubles the good relations which happily exist between the two countries.

"We ask public newspapers and all fair minded people in Canada to do their best in fighting, by word and deed, the subversive elements responsible for anti-German propagand aand boycott of German merchandise."

Council filed the letter after Councillor J. O. Scott declared council was not concerned with the contents and that he knew of no German boycott.

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