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Protest flyer

Harburg businessman Ignatz Reis protested with a flyer against the boycott of his business on April 1, 1933.

The March 12 announcement of the Chancellor of the Reich stated, among other things: "As your *Führer* and in the name of the government of national revolution, I demand that you represent the honor and dignity of the new regime in such a way that it will also go down in history with honor and dignity. (...) I therefore order you from now on to maintain the most stringent, unquestioning discipline. (...) It is now also our important task to make the entire German people and, above all, our economy feel completely secure. Anyone who disrupts administrative or business life through individual actions from now on acts against the national interest."

Despite these statements, there was a movement to boycott Jewish-owned businesses. Meanwhile, the Reich President's proclamation on March 21 declared: "I also greet the families of the war dead and all of my front comrades from the Great War." My wife was one of these survivors, since her brother had died at the front. I myself was one of these "comrades," since I had seen active service from the beginning, was promoted to officer rank and head of a company, and received the Iron Cross Second

Class, the Meiningen officer's decoration, and the Iron Cross First Class. I will leave it to your judgment whether it is right to boycott my business only because I am a Jew. The economic damage of the boycott to my business would naturally also extend to my staff, many of who are also soldiers who returned from the front with decorations, i.e., "comrades from the Great War".

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