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Edwin L. James, Esq., Managing Editor, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd Street, New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. James:

In the paper of April 20 was a story about a complaint made by the American Jewish Congress against the American Consulate here by two alleged American citizens - of Jewish faith - who had got themselves arrested by acting like the idiots they seem to be. There is not a thing in the complaint except some baseless allegations of discourtesy, but the clippings are coming back to the Consulate at a great rate and naturally they are sore. These birds apparently couldn't speak decent English, much less German.

However, the point is you may get more such tales. I'll bet in advance that there's no reason for them, because the Consulate has been taking every case, patiently, investigating it, making representations where it could and generally working its head off. But in case you should, can't we have a request by cable to get the facts before you print the Yiddish version?

We'll rejoice to oblige and it will keep our friends at the Consulate, who are real people, from feeling resent-ful against us.

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Your s sincerely,