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# What Crisis? Speculation, Corruption, and the State of Emergency during the Great Depression

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**PHOTO CREDIT:** A Communist Party election poster from 1930 depicting one of the Sklarek brothers as an enemy of the proletariat. The Sklarek brothers were wealthy Jewish businessmen with close ties to the SPD. They were eventually arrested for fraud and bribing officials. Courtesy of the Bundesarchiv (Plak 002-017-025).