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DIES COMMITTEE EXPOSES RABBIS' ACTIVITIES IN U.S.

Red Control of Agudath Harabonim To Be Investigated

From our Washington correspondent by "de"layed mail via Novoseller comes the sensational disclosure that an investigation of the activities of the Agudath Harabonim of America was undertaken this morning by Chairman Martin Dies Jr. of the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities.

In an exclusive interview with our Commentator reporter there Dies revealed that his investigators have found the organization guilty of controlling Reds' activities. A far-reaching financial system was suspected of existing through which the leaders of this uncovered, undernourished (underlined, by the editor) group maintained their control over the internal policies of the Mox International.

Leaders of the Rabbinical organization were not available for comment this noon. It was learned from the secretary of a minor official who asked that his name be withheld for fear of typographical errors (he admitted he was susceptible to typophobia) that the recent Hashgacha price war has kept the executive committee extremely busy. This alibi was confirmed by the Daily Blot whose editorial offices said that several unsuccessful attempts already had been made to reach committee members for statements on the crisis in Jewish education, the Central European situation, the current problems of Palestine, and the effect of Plumbus on the Chinese coolie.

In a statement issued this morning Dr. Bee Hevel of the R. F. D. Theological Seminary and chief of the honorary presidents of the Agudah repudiated the organization in no uncertain terms. Reading a paper written in flawless Ripleyan style to the press Dr. Hevel described the gradual degeneration of the organization. "Either we or they must resort to harems," he cried.

Food Fells Victim In Cafe Scourge

No. 962 of the student body died last night from stomach ulcers as the result of eating in Tannenfinkel's restaurant. The administering interne Hippocrates tried his utmost to save 962 but found himself unequal to the task of repairing the havoc caused by the patient's foolhardiness.

In fact, when pressed for a statement the interne remarked that 962 was doomed after the first meal he had at Tannenfinkel's and only his remarkable iron constitution kept him alive until now.

When informed of this tragedy Sammy Tear reprised No. 962 for his aptitude in solving the politics of dying without permission from the administration.

Faculty To Be Joined By Renowned Prodigy



Prof.
Aristotle
"Staff"
Thoopnagle

The most important addition to the faculty in recent years is the world-famed prodigy, Aristotle S. Thoopnagle, the registrar's office announced.

The nine-year-old master-mind, who has baffled the world's greatest scientists and philosophers by his complete mastery of their respective fields of knowledge is the author of classic works on languages, and the natural sciences and of an original solution to the problem, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" He is the recipient of doctorate degrees from universities in London, Rome, Bagdad, and Calcutta as well as a rabbinical degree from Slobodka.

In addition to his engagement as lecturer in classical languages and law at Yeshiva, he will, during his limited stay here, pursue courses leading to the D.H.L. degree at Sheviya College in New York.

During an interview with a COMMENTATOR reporter he confided that the "S" in his name stands for "Thuff," by which his intimates call him.

Displaying a keen interest in present political and economic affairs he showed himself as an independent thinker, and repeatedly denounced "ton bouleshall kakos" (the Greek for "ton ball is the caucus") which he explained as his refusal to be governed badly.

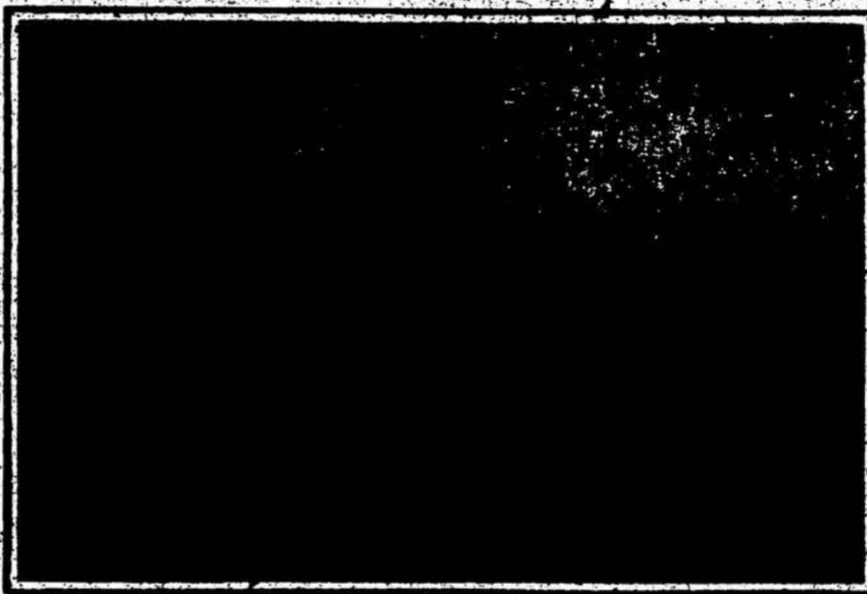
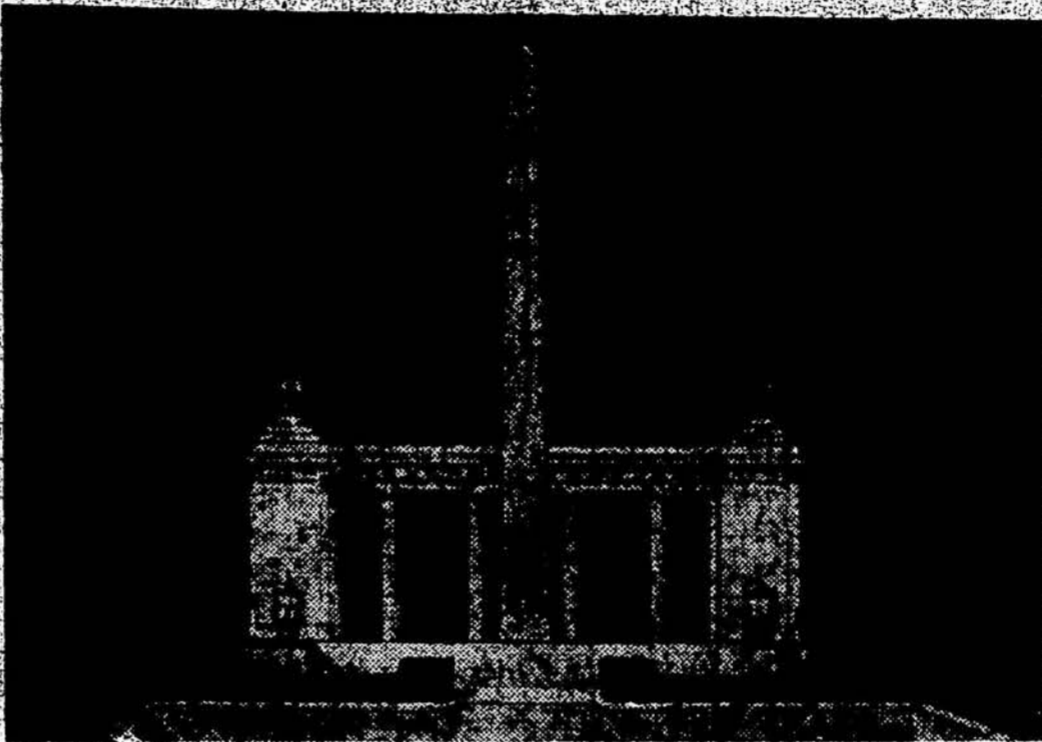
When asked about his affiliations with the Ilfuyim Guild he replied that his age and rabbinical degree rendered him ineligible for membership in the Guild, and bitterly decried it as a C. I. O. affiliate.

YESHIVA DEFEATS CANNIBALS

The Yeshiva chess men vanquished the well known Africa Hottentot Cannibals in a correspondence chess match. All the members of the team with the exception of Capt. Benjamin Pincoff won their matches. The matches took five years to complete.

FIRST OF EDIFICES IN 'GROUP Z' DEDICATED

ARTIST'S SKETCH



Actual photo of Hall of Fame.

Staff photo.

Hall of Fame Structure Exceeds Beauty of Sketch

WINS CRITICS PRAISE

Faculty and Students To Select Names To Be Included

The first of the beautiful new buildings which are to comprise Group Z in Yeshiva's building expansion plan was formally dedicated this noon in presence of a large throng of notables. The structure, which is an improved model of the N. Y. U. Hall of Fame, is also the first of the many others which are scheduled to be erected under the provisions of the will left by I. Philip Space. Unfortunately Mr. Space found it necessary to die before leaving the money to Yeshiva.

When the flag covering the facade was removed, a gasp of amazement went up from the throng. The sheer beauty of the building literally took away the breath of the onlookers. Witnesses reported that they were the sound of the escape of yards away.

In the adjoining column Commentator presents to its readers an architect's sketch of the new building and, below that, the building as it actually stands today. In the opinion of experts as gathered in a poll conducted by Commentator, the actual structure far surpasses the sketch in true beauty.

It is expected that before long the niches in the Hall of Fame will be filled with "busts." It is known that administration leaders are planning a meeting of the faculty for the purpose of selecting the biggest "busts" among the country's outstanding men for inclusion in the Hall of Fame. A similar meeting of the Commentator governing board has already selected Arnold J. Piller for inclusion.

Isaacs Selected As Leader Of Ratzis

Wed., March 1 (OGPU)
Over the wires of the OGPU Service of which the Commentator is an official member comes the startling disclosure that Prof. Moe Lawgiver Isaacs of Yeshiva College was elected unanimously as the uber-Puehrer of the German-American Hund at a secret meeting of the organization held in Union Square last night. The selection was made immediately following one of the most fiery orations ever delivered by Isaacs in his stormy and tempestuous career.

Upon hearing of the news, Irving Shagan "to immediately armed himself and threatened to shoot Isaacs on the spot if he ever showed up again at Yeshiva.

Assimilators Expelled As Novel Non-Aryan Policy Takes Effect

In line with the revolutionary non-Aryan race theory advanced yesterday by Dr. Mordecai Gabriel, head of the biology department of Yeshiva College, an official communique from the office of Mr. Arty (pronounced "R.T.") registrar of the institution, announces that assimilators of the fifteenth generation are to be expelled from the school. The new theory emphasized the supremacy of pure-blooded non-Aryans of fine Oriental stock over the flax-haired Occidental "ghosts."

(A late bulletin of the Dissociated Press reveals that the Menahel (the title given

the head of the new management is contemplating a plebiscite at the Jewish Theological Seminary to protect the oppressed minorities of Yeshivanicks there. "World-Assimilation is contaminating our suffering Yeshivanicks in those institutions," the Menahel is reported to have said. "If I must, to free my fellow Yeshivanicks, I will use force and even go so far as to declare war on these centers of oppression, and that includes the Institute of Religion and the Hebrew Union College.")

All news in Yeshiva College is under strict censorship of Propaganda Minister Joseph T. Ripley. There is deep consternation, he admits, on the second floor, where a nest of Mox sympathizers has

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Yeshiva Establishes Communication With Mars As Dr. Hevel Utters First Inter-Planetary Words

A hush of expectancy fell over the densely packed laboratory. The select audience composed of the country's most eminent scientists, who had come from far and near to witness this historic occasion, sat with abated breath while the supreme moment was at hand.

At last! the dream of mankind was to be realized through the persistent efforts of Yeshiva's renowned physicist, Dr. Bee Hevel, as he uttered the first inter-planetary words.

His communication with Mars was to become an actuality.

With drawn face and with teeth bared in determination, Prof. A. Hevel advanced to turn on the microphone. With a glare and a weird look, the strange machine sent out an Phi Beta Kappa rays and other. The prayers of the present followed them in the supreme moment!

At the supreme moment! Hevel's voice was heard in the hall. "Hello Mars! Hello Mars! Hello Mars!"

Clearing his throat nervously, glancing quickly at the hovering technicians as if seeking their approval, he opened his lips as if to speak. Yet no sound came forth. Evidently the strain was too great. But no! again Prof. Hevel's lips were seen to open. As if in a hypnotic spell, the eyes of each individual hung upon his every action. Yes! Yes! a sound was coming forth!

What would he say? What would be the words that would go down forever in history? Ah-h-h-h!

"Of How-is-your — Yiras — Shamyim — up — there?"

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Our Apologies First

With this issue Commentator has decided to stage a little Chagiga of its own. We sincerely hope that our attempts at humor will be met in the same spirit in which they are intended—in the spirit of good, clean fun and in keeping with the gayety of the traditional Purim atmosphere. If there be such who feel that their dignity has been offended, we hereby offer our heartfelt sympathy to them. And now on to more serious business.

A Mixer and a Class Nite

The first Faculty-Student Mixer in the annals of Yeshiva must be termed as a success both in conception and execution, and credit for the success must be given the Executive-Faculty Committee whose initial undertaking it was.

The fact that the mixer of last Sunday is to be followed by an elaborate Class Nite on Sunday, March 12, is indicative of a new and wholesome spirit which seems to be gathering in momentum as the school year draws on. Emphasis on extra-curricular social functions until now almost entirely lacking except for the periodical Chagigas, is being increased in a desirable fashion and cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the life of the student body.

The opportunities for social contacts for undergraduates here have been and are seriously limited by lack of time, lack of facilities, and by other considerations. In being deprived of these contacts students have come to realize that they were losing one of the most fertile media for self-improvement and self-expression that college can offer. In other words, they have recognized the fact that a well-balanced personality cannot be developed in the classroom alone, nor even in a psychology class.

In an effort to ameliorate the situation somewhat, the idea of Class Nite was introduced last year and its inauguration met with signal success. Since then, the performances have improved both in quality and in importance so that they have come to command an important place on the collegiate calendar.

Now the colossus of them all has made its

appearance. A gala Class Nite which far exceeds the others in every respect is scheduled for March 12. To those who have had the courage to undertake it and carry it through its present stage of preparation we extend our thanks in the name of the student body; and to each individual student we say that the best service that he can render himself is to help in every way to make this affair the greatest extra-curricular triumph yet seen at the college.

Perfidious Albion

It would seem that the list of betrayals which Great Britain has been sponsoring of late is not to stop at Czecho-Slovakia and Loyalist Spain but is to be extended to include that sacred trust—Palestine.

Following the starvation and spoliation of an entire nation through the acknowledged farce of non-intervention it would appear that there could be no lower depths of shame to which an allegedly democratic government could sink. Yet with the realization of the full significance of the reports emanating from London, a new low in international immorality seems to have been reached. Never has the appellation Perfidious Albion more aptly described Great Britain.

In utter contempt for the most solemn pledges given to both the Jews and the League of Nations, in callous indifference to the heroic sacrifice of thousands of pioneers in their efforts to rehabilitate a barren land, and in inhuman disregard for the plight of thousands of persecuted Jews who look to Palestine as their only hope and salvation, Great Britain has indicated that she may acquiesce to the Arab demands for an independent Arab-controlled state with the Jews relegated to the position of a permanent minority.

The tragedy of the Jew's being a prisoner in his own homeland at the mercy of an Arab majority whose leaders would hesitate at nothing to obtain their ends, no matter how dastardly, is the crowning touch to a story whose bitterness transcends human description.

Yet, apparently that is the intention of the present British government. The just claims of the Jews are to be disregarded for admittedly political reasons. Britain wants the millions of Arabs on her side in case of a conflict, and has given the prize to the highest bidder.

The position of the Jews is not clear and cannot be clear until it is learned whether the new plan is merely a trial balloon to determine their reaction or whether it represents the actual decision of the British government.

In the latter case one thing is sure: that those Jews who believe in Zionism will never give up without a fight. Now it is most urgent that all pro-Palestine organizations rededicate themselves to the struggle for their ideals. It is with sincere pleasure, therefore, that we witness the revitalization of Hapoel Hamizrachi of Yeshiva College. It is a necessary and vital function of Yeshiva life. You owe it your support.

Obituary

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we record the untimely passing of Ruth Levinson, sister of Nathan Levinson '38.

The Commentator on behalf of the student body offers its sincere sympathy to the family in their bereavement. May the Lord comfort them with all other mourners of Zion.

PREVUES AND VIEWS

Irwin Shaw, author of "Bury the Dead," returns to the Group Theatre with a play which he describes as a "Brooklyn Fable" and entitles "The Gentle People." Playing at the Belasco Theatre with such eminent figures as Franchot Tone, Sylvia Sydney and Sam Jaffe it is scheduled for a long and successful run on Broadway.

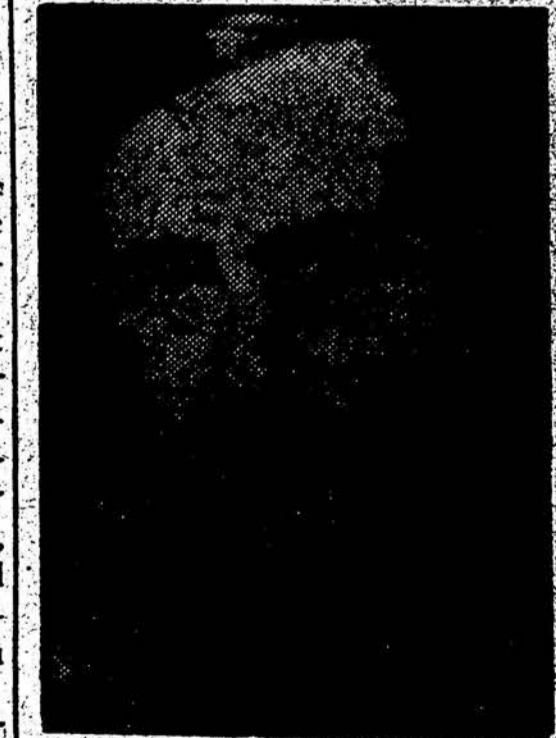
Essentially the story concerns itself with simple fisher folk who spend their evenings wetting bait and philosophising from an outdoor motor set afloat on the waters of Coney Island. The destruction of their peace and the seduction of the lovely daughter (Sylvia Sydney) of one of the fishermen (Sam Jaffe) by a notorious racketeer (Franchot Tone) who in addition forces them to pay \$5 weekly for protection against pseudo-pirates, results in arousing the gentle people to the point of killing the racketeer. The victim is so despicable a character that his death is an occasion for celebration.

Franchot Tone, who plays his role with unusual gusto, serves to convince this reviewer more and more of the versatile star's ability. Pier settings by Aronson, an amusing Russian steam bath scene and typical ordinary Brooklyn life, combine to make the Group Theatre's production of "The Gentle People" a brilliant success.

In 1917 Stefan Zweig wrote an anti-war play with a Biblical background. The prophecies and lamentations of Jeremiah provided for him a convincing argument against futile imperialistic wars and this he sought to bring out in a powerful drama set in the Jerusalem of old. This year, the Theatre Guild has revived the play with a stellar cast of stage notables. The result is an admirable production of a well-timed propaganda—if it may be called such—play, "Jeremiah," the current tenant at the Guild.

It is interesting and significant to note how true the words and

AUTHOR OF "JEREMIAH"



Stephen Zweig

warnings of Jeremiah ring today despite the onslaught of more than two thousand years. The same errors which the kings of Judea committed, are the self-same blunders into which the leaders of the world are stumbling today. All that would be necessary to complete the startling similarity would be to have Orson Welles produce the play in ancient dress.

The difficult role of Jeremiah

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MAYBE I'M WRONG

by MORRIS A. LANDES

Perhaps if I had been born under a different star, I might have been an Anarchist or a Communist. I, too, might have been bowing down before Dialectical Materialism, singing Hoshanas to Marx, and burning incense before the sepulchre of Lenin. I also might have been too busy defending the German philosopher to stop to understand him. However, Grim Reality showed me her hideous face too soon from beneath the veils of dreams and I desisted from courting the lady.

To dedicate my life to the World Proletariat—who is this World Proletariat? Is it this workman, or that workman? Or, is it a grandiose and regal carriage without any occupants?

I saw the little Italian urchins of North Revere shower my father's bearded race with malicious snowballs and with what hurt worse, vile vituperations. That's stark! That's real! That's earnest! That's anti-Semitism!

I sat in Madison Square Garden a few nights back, thanks to my press card. I saw the vicious hatred that lighted in the eyes of thousands of Nazi-minded people at the mere mention of the name, "Jew." Strutting youths, angelic-looking girls in white, hundreds of women, elderly men united in hatred. I couldn't understand it all. I didn't know what to do. I wanted to cry. The tears had already crowded to my eyes. I wanted to laugh. I wanted to shout. I wanted to reason with these people. What had I ever done to any of them that they hated me so?

I left the Garden and watched the agitators shout down with Fascism and "La Guardia's police." And, I wondered who was hurting Jewry more, those who drove the dagger into its body or those who sucked up the blood to strengthen themselves.

True, once the rumor was spread about that the counter-demonstration was to be larger than the Nazi farce, it was incumbent upon every Jew to help swell the ranks, if only to prove to the Hitlerites that there was a militant body opposed to them. But, they who started the rumor were as guilty as the storm-troopers who protected the Bund-leaders. They almost made martyrs out of the madmen only in order to further their chimera by means of real pain, strengthen their flimsy plans with our hurt, with our souls' blood.

Was it love for Jewry that prompted them? Was it sympathy with Israel's cry? Where then were the millions storming English embassy at the very mention of feeding Palestine to the Arabs? That Britishers even dare toy with such an idea! Here was a threat to the life of Israel itself. Where else could the wandering Jacobs go but to their native land. Here, there was merely a sucking of the lips; there, there had been shouts and flag-waving.

Thus, the Communists build up the Fascists and the Fascists build up the Communists. And, regardless of how my sympathies might run, I tremble in horror as I watch them, for the first one to grow to full strength will be the one who takes the knife to daughter Jewry. It is only democracy, no matter its faults or limitations, that holds back the knife.

Quinhooplets Capture Fifth Straight, 28-21

By J. Ben Pazi

Displaying an air-tight defense throughout the last half, a spirited Yeshiva team came from behind with a sixteen point outburst in the third quarter to top a strong Jersey State Teachers five 28-21 last night. This was the fifth straight victory for the varsity and the eighth of the season. They thus brought to a close a successful home season which saw them drop but two contests out of a total of nine played on their own court.

The pressure of a four game winning streak was evident as the team took to the floor. The towering opponents capitalized on the aparent nervousness of the blue and white boys by successfully converting on their first two tries at the basket. Strum came back a

moment later with a pop shot from the corner which brought the home team to within striking distance of the visiting pace-setters. This was all the scoring for the Yeshiva in this quarter. Though Yeshiva did manage to get the ball near the Jersey basket quite a number of times, the shooting was rather erratic and they found it difficult to hold the ball for long.

As the second quarter got under way, Yeshiva showed signs of awakening by keeping the ball for the most part in enemy territory. While the visitors were held to four points, Esterson broke through the Jersey defense to score a basket and was immediately followed with scores by Avrech and Strum. The half ended with the score 12-9 in favor of the Jersey pedagogues.

Full of vigor and regained poise; the quinhooplets came back in the third quarter to give the most brilliant performance of passing and scoring seen this year. From the start the home boys showed once again the unity of play and action which characterized their earlier victories. They were aided, moreover, by a faultless zone defense which prevented their opponents from so much as reaching the basket. Rosenblum opened with a well aimed set shot from the far corner. Koslovsky followed with three successful pivot shots from various angles—his favorite shot which didn't seem to work throughout the first half. Avrech and Jarret then collaborated on two beautiful pivots to put Yeshiva far ahead.

The tenseness eased a little during the last quarter as Yeshiva settled back to protect their lead. Maimon, Meyer and J.

FIFTH STRAIGHT!			
Jersey State			
Hydell	G.	F.	T.
Burns	0	2	2
Fox	3	4	10
Ertle	2	2	6
DeSapio	0	1	1
	1	0	2
	6	8	21
Yeshiva			
Strum	G.	F.	T.
S. Rosenblum	1	1	7
Koslovsky	1	1	3
Avrech	3	2	8
Jaret	1	0	2
Esterson	1	0	2
	12	4	28

Rosenblum came in and held their ground while the visitors mustered up three lone tallies on foul shots. A sudden burst of speed on the part of the Jersey men proved futile and the game ended with the score 28-21.

Two of the home boys were forced out of the game because of an excess of personal fouls against them. Both Koslovsky and Esterson had to retire during the last quarter.

By scoring eight points, Captain Koslovsky earned for himself the distinction of having been high-scorer in fully six contests. But always remember Avrech's pivoting plays an important part in those tallies—and they don't show in the records.

The best shot of the evening was Jaret's basket pivot from under the basket in the third quarter.

It's too bad that Yeshiva has no officially recognized cheer. The varsity boys were at a loss as to what to use for a cheer after the game. They finally resorted to the old familiar "three cheers" for the visitors. The enthusiasm on the part of the onlookers was encouraging.

Schnall Wins Semi-finals As Large Crowd Looks On

In the semi-final match of the table tennis tournament, M. Schnall '40 overcame his hard-fighting opponent, S. Novoseller '40, before a capacity crowd in the college playroom last night. The match went to five games, the limit in the semi-final round, before the victor was determined.

Play was marked by the extreme caution of the two opponents, both of whom were apparently made nervous by the large crowd. Schnall succeeded in scoring many points by setting up shots for Novoseller to slam but all the set-ups were heavily chopped and they were netted.

The quarter final round saw two unexpected and surprising upsets, one in the upper and one in the lower bracket. In the upper bracket, H. Guterman '41, defending champion, fell before the prior steadiness of Schnall in a hard match. M. Karp '41 came out of nowhere to defeat year's runner-up, A. Zuroff. Zuroff ran off the first game brilliantly in a winning set.

However, the reverse was true in the deciding games of the match and he fell. It is quite possible that he was too confident.

In the other quarter-finals, M. Kramer '42, was defeated by Novoseller and H. Margolis '42 vanquished E. Sar '41. The Kramer-Novoseller match, which was in the upper bracket, was fast and furious, but it seemed that Kramer lost heart after dropping the first game 12-20. Novoseller took the last game without much trouble.

Tennis Team to Practice Next Monday
Students desiring to join the tennis team are requested by Solomon Aber '39 and Jack Goldman '40, co-captains, to attend the initial practice session in the gym Monday at 2:15 and 8:15. The applicants who are unable to attend the afternoon practice session should be present at the later hour.

Quinhooplets Sink St. John's School Of Pharmacy, 41-19

Avrech and Rosenbloom Star As Druggists Are Swamped

Lacking the services of Esterson, one of the regulars, the Yeshiva quintet carried its string to four straight victories at the expense of St. John's Pharmacy last Tuesday evening by the score of 41-19.

At the outset of the game, Rosenbloom and Jaret finding it easy to break through the man-to-man defense of their opponents accounted for six quick points. Not to be outdone, "Cap" Koslovsky and Strum scored two points each while their opponents could do no better than sink a lone tally on a free throw. The count at the end of the quarter was 10-1, with the visitors having shot at the basket but once.

The story during the second and third quarters was essentially the same with St. John's scoring a total of only five points. It was evident from the beginning that the visitors were seriously hampered by the low ceiling of the gym. That, coupled with the fact that Yeshiva offered an impenetrable zone defense prevented the apothecaries from doing any further scoring.

In the last quarter the visitors seemed to find their shooting eye and scored fourteen points. In the course of the final period, Koslovsky went out of the game on personals. But this didn't stop the quinhooplets who, led by Abe Avrech's nine points, amassed seventeen points to bring the final score to 41-19.

YESHIVA (41)			
Avrech	G.	F.	T.
Strum	5	1	11
Koslovsky	1	1	3
Meyer	2	2	6
Rosenbloom, S.	1	0	2
Maimon	4	0	8
Jaret	1	0	2
Kozelnick	2	0	4
	18	5	41
ST. JOHN'S PHARMACY (19)			
Hines	G.	F.	T.
Herbst	0	1	1
Demachy	0	3	3
Subervi	1	0	2
Simon	2	2	6
Gold	2	0	4
Silver	0	1	1
Mantia	1	0	2
	6	7	19

Frosh Beat Juniors In Intramural Opener

Initiating the intramural basketball series for the current semester, the freshmen defeated the juniors in a hard-fought battle by a score of 30-12. Although fighting their hardest, putting their best into the game, the juniors were unable to overtake the energetic "red-caps."

S. Epstein, high scorer, and M. Kramer led the Freshmen team to victory, while M. Schnall and H. Willig starred for the juniors.



The halls were adorned in the most modern impressionistic of murals; the furniture was of a glistening chrome-silver; in short—the Prozdor sparkled in all that the twenty-first century had to offer. On the deep-toned glass door at the further end of the hall were illumined in a bright ultraviolet hue the words: Mr. Samuel Avrech, director of Athletics for Yeshiva University. Through this maze of impressive shining decoration, your correspondent was ushered into the presence of the illustrious personage whose name glorified the door.

Mr. Avrech's inner office was glass-enclosed and commanded a magnificent view of the verdant fields of lower Bronx. To the left one could see, situated at the head of the quadrangle, the old Yeshiva College building whose lofty spires and withering dome withstood the onslaught of time—defying a pagan civilization. The old building was one of the few landmarks of old New York that braved destructive forces of the Great War of 1941 and the Martian invasion of a later date. In the complete metamorphosis which seized the world in that century, Yeshiva was transformed from an insignificant college to one of the foremost institutions of higher learning in the country.

Mr. Avrech put an end to my thoughts by signaling for the commencement of the interview. I quote below sections, excerpts from the dialogue as it appeared the following day in "The Daily Commentator"—afternoon edition.

Reporter: Mr. Avrech, could you tell me just how Yeshiva rose to become one of the most powerful colleges in the country—that is speaking of Athletics?

Avrech: To answer that question, Mr. Goldman, I shall have to go back a century and trace the early development of Athletics at Yeshiva. That would take us right back to the days when my father was Athletic Manager of the college and your Grandfather was Sports Editor in the school weekly. At that time, the only extra-curricular activities in which Yeshiva competed with representatives of other colleges were: Basketball, Tennis, Chess and Debating. As it was, students had little time with which to occupy themselves in such activities—what with heavy programs, poorly coordinated schedules and lack of facilities. Financial difficulties, in which the entire country was plunged but not all affected as deeply as Yeshiva, made it impossible for the school to secure the services of suitable coaches to guide the teams. To top it all, the players available for the various teams were not of the calibre necessary for Athletic competition. With few exceptions, the better players of our faith were able to secure scholarships in more widely known schools where their fame and pocketbooks stood a good chance of growing. Such was the situation in the early twentieth century.

Reporter: Yes, I recall reading about these conditions in our files. I notice that you neglected to mention one other factor—that being the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the students—which was in no small measure disheartening to the team.

Avrech: True, indeed. But to continue. If you will recall your twentieth century history, as the financial situation grew disheartening day by day, the political set-up kept pace with it. Before long, the Fascist menace had gripped the United States and forced upon its innumerable inhabitants its medieval philosophy of intolerance and race persecution. You can readily see that the Jew immediately became the scapegoat. However, in contrast to the practice in the totalitarian states of Europe, the Jews were not banished but were merely subjected to separate rules and regulations, which did not more than restrict their privileges. Among other rules was enacted a statute forbidding Jews from attending any American university—with the exception of Yeshiva. Only here were Jews permitted to sip from the wells of knowledge and epistemology. This effected a mass influx of students into Yeshiva and with it came a replenishing of the coffers of the institution.

Now, if you were to look into the record books of that era you will notice that the majority of the first rate athletes were Jewish. What came about was that all the great Jewish athletes found themselves suddenly working together for the name of Yeshiva. I hardly need add that in addition to the Athletics, all the great scientific minds and artistic geniuses in the nation found their way to the portals of Yeshiva.

The rest is known to everyone. When the world finally reawoke to its senses, Yeshiva was firmly established as the leading educational center. Even the world revolution failed to dismember this "dean" of institutions of learning. The new age recognized only quality with no emphasis at all laid on monetary standing; through this age Yeshiva continued to maintain its commanding position at the apex of the educational world—a position to which it has clung steadily to this very day.

(Editor's note: Mr. Goldman, upon my advice, has already made an application for admission to Belvedere. I fondly hope that he will pass the exam with due credit to himself.)

LIBERAL AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

Total of \$265 Granted At First Meeting of Semester

MASMID GETS \$150

Committee Appointed To Investigate Co-op Restaurant

Two hundred and sixty-five dollars was appropriated for extra-curricular activities at the first regular Student Council meeting of the new semester, held last Monday night.

The largest appropriation of \$150 was given to the Masmid, which is now assembling material for a proposed literary supplement. The Commentator received an allotment of \$100 with the understanding that should the publication fall short of money, additional funds might be forthcoming. To cover expenses for two new tables and other equipment, the playroom was granted twelve dollars and eighty-five cents. Two dollars and ten cents was voted to the Social Committee to help further its activities.

The Student Council, in addition, formed two new committees, one to investigate details of a co-operative restaurant, and the other to strengthen the drive for greater "academic dignity" among the students.

Rabbi Mirsky Named Head of Faculty Club

The announcement of the formation of a Yeshiva Club at an organization meeting held February 14 was made to the Commentator by Rabbi S. K. Mirsky, who was appointed secretary. The club, originally sponsored by Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, of the Jewish history department, has for its purpose the exchange of opinions among faculty members of all departments through the furtherance of closer social contacts.

Novel Program At Purim Affair

Interclass Competition Will Be Featured

Featuring some of the most unusual entertainment routines ever presented in the past at a similar event, the traditional Purim Chagiga of the Yeshiva will take place Monday evening, March 5, in Riets Hall. Active participation in the program by the entire student body as well as by parents and guests, will high light the affair.

A "Purim Seder" and a Jewish version of the famous radio "Professor Quiz," both written and directed by Chaim Demburg '42, will be the outstanding items of the evening. The "Seder" will offer a series of humorous Purim features organized in the setting of the Passover meal and will also include other amusing novelties. The proposed question bee which will take the form of queries con-

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Debators Defeat St. Joseph's As Itinerary Closes

Blackowitz and Kreitman Featured In Debate Against Penn

The Yeshiva College Debating Varsity concluded its first tour of Eastern schools by defeating St. Joseph's College in a debate held last Thursday afternoon on the Pi Kappa Delta topic: "Resolved, That the Government Cease Using Public Funds for Stimulating Business."

A team, composed of Elias Blackowitz '40 and Benjamin Kreitman '39, faced the University of Pennsylvania in the initial debate of the tour on Sunday evening, February 19. The subject was "Resolved, That Zionism is the Best Practical Solution to the Jewish Problem."

Following this contest, Martin Hinchin '40, upon the request of Rabbi Louis Katzoff, Jewish Student Advisor of the University discussed the history and significance of Yeshiva College. Hinchin also acted as chairman of a symposium held Saturday afternoon at Har Zion Synagogue, at which the debating team discussed various problems confronting Zionism.

Upholding the affirmative of the P.K.D. topic, Blackowitz and Bernard Kinkelstein '39 represented Yeshiva in a match with Swarthmore College, which was broadcast over Station WDAS. Hinchin and Kreitman upheld the negative argument of the same topic against Temple University.

Linn Addresses Literary Group

"Oriental Literary Origins and the Streams of Literary Migrations" was the subject of an address delivered by Mr. Irving Linn, of the department of English, at the fortnightly Wednesday meeting of the Addison Club on February 15. Dr. Joshua Finkel, of the graduate department of the Yeshiva, contributed to the discussion which followed the address.

Using as his evidence anthropological and archaeological materials where literary documents were not available, Mr. Linn described the importance of the three great early civilizations, those of the Indus Valley, Mesopotamia, and Egypt, as the originators of our occidental literary tradition and its later diffusion throughout the entire West. He demonstrated how the various occidental literatures were splendidly enriched when they came into contact with this stream from the Orient, and concluded his address by showing how Oriental literature was of service in enabling students of English literature to determine the types of early English manuscripts destroyed by the ravages of time and through the ransacking of the monasteries during the reign of Henry VIII.

Following Mr. Linn's address, the chairman called upon various members of the club and their guests for comment. In addition to Dr. Finkel, who noted a few literary interchanges between Arabic and Persian, several leading anthropologists and folklorists of the country discussed the connection between Mr. Linn's paper and the subject matter of their own fields.

PLANS PUSHED FOR CLASS NITE OF GALA FESTIVITIES

Event to Feature Personal Appearance of E. Stone

DATE IS MARCH 12

Faculty-Alumni Mixer Also Scheduled For Same Evening

Esra Stone, star of the Broadway production "What a Life," will make a personal appearance at the second Class Nite of the year which will take place Sunday, March 12, in the Nathan Lampert Auditorium at 6 p. m., Oscar Fleishaker '39, social chairman, announced.

Contesting for the Banner Award for best entertainment, each class will be allotted twenty-five minutes for its performance and an additional five minutes for encores.

As a result of the widespread publicity that this gala event has received throughout the city, it is expected that an audience of 1,200 will attend.

In addition to the inter-class competition, stars of the stage and radio have consented to participate in the evening's festivities as entertainers and judges. The contestants will be rated on the basis of originality, general entertainment efficiency in production, and appeal to guests as well as to student body.

Following this affair, admission to which will be ten cents, a Faculty-Alumni Mixer is scheduled to take place in the Dormitory Social Hall at 8.

Son Born to Dr. Ansbacher of Psychology Dept.

Dr. Heinz Ansbacher, newly appointed member of the Psychology Department, is a proud father for the third time. His wife gave birth to boy at Polyclinic Hospital, last week.

Judging from Dr. Ansbacher's physique, we would venture the weight of the boy to be about eight pounds. His name, incidentally, is Theodore.

Notable Visitor To Speak Here

Bin Nun, Mizrachist, To Address Assembly

Aaron Bin Nun, Director of the Otzer L'Asair, the Mutual Credit Bank of the Mizrahi, in Palestine, will acquaint the student body with the latest developments in Eretz Israel at an assembly which will be held today at 4:10 in the Reception Hall of the dormitory. The speaker has been secured through the efforts of the Yeshiva College Hapoel Hamizrachi.

Additional information regarding Class Nite which is to be held March 12 will be given to the students during the assembly by Oscar Fleishaker '39, chairman of the affair.

Mr. Bin Nun, who was an active Zionist worker in America

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Faculty And Students Show Talent As Many Make Merry At "Mixer"

That not all "mixing" takes place in the chem. lab. was evidenced at the Faculty-Student Mixer which took place last Sunday night. This happy process confined itself to a Dining Room bubbling with winsome collegians and faculty, and had what it takes to make the world prick up its ears and give heed. In fact, Sunday, Feb. 26, 1939 will go down in the annals of school history as the day when Father Time temporarily vanished from the face of the earth, and faculty men once again discovered themselves drinking from the boyhood spirits of the Fountain of Youth.

Throughout the entire evening, Doc "Kenny" kept pouring forth those hilarious phrases stored up since his blissful years of adolescence in Spokane. "Initiating" the faculty into Ye Olde Honorable Orderre was quite a task for the master of diphthongs. All were commanded to whirlig and gesticulate to the tune of "I'm a Wild Prairie Flower," while their wives sat indolently by and almost dyed their ears red with modesty. The boldest of the "swingsters" was Dr. Lowan of the Physics department, who through his performance, added on the finishing touches to his classroom expositions of the "Moment of Inertia." Doc Damon later demonstrated the value of a college education by shaming the upperclassmen in a Spelling Bee in

which the freshmen (of all people) copped the prize.

Oscar (Tenk You) Fleishaker '39, master of ceremonies, added a dimple or two in anyone's visage by calling on Prof. Isaacs, Assistant to the Pres., to compare laboratory mixing and the Brownian "movement" with collegiate methods of mixing and moving. Among those on the agenda were the "three musketeers" (one little musket among them) of the Junior class who razed the pros and then Schadracked some. An unexpected visitor in the person of Harry Reifer of C.C.N.Y. gave Shaiky Bard some heavy competition by impersonating Mr. Magolefsky of the 777 World Clothing Exchange.

Acknowledging the requests of numerous students, Fleishaker called upon Bernie Finkelstein '39 to narrate the tales of the prowess of the debating team into the U. of Penn. territory. Eugene Michaly '40 demonstrated to the assemblage what Paul Robeson might have done to "Glory Road." Da-gooding his way through another story, Doc Litman effervesced a sad saga of "democracy, mixers, and a Senator Yohnson."

The finishing touches to the hilarious entertainment were provided by Emanuel Fisher '41 who rendered a dissertation entitled "My Life—from Games and Movies to Chem. Labs and Registers."

Dormitory Host To Four Engines While Blaze Ravishes Armchair

Pandemonium in the form of the "red-devil" broke loose in Room 310 of the Yeshiva Dormitory last Monday. For the first time in the history of the building, four engines littered with fire-ladders armed to the teeth, turned out in answer to the biting and licking flames which were conveying to the heavens the last few jumbled prayers of an armchair.

It all started when a docile little Frosh haphazardly left a lamp on an armchair adjacent to some overcoats. Returning to his room a few moments later, he unconsciously turned on the lights causing a short-circuit. The flames that followed started their pleasant task of devouring the garments, and the stench that ensued permeated the ozone as far as the laboratories in the main building where some one blurted out: "Roast chicken." Noticing the rising conflagration, some thoughtful person across the street turned in the alarm.

The raucous sounds of the sirens were soon heard from afar, and out of nowhere, four husky engines galled up in front of the dormitory entrance. Showing off their agility, the hoses had the hoses under control before one could say "David Melech, 23," and left the Yeshiva in the exact same state as when one chair and three coats.

There was Commentator learned, a slight conflagration in Room 3-10 of the main building when Doc Litman greeted the straggling pyromaniacs as they fled in aimlessly after the bell had rung. There is no more devastating fire than that engendered by righteous indignation.

DR. KLOTZ HEARD BY HEBREW CLUB

A barrage of protests greeted Dr. Nathan Klotz at the conclusion of his talk on "The Development of the Hebrew Language" at a meeting of the Hebrew Club last Thursday evening.

After discussing the development of the language, Dr. Klotz expressed the opinion that the future will see only Hebrew and English spoken at Yeshiva. His statement that Yiddish, as a spoken language, has no place on the Yeshiva-Campus, aroused the dissenting comment of many members of the audience.

Abner Walden '39, chairman of the group, then introduced Dr. Goleman, president of the organization, who requested the members of the club to form a study group to discuss the possibility of instituting a daily review of the Holy Scriptures.

Jest In Fun

By JERRY KESTENBAUM

Ditty:
Kenneth F. Damon, professor bold,
At the mixer a sight to behold,
Put the faculty thru the ropes
And satisfied our fondest hopes.
Weren't they cute!

Reporter: I've got a perfect news story.

Editor: How come. Man bite dog?

Reporter: No; bull threw a professor!

Which reminds me of the oyster who was heard to utter as he slid down the minister's throat: I've always been religiously inclined, but I never thought I would enter the clergy.

Comi-Collegiate Dictionary:

Professor—a man who admits he knows nothing, and knows less.

Sophomore—a freshman who paid tuition twice.

Snap course—a course in which the professor does not check the roll, make assignments, give failing grades, and which is non-existent anyhow.

Modern psychologists say that married men live longer. They're wrong—it only seems longer.

Religion—a cloak used by some persons in this world who will be warm enough without one in the next.

President Emeritus Lowell of Harvard recently made the following observation: "No wonder there is so much knowledge in college, Freshmen bring a little in with them and Seniors never take any out."

Mizrachi Group Plans Lectures

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about twelve years ago, arrived this week from the Jewish Homeland. He is scheduled to give several speeches during his stay in this country, the first of which was delivered at the Hotel Edison Saturday night, February 25.

The address is the first in a series of lectures which the Hapoel Hamizrachi of Yeshiva is planning for the fall semester. Arrangements are being made to have Moishe Kalcheim, leader of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of Haifa; and Moishe Kelmer, Director of the Torah V'Avodah Labor Bureau, present next week at a round table discussion, open to the student body. Included in the agenda of the organization is an evening of movies planned for some time during the coming month, in which the latest motion pictures describing the life of the religious pioneers in Palestine will be exhibited.

YESHIVA ROOTS SEMINARY FIVE

Annex Overwhelmed By Score of 51-21

Before the record crowd of the season the Yeshiva quintet swamped an inexperienced Shechter's Seminary team 51-21 last Tuesday night on the former's court. Combining speed and precision the Blue and White clinched the game in the first half by overwhelming its opponents with a 32-16 lead.

In spite of the one-sided score, the visitors managed to put up a sturdy defense and although handicapped by a lack of reserves fought gamely to keep up with the fast pace of a fresher and better conditioned Yeshiva squad.

For the first time in many a game Irving Jaret '42 was in the starting line-up and his presence added a lot of ginger to the fray. He was high scorer for the evening, totalling 15 points on seven goals and one foul.

The star for the visitors was Sloom, whose stellar playing kept Shechters in the running throughout the game and who led his teammates in scoring with 8 points.

A bevy of comely co-eds from the visiting Teachers Institute led the visitors' cheering section with a display of spirit which was rather a novel sight for the regular Yeshiva fans.

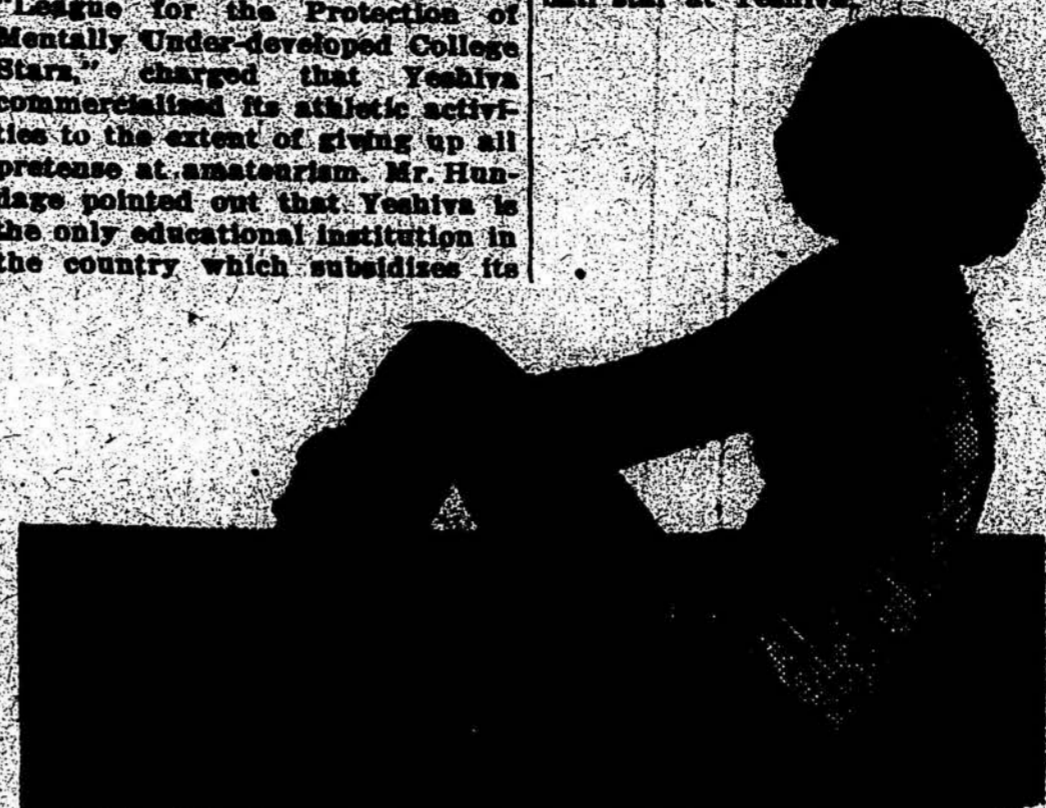
YESHIVA (51)			
	G.	F.	T.
Avrech rf.	2	0	4
Strum H.	4	1	9
Kozlovsky c.	4	3	11
S. Rosenbloom rg.	4	2	10
Jaret lg.	7	1	15
Mejer	1	0	2
Totals	22	7	51

SHECHTERS SEMINARY (21)			
	G.	F.	T.
A. Douglas rf.	1	0	2
M. Douglas H.	3	0	6
Eisenberg c.	1	0	2
Sloom rg.	2	4	8
Millians lg.	0	0	0
Soltes	1	1	2
Totals	8	5	21

Charge Subsidization Of Yeshiva Athletes; Cites Swimming Beauty Case

A new bombshell was dropped into the inter-collegiate sport world last night when Avery Hundage, speaking at a dinner of the "League for the Protection of Mentally Under-developed College Stars," charged that Yeshiva commercialized its athletic activities to the extent of giving up all pretense at amateurism. Mr. Hundage pointed out that Yeshiva is the only educational institution in the country which subsidizes its

also sent down an N. Y. A. job cleaning sea-points in the Registrar's office. Her brother, a freshman, is allegedly a basketball star at Yeshiva.



Miss Engel whose position on the Yeshiva College swimming team caused the commotion.

players. Citing the case of Miss Eleanor Polm Jaret who was registered at Yeshiva under the assumed name Geraldine Engel, Mr. Hundage showed that professional swimmers were employed by the college for its swimming team. "Even marks didn't stand in her way," said the speaker. It was learned on reliable authority this morning that her marks were good, though Dr. Hells of the Psychology department who gave her an A last term could but vaguely recall her identity. Miss Jaret (Engel) is a scholarship student and

A Commentator reporter located Miss Jaret in the Study Hall pondering a passage in Yoreh Dea (Nidtoh Umikvaoth.) She only comment she had to offer was that she holds like the Rambam who permits swimming when a question of life is at stake.

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is very easily discharged by the youthful Kent Smith. At certain points where the actor calls for Biblical recitations, Mr. Smith renders them in an excellent manner, emphasizing not so much the oratorical possibilities in a "monologish" method but rather stressing the eternal importance of the content. Arthur Byron, as King Zedekia, also turned in a very fine performance. True, the choreography might have been better and more dramatic intensity might have been added in places, but as powerful drama the play remains Grade A production.

E. K.

After having seen "The Little Foxes," now playing at the National Theatre, one leaves with the conviction that a new dramatic hit has come to stay on Broadway. One can hardly fail to agree with the advance ravings of the critics; the play fulfills all expectations—and that covers quite a bit of ground.

It is an intensely emotional drama, a study of human nature and human villainy which is all too realistic and which allows the cast headed by a dynamic Tallulah Bankhead to run the gamut of emotions. A little late in developing, the plot speeds to a gripping climax in the third scene with the death of Frank Conroy, a scene which holds the audience in the spell of its dramatic power. The play ends rather too quickly after the climax and catches the audience a trifle unawares. However, the spell lingers on.

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"HARD TO GET"
with Dick Foran

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been unearthed. The concentration camps will be situated in the auditorium, according to secret plans.

The official organ of Yeshivanism, The Commentator, reveals that a counter-revolutionary plot by the Y. C. L. (Yeshiva College Library) has been nipped in the bud. Led by Leo Hotsky, the Y. C. L. group was to picket the college protected by the police. The entire group and the police were sent to camps for protection.

Mr. Abraham L. Levine, who has been grooming himself for the Yeshivanek coup for months now, by cultivating a moustache, has been reported to have had a rift with the Menahel. At present his whereabouts are unknown. Even Shaer does not know where he is.

We fear at any moment that—
CENSORED!

Henkin on "Law Review"

Louis Henkin '37 has been appointed to the staff of the Harvard Law Review as editor of the Book Review Department. Henkin was the recipient of a Robert T. Swaine scholarship in his first year at the institution.

Yeshiva Purim Chagigah

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cerning the Magilah, Tanach, and other fields of Hebrew culture will involve parents and guests as well as students.

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