

Casting Underway For Varsity Show

Curtain To Rise On December 16

Preliminary casting for the annual varsity show, scheduled to unfold on the Lamport Auditorium stage at 8:30 p.m., Dec. 16, has commenced. The script, which was written by David Mirsky '42, of "Buck Fever" and "Foul Shot" fame, is notable this year for its straight comedy line. The emphasis which in the past has been on the more boisterous antics of farce, has this year been cast on the more subtle aspects of higher comedy.

Morris Epstein '42, who has appeared in many dramatic Society presentations and varsity shows and has had wide and varied experience in the theatrical field, has been engaged to direct the show. Mr. Epstein also headed the social committee in his undergrad days at Yeshiva.

The performance, as yet unnamed, concerns itself with the woes and worries of a pair of college professors who intend to publish a book. Scene of the action is the home of one of the professors, in a college town. Queer is the word for these two scholars who have decided to merge their specialized abilities into one work on the interrelation of psychology and English.

Solomon Reichel '46, chairman of the Social Committee, and Jack Rabinowitz '46, are in charge of set construction. Tickets for the production are priced at \$5.55 and \$3.55 and are on sale at the co-op store.

Casting continues and all those who have a flair for the dramatic are urged to contact Reichel.

As we go to press, notification has been received that no tickets for the Varsity Show will be placed on sale. All students will be admitted free of charge.

Pres. Belkin Addresses Refugee Student Group

In a message delivered on Friday, November 17, to refugee students from Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, Hungary, France, Poland, and Roumania observing International Students Day at Yeshiva College, President Samuel Belkin, urged the cultivation of a "profounder understanding of the mode of living of various countries and a deeper appreciation of world problems."

Yeshiva College has readily admitted refugee students and scholars, forced to flee from the horrible massacres of the Nazis, to the institution where they have found a haven for study and scholarship.

"We at the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College are mindful of the sig-

Committee Formed

President Belkin has announced the formation of an interdepartmental committee which will consist of the student presidents of Yeshiva, Yeshiva College, Teachers Institute, and Talmudical Academy, and four faculty members as yet to be named. Dean Sar will serve as chairman.

The committee, which will discuss all affairs relevant to the institution as a whole, held its first meeting on Wednesday, November 29.

Faculty-Student Rel. Comm. Meets

Professors Alexander Boody, Jekuthiel Ginsburg, and Alexander Litman, the faculty's delegation to the Faculty-Student Relations Committee, met with student representatives at the committee's first meeting, Thursday, November 16.

Discussion centered on the nature of the student representation. Last May the faculty had resolved that the student committee consist of the president of council and the four class presidents. The reason advanced for the change was that the resulting arrangement would be more democratic.

Additions to Committee

After objections were voiced by student representatives over the authoritative aspects of the faculty decision, and the inadvisability of including on the committee younger, less experienced students, it was decided that until the faculty meeting in January the committee should consist of Harold Miller '45, and Leo Landes '45, president and vice-president of Student Council; Allen Mandelbaum '45, Editor of The Commentator; and Pincus Peyser '45, Abraham Werner '46, Solomon Zeifman '47, and Charles Siegal '48, presidents of their respective classes.

nificance of International Students Day, for it has always been the policy of our institution to open our doors to students from all parts of the world. The international character of our student body gives our American students a profounder understanding of the mode of living of various countries and a deeper appreciation of world problems. Here the cultural and spiritual values of East and West are intermingled," President Belkin said.

"We join with freemen everywhere in dedicating ourselves anew to the principles of freedom and liberty, and to the hope that the world of tomorrow will bring with it respect for human dignity and freedom of spiritual and cultural expression," President Belkin declared.

Gift Books Pour Into Library

The Yeshiva College Library, under the supervision of Dr. Aaron Margalith, has recently been expanded considerably due to the acquisition of a large number of books donated by members of the college faculty. Dr. L. Jung has presented his annual gift of fifty books, among which is a rare edition of "The Public Life of John Brown," written by James Redpath.

Drs. Ralph Rosenberg and David A. Swick have each presented the library with fifty books. Dr. Eli Levine has been greatly instrumental in acquiring a valuable collection of books of the late Dr. I. Ginsburg.

Additional Volumes

The Raphael Gittleson Library for Social Service has, through their donation, made possible the purchase of basic reference works such as, "Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics," and "The Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature." A complete set of "The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia" has been presented by Mrs. Rebecca Kohut. The complete twenty nine volumes of Plato and Aristotle in the Loeb Classics have also been acquired.

Through exchanges with Columbia University, the library has received a valuable collection of books on literary and philosophical subjects. Exchanges with Brooklyn College and New York University have also added valuable collections of books to the files. Particularly from New York University has the library received a large collection of bound back-number magazines.

The present system of temporary cataloging is being replaced by a regular catalogue system for all of the eighteen thousand volumes in the library. The library is asking for students to lend a helping hand in preparing new books for circulation.

Deutscher Verein Charts Course

The "Deutscher Verein," German Club of Yeshiva College, launched its program for the coming year with its initial meeting, which was held Thursday night, November 23. The group elected officers and, spurred by an encouraging attendance of about thirty students, charted an ambitious course for the coming season.

Plans are being formulated for a series of lectures by prominent speakers. The first of these addresses will be delivered by Professor Bernhard Fitch, of the Classical Languages Department, on the subject, "The German Universities Before the War."

A publication in German will be sponsored by the Deutscher Verein. Plans are as yet incom-

Institute Of Mathematics To Be Formed At Y. C.



Prof. Jekuthiel Ginsburg

Scripta Lectures Feature Scholars

The Friends of Scripta Mathematica have arranged a series of lectures to be given by prominent scholars for the coming year. The initial lecture was delivered on October 26 by Professor Edward Kassner of Columbia University on "The Golden Section."

On November 27, Professor Louis Charles Karpinski of the University of Michigan, discussed "The Place of Trigonometry in the History of Mathematics and Astronomy."

Professor Maurice Kraitchick, of the University of Brussels, will speak sometime in December on "Recreational Mathematics." A sound movie, "Parabola," will probably be shown with this lecture.

Two lectures will be given by Count Alfred Korzybski, head of the Institute of Semantics (the relation of mathematics to human activities) in Chicago. The first, on January 31, is on the subject of "Mathematics As A Language," while the second, on "Mathematics and Human Behavior," is scheduled for February 1.

In February, Columbia's Professor William P. Montague will discuss "Why has the Syllogism Eighteen Words?" "The Impact of War on Mathematics" will be the topic of discussion in March, with Professor William Schaaf of Brooklyn College as the lecturer. In April, Professor Jesse Douglass, also of Brooklyn College, will speak on "Polygons and Their Transformations." Professor Charles Boyer, again of Brooklyn College, will discuss "The Early History of Calculus" in April, and Professor William D. Reeve, of Columbia, will lecture on an as yet unannounced subject in May.

The final discourse will take place in June and will be given by Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg, head of the Yeshiva College mathematics department.

All the lectures, up to and including "Mathematics and Human Behavior" will be held at the Horace Mann Auditorium of Columbia University's Teachers College at 120th Street and Broadway.

Plans, but an editorial staff has already been chosen, with Ralph Berkowitz '47, as editor. A picnic for club members will be held in the near future.

The officers elected are Jack Kleiman '47, president, Aaron Feinstein '47, vice-president, Leonard Mandelbaum '48, secretary-treasurer.

Courses, Exhibits Are Planned

President Samuel Belkin, in an exclusive release to The Commentator, announced the formation of "The Institute of Mathematics of Yeshiva College" which will consolidate all the mathematical extra-curricular activities of the college.

A prominent factor in the formation of the Institute is the increasing demand on the part of the general public for additional information and services. This demand is due in large part to the growing scope of Scripta Mathematica, under the editorship of Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg, departmental head of mathematics at Yeshiva College.

New Courses Inaugurated

In addition to the continuation of the regular projects sponsored by Scripta, the Institute will inaugurate a series of popular courses in mathematics, generally recognized to be of value to teachers of mathematics and to the public, but not regularly given by any of the colleges in metropolitan New York. Three courses are scheduled for the immediate future, while others are being planned. The first two inaugural courses consist of one in the history of mathematics, another in recreational mathematics, and a third in the philosophy of mathematics. Other courses are to be added later. Negotiations are under way with prominent experts in specialized fields who will instruct the classes in their own field of mathematic endeavor.

The Institute plans to maintain a permanent exhibit of books, pictures, models, and models needed by teachers in their classrooms, in conjunction with the development of Visual Aids in the teaching of mathematics.

In announcing the founding of the Mathematical Institute, President Belkin stated that this was animated by the age old educational ideals of "Learning for the sake of learning" and "Learning for the many, not only for the few" which came down to us from Sura and Pumbeditha.

Arrangements Set For Y.C. Dinner

"Chanukah, the Sabbath of the World," a pageant prepared for the Sixteenth Annual Scholarship Dinner of Yeshiva College, will be presented through the courtesy of Mr. G. S. Kynell of the Radio City Music Hall. The script is the work of Abraham Regelson; music by Alexander Oshaneski; dramatization by Zvi Schober; production by Leon Leontoff, and settings by Bruno Maine. The Radio City Music Hall Symphony, and Corps de Ballet will participate in the pageant.

The program for the dinner also includes the choir of the Metropolitan Symphony and the Radio City Music Hall Symphony starring Nathan Tash, leader of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

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Between The Bookends

Dr. Berkson's Quest For Certainty

by Dr. Alexander Brody

EDUCATION FACES THE FUTURE

by I. B. Berkson, New York, Harper Bros., 1943, 345pp.

The challenge of dictatorship and the advent of the Second World War have lead to a reconsideration and reaffirmation of the methods and doctrines of liberalism. "Education Faces the Future" is an exposition as well as a critical revaluation of the liberal tradition in American education from the standpoint of what the author calls the needs of an "interdependent and organic society." In a period of conflict and upheaval, Dr. Berkson is in quest of the values of unity and certainty. His "new" liberalism envisions organized religion as a unifying force and as supplying a common ethic for individual and social life.

The "disunity" and "strife" which Dr. Berkson perceives in the social scene is paralleled also in the sphere of education. He is disturbed by the current conflict of educational philosophies, by the diversity of opinion and practice and by "the lack of a unifying principle" and "clearly stated aims." Underlying the educational controversy, Dr. Berkson sees the symptoms of moral and intellectual "confusion" even of spiritual disintegration. Faith, in the method of intelligence, in the efficacy of change and in inevitable progress, has given way, it appears, to profound disillusionment. Even the belief in liberalism and in democracy has "ceased to inspire the devotion of the new generation."

Liberalism's Failure

Dr. Berkson connects the current "crisis" in democracy with the empiricism and relativism in liberal thinking. His criticism of liberal democracy follows the conventional arguments. Traditional liberalism has set up a false opposition between liberty and authority, freedom and discipline, and has emphasized those forces that make for freedom and change to the exclusion of those that make for security and stability. There is too much in the liberal philosophy which is tied up with the 18th century Rationalism, its anti-traditionalism and its optimistic faith in the inherent efficacy of reason to cope with all problems. The proponents of liberalism were not attentive enough "to the

struggle in the soul between the forces of good and evil."

And finally, liberalism has fostered "a philosophic neutralism," which stimulate endless inquiry, "without coming to any result."

Role of Social Control

Criticism of liberal democracy is a familiar theme, and may perhaps be fashionable. The failure of traditional liberalism lay not in its opposition to authority and discipline but in locating authority in individual self-interest, capacity for self-discipline and reasoned judgment. On the basis of these assumptions about human nature, liberalism minimized the role of social control and the scope of social responsibility. Similarly, the anti-traditionalism of the 18th century was not a repudiation of tradition as such but of specific institutions, as witness, for example, the insistence on the unity of mankind, the continuity of history and the goodness of man. Nevertheless, it is true that the liberal ideology placed too much emphasis on the elements of rationality, abstract freedom and universality. To this extent Dr. Berkson is correct in insisting on the need of some collective authority that will make for both individual freedom and social stability. But how and by what methods is the union to be achieved? And what are the institutional forms in which the union of freedom and discipline is to be embodied?

Experimentation

Dr. Berkson rejects scientific naturalism as the basis and source of values. "The experimentalist method is not in any genuine sense applicable to social affairs." And, "experimentation," he writes, "gives a false impression of constant change and lack of a framework of permanent values." The intellectualism of Dewey, Dr. Berkson complains, gives us nothing to hold on to except the bare methods of reflective inquiry. "The Dewey analysis of the act of thought reflects needs of an era of liberalism which was conceived with release from the fixed traditions of the past. Our own age requires a different stream, not so much liberation from old dogmas as a clear definition of purposes for which to strive."

Wild Oats

Ad Absurdum; A Study In Cretin Civilization

by The Catlines

Ed. Note: The following was left in The Commentator's office by a group of enraged illiterates.

The Hegelian (1) Galahads (Strong-arm Men and Forcible Escort Bureau, Inc.) were spending a quiet intellectual evening. Tonight, Tuesday night, was dedicated to Geist; the Absolute pervaded all. The unobtrusive radio was giving forth with a few delicate strains of a sublime medley of John Philip Sousa's Absolute Music. The particular number under Real consideration was his last sonata for Sousaphone and snare-drum, "The Washington Post March", or "Ode to the Fourteen-Day Palmolive Plan; your mind can be as blank as he is; a study in how to clear your complexion with Sidney."

In a quiet corner, the Gauleiter, in all his regal grandeur, was calmly perusing a sample of Absolute Detective Literature, an unexpurgated copy of "The Insidious Dr. Fu Manchu", a non-Aristotelian critique of "Statistical Method in Minyan Attendance." It was of this latter volume that Daniel Boone, the author of that encyclopedic opus, "I Shot One B'ar", said in a critical estimate in "The Rotarian Review", (2) "Though the words are for children, the thoughts are for MEN." (In passing, we may note that it was barely nosed out of a Book-of-the-Month Club selection for June).

The Five-Foot Shelf

This Gauleiter was an omnivorous reader. When he was a child,

people had often commented to his mother, "How does he do it? Your son is so terribly well read." (They didn't know it was the Fifteen-Minute-a-Day Plan). (3)

This cerebral gambol in the Elysian fields (Champs-Elysees, for our English-speaking friends) was soon interrupted by the profane tones of a Geheimnis Staats Politzei radio flash in an arrogant Teutonic tenor:

"Bachurei Ra - Yeshiva, aux armes, formez vos Batallions, s'iz du a cigarette butt on the floor of Cubicle 519. The unlimited future of our fatherland for the next ten years will be forged on the anvil of this glorious field of battle."

The valiant Gauleiter girded his loins, buckled his buckler, took up his trusty shield and lance, and sat down to think. (4) First, who was this mysterious inmate of Cubicle 519? What were his study habits, personal appearance and habits, religious attitudes and habits, ethical traits and habits, economic status and habits, and social intelligence and habits, among other things and habits? (Use the reverse side of this sheet if necessary). What better way to find out than by consulting "The Happy Counselor's Guide to Psychopathia Dormitoria; Intended Solely for Doctors, Social Workers, and Practical Rabbis." And so he did.

Bibliographical

Under the chapter heading,

On the other hand, Dr. Berkson warns us that the source of values is not to be found in the methods of intuitive knowledge or in universal truths independent of human experience and social needs. Ideals, we are told, must be related to the facts of time and place and "they must be checked by consequences resulting from their application."

A "Way of Life"

The author pleads for an educational philosophy that is to be conceived as a "way of life", i.e., as an ethical system. The concept "way of life" implies "a system of ideal values" and stresses the significance of ideas and ideals in clarifying and unifying the educational program." "All ways of life", the author writes, "are universal in tendency, they transcend the confines of any particular community, and they reflect the aspirations of mankind, as a whole."

Dr. Berkson sees a "new intellectual and moral synthesis" already in the making. The "new" outlook represents in part "a return to old ideas and values deeply embedded in our cultural and religious tradition." There is a return to the recognition of the place of the church, the family and the nation "for the maintenance and implementation of values, for the development of communal loyalties, and for the deepening and enlargement of personality that results from participation in the organized forms of social life." The "new" mental climate is favorable "to the recognition of the power of ideas and beliefs in control of the life of the individual and society." Liberals as well as Conservatives are recognizing "that the tradi-

tional heritage is the source of our values, of truth and justice, love and mercy, reason and freedom." And further, "In the western religions, traditions are enshrined the aspiration of a free and equal, of a fraternal society" organized religion is custodian of the vision of peace through justice."

The "New" Liberalism

The "new" liberalism of Dr. Berkson is an effort to achieve a synthesis between "the ethical idea in the religious traditions of Western Civilization" and the "humanistic liberalism of the 18th century," with the "social realism" of an age of science. The traditional heritage supplies the abiding norms and is the source of values. On the other hand, in social and economic planning, the author sees the need for systematic use of intelligence, scientific experimentation, and the "engineering attitude of mind." In the planned employment of resources of science and of the forces of production, Dr. Berkson sees the "culmination of the denial of "miracles and dependence on chance."

The proposed "synthesis" rests, it seems, on a separation between values set up as ends and the methods of science which are regarded as instrumental. If, Dr. Berkson's values are the product of experience and are not to be found in ultra-human sources or in the methods of intuitive knowledge in which sense does he regard these values as ends? And if, as Dr. Berkson regards science as the systematic use of intelligence and as an agent of social progress, why does he confine science to mere means? One would have liked to see a clearer statement on the relationship of means to ends. Nevertheless Dr. Berkson

"Why's Who in American Colleges and Universities", an excellent contribution by an eminent authority who has, at times, been seen walking around with as many as 8 (eight) volumes, carefully selected for good choice of words, including that treasure of Gallic thought, (5) "The Art of Thinking," by Ernest Dimwit, he found just what he wanted.

By means of Goclenian sorities, extensive contemplation of his navel, and a ouija board (After all is said and misrepresented, what does America need but bigger and better ouija boards; our motto is—two ouija boards in every shtender), he arrived at a resolution of that ever-raging conflict between the long and short-range points of view. He gathered his staunch knights valorous about him and kiddie-carred up to the scene of the crime.

Paleography

In 519 itself, a hapless scholar lay blinded by the light of an illuminated mediaeval manuscript. What he lacked in radiators, he made up in intense zeal, a consuming love for learning, and a warm (guaranteed non-shat nes) fur wrap. (6) He was intoning that classic American ode, "It Takes a Heap O' Livin' To Make A House A Home", known in the East as "Out Where The West Begins." When he had just reached that frivolous refrain, "I'll pleure dans mon coeur comme il pleut dans la ville", which always plunged him into uncontrollable laughter, the door burst open before the repeated hammerings of the Pro-Cro-Magnon Hordes (Ah! those were the days when men were men and monkeys were, too). They were BAD men. In their spare time, they were Anti-metaphysical Positivists. (7).

The Gauleiter himself brought up the rear on his juggernaut-like scooter. On surprising the young student in such a flagrant breach of Residence Hall Regulations, his soul gave vent to its inner self and he growled, "Break it up!" But Pruneface, the intransigent, Pruneface, the irreconcilable, Pruneface, the boy with the Tiffen Blick, sprang forth from his lair, bared his bicuspid, and growled back, "Break what up?"

(To be Continued)

Ed. Note: This is the ontological showdown that generations of men have waited for. Will the Nominalists win? Will the Realists win? Are the Conceptualists to be left out in the cold? Read the next issue, and get your copy early, because the Antedeluvians are out to get us; also, its going to sell like hot cakes.

Footnotes

1. cf. Dante, Milton and "Tom Swift Over The Andes" for a fuller treatment of this problem.
2. Not to be confused with "The Red Menace."
3. Note Dr. Eliot's dying words in The Reader's Digest, June, 1903.
4. A process described in detail in "The Agronomic Survey," July, 1943.
5. L'esprit gaulois.
6. But on the other hand.
7. For an account of their doings consult, "Obfuscation and Oresis; a non-Aristotelian Approach to Home Economics", an anonymous work which had best remain so.

find the common ground for an has made a courageous effort to adequate social and educational philosophy. Underlying his whole approach is the conviction that the quest for certainty is not a mere illusion.

On The Sidelines

Close Fight
At Brooklyn
Is Expected

By Bernard Weisberg



Ambling to and from classes I've noticed some loose fingernails clattering up the otherwise spotless college halls, owing no doubt to the growing nervousness of the student body as Dec. 2 gets closer and closer. I hope I won't be considered too brash if I ask you fellows not to bit your nails—now. Save 'em up for the Brooklyn fracas due Saturday night. And believe you me, bachurin, you'll need 'em. In the estimation of this humble observer this game with Brooklyn is going to be a close affair.

Tubby Raskin, the Kingsmen's mentor, isn't so nervous, though. Not after the Ft. Totten 'scrimmage'. That's all I have the heart to call it really, 'cause if this was an example of how the Mites are going to play next Saturday night, then a 'yisgadal' is in order. In what has unfortunately come to be termed typical Yeshiva style, the essential elements of the first team 'did't even show up until after the opening whistle blew. They were forced to dress hurriedly and dash onto the court without a warmup. It took the Blue and White three periods to really hit its stride. Perhaps it was because of the presence of Raskin et entourage, and Red Wolfe of L. I. U. in the gallery that the very plays that were practiced constantly for the last few weeks went by the boards and laissez faire reigned supreme. Could be, but I doubt it. Let's just call it a plain case of buck fever and let it go at that.

A redeeming feature of our first game was the talent displayed by Manny Doppelt, Stan's kid brother. He's got the same delayed action shot that Stan owns, and his defensive play under the boards is a delight to behold, outfighting lanky Marv Fredman in this respect. Fredman, incidentally, has the makings of an excellent ball-player. Marv is conscientious and hard-working, and can be a great asset to the club. What he needs is practice, practice, and more practice. Where there's a will there's a way, Marv . . .

Coming back to what I mentioned previously, when Raskin and his boys left the gym they were anything but nervous about the prospects of defeating Yeshiva. To them it was just a question of by how many points. So none of the benefits that may be derived from the otherwise drab Ft. Totten contest is the fact that the basketballers will face a strongly overconfident foe, and a lightning attack from the first tap on by the Mites may be just what the doctor ordered to seriously shake the Kingsmen's confidence.

Brooklyn must not be underrated. In their maroon-clad opponents the Mites will face a well-balanced starting five with adequate reserves. Spearheading the Brooklyn attack is lanky Stan Harwood, former scholastic star from Madison High, who at 6 ft. 4 in. is the tallest member of the squad. Buddy Barnett, a deft ball-handler, Sy Rosenblatt a towering pivot man, Stan Simon a deadly set-shooter, and Jerry Remer a speed-merchant, round out the starting club. Raskin's ace-in-the-hole is Bob Leder who tallied seventeen points against Yeshiva last year and was cage captain. These chaps are fast, plenty fast, and feature a deadly set-shooting attack. They will not be easy to beat. But, Yeshiva can do it. The boys have their hearts set on winning this one, and take it from one who has watched them faithfully at practice sessions and scrimmages, it will take a better team than Brooklyn to stop them. Whatever is the outcome it will be close.

On the Saturday nite following the Brooklyn game, December 9 to be exact, the Mites will attempt to avenge last year's heart-breaking one-point defeat at the hands of Pratt Institute. This game is another tough one on this year's list of sport's attractions. In fact, an easy game on the Yeshiva schedule this season is as hard to find as a pack of Camels . . . What, no Ramesses? . . .

Yeshiva Tops
Ft. Totten In
Opening Tilt

The Yeshiva Quinthooplets opened their basketball schedule Monday night, Nov. 27, eking out a hard-won victory over a determined Fort Totten five at the Brooklyn Tech. Gym by a score of 40-31.

The Totten five was off with the opening whistle in a surge that netted the eight points. Two fouls by Art Jaret and a one hander by Marshall Friedman brought our tally up to 4. Then a brilliant pass under the boards from Bedo Scharfstein to Stan Doppelt rang up another 2 points. A foul shot by Totten and a set shot by Sammy Rosenblum closed the quarter with an 8-9 score in favor of Totten.

Brother Act

The second quarter was tough and go all the way. Manny Doppelt, who was impressive in his first performance for Yeshiva, collaborated with his older brother Stanley in executing several smooth scoring plays. Despite the growing Yeshiva total the period closed with Ft. Totten in the lead 17-16.

In the third quarter the mites began to hit their stride, but as it seemed for a while, to no avail. For Ft. Totten matched the Blue and White tally for tally. Stan Doppelt began to look more like himself as his deadly left hand accounted for six tallies plus two more on fouls. Manny Doppelt came up with a torrid lay up from under the boards followed by one of Bedo's inimitable sets from mid-court. Sammy Rosenblum's contribution aided in placing Yeshiva ahead for the first time 29-26 at the whistle.

Freezing Tactics

The army knotted the count in the early part of the final quarter at 29 all, but Rosenblum broke the tie with an angle shot off the backboard, and followed up a one-hander by Stan Doppelt with another of his own. The board of strategy then called for freezing the ball for the remaining two minutes of play. Ft. Totten resorted to rushing tactics leaving Fredman and Rosenblum uncovered under the basket, enabling them to score another two baskets.

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Meet The Faculty

Communes With Mr. Berger,
Community Worker

By Harold Schmalz

Strolling along the fourth floor corridor in search of my interviewee, I spotted a young gentleman with a brown hat pulled down over his eyes, asking a very young freshman with a Dewey button on his lapel (very young indeed), who was munching a Co-op devil-dog, how to get to the Dean's office. Obviously, this was Mr. Graenum Berger, new addition to our competent faculty. So with my newly "mooched" cigarette dangling from my mouth and in my best cultured voice, I tackled the job of "covering" Graenum Berger for this fine paper (Ed. note).

I was hoping to find an eccentric teacher, for that would facilitate the writing of a daring interview, but Mr. Berger, malheureusement, was no erratic. Instead, I discovered a neatly dressed, well-combed, solid-looking gentleman who spoke to me in a quietly modest, slow, nasalized mid-western twang. This meticulous Mr. Berger, let it be understood, was no Caspar Milquetoast, for when, with my MacIver clutched tightly in my hand, I tried to impress the Sociology 42 gentleman with terms like "integration," "social phenomenon," etc., he smiled at me benevolently implying that I had lots to learn. After five or ten minutes I found myself delivering a dramatic monologue about my opinions concerning sociology. Mr. Berger had been doing all the interviewing.

Brooklyn Dope

The Yeshiva-Brooklyn tilt is being played this Saturday nite, December 2, at the Brooklyn College gym. Bearers of S.O. cards will be admitted with a slight charge of 25 cents at the door. Otherwise tickets sell at 74 cents. Yeshiva students are requested to come as early as possible if they wish to see the game, as an over capacity crowd is expected.

To get to the Brooklyn gym from Yeshiva, take a Flatbush Ave. train on the I.R.T. line and get off at the last stop.

The Rabbi and the Community

I checked myself as subtly as possible and asked him what he thought was the role of sociology in the American rabbinate. Furrowing his forehead, he spoke these few sober words: "The rabbinical profession has missed a great opportunity in its important work, particularly with its youth, by not having developed more competence and skill in the area of group work—so that its leadership in the Jewish-American community could be more effective than it has been." He spoke these words slowly, with deliberation and upon further questioning I discovered that the dry mid-western twang originated in those rah, rah days at the University of Missouri, where he majored in American literature and received his baccalaureate.

Unique Past

Graenum Berger's early life story read almost like a Horatio Alger epic. From doing setting up exercises in bowling alleys and working in clothing stores and shoe factories to playing professional basketball with the Y. M. H. A. of Gloversville, New York, where he was born, all the way to two years at the Graduate School for Jewish Sociology, and present head director of the greatly respected Bronx House, the industrious Mr. Berger climbed. And now he serves as sociology teacher at Yeshiva College, thanks to the assiduous work of Dr. Alexander Brody of our History Department, who is constantly urging the college administration towards the creation of a Social Work Department of Yeshiva College. It is perhaps most significant that three already ordained rabbis have found it important to take Mr. Berger's course in practical Sociology, as an essential supplement to their rabbinical training. So hats off, Dr. Brody, and a sincere welcome to Mr. Graenum Berger, able instructor.

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WIT'S END

By Nathan Rosenberg

There is nothing that I enjoy so much as reading a good piece of fiction; and there is nothing that I enjoy even more than perusing through an otherworldly sample of literature that swishes me completely away from "the three Byzantine-Gothic buildings" in which I "maintain the most gruelling pace in America".

Settling myself then, in one of the luxurious leather chairs abounding in the social hall, I picked up the latest copy of the Yeshiva College catalogue, smiled at its dedication note to Robert Ripley, and proceeded to scan its contents.

On The Hoof

After reading its initial paragraphs, I decided that I could go along with a joke, and so giving my imagination the reins, I let myself be taken for a ride through its well fertilized fields. I had but galloped through the chapter on "tuition and fees" when I began wondering whether it might not prove more profitable were I to canter through something in a richer vein. And so from the slime to the ridiculous I turned to the portion dealing with "Student Welfare".

"All students are required to have a yearly physical examination by the Health Service. The Health Service attempts to safeguard the health of the student body by the discovery of remediable defects and follow-up work in their correction."

After blinking once or twice at this specimen of fantasy, I was just about to spit my sides when I recalled that the Yeshiva "medical staff" (to coin a phrase) was hardly the agency to put them in stitches. This passage on student welfare was indeed a classic. Why Robert Benchley himself couldn't have written anything more witty. As a matter of fact this sickening paragraph on "student welfare" (a condition growing more extinct with time) was so funny that it could make anybody gag.

Down to Earth

Being the type of fellow who can appreciate a joke only in its proper place, I began looking for the Health Department. To a newcomer this is indeed a baffling affair. But to a wizened student who has been through every nook and cranny in the buildings, this is almost as easy as looking for a needle in a haystack—or for a nurse in the dormitory. Employing the "Airdahnah" doctrine (expounded by the only orthodox Jew

in the world) I went down, down, down until my descent had brought me to the bowels of the building.

Noticing a throng of Reb Walter B. Cooke material slouching in front of a door marked "Meter Room", my sense of the bizarre told me that this must be the medical office. Storming into what was once a glorified rat hole and which had since been reconditioned to resemble a first class water closet, I demanded in no uncertain terms:

Quis Kid

"Is this the Health Department?"

"Sh....Sh....not so loud.... there are visitors in the building," came the soft reply of a soft-looking gentleman.

"Is there a doctor in the house?" I continued vociferously, refusing to be toned down.

"Young man, this is no time to be particular,—and besides, these men are practicing physicians—"

"Yes, but why must they practice on me?"

Little did I realize the pertinence of my query until my toothsome experience at the gentle claws of a man who was rumored to be a dentist.

"Aha, another customer," chortled the medico gnashing his teeth, as he shoved me into the seat and placed a sterile little mirror in my mouth. (The mirror must have been sterile; he used it on every one).

Well, Shut My Mouth

"Now let me see, . . . ten, eleven, twelve,—oh now there I go, crossing your bridges before I come to them. There's one cavity here, oh and another one here and look, there's another. Why, this is almost as much fun as a scavenger hunt. Well, I was right in the first place. You have thirteen cavities that need to be looked into." It won't be long before you'll be wearing "falsies".

..That, was the kind of treatment I got for opening my mouth. The other examining physicians merely sought my advice on medical matters. I was asked to tell them whether I thought that I was afflicted with hernia, athlete's foot and piles of other diseases. After giving them my expert opinions on the matters, I stumbled out into the cool of the night feeling contented with the thought that at last the administration had been caught cheating at an examination.

Charny Resigns

Carmel Charny '44, co-news editor of The Commentator, has tendered his resignation to the Governing Board, Allen Mandelbaum '45, Editor-in-chief, announced.

Because his present position as managing editor of The Niv, the official magazine of the Histadrut Ha-Noar Ha-Ivri, requires his full attention, Charny was forced to resign.

Prof.' Articles Appear in Horeb

The latest issue of The Horeb, the semi-annual journal devoted to research in Jewish history and literature, contains several important articles by members of our faculty. Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, editor, authored an article entitled "The Era Of the Second Temple—An Era of Exile," and Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsburg, professor of mathematics, wrote on "The Book of Menelaus of Rabbini Jacob Ben Machir." Among the contributors were Dr. Joshua Finkel and Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky.

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Cercle Francais To Have Speaker

Dr. Myrtil Win, former delegate to the French Chamber of Deputies, will deliver a lecture on Leon Blum, Monday, December 4, at 8:30 P. M. in the dormitory social hall. Charles Spinn, president of the Cercle Francais, has announced that everyone is cordially invited to attend the address, which will be given under the Cercle's auspices.

The coaching group of the club is already functioning. As was previously announced, this group meets every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. in room 436.

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Rabbi Morris H. Finer, Director of the Community Service Bureau of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, has prepared a student placement questionnaire for those students seeking part time positions as Hebrew teachers, group leaders, cantors, etc., to help finance their studies.

In addition, Rabbi Finer with the cooperation of the Student Organization of the Yeshiva and the Homiletics department, has arranged to have senior rabbinical student speak in various congregations throughout the country.

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Sen. Thomas Speaks At Astor Dinner

Fifteen hundred people, attending the sixteenth annual Yeshiva College scholarship dinner at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor on Sunday night, October 10, listened to Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah clarify the position of education in the post-war world.

In particular, Senator Thomas who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor and who is responsible for the education portion of the G.I. Bill of Rights, discussed the important role Yeshiva and Yeshiva College will play after the war.



Sen. Elbert D. Thomas

inuation of World War II. "Your institution," the Senator declared, "will be a fountainhead of knowledge for the new world and a source of inspiration to the old."

Pres. Belkin Speaks

Toastmaster of the affair, Louis Brodlo (executive vice-president of Gimbel Brothers) introduced President Samuel Belkin as the first speaker. In a rather detailed manner, the president explained the organization and activities of the entire institution. He crystallized the purpose of college and seminary in the following statement: "Our institution enables Jewish students to give expression to Jewishness as well as to equip themselves with a cultural way of life." In concluding his address, President Belkin declared that the pervading ideal of our school is that of establishing "a synthesis between human knowledge and divine knowledge."

Development of Y. C.

Dean Moses L. Isaacs then delivered a short address in which he discussed the progressive development of Yeshiva College. Following him, Dr. Mordecai Soltis, executive director of the institution read a message from Hon. Samuel Levy, chairman of the Board of Directors, who was unable to attend.

The entertainment portion of the program consisted of a pageant, "Chanukah—The Sabbath of The World," which was presented by the Radio City Music Hall through the courtesy of G. S. Ryeall, president and managing director.

An Open Letter From Y. C. Council To Dr. Belkin

Editor's Note: The following letter was presented to Dr. Belkin by a committee appointed by Student Council at a special meeting held on Thursday evening, November 30. Dr. Belkin had previously banned all dramatic activities in the College. The scheduled Varsity Show was to be permitted, however, on the condition that no tickets be sold. A reply in the form of a prospectus by Dr. Belkin will appear in the next issue of The Commentator.

The Student Council has decided that no Varsity Show is to be held this year, under the conditions you have deemed requisite for its presentation. This decision was guided by a desire to maintain not only the letter but also the spirit of your action in banning all dramatic activities. With respect to the Varsity Show, yet another consideration was involved: the fact that this is a war year.

Our decision, as you can readily see, has placed us in a somewhat precarious position. We have given up, without a struggle, that which has been a part of the Yeshiva College student body's activities for many years; an activity, too, which was eagerly awaited and enjoyed by the great majority of students and faculty. Our action affects not only this year's student body, but that of future years. We have done this as partners in a bona fide relationship which exists between the Office of the President and the students.

You, as the principal partner in this relationship, should give us, and with us all future student bodies, an assurance that this curtailment is a final one, which will not extend to any other activities. In this capacity too, we should like you to clarify certain other and larger issues which are involved, implicitly or explicitly, in your decision. Once you, as President of the whole institution, have seen fit to pay particular attention to one of its principal parts, there are still more pregnant matters involving that same part, which, we feel, deserve your fullest consideration.

Function of College?
These major problems can all be subsumed under the heading: What is the function of the college with respect to the Yeshiva? We have had many definitions of synagogues, but, apparently all were meaningless; for here that which has, in all times, been considered as an almost curricular part of any college program, dramatics, has been removed. Does this mean an abandonment of the ideal of synagogues, or at least an abandonment of it in that guise in which it has appeared since the foundation of the college? All too frequently has synagogues been trotted out before the world as that which distinguishes us from any other institution. If the experiment has failed, let us know that it has failed, and let a new and perhaps stronger ideal, take its place.

Then, too, we feel that even in the past, the college's position in theory was never realized in fact. The level of scholarship in the Yeshiva studies is seldom approximated in the college studies. Nor can the norms of knowledge prevalent in other American universities be our standards. The American educational scene is such that one would fear to affirm anything but the barest minimum of knowledge possessed by the holder of a baccalaureate degree. Yeshiva need not accept this bare minimum as its standard, thus bowing down to the "idols of the market-place," when it can produce a type of scholarship which is not to be readily found elsewhere.

Yeshiva Pledges To Aid Vaad Hatzalah

Students Conduct Letter Campaign For Resolution

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the combined Jewish Affairs Committee of the Yeshiva opened a letter writing campaign to Congress in support of the resolution to establish a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Committee representatives spoke in Yeshiva and Teachers' Institute classes emphasizing the immediate importance of the resolution which will provide a place of refuge for escaping European Jews. Mimeographed circulars were also distributed containing instructions and sample letters to aid the student body in the campaign.

Telegrams sent to Congress in order to facilitate the sending of letters, stationery was sold at a special desk in the main lobby during the lunch hour. Telegrams were also accepted at the desk. Posters were on display in the halls urging the students to write letters and send telegrams. Sixty telegrams were sent to members of Congress, demanding that the Palestine Resolution be passed. In the first day of the campaign.

Resolution Shelved
Congressional consideration of the Palestine Resolution which urged that the gates of Palestine be opened and that a Jewish Commonwealth be created there, was originally postponed due to the "war emergency" at the insistence of Secretary of War Stimson. Action on the resolution has been again delayed at the request of Secretary of State Stettinius. It was deemed wiser not to embarrass Great Britain by passage of the Palestine Resolution because of the delicate political situation in Greece at present.

In order to carry on the letter writing campaign a committee was appointed consisting of Moshe Feinstein '46, chairman, Samuel Bloch '46, Bernard Weissberg '46, Zvi Giv '46 and Abraham Rappaport '47.

Assembly Backs Rescue Project

On Monday, December 11, in the Harry Packer synagogue, an aroused and spirited assemblage of all the Yeshiva and Beth Hamidrash students solemnly pledged its unswerving loyalty and support to the emergency Vaad Hatzalah campaign to rescue the surviving Jews from Nazi tyranny.

In praising the sterling accomplishments of the Vaad Hatzalah, Rabbi Kalmanovitch, the principal speaker, stressed the distinction of this organization in exerting every possible means to fulfill its life-saving function. He outlined the stupendous humanitarian task ahead and turned to the Yeshivah first because they fully grasped the import of "Pidyan Netochos". In calling forth a maximum effort on our part he exclaimed, "The House of Israel cannot and would not have been built without 'Meisrim Netoch'."

Institutional Appeal
The appeal for the Vaad Hatzalah on behalf of all four institutions that comprises the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, was started by Nathan Furst '48. He read several telegrams from the Berns representative of the Vaad Hatzalah which revealed that many Jews could be rescued from Europe.

Rabbi Samuel Belkin, president of the Yeshiva, informed the fact that only a small part of the Jews in Europe have remained alive but stressed the need to save the remnants from certain destruction. He reminded the assembly that the reward for saving one life is comparable to saving the entire population of the world from death.

Quoting the psalm, Rabbi Kalmanovitch proved that a person should put himself in a constant danger in order to aid someone who is in a definite danger. He read letters which announced the safe arrival of one thousand three hundred fifty-five European Jews in Switzerland via fourteen hundred more on the way.

The chairman of the drive, Simon Rotstein '45, stated that the funds for food and every detail of the fantastic expenses are in dollars. In response to this appeal, the entire student body rose as one to pledge its whole-hearted support for this sacred cause.

Dr. Kravitch To Give Scripta Lecture

The third in a series of Yeshiva's series of monthly lectures will be held on December 20 when Professor Maurice Kravitch, formerly of the University of Toronto, will speak on "Theological Foundations of the Jewish People." The lecture will be held at the Yeshiva and will be followed by a social gathering. Tickets are \$2.00 and \$1.00. The lecture will be held at the Yeshiva and will be followed by a social gathering. Tickets are \$2.00 and \$1.00.

French Club Hears Dr. Myrtil Weil

Under the auspices of the Circle Princes Dr. Myrtil Weil spoke on "Levin Bismarck and French Socialism" before a capacity crowd in the Dormitory Social Hall. Monday night, December 4, after giving a summary of the history and ideas of Socialism from Prussia until 1918, Dr. Weil discussed the character and activities of Lenin Bismarck. In 1920, after the Congress of 1920, where the Socialists and Communists split, Bismarck recognized the split party and founded "Levin Bismarck," the official organ of his party, to speak to communists abroad.

EDITORIALS

Definition Needed

This issue of The Commentator contains a letter from the Student Council of the Yeshiva College to President Belkin. The immediate occasion for this letter was the banning of all dramatic activities in the college. The issues it deals with, however, have needed clarification for a long time. Confusion has marked the mind of the students in the past, and this new ruling has done nothing to lessen that confusion. The President now has an opportunity to clear up, once and for all, whatever has been imprecise and vague.

Much of this confusion has resulted from the lack of definition of terms which we have been taught to think of as basic. Synthesis has been the most maltreated. The result has been that we have all used these terms as if we were in accord as to their meaning when, in reality, we were affirming but private notions.

Once these axioms have been recognized, we shall be able to judge and act in a consistent manner, certain that what we do is in keeping with what we say, and assured that our position is a valid and solid one. Given these ideals, we must not deviate from them, nor be swayed by the tides of ignorance which groups in that body called the "public" may set in motion. We shall, without fear, demand of our critics that they do not take exception to standards which they not only fail to embody, but fail to understand.

Dr. Belkin's reply to this letter is eagerly awaited. Given a comprehensive prospectus and a well-defined program we may feel confident that if we are to stand, we shall know where we stand.

Vaad Hatzalah

The Vaad Hatzalah drive is in full swing at Yeshiva. The cause itself is so well known, the need so apparent, that no additional "propaganda" is necessary here. The value of human life needs no restatement, especially when that life is the scholar's, whose private existence forms the backbone of Israel's national existence.

Our loss as a people has been too great for us to endure more. To rescue a tradition which has never been so close to eclipse as in these times, we must rescue those who have been the mainstay of that tradition. Let our response to this appeal be prompt and generous.

"And Justice for All"

The Jewish Affairs Committee is now conducting a letter writing drive to urge the passage of the Palestine Resolution (HR418-419). The urgency of this matter becomes evident when we view the rapid crystallization of British policy. If we are to achieve any results, we must act now.

The ruthless prosecution of British aims in the Mediterranean, as evidenced in Greece and Italy, do not bode well for a moral solution of the Jewish question at the hands of the present Conservative Government. The ominous overtones in Mr. Churchill's speech after the assassination of Lord Moyne were anything but reassuring.

America alone offers us hope. That country which has realized the justice in the Sforza case, must be brought to realize the justice in the case of the Jew, and must speak up firmly in his behalf. Reaction is not in the saddle in at least one country; let our voice be heard here, and may the Yishuv hear its comforting echo in affirmative political action.

In Remembrance

Tonight marks the Yahrzeit of Chaplain Louis Werfel '37, the first Yeshiva College man to lose his life in World War II. Now that the immediate pain of his death has past, we can better evaluate his contribution in life.

That contribution, an awareness of spirit in the midst of battle, has served as an example to others; so that his death, unlike so many in a war which has leveled most deaths to anonymity, has been more than a lone and unheeded instance.

We, in memory and deed, can continue to regard his actions as exemplary of the peaceful man engaged in necessary war or dearly-won peace.

From The Faculty
POST-WAR GERMANY

by Dr. Aaron Margalit

The problem of how to deal with the Germans after the cessation of hostilities in Europe is one of the most discussed questions of today, and deservedly so. For the conviction has been growing in the minds of more and more people in all the countries of the United Nations that the Germans with their pseudo theories and all-too-real practices, have become a cancerous sore on the body and spirit of human society, endangering the advancing march of history. In less than a century they have supplied sole or major cause in no less than five wars, each progressively more destructive and extensive than its predecessor.

Meanwhile the German people themselves have degenerated in their conduct, both before and during a war, so that on the eve of final victory over them we are at loss to find a punishment to fit the crime. It has therefore become axiomatic that peace on earth and the orderly progress of the human race would be impossible unless and until the German problem is solved once and for all.

How To Treat Nazis

Plans for the treatment of the Germans already exist in abundance, and more are coming in daily. They range all the way from looking at the defeated Germans as erring and misguided Christians whose sins should not only be forgiven but also forgotten and let bygones be bygones, to the diametrically opposed suggestions that the Germans receive the Amalekite treatment and be removed in toto from the face of the earth. This proposal is justified by its expon-

ents by the quite understandable assumption that the corruption of the German mind and soul has reached the stage where no amount of surgery but total extinction alone would atone for the sins committed and give the rest of the world the necessary assurance for the development of a peaceful co-operative society of nations.

The majority of the plans proposed are subjectively and prejudicially conceived, and very often stated so hysterically that they do not attract the consideration some of their features would otherwise command. These proposals are vengefully vindictive, hopelessly insufficient, dangerously naive, and sometimes tragically humorous.

Annihilation Impossible

Thus the proposal that the German nation be totally liquidated, the German males be sterilized, or that they be expelled from Europe is, no matter how desirable and just such a proposition may seem to many of us, not worthy of entertaining seriously if only for the reason that none of these proposals will ever be given serious attention by anyone in authority.

On the other hand the levying of heavy reparations, the destruction of German armament industry or even their whole industrial structure, the dismemberment or reduction of German territory, will separately or altogether be insufficient either as a punishment, or for the making the world safe from the repetition of the present catastrophe sometime in the future.

Not worthy of even a refutation but given here only as an example of the naive and the ridiculous

Maybe I'm Wrong

British Foreign Policy Is Cause Of Terrorist Groups

By Harold Schulweis

With you I have read those few ominous bulletins from Cairo, London and from 10 Downing Street itself, warning World Jewry that the future of Zionism is greatly periled if Jewish terrorism is to continue in Palestine. And I fully realize that tremendous shock which such a bold statement is liable to carry to all of us who have so long prayed and dreamed and hoped that perhaps now, at the closing of the great conflict, Palestine will be returned to its lawful owners. A great many ardent Zionists have, therefore, turned their full scorn against the handful of wretched Jews who, by their own unrestrained actions, are jeopardizing our national existence in the ever-Promised Land. A great majority of our fellow Zionists feel that so much blood and sweat has been poured into the parched desert sand of Eretz Israel, that for it to be destroyed by thoughtless and uninhibited action would be calamitous. This overwhelming majority, which authored and lived the official policy of "Havlogah", has openly condemned the Stern group, two of whom have been found guilty of assassinating the British Resident Minister in Cairo, Lord Moyne.

In fact, every responsible Jewish group and Dr. Weitzman of the Jewish Agency himself, has declared to the world "Yodeinu Lo Schofchah Et Hadam," and the Jewish community can not

be held responsible for this attack. But Mr. Churchill really "scared" us—and, indeed, never before have we seen the reserved English temperament so violently undiplomatic and so bound in indignation. He's made the good Dr. Weitzman shake so with apologetics that it is authoritatively rumored that the latter has urged Palestine Jewry to "forcefully wipe out these terrorists," and Jewish "traitors."

Traitors—or Patriots?

Well, I wonder if these gallant men are to be called traitors or terrorists? I'm wondering if Dr. Weitzman's vehemence should not have been directed against the foul policy of the British Colonial office, instead of against men who have been driven to this act by the hypocrisy and betrayal of Great Britain's Colonial Policy. Remember, these "terrorists" are the pioneers who have seen ships like the "Struma" and the "Patia," crowded with lean, hungry, beaten Jews just escaped from the Nazi hell sunk by enemy submarines or else turned back to face sure death in the Nazi-occupied territories of Europe—because the Colonial office refused them entry into their own land. These Palestine Jews found no consolation in debate and protest meetings. Having seen the floating mass of Jewish misery in the Mediterranean, they are not comforted by the silver-tongued. These "wicked" men have

posed as serious a suggestion by a Lady Gibbs from England that we treat the Germans with a consideration composed of mercy, pity, peace and love. All these mixed together are "the powerful weapon with which to chastize the brute". Similarly an American writer, an otherwise clever and liberal observer, offers as a solution the substitution of Coca-Cola for beer as the German national drink. Beer is to the German what his locks were to Samson. On the assumption that you are what you drink it is suggested that the drinking of beer be made illegal in Germany. And should you even want to make the German Heinle as genial and lovable as the American GI let him by all means drink Coca-Cola.

Situation Unparalleled

Actually no plan for dealing with Germany is possible of conception at the present moment, nor is one necessary. The problem is a case of sui generis in international relations for which there exist no precedent in history to direct us, at least not one which we could adopt as a model for 1945.

A plan will be developed by our own efforts, through the gradual unfolding of the greatest experiment in history, namely that of the regeneration of a people that has cast aside all the inhibitions of law, morals and religion, that has lost the sense of shame and forgotten the meaning of self-respect, and to restore them to a status worthy of readmittance to the fellowship of civilized nations.

(To be continued next issue)

seen British policy amputate pieces of Palestine in 1918, again in 1921, and still again in 1937, until the land of Zion has today become one twentieth of the Palestine of 1917.

Yet, did not Mr. Churchill call Lord Moyne a friend of the Jewish people? What a miserable farce. Lord Moyne, our "good friend," is the same gentleman, who in 1942 warned against "sentimental appeals" on behalf of Europe's Jews, and who called further immigration into Palestine "a disastrous mistake." But this is not all—when Dr. Weitzman calls for the forceful suppression of these indignant, dauntless ones, he asks us to commit national hari-kari. He calls for a "civil war in Palestine" and what's more a major cleavage in the ranks of world political Zionism.

Repressions Burst Forth

Palestine Jewry, repressed and inhibited before the War as part of Great Britain's world appeasement policy, and during the war self-repressed and self-restrained in order not to interfere with the success of the world conflict, can not be hushed up. Repressions have accumulated, and its outburst has been inevitable. It is, indeed, to be marvelled that similar outbreaks have not occurred earlier and oftener. Yet, even the ever-patient Jews can not be expected to bear all the iniquities of mankind and then turn the other cheek.

The outbreaks in Palestine are the same which are taking place today in Belgium and Italy and Greece. They shout to awaken the sleeping conscience of the world; they tell the liberty loving peoples that a glorious nation is being exploited and bare their national wounds and sores for all to view. I would not point a condemning finger at the Stern group. Jewish history may yet record these valiant as the Bar Kochbans of modern Zionism, the heroes of today!

Mites Steamroller Pratt; Defeated By Brooklyn, 52-41

Bedo Cages 21 As Sets Hit

The Yeshiva varsity ended up on the wrong end of a 52-41 decision in a thrilling touch-and-go battle with Brooklyn College Saturday night, Dec. 2 in the Kingsmen's gym, before a leather-lunged gallery of almost 2,000 fans.

The non-partisan yells that greeted the Mites quickly subsided with the opening whistle as Stan Doppelt set one for Yeshiva and this was duplicated by Bedo Scharfstein. Bedo and Stan then combined on a smoothly-executed off-side play which set Yeshiva ahead 6-1, but the Kingsmen quickly closed the gap and tied the count.

This tense situation exploded when Bedo astounded friend and foe alike with two long set efforts. A fast break with Irv Jarret on the receiving end raised the score to 13-7. But Brooklyn wasn't playing games either, for two fouls, a set and a push up by the Flatbushers once more knotted the count.

Three fouls by Brooklyn tipped the scales in their favor momentarily, but this lead was swept away as Bedo continued his phenomenal shooting with two additional long-range shots.

The lead oscillated back and forth until, with seconds to go, and the Kingsmen in possession of a one point lead, Bedo arched one-in from past the midstripe that put the Mites ahead 23-22, at the half.

Doppelt Stopped

The second half was a different story with the Kingsmen unleashing their vaunted speed. In spite of the Quints' fierce opposition they scored a total of 12 points in the opening five minutes of play. Yeshiva tallied twice on a beautiful pivot, as Bedo faked out his man, and on a lay-up by Kid Doppelt to revive the hopes of the Blue and White. Brooklyn's Jerry Remer, who took advantage of the savage play to score 9 of the 16 points chalked up against the Mites on fouls, added greatly in holding the Kingsmen's lead. Scharfstein cut loose with two more of his bell-ringers. But the spearhead of the rally was blunted, for the Flatbushers stymied Stanley Doppelt's deadly left hand.

Marv Fredman highlighted the closing minutes of play fighting fiercely for possession under the

YESHIVA (41)		G. F. T.
Scharfstein	10	1 21
M. Doppelt	1	0 2
Rosenblum	2	0 4
Fredman	0	1 1
Friedman	1	0 2
S. Doppelt	3	3 9
Jaret	1	0 2
Totals	18	5 41
BROOKLYN (52)		G. F. T.
Rosenblatt	0	0 0
Simon	2	1 5
Remer	5	9 19
Harwood	7	1 15
Barnett	4	3 11
Greene	0	2 2
Totals	18	16 52

Quints Defeat Commerce 38-35

A favored Yeshiva quintet, noticeably lacking the sparkle evidenced in previous set-tos, managed laboriously to eke out a 38-35 decision over an N.Y.U. Commerce aggregation at the losers home court, Monday nite, Dec. 11th. The Mites occasionally awoke from their lethargy, only to rapidly lapse back into the phlegmatic brand of play that marked the evening. The long set shots which were outstanding in former contests were conspicuously absent.

Seniors Trounce Soph Five 16-6

A strong Senior five decisively downed an impotent Sophomore team 16-6, Thursday, November 30th, in the Yeshiva gymnasium.

The bouncing basketballers of the graduating class drew first blood when Marty Sofer sank a difficult one-hander and thereafter they never were headed. Sofer who tallied five points in the first half and a total of seven for the evening, was principally responsible for the Seniors' first victory of the season. Sporting an 8-6 advantage at halftime the Seniors tightened their defense, and the Sophs were held scoreless for the remainder of the contest. Korchak and Nissel accounted for ten points, scoring 6 and 4 respectively.

boards, but the final score showed Brooklyn on top 52-41.

Fast Break Sparks Quints

Pratt Institute bowed to a powerful Yeshiva five in the Pratt Gym Saturday night, Dec. 9, by a score of 79-50.

The Blue and White surged immediately into the lead, with Stan and Bedo responsible for six points each and Kid Doppelt making the remainder of a 15-1 tally. By the quarter mark the Prattmen had picked up four more points while Yeshiva piled up twenty-three. Pratt took advantage of the zone defense used by Yeshiva to snipe at the hoop from long range which netted them 12 points. Kid Doppelt's delayed shot, the set shooting of Bedo Scharfstein and the expert use of a fast break gave the Quints a decisive 47-19 lead at the halfway mark.

Subs See Service

This substantial margin allowed Coach Ceditor to put in some second string men. Hy Pomerantz earned his spurs with a neat lay-up and worked well on the fast breaks. The Pratt five did not miss the opportunity to score for they chalked up sixteen against seven for Yeshiva. Stan Doppelt, whose brilliant passing set up many a tally, closed the quarter with a polished one-hander.

A series of fast breaks, with Friedman, Scharfstein, Pomerantz and Stan Doppelt on the receiving end, served to further confuse the Pratt squad who succeeded in scoring only eleven more points for the duration, of which eight were charity tosses.

YESHIVA (79)		G. F. T.
Scharfstein	6	8 20
Friedman	3	2 8
M. Doppelt	10	5 25
Fredman	0	2 2
Pomerantz	1	0 2
S. Doppelt	7	4 18
Jaret	1	2 4
Totals	28	23 79
PRATT INST. (50)		G. F. T.
Tanumer	2	3 7
W. Smith	1	1 3
Bloom	5	3 13
Ohnikan	1	0 2
Dobson	6	2 14
Pellizzi	0	2 2
Farinas	2	0 4
Calle	2	1 5
Totals	19	12 50

On The Stand

New Coach For Mites Is Former T. A. Basketeer

By Bernard Weisberg

Ever hear the name Nat Creditor? Well, you basketball addicts better get acquainted with it but quick because he is none other than—you guessed it—the new coach of that great American game at Yeshiva College. The name should strike a responsive note in the minds of those senile scholars who have followed the game at this school for a number of years. Nat's the guy who starred for the T.A. about six years ago, and was one of the luminaries on the great Stuyvesant team the year that school copped the city championship and played in the Garden. That was 'way back in '39, I believe. Nat played some semi-pro ball after leaving school but left basketball behind him when the war broke out and joined up with the Coast Guard. A bad accident caused his 'retirement' and he has turned to the less strenuous job (so he thinks) of coaching the Mites. One of the factors involved in our recent loss to Brooklyn was the lack of a coach's expert advice on the bench. This, we feel, has been remedied by the acquisition of Coach Creditor. Chazak!

Speaking of the Brooklyn fracas, everyone is still raving over the set-shooting of Bedo Scharfstein. Your sports editor, accompanied by Bedo and some of the squad, paid his way into the garden last Wednesday eve (my press pass didn't work) to see how the other half does it. About half-way thru the N.Y.U.—Rochester game somebody in back of us says out loud to a friend of his sitting next to him, "I haven't seen anyone here who can set 'em up like Scharfstein who played for Yeshiva against us!" We turned around and saw a fella with "Brooklyn" written all over his face and the maroon and gold jacket he was wearing. This guy takes one look at Bedo and nearly faints. "That's him!" he creaks, and points an accusing finger at the culprit. Bedo, of course, took all this in stride. I noticed, though, that he had a pretty close haircut. That leaves plenty of room inside his hat for his head to swell....

Announcement! This Saturday nite, Dec. 16, the Quints take on Hofstra College. This is our first home game and will be played at the Needle Trades gym. All I can tell you about this one is that Pratt beat Hofstra 32-30, and we took Pratt by a score of Well, what do you think? ... Then on Wednesday, Dec. 20, we travel to the Bronx and do battle with N. Y. Cathedral. Who doesn't remember those two epic struggles waged on the court between these two teams? This promises to be a thrill-packed evening, so remember—Wednesday nite the Cardinal Hayes gym, Yeshiva vs. Cathedral.

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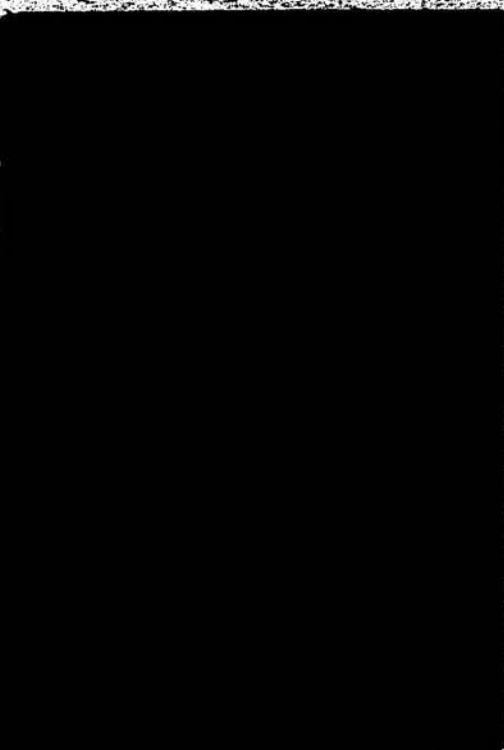
The movement of our fleet in the Pacific, the flight of B-29 superfortresses over Tokyo, the propelling of underwater torpedoes, the firing of 88 millimeter shells—all are greatly dependent upon the mathematical tables compiled by a branch of the National Bureau of Standards which is under the technical direction of Prof. Arnold N. Lowan, departmental head of physics at Yeshiva College.

Up to the end of 1942 this branch, known as the Mathematical Tables Project, had published 15 bound volumes. To these are now added four volumes, the first to be published by the Columbia University Press. As was noted in the October, 1944 issue of "Science", these tables are of particular importance:

Important Role In War

"For the prosecution of the American war effort, in which mathematical research is playing such a fundamentally important role, it is difficult to imagine any more important event than the organization early in 1938 of the computing group under the direction of Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, director of the National Bureau of Standards. With Dr. Arnold N. Lowan, the able technical director of the group, many manuscripts of fundamental mathematical tables were prepared. And the nucleus of the original great group is still very active while dealing with problems of the Applied Mathematics Panel of the National Defense Research Committee."

The four highly technical volumes of tables are as follows: (1) Table of Bessel Functions $J_0(x)$ and $J_1(x)$ for Complex Arguments; (2) Tables of Lagrangian Interpolation Coefficients; (3) Table of Circular and Hyperbolic Tangents and Cotangents for Radian Arguments; (4) Table of Reciprocals of the Integers from 100,000 through 200,000. Prof. R. C. Archibald of Brown University, in his article in the October, 1944 issue of "Science" made the following comment on these tables: "We are happy to learn that two more volumes of the Mathematical



Prof. Arnold Lowan

Tables Project, bringing the total number to 21, are to be published by the Columbia University Press in the near future.... This is a noble and remarkable array of most useful volumes to be published in a five-year period.

Associate of Einstein

Prof. Lowan, whose doctor's dissertation on "The cooling of the earth when radioactivity is taken into account" was published in The Physical Review, received his doctorate from Columbia University in 1933. During the following year, he was as an associate of Prof. Albert Einstein at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. Prof. Lowan was called upon to found the department of physics at Yeshiva College at the end of 1934. In addition to these activities, he has continued his research in problems of heat conduction and wave motion.

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Science Club To Hear Dr. Wachtel

Phonics Papper, president of the Science Club, announced that Dr. Jacob Wachtel, prominent dermatologist, will speak on "Common Skin Affections in Adolescents" on December 18, at 8:30 p.m. in room 404 of the main building.

Dr. Nathan Savitsky, instructor in psychology at Yeshiva College, who is now on leave, spoke before the Science Club on "Research in Neurological Practice."

Dr. Savitsky stated that scientific methods can be applied to all studies. However results differ with respect to their various degrees of accuracy and measurement. He then proceeded to present in detail the methods used in psychology.

The Science Club is also beginning the project of taking micrographs of embryos of frogs and chickens. It will publish the micrographs in the form of a brochure. The complicated apparatus required for this project has already been procured.

The next meeting of the club will be held one week from this Thursday night, December 21, at 7:10 p.m. in the main building room 310.

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Dr. Alexander Litman will be the guest speaker at the T. I. Chansukah Chagiga on Thursday, December 14, 1944 at 10 o'clock. He will speak on "The Philosophy of the Maccabees." An original pageant, written by Louis Bernstein '47, will be presented. A choir of twenty voices under the direction of Al Salkowitz, '43, will participate. A violinist, pianist, and other varied entertainment will be on the program. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Vaad Hatzalah. Hy Fomcrants, '46, president of T. I. stated, "This will be the best chagiga ever put on in the history of T. I."

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Nathan Zemel, president of the Classical Society, announced a forthcoming lecture by Doctor Alexander Litman on Thursday, December 28, at 8:30 p.m. in the Dormitory Social Hall. His topic will be "Horace as a Political Propagandist."

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War bond sales for the Sixth War Loan Drive have reached \$30,000. This is less than one-third of the \$100,000 goal set by the War Council. Circulation of the drive to the parents and students to buy their bonds through the Yeshiva, so that the goal may be realized. The students are asked to aid the drive by purchasing bonds of the small denominations.

Seventy-six students have donated blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank since November 7. The Council urges students to volunteer as donors in order that new groups may be formed.

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