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STUDENT BODY ELECTS WERNER AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT '45-46

From The Newly-Elected President

As is customary, and yet with gratitude, I thank the student body for having elected me to the Presidency of Student Council. I thank you also for my colleagues, the vice president and secretary. We shall not content ourselves, however, with proffering our thanks to the students.



We choose to view our victory in the election as the beginning, not the end, of our task.

In my campaign speech I stated: "Your president's duty next year must not be to lean over backwards in attempts to placate the administration. Your president's

duty next year must be to press the just demands and maintain the rights of the students—whom he represents." I also said: "In our demands for power we must not lose sight of the principle that power without responsibility is worse than no power at all." My administration shall be guided by these two axioms.

Yet it is true that a few men—no matter how earnest—can do little if the great mass of the student body is indifferent and apathetic. I urge you to take greater interest and participate more actively in the activities. I urge you to exercise wisdom and discretion in choosing your class officers since they will play an important role in determining student council policy and the success or failure of our undertakings.

There is work to be done. We can only do it together. I trust that a united and high-minded student body shall not be found wanting.

Mathematics-Hollywood Mixture Produces Easy Road To Riches

Professor Edward Kasner of Columbia University concocted a little mathematics, a little Hollywood, a little everything at Horace Mann Auditorium on Wednesday, May 16, as he spoke on "Mathematics in Hollywood" in the final lecture of the Scripta Mathematica series.

The number of buttons on Shirley Temple's dress, the experiences of a parachute jumping native of Yugoslavia, the trials and tribulations of a pullman porter, what the self-assured lady of society should do as soon as she steps into the Stork Club, finally led to a new and entirely undeveloped field of mathematics, known as "Hollywood" addition.

It all started years ago from a song in a superb grade B film, "College Mirth." Here came a rendition by a courageous member of the audience in a not too

melodious bathroom baritone of "Take a number from 1 to 10, double it and add 1,000,000, that's how much you thrill..."

This song was carried out in pantomime in the film. The number picked was 2, doubled it became 4, and then 1,000,000 was added. In the picture the sum was 4 plus 1,000,000 equals 41,000,000. Here is the secret of that new, heretofore unheard of "Hollywood" addition. In this way 7 plus 7 equals 77.

New unexpected possibilities are opened. Imagine working one day, a zealous man now makes \$1.00. The next day he makes nothing, since he decides to rest. His total for the two days, a la Hollywood, is 1 plus 0 equals 10. Who but a fool, or a non-Ginsburgian mathematician would work the third day. The total salary is now 10 plus 0 equals 100. After a few more days of self-enforced idleness the laborer, white collar worker, or even mathematics professor can retire from his job, a millionaire. No mention was made in the lecture of the job from which the millionaire would retire.

Professor Kasner was offered a yearly salary of \$1000 as mathematical advisor for Hollywood productions. He asked for another \$1000. To this day the movie colony has been forced to exist without the valuable assistance of Columbia's Adrain Professor of Mathematics, because it is inconsistent. It was willing to use "Hollywood" addition in the movies, but was willing to pay Professor Kasner's salary only in the old, tried method.

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Candidates Voice Views To Assembly

Candidates for office in Student Council were given an opportunity to present their qualifications and platforms to the student body last Monday at 3 p.m. in the Harry Fischel Synagogue. Leo Landes '45, vice-president of the out-going Student Council, presided.

Throughout this entire assembly, the candidates reiterated their strong convictions that student rights and freedom of expression must be maintained.

Theodore Comet '46, the first of the presidential candidates to address the student body, stressed the necessity of "resisting any further infringements on student rights." He claimed that the planned expansion of Yeshiva College "makes it incumbent upon us to attain for Orthodoxy political and social leadership." Therefore he promised to stimulate student interest in Zionist activities and encourage the students' actual participation in the various Zionist organizations.

Will Assist On Rights

Abraham Werner '46, the other presidential candidate stated that the duty of the president next year must be to insist upon the complete freedom of student expression, to demand the students rights of administering their activities without external pressure, and to press for the passage of the Faculty-Advisor Plan. He expressed the belief that he is capable of doing this job because of his varied background in student activities.

Morris Goodman '46, vice-presidential candidate, presented among the highlights of his speech a Senior-Advisor Plan. Morton Rosen '46, another candidate, promised to direct all his energies toward maintaining a strong student government. Seymour Weller '46, emphasizing his previous experience in Student Council, maintained that he could give efficient leadership to the student body. Mandel Fisch '47, Jacob Rabinowitz '46, and Israel Zeifman '47, candidates for the secretaryship, made short speeches in their own behalfs.

Before the introduction of the candidates, Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg, associate professor of German, appealed to the students on behalf of "The Greater New York Fund". A collection was made and further donations for the drive will be accepted in the dean's office during the next week. Elihu Elefant '46, urged the student body to increase their financial support of the Masmid. Fred Sommers '44, reminded the students of their obligation to help the O.S.E. drive for the displaced orphans of Europe.

Rosen Gains Vice-Presidency; Rabinowitz Sweeps Sec'tship

In the closest election since 1942, Abraham Werner '46 was elected president of the Yeshiva College Student Council for the academic year 1945-'46, as he defeated Theodore Comet '46, by a margin of four votes, 121-117. Morton Rosen '46 gained the vice-presidency on the second ballot as Morris Goodman '46 dropped out, leaving the final count: Rosen 119, Weller 108. Jacob Rabinowitz '46 won the secretaryship by the largest margin, 141 to 94 for Mandel Fisch '47. Israel Zeifman '47 dropped out on the first ballot.

Werner, who hails from Providence, R. I., has been active in student affairs since his entrance into Yeshiva College. As a junior he was president of his class and in his sophomore year he served as vice-president. He was also elected in his sophomore year to the managing board of The Commentator in the capacity of Copy Editor. At present Werner is a member of the Masmid staff. He has also been a member of various Student Council committees since his freshman year.

The newly elected vice-president, Morton Rosen, is a native of Camden, N. J. He has been an active participant in student affairs throughout his college career. His major activity has been the Dramatic Society in which he has served for the past three years.

Jacob Rabinowitz, the new secretary of the Yeshiva College Student Council, is now serving as associate manager of the Co-op. In his sophomore year he was a member of the Social Committee and took part in the Varsity Show.

Following are the final tabulations:

	Werner	Comet	Rosen	Weller	Rabinowitz	Fisch
Low Fr.	4	14	6	8	2	13
Up Frosh	31	46	40	35	24	29
Soph.	30	23	29	22	20	17
Juniors	28	16	24	18	36	1
Seniors	28	18	19	25	31	4
Total	121	117	119	108	113	64

*On the First Ballot Zeifman received 63 votes

*On the Second Ballot Rabinowitz won 141 votes, while Fisch copped 94

Seized Swastika Sent To Council

"As a trophy in the citadel of its would-be victim" a captured swastika flag measuring 3½ by 2½ feet was sent to the Yeshiva College Student Council by Cpl. Arnold Miller '39, who is now



serving in the armed forces somewhere in Germany. Miller, a native of Worcester, Mass., was editor of The Commentator in his senior year. The following letter was received by President Harold Miller:

"Dear Friend:
"Under separate cover I have forwarded to you a large swastika flag, which I acquired March 4 in a certain famous German city.

London Discusses Economic Plan

Mr. Bernard London, noted economist and author of the "Planned Obsolescence" theory, addressed a large audience in the Science Lecture Hall, Sunday, May 13, on the benefits of planned obsolescence and the part it could play in eliminating unemployment.

To achieve national stability, Mr. London stated, we must plan our economy using the economic principles of life, time, and space as foundations. He demanded that we stop using palliatives and instead substitute a new economic concept based on common sense. Financial upheavals start on the durable goods front and to prevent them we must replace obsolete goods. The durability of the goods produced by the worker limits further production and consequently he suffers because of lack of work.

I desire to present it to Yeshiva College as a sort of symbolic gesture marking the forthcoming triumph of good over evil and the failure of the modern Haman's attempt to destroy an immortal people. The flag of the cursed enemy will remain as a trophy in the citadel of its would-be victim. Poetic justice—is it not?

"One of the boys.

Arnold Miller '39".

Students who wish to see the flag will find it on display in the Student Council office.

EDITORIALS

The last editorial is usually devoted to taking inventory of student administration's accomplishments and to warbling the prosaic swan's-song. At this moment, however, we find insignificant that which has been done when compared to that which should and must be achieved—so we forego the "warbling" in order to deal with something more immediate in importance.

Firstly, we extend our congratulations to the newly-elected school officers. It has been customary in the past for editors to exploit elections by proclaiming how wonderful is the democratic processes of voting, and by warning the duly-elected officials of their responsibilities to the student body in administering student affairs and in maintaining "harmonious" relationship with the administration and faculty.

We do not, nor can we follow suit this year. Circumstances are vastly different. To fulfill our obligation to the new student representatives we must print not universal platitudes, but actual facts on the present situation.

As was pointed out in this space last week, there had been no friction between administration and student leaders, for the latter had yielded ground on every point of contention. Two weeks ago, when Student Council's scholastic eligibility rules were rejected by the dean, discord resulted. It is important we realized that this issue is not a new one. In 1942 Student Council fought and defeated faculty regulation of extra-curricular activities. At that time, the faculty passed the ruling without consulting student leaders, meaning that the regulation of activities was to be a purely administration affair. Subsequent discussion convinced the faculty of the validity of the student claim to their enforcement of scholastic eligibility rules.

The present claim of student leaders is similar. They willingly accept scholastic rulings upon themselves as is evidenced by their recent actions. However, they resent the administration's finagling behind closed doors. If rulings which vitally affect the students are to be passed, why are not the students (or at least their representatives) to be consulted? Why must the administration wait till the very end of the school year to have faculty regulations passed and then dump a *fait accompli* into the laps of unsuspecting new student leaders? This may hardly be called ethical procedure.

We understand the faculty will meet this Monday night. Between now and then, we urge the old and new student administrations to clarify their stand to members of the faculty so that they, (the faculty), knowing the student point-of-view, will be enabled to vote intelligently and open-mindedly.

If the above is handled properly, then the faculty will also be allowed to discuss and decide on the representation on the Faculty-Student Relations Committee which, incidentally, has been pending since the beginning of this year. And, of course, it would be sheer folly if the faculty-advisor plan were not to be given adequate consideration.

Trusting the faculty's interest in student welfare, we look forward to favorable decisions on these measures. Assuredly, their passage will result in the restoration of equanimity thereby enabling the new student leaders to strive ever forward in attempt to improve and elevate the status of our democratic microcosmos.

To The Editor:

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend The Commentator for its vigorous opposition to the discontinuance of required philosophy in the curriculum. It seems to me that philosophy, more than any other subject, is one whose usefulness is apt to become apparent to students long after undergraduate days have passed, turning up suddenly in quite unexpected contexts.

The student majoring in social studies or the sciences, for example, is likely to see no relevance

of philosophy to his own interests.

This was my own attitude when I was at Yeshiva, for I should certainly never have taken any philosophy had the choice been mine to make when I was a junior. It was only some time later that long-forgotten "required readings" began to recur to the mind with practical significance: with previously unsuspected implications for problems in scientific method and theoretic biology on the technical side, and with considerable intellectual pleasure from the sheer humanistic point of view.

Sincerely yours,

MORDECAI L. GABRIEL

We print the above letter from one of our most distinguished alumni for we believe it states the case for philosophy lucidly and succinctly. Arguments similar to Dr. Gabriel's were presented to the dean, but they were of little effect for "this is an administrative matter".

It is useless to continue pressing for the reinstatement of philosophy. The dean states he "is not opposed to the subject" nor does he "prevent anyone from registering for the course". To offset this negative attitude, we ask that positive arrangements be made in next year's program whereby philosophy will be given at hours not conflicting with other required subjects.

Those who have not as yet taken a course in philo and feel they must be convinced of its relative merit are urged to re-read Dr. Gabriel's letter.



Between The Bookends

Refugee's Fate Linked Up With Survival Of Judaism

Dr. Alexander Brody, professor of history, reviews the Jewish Refugee by A. Tartakower and K. R. Grossman

The authors view the Jewish

refugee problem as primarily a phenomenon of racial tensions. They see in this problems one of "the tragedies of Jewish existence in a gentile world," and a consequence of "racial tensions" and of "racial neo-antisemitism." Hence, they identify the fate of the refugee with the fate of the Jewish people, and the problem of the refugees with the problem of Jewish survival; i.e., the survival of Judaism. They suggest a kind of "iron law" of migration. The current refugee movement is linked with the migrations of the past—the migrations of the past with Jewish experiments in colonization and the efforts at colonization with the function of the refugee in building a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

The refugee movement since 1933 illustrates for the authors the hitherto precarious position of the Jews in Europe and the latent brutality of the German people. The German Jews, least of all, were spiritually prepared for the denouement. Cultural assimilation has given them a false sense of security. But the authors also speak of "distinctive" and "peculiar" elements in the contemporary movement. There is, first, the mercilessly coercive character of the present plight unparalleled in the long annals of Jewish migrations. Other refugee movements were given the alternative of changing their religious or political views. Secondly, the magnitude of the present migration. The appalling picture is

Future Not Too Bright

"Altogether it appears that close to two and a half million European Jews have flown of their own accord since 1933, or have been evacuated; almost three quarters of a million have been deported from one country to another, and over two million have been displaced within the confines of their country. In relation to the Jewish population of the world, now estimated at some sixteen million, the uprooted Jews form almost exactly one third; in relation to European Jewry as it was before the Nazi regime in Germany (about nine and one half million) they constitute much more than one half. Thus every third Jew in the world and every second Jew in Europe may be included today in the category of uprooted people, a ratio scarcely equaled in the annals of any other nation." (p.37)

Is it possible to ascribe this catastrophe to the nightmare of Nazism and Fascism rather than to racial antagonism? The authors warn against a too hopeful view of amelioration through changing political and economic conditions. "At best it (the problem of the refugee) is regarded as one of the most striking examples of the intolerant political and social conditions now prevalent in the world, and it is assumed that the manner in which it is solved may serve as a test of whether or not these conditions can be ameliorated. Accordingly, very few if any efforts have been made to treat this problem from the standpoint of the Jewish com-

munity as such, although it is evident that the overwhelming majority of the Jewish refugees were driven from their former countries precisely because they were Jews. This grave error has been made both by the refugees themselves and by the governments and institutions engaged in refugee aid, activities." (p.34) However, the authors themselves in some places, express a less fatalistic view. Thus they say, "After the war, when it is hoped, many old ideas will be thrown into history's wastebasket and a new world of human understanding will arise, the concept of real citizenship may assume a different form and the frequent intolerance of today give way to real harmony of interest between peoples and states." (p.335)

Immigrant vs. Refugee

Of significance to the understanding of the problem of the refugees is the authors' summary of the political, legal, and administrative conditions as they obtain in the countries of reception and refuge, and their analysis of the problem of cultural and vocational adjustment. In these respects the problem of the refugees is not markedly different from that of the immigrant. Nevertheless there are differences which make the problem of the refugee more difficult than the problem of the immigrant. The refugee, unlike the immigrant of an earlier period, has no country to fall back on. Immigration laws are framed on the older notion of voluntary emigration. The special position of the refugee has not been recognized to any extent by the immigration authorities of the receiving countries.

Of the total number of Jews rescued since 1933-1943 one seventh went to Palestine. The tremendous contribution of Palestine, which absorbed refugees to the extent of over two-thirds of its previous Jewish population, is a striking fact. Although the United States admitted the largest number of refugees, it falls far behind all other groups in respect to the ratio of this group to the size of

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WT'S END

by Nate Rosenbaum

Some time ago I wrote a few memoirs about a couple called among other things, Yosele and Chaika. Ever since then, I have been deluged with a letter entreating me to dedicate another "forget me not" to those two genuine souls.

In picking up the thread which I left dangling for too long an interim, I shall proceed to spin a yarn which shall undoubtedly prove to be a thorn to any one who is on the wrong side of the fence. If the prick is felt I shall feel my mission of decision accomplished for I shall have made my story stick.

Not So Holy Smoke

'Twas the night before Chanukah and all was quiet in the parlor. Yosele had just walked over to the fireplace and was about to put some more Yeshiva catalogs into the dying embers when, "What in blazes are you doing," crackled Chaika in a voice as smooth as corduroy.

"Oh I'm just adding wood to the fire," responded Yosele in heartwarming tones.

"Now you're using your head," quoth Chaika as she wiped the gall from her lips.

"Oh Chaika... I have a surprise for you... I mean... well... there's

going to be another addition to our family."

"How wonderful Yosele. Why didn't you tell me before... Hmm so your mother is coming to live with us again."

The Law Is Here

The first morning of her arrival found mother-in-law, a kindly old lady with a slight inferiority complex, riding down the bannister wearing a face as long as a... as... well as a mother in law.

"Darling," she croaked, as she placed her broom in the cupboard, "I had the most exciting dream last night. I dreamt that I was a dean in a college. Can you imagine me setting behind a dean's desk?"

"Hm, seems to me I've seen your face before... Oh mother can I get you something to drink... how would you like your egg... do you prefer your toast crisp... or would you..."

"My dear Chaika, stop trying to appease me. I have something to say and you know what it is. Chaika dearest, I have no exciting faith in the way you are bringing up my son's children. In the first place Mikay should not be on his school basketball team. His marks are simply degrading to

Yosele."

"Alright mother. I'll speak to Yosele and we'll draw up some minimum scholastic requirements."

My Mamma Done Told...

"My dear I shall draw up stringent regulations and if necessary I shall adopt regulations which will extend even to your activities. Your bridge parties aren't providing my son with home-cooked meals, you know."

"But really mother, since you've come here to say, he'll be getting them boiled—and do remember mother, I've taken upon myself restrictions that no other daughter-in-law would have attempted. I've bent over backwards to avoid getting combat fatigue from you."

"You have done the right thing to compromise. After all I have more intelligence and more experience when it comes to running other people's houses. And remember a house divided against me cannot stand. My restrictions, suppressions and what have you (still not enough I'm sure) are here to stay. I am the mountain and if you behave, maybe I'll let you come to me—sometimes. As for compromising, I suppose you would glean satisfaction were I to bend over backwards."

"Well I might get some satisfaction but then you might have some kicks coming."

Introducing Grad Manager And New Varsity Mentor

Moskowitz Reveals Varied Background

Having arranged to meet our new coach after class, I was forced to polish off the cosmology of Lucretius with a few words from Jeans, and dash up to our A. M.'s room for the introduction. Upon opening the sesame to Hq's cubicle (with a pass key—counselors note!) I found therein two young-looking fellows, one of whom was Hy. To my extreme surprise the other stretched out a hand to grip mine in a warm greeting, and said, "I'm Jammy Moskowitz". He'd been coaching for more than 20 years, and yet he looked only 30.

On the way down to the gym, the epistomological sources of the name Jammy were examined and were found to go back no farther than the jam sandwiches he used to bring for lunch in his school days. But then, overpowered by the healthy gym smell, I was forced to retire—to Harry's for supper.

His Record

Reinforced by the nutritious victuals, I resorted to direct questioning and ferreted out the following. Our new mentor was graduated from the Savage School of N.Y.U., he played pro ball with Nat Holman; he has been coaching for 20 years at James Madison H. S., where he won 3 city championships; he was coach at B.C.P. for 10 years; and won 6 pharmaceutical championships there; he developed such stars as Rader, Fuzzey Levane, Stan Waxman, Ivy Summer, Larry Baxter, Freddy Lewis, and Stan Harwood; he once sank 112 fouls consecutively.

Although I realized that 112 was a little too much to expect, I wandered out dreaming of the time when a Yeshiva hoopster would cage even 111 consecutive fouls.

Grade 'B' Cage League Proposed by Waldman

by Lewis N. Ginsburg

"We're looking forward to a highly successful cage season. Preparations are already underway for the ensuing campaign, and we have engaged a high grade coach. With an all out effort on the part of the players, and the enthusiastic backing of the entire student body we'll set a rapid pace." This from our newly appointed graduate Manager of Athletics, Sam Waldman.

With Yeshiva's coming of age, athletically speaking, the need for a Graduate Manager became obvious. The position could be filled only by a cage enthusiast versed in the demands of the game from box office to hardwood. Cognizant of Sam Waldman's ability along those lines the Student Council contracted for his services.

League Plan

Dynamic Shmuel, aside from merely fulfilling the requirements of his office, has fashioned a plan which would benefit all basketball aggregations of a grade "B" caliber in the metropolitan area. He envisions the formation of an eight team league composed of these clubs. Every member team would meet all the others at least once over the course of the season's play to determine a league champion. The subsequent winner would then face the New Jersey champion for the sectional diadem. Gate receipts would be handled by a central treasury which would mete out funds to the league members. This plan which was conceived during Sam's tenure as undergraduate manager has been favorably received by several influential basketball men.

With Doc Hurwitz, Sam Waldman, and Hy Pomerantz plotting Yeshiva's cage course from their sideline vantage point, and Jammy Moskowitz and the Quints holding forth on the playing court a bright future is evinced for Blue and White athletics.

Maybe I'm Wrong

Exposee Of Committee For National Liberation

by Harold M. Schickels

Peter Bergson's Committee for National Liberation

I recently attended two public meetings sponsored by the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, the Peter Bergson outfit which has established an alleged 'Hebrew Embassy' in Washington. I sat in the over-crowded north ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker among Revisionists and people who were afraid to be known openly as Revisionists. The occasion was a public memorial service in honor of the two martyred heroes, Ephraim Ben-Tsouri and Eliahu Hakin, who went to the gallows so that Israel may live. I heard the officials of the committee explain their political platform; I heard Samuel Merlin, secretary to the late Vladimir Jabstinsky condemn the political senility of Dr. Weitzman, and I felt, more than ever, the tragedy of our beaten people.

Though all of us understand the tremendous importance of unity in a small, oppressed nation like ours, there are times, we know, when honestly sincere convictions and beliefs are not to be sacrificed on the altar of compromise, and false 'harmony', and if the Bergson Committee represented a program basically different from the political platforms and policies of the other Zionist and New Zionist organizations, I could somehow justify their organizational raison d'être. But, as it appeared, the Bergson Committee, is merely another surplus addition to the already too many Zionist factions, and it differs in no way from the Revisionist Organization, or if you will, the New Zionist Organization. Why is it, then, that Peter Bergson's Embassy has received so much publicity in the press and in the Jewish world? Who is P. Bergson, and what does he mean by the 'Hebrew nation'?

Profile of A Demagogue

Peter Bergson is a short little man, with spectacles, who screams at his audience and waves his hands about in the air wildly, banging them alternately on the lectern, with demagogic vigor and effectiveness. He has risen out of almost nowhere, established his Embassy in Washington, and claimed himself to be the spokesman for the Hebrew nation, the representative in the United States of the Hebrew nations' voice, wills and desires. Actually he represents no majority of Jews or Hebrews or Semites in any

country on the map of the world. He represents himself, Mr. Bergson, and a few Galilees who know very little about Judaism, the Jewish problem, or Palestine. He has secured the support of a few obsequious, and fewer separatist who need the Jewish vote so badly that they'll support any group—the Agudah, and the Poels-Zion at the same time.

Mr. Bergson has secured a famous author who writes those gloriously brave ads in the N. Y. Post, and who also is the author of that insidiously anti-semitic novel, "A Jew in Love"—Ben Hecht. After writing his best seller "A Guide To The Bedevilled," Mr. Hecht automatically was ordained by "Rabbi" Bergson as an authority on Jewish affairs and Palestine. One may well wonder who the people were who made "The Bride" a best seller, and perhaps better understand Mr. Hecht's sudden conversion. It is easy enough to condemn the Bergson committee as the anarchious procedure with which he assumed the leadership of the Hebrew nation, and on the manner in which an insignificantly minute minority has dubbed itself ambassadors, but this undemocratic action does not fully explain the dreadful consequences following from Bergson's political philosophy.

'Hebrew' or 'Jew'?

Bergson's philosophy is based on a fundamentally fallacious distinction between the terms 'Hebrew' and 'Jew'. The Hebrew nation, Mr. Bergson says, is the 600,000 Jewish men, women and children in Palestine; we, the Jews in America, or in England or in Europe are not part of the Hebrew nation, but are rather Jews by religion. With a proper understanding of this distinction, we can better appreciate the popularity of Bergson's committee. The 'Agudah' certainly likes the idea of calling the Jews of the world 'a religious group', except for the few thousand Jews in Eretz Israel. The Agudah is very much in favor of the de-nationalization of our people; and the Sulsberger group is very much in favor of Bergson's distinction between the 'white' Jews outside of Palestine who are really not responsible for this Palestine nonsense, and the 'black', real Jews of Palestine who are to be blamed for all this ludicrous talk about a Jewish State.

It is not enough that Hitler has destroyed at least one-third of the fifteen million Jews on this earth by physical extermination, but Mr. Bergson by his shrewd political philosophic schism has helped reduce the Jewish people to a scant 600,000 souls, who would be completely lost without the financial and moral support offered them by the millions of non-Hebrew Jews living outside of Palestine.

This Committee for Hebrew National Liberation which goes under tens of other pseudonyms, such as Committee for a Free Palestine, Committee for Astral Zion, Committee for Emergency Liberation, etc., is to be watched carefully. It has already done incalculable damage to the responsible Zionist efforts. It will be the committee which notably advertised the possibility of saving Rumanian Jews

Hobby Club Has Movies

The 'Hobby Club' under the direction of "Doc" Hurwitz, instructor of Physical Education, presented a combined evening of health education and magic on May 16, in the Science Lecture Hall. The health education program consisted of a series of motion picture shorts, which included the following:

1. "March of Time"—a documentary film recounting science's advancement in reducing the fatalities caused by heart diseases.
2. "Tuberculosis"—a film including information on the cause, detection, methods in preventing the spread and treatment of the dread disease.
3. "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet", with Edward G. Robinson—the story of the great Jewish scientist's discovery of a cure for syphilis, and the effects of his theory on modern science.
4. "Before the Doctor Comes"—a three reel short describing methods of first aid.

Essay Contest Announced

The films were climaxed with a talk delivered by Dr. Swick, on the importance of health education, in which he stressed the necessity for raising the health standards of Yeshiva students. He also announced that an essay contest on health will be held in the near future.

Julie Laebb, a protege of "Doc" Hurwitz, performed before the group, and an added attraction of the evening was Richard Patter, secretary of the Knights of Magic, who exposed some of the tricks of the trade.

The entire program was arranged by Joseph Appleman '47.

Mandelbaum Wins Short Story Award

The Jerome Robbins Memorial Award for the best short story submitted by a student of the college has been awarded to Allan Mandelbaum '45. This award was established by the class of '43 in memory of their classmate, Jerome Robbins, who was killed in action on the Western Front.

at the cost of \$50.00 a Jew. Thousands of innocent people sent in their contributions to his organization for that purpose; and as you and I know, the whole plan was mere wishful thinking, not based on any responsible information or political authority.

Irresponsible Leadership

The Bergson Committee has been and continues, shouting similar irresponsible promises and statements based on the wild dreams of their uninhibited leaders. They are losing for us hundreds of potential Zionist friends, and they are by their anarchious procedures helping our enemies in the Colonial Office with their plan to divide and conquer. From his past record, and his political platform, the Bergson Committee has no justification whatsoever, to exist as a political force in Zion.

Dr. David Swick, director of the Yeshiva College Health Department, announced that he would meet this Sunday night with students who intend to enter his health essay contest. Those who have submitted their names to the office as well as those who intend to submit an essay but have not as yet signed the list of contestants are urged to meet Dr. Swick Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

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Thursday - Sat., May 25-June 2
Katherine Hepburn in
"STAGE DOOR"
also
"THE GREAT MIKE"

Monday-Wednesday, June 4-6
Judy Garland in
"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"
with
Margaret O'Brien, Mary Astor

Meet The Seniors



Morton Siegel: "Tall, dark and handsome" is an understatement (Ed note: the italics are ours—the quotes Mortie's) when speaking about this year's secretary of Student Council. A student who is definitely the "notes," Mortie's loves include history and philosophy. Ambitious to the core, this well-polished apple of many a teacher's 'eye,' sports a well-broomed moustache with which he hopes to sweep his way to the top. Mortie is an orator of skill, and likes his food seasoned with plenty of Russian dressing.

Morris Silverman: If not for the recent announcement smeared across the bulletin board, listing the '45 graduates, one would never know that Morris was a senior. Silent on most topics, "Silvie" is quite outspoken when it comes to such subjects as Professor Brody, chemistry and other odds and ends. As head librarian of the T. I., Morris thought that everything fascinating was found in books. Working under Zeides has changed this conception, however. In one word, Morris is not just another senior. He's quiet a fellow!

Harry Sky: From the moment one professor remarked: "Harri, stand up and tell them what you did," Zvi has been known as a man whose actions speak louder than his words. A former member of the Shomer Hadati, this red-haired Zionist left its ranks and as yet has not filed his affiliations elsewhere. The pride of Newark likes political science and that other moving form of entertainment, the cinema. Harry is strengthening the ties that will bind him to the rabbinate by officiating on the "week ends" of Judaism.

Israel Skokowsky: The man who made Professor Margalith famous, "Eeez" is a former star of the Dramatic Society whose histrionic abilities upon being unveiled made at least one of his friends blink twice, (his rival, Bert, no less) No mere imitation, Slug is a genuine character who is presently perfecting his impersonations of the "Cigar." As vice president of the Debating Society, Slug has done a good job of accentuating the affirmative. In any event, he's a swell opponent to trade words with.

David Smith: If you ever want

to have an argument for argument's sake, just let "Smitty" know. You'll see what he won't talk his way out of. Wearing one of the best dressed upper lips in the Yeshiva, Dave indulges in Biology, Chemistry, and the like. Besides his scientific habits, "Smitty" is a rare Talmudist whose gift for the "grubben finger" technique would make any "Am Hoaretz" give him the "thumbs up" sign. A philosopher in his own right, Smitty is never wrong. Isn't that so, Mr. Smith?

Martin Sofer: The "Alan Ladd" of the Korchak-Zelkowitz hotel, Marty has a soft spot in his brain for chemistry and Dr. Levine. Marty owes his Talmudic "hasmodah" to the man who sits next to him. To quote Marty, "He treats me just like a father." The most important thing in Marty's life is not "talkies." Is it Marty? Is it Marty?—Must be silent films. To the "Chevrushah" in 504, Marty's theme songs is—"My Cousin and I."

Marvin Sorscher: The new battle cry for "Yeshiva Mice Inc." is—"Shh, be as quiet as a Sorscher." "Gabby"—as he is known on the "Bals Olam"—is an ardent Litman follower, following his lectures from the young to the old of Israel assiduously. Marvin is one Yeshiva student, who writes and speaks (?) Hebrew fluently. One of those responsible for the senior basketball team's success on the court, Sorscher thinks that the seniors are in a class all by themselves. But don't worry, Sorscher is in there too—or is he?

Class Elections

Nomination petitions for the offices for president and vice-president of next year's sophomore, junior, and senior classes must be handed in to a member of the elections committee by Thursday, May 24. Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 29, between 12 and 2 p.m. on the fourth floor near the dean's office. It is the duty of every student to exercise his right to vote.

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Dr. Brody Reviews Jewish Refugee

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the Jewish community in the country. Among the other countries an important part was played by England and France which, before the war, absorbed approximately one eleventh and one fourteenth respectively, of the total. Of the American countries, outside of the U.S. only Argentina admitted a substantial number of refugees but still less than England or France. Altogether, however, the Latin American countries absorbed about one sixth of the total.

The Long and Short

What solution do the authors propose? There are obviously two distinct though related phases of the refugee problem; the short range and long range. The short range or specific refugee problem is the problem of salvaging and adjusting the lives of many uprooted Jews as individuals. The long range solution involves the problem of group survival. Although the authors are aware of the immediate humanitarian aspects, their discussion tends to merge the immediate with the ultimate or long range solution. As the authors put it, "But it is not only necessary to save the Jewish refugees from starvation and to provide new economic positions for them; no less important from the Jewish point of view is to preserve the ties between them and their people. No real solution of the refugee problem is possible without taking this necessity into account."

Three ways of permanent solution of the Jewish refugee problem are discussed by the authors; namely, repatriation, absorption in the country of temporary refuge, and, finally, emigration to another country or colonization. Of these three methods, the authors see emigration to and colonization in Palestine as the most hopeful in the post war era. Whatever method of solution is used, it cannot be achieved without international cooperation. Accordingly the authors propose a new international agency be created after the war. The new international agency is to have the following characteristics:

Details of the Plan
(a) "It should be recognized as the supreme international body in all questions pertaining to refugees, and, although cooperating with the various government and private organizations it should be vested with sufficient authority to enforce its decisions if necessary."

(b) "The proposed agency should not only prepare plans and secure the legal means of executing them, but also conduct the work of repatriation, emigration and colonization, and pay the cost of their activities."

(c) "The funds necessary for the activities of this agency should be contributed either by a new League of Nations or by all the States of the world, since the solution of the refugee problem is the concern of all mankind."

(d) "The proposed agency should consist of official representatives of governments."

(e) "Its activities should be limited to a definite period of time within which the refugee problem must be finally liquidated."

Would such a plan be acceptable to the great powers, would Soviet Russia, for example, permit an international body to supervise the work of repatriation, emigration, and colonization of Jews within its borders? The authors seem hopeful. "But given the will, it can be accomplished if the prevailing atmosphere after

the war will be different from that of the prewar years, and if the refugees will be treated as they should be, as equal and useful members of society."

Jewish Consciousness Needed

The authors plead for an intensification of Jewish consciousness among refugees as the only way to bring about a final solution of their problem as individuals and as a group. No dignified individual or group future can be assured to the refugees unless this condition is fulfilled. "For their final fate both as individuals and as a people will depend primarily upon the extent and depth of their Jewish and human consciousness. Preparing refugees for this sort of life means, therefore, making them not only architects of their own future, but builders of a better and more dignified future."

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