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Zionists At Record Rally Denounce British Policy

Y.C. Student Body Marches En Masse

In a spontaneous gesture of unity, more than five hundred Yeshiva students paraded up Fifth Avenue with other religious, civic, and Zionist organizations to participate in the giant rally, on Wednesday, October 24, in Madison Square Park to denounce Britain's policy in Palestine. The two hundred and fifty thousand Jews and Christians who gathered, despite the threatening weather, comprised the largest mass demonstration in the city's history.

"Is there to be one justice for the world and another justice—which is injustice—for the Jewish people?" demanded Rabbi Seymour M. Zambrowsky, general secretary of the Mizrachi.

"Are Jews to reach the promised land, promised by God and promised by man, to be killed by 'friends'?" he asked. Emphasizing that the Jews were coming to Palestine because of God's declaration and not Britain's, he urged our government to give a sign of its faith to the world. He pledged that American Jewry will back the Yeshiva in its fight and told it to remember that justice is stronger than armies.

White Paper Condemned

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, notified the world that, "We refuse to recognize any Jew who enters Palestine as illegal. Illegal are the hands and the governments that attempt to bar the Jew from the Jewish National Home." Commenting on the expulsion of Constantine Foa, of the Overseas News Agency, from Palestine for printing what he saw there, and the attempted news blackout on the Middle East he said, "the truth will out—it will spring out of the ground and, if necessary, out of the underground."

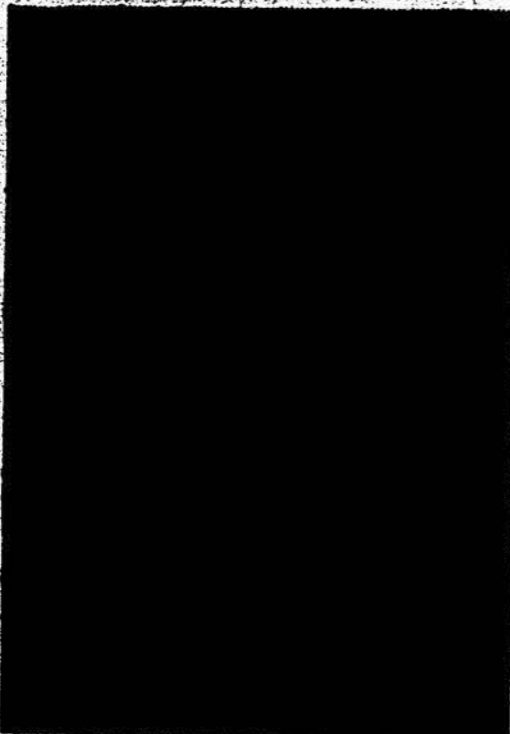
Thomas Murray, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, and C. I. O. spokesman, Louis Hollander, criticized the British Labor government for the repudiation of its pledge and reiterated their stand with the Zionists.

The sentiment of the huge gathering was best expressed by David Wertheim, of the Poale Zion. "The White Paper is a Buchenwald, the White Paper is a Belsen. We have survived the gas chambers of Germany, we will survive the gas chambers of Britain."

Many of the participants remained to say the evening prayers with Rabbi B. L. Levinthal, the dean of the American rabbinate.

Dean Sar On Leave Abroad For UNRRA

Frankfurt-on-Main is the present address of Samuel L. Sar, Dean of Men at Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, presently on leave to serve with UNRRA. Representing the American Jewish Conference, Dean Sar has a rank equivalent to a lieutenant colonel. He expects to do a year of relief work in Germany and Austria. His duties will include the restoring of morale of displaced persons who want to leave the concentration camps, and the planning of self-governing community organizations in these camps. To aid him in his job, Dean Sar took with him more than two hundred pair of Tefillin and many Sifrei Torah provided by the Mizrachi Organization.



DEAN SAR

Born in Lithuania fifty-one years ago, Samuel Sar came to America in 1914. His first executive position was that of director of the Baltimore Hebrew schools. In 1918 he came to Yeshiva and has served here ever since. In addition to his teaching duties in the college and the Teachers' Institute which will be taken over by Rabbi Michael Bernstein and Dr. Solomon Wind, Dean Sar also served as secretary of the Yeshiva Board of Directors.

Maamid Deadline

Literary manuscripts for Maamid will be accepted now. The deadline is February 15. The sooner they are in the better, will be the chances of having them published. Manuscripts should be submitted to Ted Omer '44, editor-in-chief, or Raphael Levy '44, literary editor.

Rabbi J. Lookstein Chosen By J.W.B. For Overseas Tour

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, associate professor of Sociology at Yeshiva College, announced recently in an exclusive interview to the Commentator, that he has been delegated by the National Jewish Welfare Board, to undertake a tour of duty as a chaplain, under the auspices of the United States War Department. The exact date of his departure is as yet uncertain, though it is tentatively scheduled for the period between November 15 and November 30. He will proceed to the American Zone of Occupation in Central Europe, where he will confer with Jewish chaplains, religious leaders and service personnel. After a careful study of the problems confronting these individuals in their effort to reconstruct Jewish religious activity in Europe, he will submit a report to the Jewish Welfare Board on his findings. Rabbi Lookstein was chosen for this mission since it was deemed that he could be of maximum assistance to our religious leaders in the European Theatre of Operations.

During the course of the interview, Rabbi Lookstein revealed the existence of a heretofore obscure alphabetical agency, CANRA—Committee on Army and Navy Religious Authority. This agency consists of civilian ecclesiastical representatives who are periodically dispatched to the far flung fronts and troop concentrations to assist in serving the religious needs of Jewish personnel. It also directs the training of chaplains and assists them in their duties. Rabbi Lookstein is Vice-Chairman of CANRA, and Chairman of its Orthodox division. He will remain in Europe for a period of four weeks. During his absence, substitutes will fill his pulpit and conduct his classes. His trip is in no way connected with that of Dean Sar, who is in Europe for the United Nations Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority.

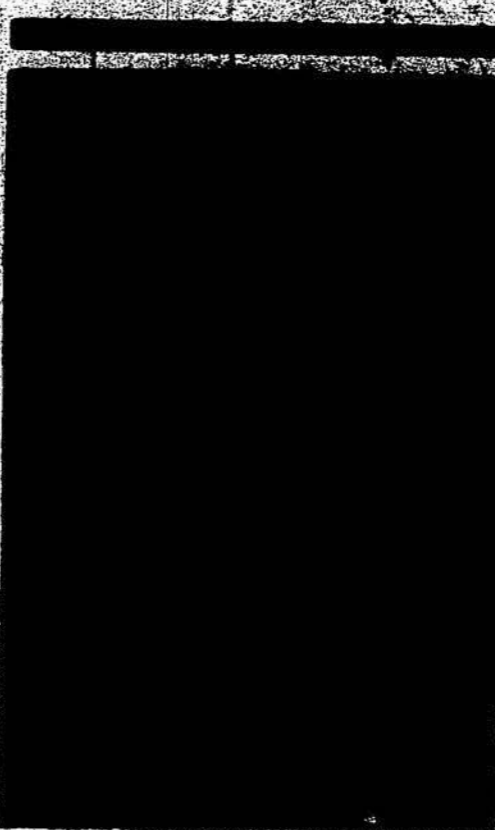
Dean Announces Change In Faculty

Dean Sar announced the following faculty changes. Doctor Zeffel who is substituting for Dr. Theodore Abel in sociology, has accepted a position at Cornell University teaching Russian history and so will not be able to teach this term. Mr. Goldberg, new teaching sociology 21, will in addition take over this class for the rest of the term. Doctor Abel will return to teach the spring semester.

The course in Fine Arts I will not be given this term, but will definitely be given in the spring.

Former Polish Senator Dies Following Siege Of Illness

A large gathering of the New York Jewry, prominent rabbis and Yeshiva students assembled in the Madison Square Auditorium last Thursday, Nov. 1, to mourn the demise of Rabbi Isaac Rubinstein, former chief rabbi of Vilna and member of the Polish Senate. The sixty-five year old Jewish leader passed away Wednesday evening, Oct. 21, after a prolonged illness.



RABBI RUBINSTEIN

Dr. Swick Initiates New Health Setup

A thorough reorganization of the Yeshiva College Health Service is now being undertaken by Dr. Swick. First the innovations being instituted is the moving of the Health Office to room 400 where Dr. Swick will be able to be consulted by students desiring information on health each Monday between 4 P.M. and 5 P.M.

"To safeguard and promote the health of the students," Dr. Swick stated, "a Faculty Health Committee has been formed." The committee members are: Dr. Swick, chairman, Professors, Atlas, Brody, Levin, Levine, Kisch, Fleischer, Freed, and Hurwitz.

In line with this new health policy, incoming Freshmen received a comprehensive medical examination on Sunday, October 14. An array of ear, nose, throat, dental, and orthopedic specialists consisting of ten doctors and two nurses examined sixty-nine students that day. Chest X-rays were given October 21.

The deadline for participants in the Health Essay contest announced last year by the Health Service is November 12 at 4 P.M. A good response by the student body will insure the continuance of the contest this year. Material on health hygiene can be obtained in the Yeshiva College Library where a large collection of books on the subject has recently been received.

Rabbi Rubinstein, scholar, statesman, and champion of Polish Jewry was celebrated by Rabbi Jacob Hoffman and Rabbi Samuel Brod, representing the Mizrachi Organization, Rabbi Dushkowitz of the Vaad Hrabanim, and Rabbi Aaron D. Barack, both Yeshiva at the Rabbi Isaac Rubinstein Theological Seminary. Their addresses emphasized Rabbi Rubinstein's selfless and super-human efforts on behalf of his suffering brethren. After the traditional eulogies read by Nathan Lander, the students of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College offered their final respects to the memory of their former teacher and heroic abnegator by carrying and escorting his coffin from the auditorium.

For his services to world Jewry, he was honored in 1944 by Yeshiva College with an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, and in citing Rabbi Rubinstein, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva, hailed him as the "champion of Polish Jewry, and survivor of moral defiance against brutality and tyranny."

During the first world war, Rabbi Rubinstein was president of the Central Welfare Committee formed to assist the Jews in Russia and Poland. In 1920, he became Minister for Jewish Affairs in the Lithuanian plenipotentiary government in Vilna. When the city was ceded to Poland in 1922, he was made a senator, which office he held until the senate's dissolution. In 1928 he was named Chief Rabbi of Vilna.

He was a member of the International Conference for Peace through Religion from 1929 through 1930 and of the Advisory Council of Refugee Affairs of the League of Nations.

The eulogists emphasized his great love for Eretz Israel and his work on behalf of the establishment of a National Home in Palestine. He was President of the Mizrachi Organization of Poland, a member of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress and one of the founders of the Talmudic school system of Vilna. In 1941, through the intervention of the Mizrachi Organization of America, he was brought to New York. During the academic year 1941-1942 he served as a lecturer in the Mizrachi Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College.

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In Memoriam

With the passing of Chief Rabbi Isaac Rubinstein of Vilna, world Jewry has lost one of its outstanding leaders. His tall, commanding figure stood alone many times, between the Jewish community in eastern Europe and destruction. The stories of his great statesmanship and political acumen are matched only by those of his Talmudical knowledge and piety. His battles on behalf of the Tahkemoni schools in Poland are common knowledge, and only last year, despite increasing ill health, he stood up and defended the Yeshiva against its maligning critics at the convention of the Agudath Harabonim in Lakewood.

The following words spoken by Dr. Belkin at his inauguration upon the presentation of an honorary degree to Rabbi Rubenstein are particularly relevant today: "Yeshiva and Yeshiva College", Dr. Belkin said, "rejoices in honoring you and through you the martyrs of the Warsaw and Vilna Ghettos, the thousands of Jews who gave their lives for the sanctification of the name of God."

For the death of Rabbi Rubenstein marks the end of another black and tragic page in Jewish history. It symbolizes the destruction of a great Jewish community, to which six million dead hear mute testimony.

A Pat On the Back

The Zionist rally in Madison Square Park, from the Yeshiva point of view, was an overwhelming success. Whether it can be regarded as successful insofar as its effect upon American public opinion is concerned is another matter, but October 24 marked a milestone in the history of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College.

An estimated 500 students from all departments marched proudly behind the Yeshiva banner through the streets of the world's largest city, letting the world know once and for all where the students of this school stand in regard to the abrogation of the infamous White Paper and the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

In marked contrast was the meagre turnout of the Jewish Theological Seminary. A mere fifteen or twenty representatives of that so-called "Zionist institution" joined in the protest march. Rabbi Wise's Institute of Religion did no better. Let us hear no more criticism, then, from that quarter about the lack of Zionist sympathy here, and no more snickers at YZAC meetings when Yeshiva's name is mentioned in connection with some contemplated project.

Our feelings of satisfaction must be mitigated, however, by the fact that the entire planning had to be undertaken unofficially, with no recognition from the administration. We can only wonder at the political naivete contained in the statement that "the school cannot be partial." Partial to whom? Partial to the British Colonial Office, the Arab League, the American Jewish Committee? No. We feel that the answer can be found much closer to home....

Renovate The Library!

The heart and lifeblood of any institution of higher learning is its library. In the light of this indisputable fact it is incomprehensible to us why the last item to be considered when any renovation or construction is under way at Yeshiva is the college library. It is both a disgrace to the institution and an insult to the student body to find the library in a situation so inconceivably bad that it is incomparable to any in its recent history.

To make way for new classrooms the Van Schmus reading room has been liquidated and all the reference books callously dumped on the floor of the main library in the basement. This, plus the library's phenomenal growth (more than fourteen thousand books and fifteen thousand periodicals in the past few years) necessitated the removal of the bindery and workroom to the former medical office. In so doing why was it necessary for Professor Margalith, head librarian, and Mr. Zeides, his assistant, to engage in carpentry and construction work? Why can no cooperation be received from the administration?

Why is it that \$7,000 has already been spent on the Talmudical Academy library and not a cent for the college? Must Yeshiva College students, attending classes from ten to twelve hours a day, be forced to travel to the 179 St. or 42 St. libraries for necessary reading material because of an inexcusable chaos downstairs? The situation becomes even more intolerable when we consider that the college is striving for full accreditation in the near future.

On the basis of several plans that have been under consideration for over a year we present the following changes as being immediately necessary:

☞ A new lighting system be installed immediately. More Yeshiva College students wear glasses on the average than in any other college in the city.

☞ A new paint job. The library has not been painted since 1929.

☞ Construction of a small magazine room in the rear of the main library and an adequate workroom at its present site.

☞ Chairs and tables for the planned reading room.

☞ Some sort of a covering for the unsightly conglomeration of pipes on the present ceiling.

We insist that these just and practical requests from the student body elicit an immediate response in terms of action, not vague promises.

DRAMA TICKS

"Deep Are the Roots"

"Deep Are The Roots" is an arresting drama, often moving, illuminated by flashes of wry humor, bristling with liberal convictions, and (what is rare enough) a play that felicitously weds exhortation with artistry. Much more than that, it bears within it seeds of importance. By that I mean that while "Deep Are The Roots" will never attain the ranks of great drama, it may well, considering its sub specie eternitatis, take its place some day alongside Lessing's "Nathan The Wise". A brash animadversion? Let us look at the record.

As almost everyone knows by now, "Deep Are The Roots" concerns the veteran Negro lieutenant who returns to the South to find himself regarded by old Senator Langdon, in whose house his mother works, as a member of "the black horde reeking with rebellion". He is about to be railroaded North on a trumped-up charge of theft when the Senator's elder daughter, suddenly struck by understanding, intervenes, and the play ends in an aura of hope presaging a new era.

Like Lessing, the authors examine their problem in an unimpassioned, humanistic spirit, eschewing the heavy-handed sentimentality, the fireworks, and the journalistic caricature which laid low plays of the same genre during the past few seasons. "Caukey", "Decision", and "Common Ground" come to mind as examples. "Nathan The Wise" is not great literature, even if we do not measure it by the rigid yardstick of Lessing's own standards. It was, and remains, important, because as a plea for religious tolerance it mirrored the culmination of eighteenth century social idealism. If it bears up at all today, it does so on these historical grounds and on little

else. "Deep Are The Roots", like its classic forebear, represents a dramatic fructification of enlightened rumbles. Today these mutterings promise to grow ever louder as our armed forces return to find unalleviated what Lillian Smith calls "the white problem."

Focusing attention on the technical aspects of current production at the Fulton Theatre provides no mean enjoyment in itself. It is true that one or two of the characters, symbolising, as they do, attitudes and cultural patterns, tend to approach stereotypes. Senator Langdon and his rumor-mongering brother-in-law, for example, personify the dying South, corrupt, misanthropic, evil. But I am hard put to it to find any others, and this is due to the artistic integrity of the authors, Arnaud d'Usseau and James Gow. This is no "living newspaper" that they have created. It is a well-ordered and psychologically plausible play, a dramatic irritant poured on racial intolerance, today a fast-festering sore on America's corpus.

Barbara Bel Geddes is radiant-ly lovely and accomplished as the Senator's younger daughter and blends excellently with Gordon Heath who plays the young Negro. Harold Vermilyea, who was the hisping German in "Jacobowsky and the Colonel", contributes a delicate cameo as a bigoted Southerner, and Coby Ruskin steps in to send Mr. Heath sprawling across the stage during an exciting moment.

Ella Kazan, whose talent has been noted in this column before, has directed with an alert eye to stage unity, and credit for a cohesive, swift-moving production is due him. A nod, too, towards Howard Bay, whose living-room setting all but exudes the fragrance of magnolias in bloom.

M. E.

Letters To The Editor

My Dear Mr. Bernstein:

The several provocative statements you made in the last issue of "The Commentator" were brought to my attention and I find myself obliged to refute your arguments. I answer, not only in defense for this one incident, but as a general reply to all those who never fail to take any opportunity to attack the constructive work of other organizations and individuals, because of an inability to offer an equal contribution and, perhaps a plaguing conscience.

I refer to your contention that it is inhumane to deprive the remaining Jews in Europe of ten certificates for the use of American Cholutam. Your statement shows a remarkable misunderstanding of the principles and factors involved.

In the long period of horror and death between the years of 1933 and 1945, immigration certificates were being regularly distributed to European refugees, at first quite freely, but later with restrictions. Whenever these arose a conflict of who was to receive certificates, the young or the old, there was never a hesitation but that the youth was to receive them, although the older generation was certain not to survive and the young could perhaps have lived through the ordeal. It was the youth which had the ability to work, the desire to build the land, and the future soldiers of the land. When a nation is in the process of formation, the lives of individuals play only a minor part. And that is what Eretz Israel is today, not just a haven for refugees, but more important, a nation being reborn. In this opinion, we are not, as you claim, putting idealism before moral justice, but rather, we are putting realism before idealism. Nations sacrifice hundreds of thousands in wars, often without accomplishment. We, who have lost millions without reward are now bitterly realistic in sacrificing a much smaller number for something very real. If the Aliya of ten Cholutam today means encouragement and hope for scores who are even now waiting for certificates for the entire Cholutam movement in America, which shall eventually produce hundreds such Cholutam, the sacrifice is no sacrifice.

I would like to hear your opinion again on the matter now that I have slightly acquainted you with our position.

Yours truly,
Zev Safern
Hashomer Hadati of N.A.

Dear Editor,

The controversial "Maybe I'm Wrong" column in the last Commentator has justifiably elicited quite a furor among our own and non-Yeshiva groups. Any interested observer upon reading such accusations would naturally demand convincing proof of these statements. However, Mr. Bernstein has failed to comply with this need. If such proof is at Mr. Bernstein's disposal, then it should be published. I believe this is necessary in all fairness to both Mr. Bernstein and the objective reader who desires the facts.

Sincerely,
Theodore Coinet

Sports Retorts:

Question:
Do you believe that athletics have a place at Yeshiva College?
Morris Nadler, Freshman

Sports definitely should be a part of the extra-curricular program at Yeshiva. Exercise and competitive activity are essentials in the building of a healthy body. Athletics help to develop and rejuvenate the otherwise flabby muscles of the average Yeshiva student.

Sam Kern, Sophomore

Sports undoubtedly have a place at Yeshiva. They serve as a source of mental relaxation for the students who fill the role of spectators as well as for the competitors themselves. Athletics have no detrimental effects on scholastic records, a fact which is borne out by the recent report of a noted psychologist.

William Herkowitz, Sophomore

I think that athletics should be an integral part of the college program. Any person attending school from nine in the morning till late at night, six days a week cannot get the amount of exercise that is necessary for continued good health. Since he can't get sufficient physical activity outside of the Yeshiva, he must get it here.

Edwin Weiss, Junior

Athletics most certainly have a place at Yeshiva College as they do in any educational institution. The principle of a sound mind in a healthy body merits universal approval and application.

Earl Klein, Junior

Since the heavy program at Yeshiva leaves the student little opportunity for contact with the "outside world", it leaves a void which inter-collegiate athletics tends to fill. Athletics also serve to instill school spirit, which is oftentimes lacking at our institution.

Cohen Announces Intramural Plans

"The success of this season's intra-mural tourney play lies with the participating students," stated Mitchell "Mickey" Cohen '46, director of the intra-mural program. Cohen has met with the athletic managers of the four classes and has drawn up a round-robin schedule for the coming campaign.

The play will be inaugurated on Wednesday evening, November 7th, when the Seniors and the Frosh clash in the Yeshiva gymnasium. Cohen announced that a game will be held every other Wednesday evening, with the opening tip-off set for 7:30 p.m.

Blue And White Hoopmen Keep In Trim--At A Cost

by [Name]

With the Mites weaker than last year, at least on paper, Coach Sarachek has been assiduously engaged in an attempt to perfect out a formula that will guarantee a winning habit for the approaching basketball season. The "Carrot Top" seems to have found a one word solution to his quest—stamina—for he has been stressing speed and endurance in his workouts with the squad.

To a stranger entering the Stuyvesant High School gymnasium for the Quints' practices, it would appear that a track team was preparing for a cross-country run, what with the players circling the gym at top speed in a seemingly endless marathon. During the first few sessions the hoopsters were wheezing and groaning to the accompaniment of creaking muscles as they sought to round into shape. This is no longer the case, however, for now only an occasional groan is emitted by the varsity candidates as they wend their weary way around the running track. The squad undoubtedly is faster and in better condition than those of past years, affording the fans some hope that a coupe such as was ad-

ministered by Rhode Island State last season will not be the Mites' fate this year.

Continuing his policy of bringing in cage greets to lend a hand in preparing the Quints for the pending season, Coach Sarachek invited a group of pros to scrimmage the Blue and White courtmen. Led by sharpshooting Lou Daniels, the very formidable opposition included Nat Millitok, Ally Gans, Ruby Benjamin, a capable performer who identified himself only as Kelly, and Coach "Red" Sarachek. With the exception of Sarachek, the best known of the group to Yeshiva students is Nat Millitok of the U.S. Navy, who, while performing for Hofstra College in his undergraduate days, played a prominent role in the administration of a severe drubbing to an earlier Mite cage combine.

Making the most rapid strides of progress in the eyes of Coach Sarachek is the previously unheralded Ralph "Atlas" Harary. Considering his lack of varsity experience, he handles himself well on the hardwood and has shown considerable promise. A duo of newcomers, Izy Hailowitz and Irving Weisel are others who have been receiving approving glances from the mentor. A veteran has returned to the fold in the person of "Red" Kalb. He is a proven performer who figures prominently in Sarachek's plans.

"Another ten times around the gym, men, then we'll start our workout," called the "redhead" as your reporter, growing weary just looking, left the gymnasium.

Yeshiva Cards Heavy Slate

Athletic Manager Hy Pomerantz has released the Yeshiva cage schedule for the 1945-'46 season. The basketball courts at Central High School for Needle Trades and Brooklyn Tech High School will serve as the scene of the Mites' home games, with the contests beginning at 8:30 p.m.

- Dec. 1 N.Y.U. College of Dentistry*
 - Dec. 4 Panzer
 - Dec. 8 Queens*
 - Dec. 15 Cathedral*
 - Dec. 22 Virginia Union
 - Dec. 27 Morgan State College
 - Dec. 29 Brooklyn Army Base*
 - Jan. 5 Alumni*
 - Jan. 8 Bergen
 - Jan. 26 Iona
 - Jan. 31 Brooklyn Army Base
 - Feb. 2 Queens
 - Feb. 6 Cathedral
 - Feb. 9 Fordham
 - Feb. 16 Brooklyn College
 - Feb. 18 Hofstra
 - Feb. 23 Iona*
 - Feb. 27 Brooklyn Cathedral*
 - Mar. 2 Hofstra*
 - Mar. 5 Concordia
 - Mar. 9 Bergen*
- * Home games.

On The Sidelines

Rickey's Signing Of Negro Star Blast At Bigots

by Lewis Ginsberg

BRANCH RICKEY exploded a proverbial powder keg in the baseball world with his announced signing of Jackie Robinson, Negro diamond star, by the Montreal Royals of the International League. The Dodger's prexy in hiring the quondam U.C.L.A. athlete has succeeded in flouting all the infantile traditions and fetishes which have heretofore proved an impenetrable barrier to the Negro athletes seeking to enter organized baseball. Deacon Rickey while thumbing his nose at baseball's bigots has undertaken a daring experiment which already has developed a vast number of repercussions. There are those who cry that the wily Rickey has hired Robinson with an eye to the box office or some such similar reason. We are naive enough to want to believe that Mr. Rickey affixed Jackie's signature to a contract for his baseball prowess only, just as he would say other athlete no matter what the color of his skin.

Ironically enough during baseball's off-season Negro and white athletes have jointly undertaken successful barnstorming tours. Yet, the Baseball Magis were always reluctant to add the names of any Negro ballplayers to their rosters. It remained for the most liberal minded of them all to take the bull by the horns and proclaim that there is no place for Jim Crowism in the "great national pastime." We're rooting for the clean living, Georgia born Negro shortstop to make as good a showing on the baseball diamonds of the International circuit as he did in the service of Uncle Sam. Good luck, Jackie!!


SOME WOULD have us believe that the Negro is incapable of filling an assignment in "big time" baseball. We're wondering just what pigmentation has to do with the size of one's batting average or one's fielding ability. That being the case, we're inclined to go along with Dan Parker, New York Mirror sports scrivener who states, "Why a good respectable Negro athlete shouldn't fit in just as well into Organized Ball as he does into college football, basketball, boxing, and cricket (to drag an ally into the argument) is something I have never been able to figure out in view of the record of amicable inter-racial relations in these sports." Well put, Mr. Parker!

Yeshiva's basketball squad, not to be outdone in the matter of cementing interracial good will, has scheduled a pair of contests with two all-Negro hoop aggregations. The Mites will meet a powerful quintet from Virginia Union, Saturday evening, Dec. 22nd on a Gotham hardwood yet to be selected. The Blue and White five will journey to Olympic Stadium, Philadelphia the following Thursday evening, Dec. 27th, to engage Morgan State College. Let us hope that this will be the first step toward the establishment of a friendly relationship between these three worthy institutions. Perhaps it will prove to be the foundation of another great inter-collegiate athletic rivalry, which shall be a source of pride to all concerned. No, there is no place for bigotry, no place for hatred or intolerance on the fields of "friendly strife"!!

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New Dormitory Supervisor Discloses Life History

"Come in, please," rang out a sharp, resonant voice from within the walls of the dormitory office. A hearty Shalom Akhshem with a firm hand shake, plus a friendly smile—served as the greeting of the former science teacher, Mr. Baer, who now heads the dormitory affairs.

Happily surprised by his first Yeshiva interview, Mr. Baer answered my first question. "Well, I'm new here and there isn't much I can tell you about the dormitory."

But, after he stated the new dormitory policies, I continued: "Mr. Baer, I've heard that you have had a very interesting and exciting career." With his head lowered in thought, then, with a confused grin on his face, and a fatherly twinkle in his eyes he commenced, "I was born in Halberstadt, North Germany, into a very orthodox Jewish family. My elementary schooling included German public and high school and six years of Talmud Torah. There were no Yeshivas in my section. After Talmud Torah I studied alone and with other companions."

Higher Education

From what I gathered from the rest of our spirited conversation, Mr. Baer is quite well versed in Jewish tradition and lore. His thoughts on the subject of his education may be adequately summed up in his own words, "You see, I've been my own teacher in Jewish learning all my life."

"About my higher formal or secular education which you ask me," Mr. Baer then continued, raising his voice considerably, "I attended the Universities of Berlin, Munich and Marburg, where I received my 'lehrer diplom'. Huh, my major? What I learned and studied in these schools?" I nodded affirmatively. "Mathematics, physics, chemistry," ex-

plained our very cooperative director. "Later, while teaching these subjects, I studied biology."

Buchenwald to America

Mr. Baer grew tense as he ensued, "I taught these four subjects at the Samson Raphael Hirsch High School, in Frankfort-on-Main, the only Jewish High School in North Germany. At this point Mr. Baer seemed obviously deeply moved. "Hitler assumed power on Jan. 30, 1933," he stammered. "On Nov. 1, 1938 I was sent with 8,000 fellow Jews to the Buchenwald concentration camp. There I was for five weeks and released because of my age and on condition," his voice cracked as his eyes flared, "that I leave the country by March."

After a moment of silence, Mr. Baer resumed speaking, "I continued to teach at the Samson Raphael Hirsch School from December, 1938 to March, 1939 at which time I and my wife fortunately received temporary visas to England. There, on May 12, 1940, the day Holland was invaded, I was interbed with all other aliens on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea."

While Mr. Baer resided in England, excluding, of course, the time he was interned as an alien, he directed a refugee boarding house, and his wife, formerly a language teacher was the home's matron. Through the courtesy of the American consulate, Mr. Baer and his wife received their visas to the United States and reached the shores of this "blessed land" on May 24, 1945.

With this varied and rich background, Mr. Baer should certainly be a welcomed addition to our Yeshiva family.

Mirsky Chosen New Editor of "Horizon"

The Hapoel Hamizrachi of America has chosen Rabbi David Mirsky '42 as editor-in-chief of their monthly publication "The Jewish Horizon." J. Shelley Applebaum '44, former business manager of The Commentator, has been appointed business manager.

An interesting feature in the October issue of the magazine is the heart-rending tale told by Private A. Leo Levin '38, now serving overseas, of the activities

Congrats, Debbie!

The entire student body of Yeshiva College wishes to extend its sincerest congratulations to our registrar, Mrs. Deborah Wiesenthal and her husband on the birth of a baby boy on Sunday, Oct. 28th. Best wishes to a future Y. C. student!

of the Jewish equivalent of the Marquis in France during the German occupation. Levin was President of the Yeshiva College Student Organization in his senior year and managing editor of The Commentator.

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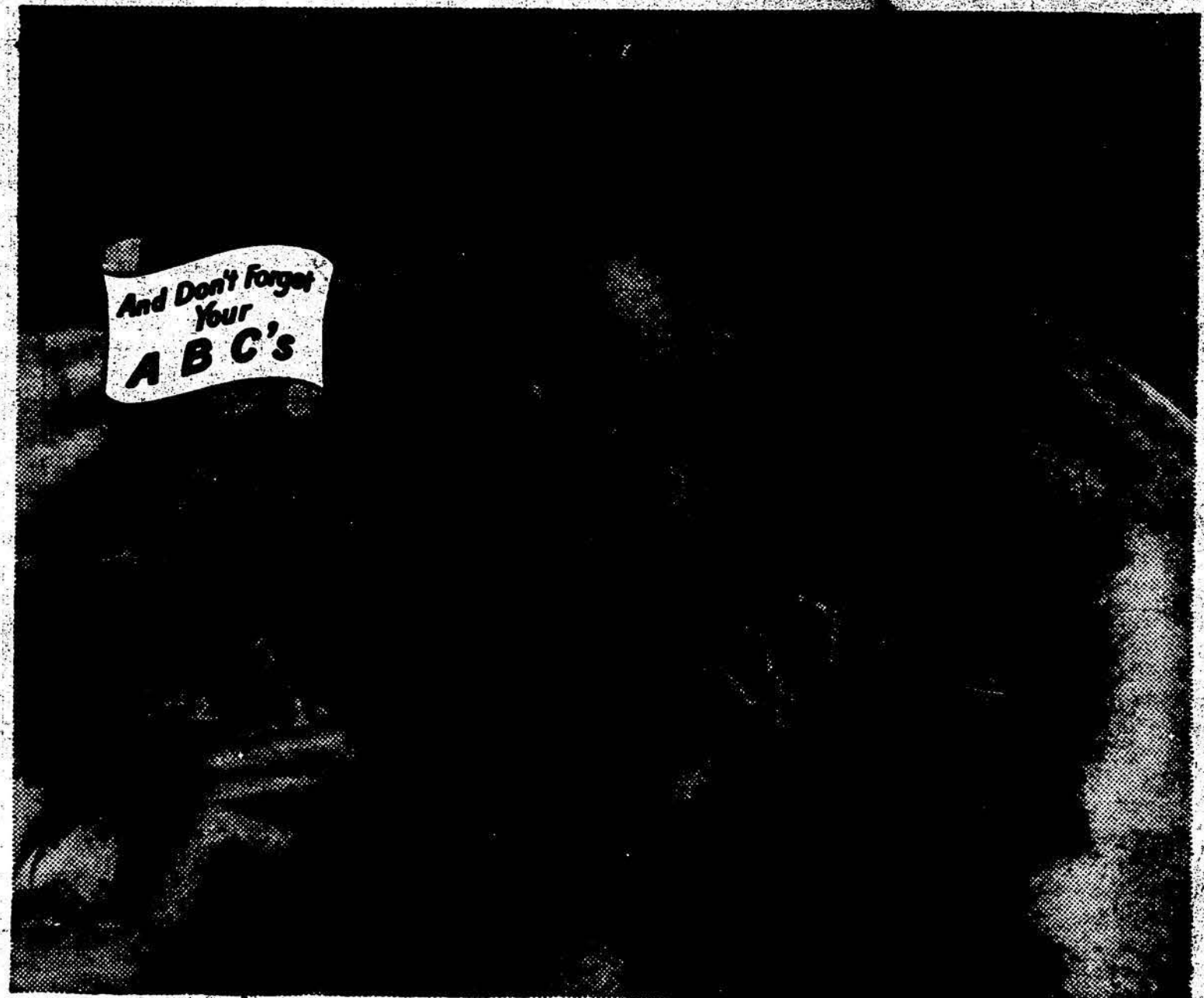
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The Governing Board of The Commentator announces the resignation of Louis Firestein from the post of News Editor. Lewis Ginsburg '48 has been elected to fill the vacant position.

Ginsburg has served on The Commentator during his freshman year as a sports reporter and was elected Sports Editor for this year.

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