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AGUDATH HORABONIM ATTEMPTING 'SMEAR' CAMPAIGN AGAINST YESHIVA

Author Jan Valtin Is Ex-Yeshiva Inmate

But He Wasn't English Prof, Only Humble Porter

Jan Valtin, the never photographed but much discussed author of the sensational new book "Out of the Night", was an employee of Yeshiva College from June 5 to August 7, 1938. That is the startling fact that your roving reporter was able to have confirmed. This newly famous author was employed by our great institution, not, as you might think, in the role of an associate professor of literature, or a lecturer in the ways and wiles of the third Reich, but in the humble, if vital, capacity of painter and porter.

Hired By Mr. Purvis

In 1938, Jan Valtin presented himself at the door of our alma mater—in answer to a call for a painter. He had two reliable references, which were checked and found to be satisfactory. Mr. Stuart Purvis, head of the maintenance department, describes him at that time as being slightly taller than average, robust, and apparently healthy. At any rate, he passed the entrance exams in painting, and was duly inducted into the department. Next, he was given a hand spy indicator which flashed a red light whenever an "OGPU" or "GESTAPO" man was sighted. He remained here in painter's capacity for some weeks, and then was graduated to the position

of a full fledged porter at 60 dollars a month. During this period, he resided at the Yeshiva, and succeeded in driving his neighbors insane with his incessant typing until all hours of the night, finally being moved into a private room by the superintendent, where he could type away to his heart's content.

The subject of his efforts at this time was not his book—no. He was writing short stories, placing some of them, but having most rejected. Mr. Purvis recalls seeing a check for thirty-five dollars that Valtin received for a story of his entitled "Shanghai Ann". His seafaring life was reflected in the plots of his stories, which dealt largely with this subject, and in his reserved, almost secretive manner.

A Conscientious Worker

My informant does not recall seeing any scars or welts on Valtin's person, but then perhaps he didn't look too hard. Valtin was a thorough, conscientious worker, quiet, but not unfriendly. He was far from the cowed, beaten thing that one would expect him to be after the experiences which he underwent. In fact, the maintenance head expressed some doubts as to the truth of certain passages in Valtin's book, on the grounds that Valtin's conduct here was a little too happy

for a man who had passed through a German Concentration camp. His stolidity appears all the more remarkable when one considers that in July, 1938, he learned that his wife "was thrown into the Horror Camp Fuhlsbuettel," according to his narrative.

"Sorry to see him go."

But these comparatively mild doubts give way to genuine indignation at the remark made by Valtin to the "New Yorker" interviewer, in which he alleged that he was discharged from his position for frying bacon in the basement. Whether it was meant in earnest, or as a gag, it is "a pure fabrication." Mr. Purvis, who has done the hiring and firing of his men in the maintenance department for the past 14 years, states emphatically that Valtin left of his own free will. "In fact," says he, "I was sorry to see him go, for he was a fine worker."

At any rate, let it never be said that Yeshiva has not sent forth its share of literary lions into the world. Who knows what hidden talent lurks behind these hallowed walls. After all—when the author of a current best seller is an ex-Yeshivite of one kind or another—it's something to be proud of, or so your reporter thinks.

Intimidation, Threats, Mark Tactics Of Pressure Group To Force Demands

By Y. B. I.

The article which follows has been carefully checked as to reliability, and its authenticity is unimpeachable. Because of unscrupulous use of intimidation against those bearing damaging evidence regarding Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik's record and character, the Commentator is compelled to hold its sources confidential and is permitted to release them only to the Board of Directors upon a formal request.

Abraham G. Duker



Driving relentlessly to impose a man of its choice in the position of Rosh Yeshiva, the Agudath HoRabonim has been making every effort to force the appointment of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, it was ascertained.

Claiming the position to be his on the principle of "Hazoka," the Agudath HoRabonim has decreed that Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik has an hereditary ownership which supercedes any evaluation of his past record or of his basic character traits.

To the claims that arrogance, intolerance, high-handedness, dictatorial procedure, and the general inability to cooperate for the good of the whole would disrupt the harmony of the institution and the morale of the student body, the Agudath HoRabonim has refused to display any interest. It has steadfastly opposed analysis of the manifestation of these basic deficiencies in Rabbi Soloveitchik's record in Boston, which, if true, would automatically disqualify a person from the influential position of teacher in any institution.

Board Receives Ultimatum

Considering the Board of Directors as the determining body in appointments, the A.H. informed the Board of its choice of Rabbi J. B. Soloveitchik as new president, immediately after the passing of Dr. Bernard Revel, of sainted memory. This notification was followed within a few days with an ultimatum to the Board that Rabbi Soloveitchik be chosen or the Yeshiva would suffer dire consequences. Resentment by the Directors resulted in rejection of the ultimatum, with a statement that the Board had not yet relinquished its authority of appointment to any outside organization.

With the death of Rabbi Moses Soloveitchik, the Agudath HoRabonim demanded the immediate appointment of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik to the position of his father, refusing to consider qualifications or other candidates.

The establishment of a temporary board to administer the Yeshiva, pending a careful study of the best possible permanent appointment, was bitterly resented by the A. H. It immediately began to sabotage the administration of Yeshiva affairs. During the week of March 2, it reached into the organization of Yeshiva by threats and intimidation in an attempt to force the resignation of the temporary committee and to cause student agitation for its candidate.

A. H. Threatens 'Smear Campaign'
Threatening the Yeshiva with a "smear" campaign which would forever destroy its position in American Orthodox life, in a final ultimatum to the Directors, the Agudath HoRabonim gave Monday, March 17, as the date for the choice of Rabbi Soloveitchik. The Board has not officially indicated its intentions to accede to this demand.

A virtual blockade of Yeshiva has been initiated by the A. H., led by
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Halachic Quarterly Projected At Inter-Faculty Board Meeting

Publication of an "Halachic Quarterly" which is to embrace the most comprehensive collection of Talmudical analysis and research was projected by the recently organized Inter-Faculty Council of Yeshiva. The periodical, regarded as a step towards establishing the status of Yeshiva as a world leading Torah institution, is to be edited by members of the faculty in collaboration with outstanding Talmudic scholars from all centers of Jewish learning, according to present plans.

The constitution of the Inter-Faculty Council which was formed shortly after the decease of Pres. Dr. Bernard Revel in order to deal with matters affecting the welfare of the institution and its students as a whole, has already been approved by several of the five faculties of Yeshiva, and its ratification by the rest is expected at the next

Annual 'Mixer' Set For Sunday

An extensive program of fun and frolic for the Annual Student Faculty Mixer, to be held this Sunday, March 23, has been arranged to give the student an even chance in his battle of skill and skull with his instructors.

Preparations for this gala event have been so organized by Professor Kenneth F. Damon of the Speech department and Elvin Kosofsky '41, chairman of the social committee, that members of the faculty, disarmed of their little red pencils and black books, are expected to completely break down under the weight of refreshments, let down their hair, and go to town.

meeting of the individual faculties. Activity of the Council is precluded from extending to the individual departments of Yeshiva.

Mr. Samuel Sar, instructor in Bible, who has been chosen as the representative of the Board of Directors on the Council, was elected chairman of the group. The officers are to be selected annually, with the chairmanship being shared in a rotating order by each of the departments.

Epstein Eulogizes Joseph Trumpeldor

Addressing the newly formed Betar group last Monday night in a crowded Dormitory social hall, Mr. Beinesh Epstein, famous radio commentator and guest speaker for the evening, stressed the heroic and patient efforts of Joseph Trumpeldor on behalf of the liberation of Palestine for the Jews.

After being introduced by Rabbi Gerson Appel '38, chairman for the evening, the speaker outlined the struggle waged by Trumpeldor and the heroes of "Tel Chai" to extract the masses of Jewry from spiritualistic submergence, and their final martyrdom in an attempt to "establish a living and everlasting boundary to Northern Palestine".

Preceding the guest speaker was Noah Rosenbloom '42, who delivered a stirring biographical sketch in Hebrew on Joseph Trumpeldor.

At its organizational meeting on Monday, a praesidium was selected consisting of L. Marienstrauss '41, in charge of organization, Rabbis Sholom Novoseller, Gerson Appel, and E. Zapinsky, H. Wachtfogel, B. Poupko, and L. Devine.

Leadership Class Begins Sessions

Successful leadership in club and group work based upon constructive guidance was the theme stressed by Kalman Levitan '36 at the initial meeting of the course in Club and Group Activities, Tuesday, March 11.

Discussing in detail the various age groups, their problems, desires and impulses, Mr. Levitan outlined the psychological and practical methods for the solution of such problems as inevitably confront group leaders.

In the second of the series of lectures, which took place last night, Mr. Levitan pointed out the fundamental differences in class and clubroom procedure. Discussing briefly the objectives of the average club, the Young Israel official stressed the educational aims of the group as the most difficult to realize, after indicating that the social and athletic could be most easily achieved. He also announced that in line with the policy of the Group Leadership Course to provide practical experience for prospective leaders, students will engage in actual field work. Those interested in this aspect of the course will be assigned to assist in the direction and programming of established clubs at various Centers and Young Israel branches throughout the city.

Rabbi Goodman To Address Group
As part of the intensive guidance program initiated by the Vocational Guidance Committee with the cooperation of the Young Israel, leading experts in this field have been invited to lecture at future meetings. Rabbi Phillip Goodman of the 116th Street Institutional Synagogue and chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board Committee on camping, will be the first guest. Rabbi Goodman, who has distinguished himself in social and group

Abraham Duker Will Address Relations Group

Abraham G. Duker, the well known authority on the Jewish situation in Poland and Eastern Europe, will address the International Relations Society next Wednesday, March 26, at 8:30 p.m., in the Dormitory Social Hall, David Miller '42, president of the Society, announced.

Mr. Duker who as a Research Fellow of Columbia University has extensively travelled abroad studying the Jewish situation in Europe and especially in Poland, is the author of numerous articles and monographs on that subject. He is at present preparing a thesis for his doctorate based on his study of Jewish-Polish relations in the last century.

Besides having contributed to "The Reconstructionist," "The Jewish Social Service Quarterly," "Kiryath Sepher," "Current History," and other publications in the United States and abroad, Mr. Duker is Contributing Editor and Commentator on international Jewish affairs in "The Jewish Frontier", at the same time, he is also associate editor of "The Reconstructionist" magazine, Book Review editor of "The Jewish Social Service Quarterly," managing editor of "The Contemporary Record," and associate editor of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia.

Mr. Duker is especially qualified to discuss the topic for which he was chosen, having written various articles such as "The Situation of the Jews in Poland," and an introduction to Ber Borochov's "Nationalism and the Class Struggle," work, and who is universally admired for the successful administration of his "home camp," is scheduled to address the class on March 25.

We Speak Our Piece

The intensity of the pressure that has been exerted to force the appointment of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik to the position of Rosh Yeshiva defies the imagination. One will look far into the history of educational institutions to find any similarity to the unscrupulousness of the campaign now being waged for a candidate.

That the driving force in this tragic affair is the leadership of the Agudath HoRabonim is no surprise. The record of anarchy in "Kashruth," and the dire danger of a barren future to Torah-true Judaism are eloquent testimony to the hegemony of the Agudath HoRabonim in American Orthodox life.

Its driving arrogance has rendered impotent every budding and creative force in traditional Judaism, which it has managed to control.

For twenty-five years, Dr. Revel, of sainted memory, fought to the full extent of his limited and precious strength to protect Yeshiva from the suicidal embrace of the leadership of the Agudath HoRabonim. To prevent Yeshiva from becoming the political tool of this leadership required the constant attention of a sainted leader who could have been spending those efforts in the creative realms of Yeshiva life, which American Jewry vitally needed.

The diabolical recognition of the first opportunity in twenty-five years to penetrate the Yeshiva organism should have been expected of this leadership.

The naive might expect the candidate of the Agudath HoRabonim to bear obvious flaws, mirroring the shortcomings of the leadership. Those who have seen the Agudath HoRabonim in action, however, know its tactic of presenting the candidate superficially-admirably suited for the position and yet possessed of that basic character defect which makes him a willing tool or an active partner to its plans.

This leadership consisting of the most able brains, keenest foresight, and the shrewdest political sense makes very few mistakes. Its candidate is its candidate.

This fuhrerschaft is known for what it is. But that the Yeshiva student body should stand by idly in the rape of an institution under the very shadow of the death of its sainted leader, is unbelievable.

A student body that has rallied to the defense of its institutions so effectively in the past, despite nefarious schemes to disrupt and confuse it, has within it the vitality to do so again.

The red herring of brilliance and scholarship will not mislead us. We state the obvious—brilliance is not enough. There must be an ethical basis and direction to learning, the lack of which threatens to doom the world and may just as certainly destroy Yeshiva.

With a vigilant eye towards viewing matters in their objective totality, it is unfortunate that information now being collated—much of which awaits publication—regarding the record and attachments of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik conclusively points to the inability of that individual to fit into the Yeshiva scene on any basis except that of scholarship—which we reiterate, is not enough. The fact that the Agudath HoRabonim has chosen him as its candidate sorrowfully corroborates this fact to all but the wilfully blind. And to top it all, any candidate who is willing to go to lengths of ruining an institution in order to sate his own ambitions, no matter what his qualifications may be, automatically eliminates himself.

We commend the Board of Directors on the magnificent stand which it has taken despite the powerful propaganda issued by the leadership of the Agudath HoRabonim.

We, the student body, may have been dazed and confused, but only temporarily. We see the light.

We shall not permit any attempts on the part of individuals or groups to further their own interests where the welfare of Yeshiva is involved. We will consider it a sacred duty to ourselves to expose such suicidal play.

Yeshiva is not, nor shall it ever be, the personal property of one single family or clique. It is the common domain of Orthodox Jewry, to which no private interest can ever lay claim. And not all the guns of the Agudath Ho-Rabonim or of its misguided "Hassidim" shall make us a party to turning the Yeshiva into a hopeless jungle of political intrigue.

MEET THE SENIORS

Heller Meyer: "Tiny" or "Mike" was just a bundle of potentialities for three years until he finally actualized into Masmid editor and Debating Society prexy. Systematizing the unsystematic has been his forte at Yeshiva, as he has compiled monumental volumes of notes on lectures. He also keeps voluminous indexes and cross-indexes of various Y. C. curiosa in his pockets and in addition, the usual little black book for matters not quite so intellectual. As a camp rabbi "Mike" may not have led many souls to heaven, but he certainly did play a swell first base.

Isaacson, Irwin: Here is the man who slept from obscurity to the Student Council Vice-Presidency. (The difference is not at present highly discernible.) Hailing from Seattle, this "boy from the golden West" came all the way to New York just to bother Dr. Litman. His Summer waiting experiences with Sid Merrin would make almost as good reading as "Out of the Night." "Itch" is preparing for the rabbinate at Yeshiva by means of practice sermons in the Model Synagogue and majoring in Philo, in advance of imminent changes in the Smicha committee.

Kosafsky, Elvin I.: Elvin, Yeshiva's outstanding proponent of the idea that men should marry young, came in like a lion but is going out with a Leona. Evidently, however, he is not adverse to minor diversions such as may be provided by Hunter Evening session. "Shoveling" coal in Newark provided him with a robust set of muscles, but his shoveling medium in the future will be French, at least if his graduate studies will determine it. Among the features of spending a High Holiday in the mountains is listening to Elvin serve as cantor, rabbi, reader and general holy character.

Kra, Aaron: Brookline's contribution to Yeshiva, currently engaged in "G-Man" activities, is living proof of the Law of Conservation of Matter—witness the removal of his hair from the top of his head to his upper lip. A conscientious Yoreh Deah student, he is reported to have broken into a convulsion the last time chicken was served in the Cafeteria. He indulges his passion for argumentation through vice-presidency of the International Relations Society, and his more Scroogian tendencies through managership of the Co-Op. Inhabitants of Williamsburgh provide the infrequent relaxation.

Krutman, Seymour: The class mathematician shows his versatility by writing poetry on such extremely unmathematical subjects as youthful joys. This amazing ability to combine objective reality with literary fancy is carried over into his daily life, in which he fulfills to perfection his "Wolfe" role on the stage. Fair haired (including the mustache) boy of the family, he will be one of those rare museum pieces—a rabbi who knows his Hebrew—since his learning of Chulin was preceded by a T. I. diploma. Just to relax from his intense study of mathematics in class he indulges in extra curricular activities—such as presidency of the Math Club.

Maybe I'm Wrong

By Julius Rosenthal

Having always viewed the Brith Trumpeldor as a rather far-fetched movement, much too exotic for the ordinary Zionist's digestion. I was rather baffled by the recent influx of Yeshiva students into the ranks of Betar. What is disconcerting about the entire affair, however, is the reason proposed by many of the new Revisionist converts, the necessity for "doing something."

It seems that Yeshiva students, have been suddenly awakened from a somewhat fitful lethargy to discover that all of the hate and persecution which they have been reading and talking about for the past eight or nine years, is not merely fortunate (if somewhat uncomfortable) material for sermons, but is stark, cruel reality which is subjecting most of our people to unimaginably horrible sufferings and is imminently threatening to engulf us in its all-destroying wave. And with this cruel apparition staring them in the face, they have raised the frantic cry, "Do something!" "Doing something" includes in its magic ken anything from stand-

ing on one's head and balancing a Jewish flag on one's nose, to joining the nearest Zionist organization.

This is not intended as a condemnation or even a discussion of the merits and demerits of Betar. I am not so very much enchanted by the more svelte ideologies of the more orthodox Zionist groups, that I filing the epithet "fascist" facetiously.

Nevertheless, we have a right to expect a group of persons who have been Talmudizing, Philosophizing, Psychologizing and indulging in all of the other mental exercises of Yeshiva, to behave in a manner slightly superior to a herd of cattle. We might expect them to apply a bit of thought and reflection before joining an organization which involves all of the highly serious considerations which the Revisionist Youth group does entail. We might even be heretical enough to expect an adherence to Zionism itself to be based upon thoroughly well thought out conclusions, and a few rollings around the hearth, rather than upon unthinking acquiescence to the times.

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ON THE SIDELINES

WITH ABE KARP



The Marshall game brought to a close one of the most disastrous seasons in Yeshiva basketball history. Nine wins as against ten losses certainly doesn't bear out the great expectations at the season's outset.

Back in October we were convinced that the 1940-41 campaign would prove to be the most successful in the annals of Yeshiva. The material was unusually good, a coach was provided for, and a well-rounded schedule was prepared. But what was predicted, didn't come to be.

Petty rivalries disorganized and demoralized the team. The phrase team-play became obsolete. A berth on the varsity became a medium towards the gaining of greater self-glory. Insubordination which the coach couldn't cope with, ran rampant.

There were practice sessions when animosity between team members ran so high, that fists were resorted

to. Many were the times when men suffering from lack of sleep took the court for Yeshiva. Too frequently did we see the whole bench rise to call the coach's attention (and in no uncertain terms) to a participant's misplay. Members of the team turned on the coach publicly and secretly.

The student body places a certain trust in the members of the varsity. The students contribute towards the maintenance of the team. They therefore have a right to expect that each member of the varsity do his utmost to make that organization a highly efficient and effective one.

This trust has been betrayed. The men on the team have neither endeavored nor cooperated to make the Yeshiva College Basketball Team a true representation of the talent and effort expended in it. Instead, a berth on the varsity has been used towards the further inflation of the ego.

Quints Go Down Fighting To Marshall In Last Of Season

Height spelled might, as the Quints bowed to a tall and powerful John Marshall quintet 68-51, in the final game of the 1940-41 season, held at the Bronx YMHA, on Saturday evening, March 12. Never did the men of Yeshiva play more inspired ball, as they battled the Jerseyites for three quarters to a standstill, but the 20 points on tap-ins by Marshall's 6 foot 6 center Grinchis proved too much in the long run.

Three quick baskets by Iz Steinberg put Yeshiva ahead, before the Lawyers could get their bearings. After a time out the boys from west of the Hudson settled down to play the ball that enabled them to defeat Brooklyn and Panzer. A scoring spree to which every Marshall man contributed, put them ahead 19-13 at the quarter.

The second frame was brilliantly fought, each team displaying a superb brand of basketball. But here, the disparity in height came to the fore, as Grinchis' 10 points on tap-ins enabled Marshall to boast a 36-28 lead at the half.

Refreshed by the half-way intermission, the Quints came back to outplay and outscore the visitors, piling up 11 points to Marshall's 4. One point now separated the teams, as they took court for the fourth quarter.

Yeshiva matched Marshall basket for basket, and dreams of a Blue and White victory were assuming shapes of reality. Then Meyer, who had played a magnificent defensive

game, went out on fouls, and the Quints collapsed. In the last five minutes of play Marshall scored 13 points to make the final count 68-51.

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|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | G. | F. | P. |
| Jaret | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Esterson | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Friedman, S. | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Hartstein | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Meyer | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Friedman, M. | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Steinberg | 6 | 3 | 15 |
| Rosenblum | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Total | 21 | 9 | 51 |

| MARSHALL | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | G. | F. | P. |
| Pasch | 7 | 4 | 18 |
| Cekene | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| Zimmer | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grinchis | 10 | 0 | 20 |
| West | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| McPartland | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McElroy | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Golosky | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Zambrini | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Total | 28 | 12 | 68 |

Scoring Totals

Irv Jaret and Sam Rosenblum, each with a total of 141 points, led Yeshiva scoring for the 1940-41 basketball campaign. "Izzy" Steinberg was runner-up with 133 markers to his credit. Rosenblum played in 17 games, for an average of 8.3 points per game, while Jaret participated in one more game, and had an average of 7.8 points per game.

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|-------------|-----|
| Rosenblum | 141 |
| Jaret | 141 |
| Steinberg | 133 |
| Esterson | 91 |
| S. Friedman | 69 |
| M. Friedman | 66 |
| Meyer | 52 |
| Hartstein | 20 |
| Kramer | 6 |
| Suskind | 3 |
| Block | 2 |
| Perlow | 1 |
| Elgart | 0 |

SEASON'S RECORD

| Team | Y.C. | OPP. |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| N. Y. U. Heights | 30 | 24 |
| Brooklyn College of Pharmacy | 33 | 34 |
| Webb Institute | 35 | 20 |
| C. C. N. Y. Uptown Evening | 32 | 29 |
| C. C. N. Y. Commerce | 37 | 32 |
| John Marshall College | 55 | 56 |
| Paterson College | 23 | 23 |
| Cooper Union | 28 | 32 |
| N. Y. U. Commerce | 28 | 30 |
| N. Y. U. Dentistry | 55 | 35 |
| Bergen Jr. College | 46 | 32 |
| Seminary | 43 | 21 |
| N. Y. U. Washington Square | 36 | 25 |
| Brooklyn College | 21 | 77 |
| Cooper Union | 41 | 55 |
| Jersey City State Teachers | 40 | 53 |
| Alumni | 43 | 34 |
| Newark Jr. College | 38 | 54 |
| John Marshall College | 61 | 69 |
| Total | 725 | 794 |

Varsity Elects Joint Captains

"Hesh" Esterson and Sam Rosenblum, both of the class of '42, were elected as co-captains of the basketball Varsity for the 1941-42 season, Sam Meyer, out-going captain, announced during the intermission of the John Marshall game.

The co-captains-elect have been members of the Yeshiva College varsity for the past three years.

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With a Banjo on my knee."
—Ode To An English Professor.—

Studio No. 2 of the Columbia Broadcasting System buzzed with excitement the other night. The Vox Pop program was about to begin and a coast-to-coast thrill ran through the audience as the red signal light winked "On The Air". On the stage before the spectators, shifting nervously from foot to foot, stood six local college professors. Lost was their professional classroom manner and gone their omnipotent rollbooks. The tables turned, they put their best brain forward and announced their names. One said, "I'm Professor Whitford, of L. I. U. and Yeshiva College." Few ears perked up at this modest statement, for it was not until the program was over and Dr. Whitford had appropriated as prizes everything but the microphone that the audience discovered what English majors here have known for a long time: that the name "Whitford"

is one to conjure with when it came to asking questions. For every question "popped", Dr. Whitford had the "popper" answer. And for every answer, Parks and Johnson, the boys who run the program, had a prize. Starting with the comparatively useful award of a dozen golf balls, the trophies became screwier and screwier. "Pop"—a banjo for the professor. "Pop"—two Kaywoodie pipes. "Pop"—six pounds of limburger cheese (which he gave away, he says, for some reason or odor). And finally, a leather brief case, a one-way ticket to Sing Sing, and a strait-jacket, which he donated with his compliments to "Vox Pop" to award to a worthier candidate. Dr. Whitford claims that the questions were easy. Included among them were such posers as "What time did the ten o'clock scholar come to school?" and "How many cigarettes does each person in the United States smoke per year?" For coming closest to the correct answer on this question, Dr. Whitford won the jackpot. So it's cheers for Dr. Whitford, radio starlet of the year, and watch out, Jack Benny!

Mr. Matz Talks On Symbolic Logic

"The Quest for Truth, an Adventure in Logistics," served as the topic of the lecture delivered Monday evening before the Math Club by Joshua Matz '32, instructor in mathematics. The talk, which dealt with the historical development of symbolic logic, traced its history from Aristotle and Euclid until the work of F. David Hilbert during the last decade. The next lecture in the series, to be delivered by Assoc. Professor Litman of the Philosophy department, will be announced in the near future.

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The Medical Aptitude test, usually given annually to all prospective medical students in December, will be given this year on May 1st. All those who plan to take the test must submit their names to the registrar not later than April 14, as only those whose applications have been received by that date will be permitted to take the exam.

Damon To Lecture At Southern Cal.

Prof. Kenneth F. Damon of the Speech and Fine Arts departments has accepted the invitation extended to him by the University of Southern California to deliver a series of lectures on public speaking in its summer extension courses at Los Angeles. Dr. Damon will lecture primarily on the fundamentals of speech, extemporaneous public speaking, and graduate work in speech.

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German 01 Course May Be Offered

A new course for beginners German will be instituted next fall, if a sufficient number of students so request, it was made known by Ralph P. Rosenberg, assistant professor of German. The course, officially known as German 01-02, will begin during the Fall semester of 1941. It will be given three hours per week each semester for a total six credits a year. "All those interested this course may see me on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 3:05-4:50 p. m. in Room 302," Dr. Rosenberg announced.

Agudath Horabonim Attempting 'Smear'

(Continued from Page 1.) Rabbis Rosenberg, Seltzer and Coterie. All possible rabbis of world-renown, qualified to deliver visiting lectures at Yeshiva until a new appointment is made, have been contacted by the Agudath HoRabonim as well as by Rabbi Soloveitchik. They have been effectively cautioned against having any connection with Yeshiva until the appointment of Rabbi Soloveitchik is forced through. Rabbi Soloveitchik has let it be known that, if appointed to his father's position, he would not recognize any existing superior authority in the Yeshiva proper. It is intimated in certain quarters that for Rabbi Soloveitchik the position of Rosh Yeshiva would merely be a stepping-stone to the presidency of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College. It is also suggested that until Yeshiva can provide him as Rosh Yeshiva or as president with the amount of his present earnings from "Kashruth" in Boston—which has been quoted from \$7,500 to \$10,000 per year—, Rabbi Soloveitchik, does not intend to relinquish his "Kashruth" connections, despite the inadvisability of such connections by a head of Yeshiva.

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Plotnick Welcomed In Dorm Social

A reception in honor of Mr. S. Maurice Plotnick, new dormitory supervisor, was held last Wednesday night in the dormitory social hall under the sponsorship of the Women's Organization of Yeshiva. After greeting the dormitory residents, Milton Elephant '39 introduced Mr. Plotnick who recounted the manner in which he has spent the last five Purims. Travelling extensively, he had been in London for one Purim, and in Cambridge for another, Iraq for a third, and in Berlin for still a fourth. The new supervisor told of his gratification at finding a haven in Yeshiva and expressed the hope that he would be able to give many years of service here.

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