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RABBI JOSEPH LOOKSEE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTION

Adolf Hitler Was Once Teacher Here

The astounding news that Adolf Schicklegruber Hitler once held the chair in psychology at Yeshiva College has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, Professor J. I. Hootstein, registrar, recently revealed. Indisputable evidence, in the form of several old documents which just came to the attention of the authorities, brought the facts to light giving "Commentator" one of its biggest stories of the year.

Proud of the distinction of having had this great historical figure as an inhabitant within its portals, Yeshiva will erect a monument to commemorate the occasion. The monument will probably take form in a new football stadium which will cost well over a million dollars and which will be called the Hitler Toilet Bowl.

Examination of the documents disclosed the fact that Schicklegruber was voted the most popular prof in the college as well as the best lecturer in 1927, the year he taught here.

While at Yeshiva Hitler wrote that classical treatise, "Anti-Semitism at Yeshiva," which was later to bring him world wide renown. Other works of lesser magnitude but nevertheless of paramount importance written by the one time professor were "Jews, I Like 'Em", "Jews, I Love 'EM", "Jews, I Adore 'Em", as well as "Red, White, and Orange Jews."

Professor Hitler was considered quite a man by many members of the faculty who tried to emulate him as best they could. Dr. A. Litmus, of the philosophy department, was especially enthusiastic about Hitler. "In many ways Adolf resembles my great friend, Benny Spinoza, and while his acid remarks sometimes made me turn red, yet I was really blue when he left us."

In a telephone call made by Commy to check on the story, Hitler was asked if he was the one who had taught at Yeshiva. He replied, "Dot's I'm." He declined an invitation which was extended to him to return. No reason was given but we hear he's suffering from a Russian cold.

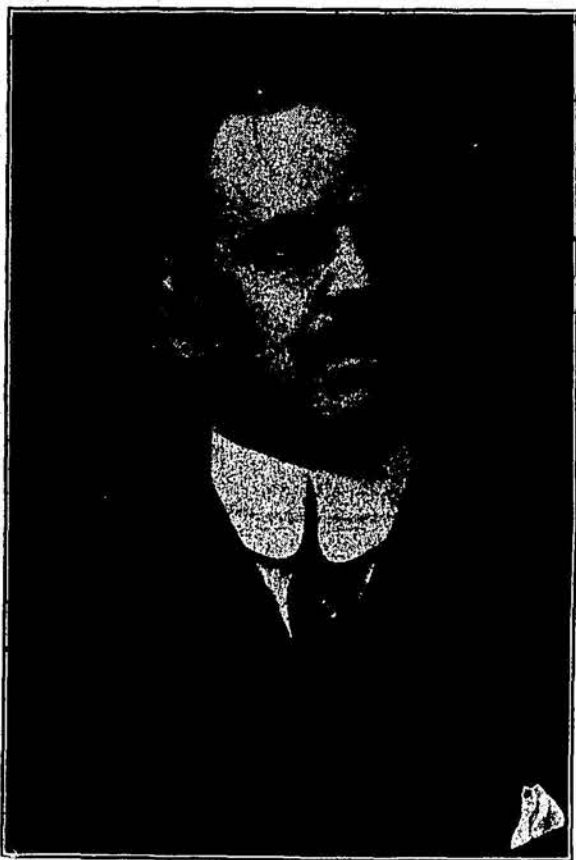
Plans are now being formulated for the conversion of the "Commentator" into a Halachic Journal, a reliable source informs us.

Prominent rabbis and scholars of the Talmud have already been contacted for articles.

The plan will not be consummated, however, until Ed. Rosenthal visits the "Beth Hamedrash" to see whether the Talmud has changed since he used to study it.

At an extraordinary session of the Board of Directors, Rabbi Joseph Z. Looksee was unanimously elected President of the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, it was officially announced last night by the Honorable.

The election of Rabbi Looksee culminates a long search by the Board for a man embodying those qualities of profound Talmudic learning, wide secular knowledge and spotless character felt to be necessary for a leader of this institution.



This is NOT President Joseph Z. Looksee. It is his brother-in-law who borrows most of the new leader's cravats, so he might as well get some glory.

Students Protest Curtailment Of Minyan

Rebellion against wartime curtailment of the daily Minyan Services became a student strike today, with leaders demanding the resignation of H. M. S. Lotnick, the dormitory housekeeper.

Shouting their defiance of the stringent regulation which has deprived all dormitory residents of a privilege enjoyed by them since the institution was built in 1929, two hundred and fifty residents of Riets Hall paraded today in the corridors outside of the Harry Fishel Synagogue. Officers of nineteen undergraduate organizations in Yeshiva who conducted the demonstration placarded the halls and rooms with posters showing Dr. Belican and Ulysses H. M. S. Lotnick cracking a whip over cringing students. Other posters charged the pair with being anti-Semites, while all students wore arm-bands inscribed with the

The elevators in the building have been reconditioned and will be open for general use again next week, it was made known by Mr. Stuart Pruvis, House Supervisor.

The news will be a welcome item to students who have been wearily ascending the stairs ever since Charley Thompson promised to make a few minor repairs "in a couple of days." This was in 1929.

Hebrew words "Tefillah Betzebor."

At exactly 10:30 A.M. the mob surged into the Synagogue where they were addressed by Dr. Belican and Rabbi Williams. The words of Rabbi Williams were greeted with the silence in which they were delivered, but shouts of "No! No! No!" drowned out a low chorus of groans from the Telz section as the speaker explained why the administration felt it necessary to forbid attendance at the Minyan. "The overcrowding of the Synagogue in the morning has produced a situation which is very dangerous to the hundreds of students at prayer," Dr. Belican exclaimed. "In the interest of National Defense, in the interest of safety, we cannot allow three hundred people to congregate at such times when Mr. Nabrams assures me we are likely to have air-raids."

Immediately following his address, Dr. Belican left the assembly, shame-faced, amidst shouts of "Apikoros" and "Chosid." As leader of the opposition to the new ruling, Milton Crammer '42 then spoke of the evil implications which, he said, "are bound to follow." "My Minyan record has had no mark or blemish on it for seven and a half years,"

"In addition to the high qualities which our new President possesses," the Honorable declared in a special interview with a "Commentator" reporter, "he also has important connections in the Hoardon Dairy Company. This will enable him to get us free milk and cottage cheese for Passover, and," added our informant sotto-voice, so that the A.P. man lurking outside might not get the scoop, "even sweet cream."

The unanimity of Rabbi Looksee's selection came as a distinct surprise in view of the determined opposition of the Rabbinical Trust to him. The Rabbinical organization opposed the President's candidacy on the grounds that he does not bear a Ph. D. degree. However, the members of the Board were agreed that the objection was not valid since Rabbi Looksee has already been granted an M. A. degree by Columbia University on his thesis, "Why Europe?" Furthermore, he has submitted a dissertation on "The Sociological Implications of My Master's Thesis" for his Doctorate at Dripsie College.

Life Story of President

Rabbi Joseph Z. Looksee was born in 1902 in Mohilev, Russia. Immediately afterward, he published his first Halachic dissertation on the laws of "Bitul B'rov." At the age of nine he immigrated to America, but left the country that year to take up residence in Brownsville. It was at this time that he published his second Halachic dissertation on "The Sociological Implications of My First Halachic Dissertation."

After his preliminary studies, President Looksee entered the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, then located on Montgomery Street. He soon gained prominence as a connoisseur of Orchard Street knishes. It was at this time that he developed the Blitzkrieg technique for demolishing knishes. Meanwhile, the new leader was attending City College where he distinguished himself by not picketing his professors.

In 1923 he was ordained and entered a highly successful career in the Rabbinate. His present congregation, one of the oldest in the city, borders on Yorkville, which has enabled him to serve intermittently as chaplain of the German-American Bund. Despite his many activities, President Looksee found time to write fifteen or twenty Halachic dissertations. These were not published in protest against world conditions.

Upon being informed of the honor

Search Is On For Dean of Men

As a special feature of the renovated "Commentator" a weekly scavenger hunt is being inaugurated. The object of the search this week is the Dean of Men at Yeshiva College.

Rumor has it that there is such an official at the institution but as of today no one has been able to discover him.

As a special aid to its readers, the "Commentator" offers the following clues: look for a mild, angelic gentleman who never speaks harshly to secretaries, kisses babies and is the soul of kindness to all of his associates.

The winner will be awarded the post of Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Men, to help him administer his many duties.

Florence Grabit Gives Rare Books To College Library

Among the 11,880 books added to the College Library this past month is a collection of several hundred rare volumes donated by Miss Florence Grabit, assistant professor of Registration, it was disclosed today by Dr. Aaron Pearl, Librarian.

In a special interview with your reporter, Miss Grabit disclosed that she had also arranged to catalog the entire collection herself with her left hand, while she types out transcripts with her right. Commenting upon the nature of the books, Miss Grabit indicated that she has always treasured these works not only as rare first-editions, but for their content as well. "They were invaluable to me during my college career", Miss Grabit declared, "and I can attribute my election to Phi Beta Kappa directly to my intimate acquaintance with these precious volumes. I hope every Yeshiva student will use them as often as I did".

Among the more famous of these books are complete sets of "the Bobbsey Twins", "Five Little Peppers", "Tom Swift" (including an autographed copy of "Tom Swift and the Jap-Killer"), the entire "Campfire Girls" series with footnotes and annotations by Miss Grabit, and a very rare volume of "Buster Brown and His Sister Sue".

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conferred upon him, the President declared, "This news comes to me as a complete surprise." He then began to read from a prepared statement: "In these days of darkness . . ." However, he was forced to discontinue when he discovered that he had accidentally been reading his sermon for Rosh Hashona, 1977.

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Racial Traits Theory Found Non-Existent

Critical Investigation Proves Environment Cause of Gestures

If you wave your hands incessantly while talking—if you misuse the "Gemora" thumb in the process of becoming a Talmudic scholar—if you find it difficult or even impossible to converse in below zero weather, don't consider it a token of your Jewishness.

This applied use of the limbs in speech situations doesn't constitute a trait inherent in the Jewish race. Even if the sparsely-clad Mahatma Gandhi were subjected to a Yeshiva environment, his extremities would soon become lingual rather than corporeal appendages.

"Race" has nothing to do with gesture, but is completely dependent upon environment.

Such are the results of an investigation contained in "Gesture and Environment", a book written by Dr. David Efron of the Sarah Lawrence College faculty. After studying the characteristics of New York Jews of Lithuanian and Polish origin in contrast with assimilated Jews, he found that "the more assimilated the individual the less Jewish gestural traits was he found to possess."

In spite of the aforementioned conclusions of the respectable Dr. Efron, this volume would not be brought to your attention for approbation were not certain references made to our own masters in the scholarly application of the digit with two phalanges.

The author, in collaboration with Dr. Franz Boas, famous anthropologist at Columbia University, concluded that language usually influences the method and manner of our gestures.

Anonymous Yeshiva students used as subjects, divided their manual operations into two types. Yiddish evoked an entirely different set of gestures from English. Dr. Efron attributes this phenomenon to the Yeshiva environment.

Marshall Five Meets Yeshiva March 14

The Yeshiva five will encounter John Marshall in the final game of the current season to be held on March 14 in the Stuyvesant High School gymnasium. In a preliminary contest Talmudical Academy will meet Brooklyn Academy, its traditional rival. The games will be followed by a social.

Last year's Marshall game was a nip-and-tuck affair whose outcome was undecided until the last moment when Yeshiva fell behind. In last semester's game Yeshiva lost because of the incapacitation of several members of the team. The Blue and White quintet is out for blood and hopes to clearly establish its supremacy over the Jersey invaders.

Tickets are now available to all students. Those possessing student booklets can obtain their tickets for twenty-eight cents. The charge at the door will be fifty-five cents.

French Club To Give One Act Play

Louis M. Tuchman '44, president of the French Club, will supervise the production of a one-act French play which will be staged in the near future. Those who are specially gifted with a good French pronunciation are asked to submit applications for parts in the play.

The advertising campaign for the French publication, "Trois Ans de Flambeau," is already showing creditable results but still greater efforts are required to insure the success of the publication.

Council Revises Awards System

In a heated session lasting until midnight last Thursday night, the Student Council unanimously passed a resolution recommending to the faculty the restoration of a system of unlimited cuts to upper seniors.

The section of the constitution dealing with service awards was amended. Twelve years service credit is now necessary for a gold key, eight years for a silver key, and four years for a bronze key. In addition, several minor changes were made in the awarding of credit for extra-curricular activities.

Eastern Universities Extend Hospitality To Debaters

The three traveling teams, representing Yeshiva in a debating tour of the Eastern seaboard, returned from the wars this week after a ten-day absence, much wiser and healthier individuals but for one casualty. Dave Mirsky '42, while touring the South with Irwin Gordon '43, carried his zeal for argument to extremes and got involved in a decision debate with a Southern supper. Result? One appendectomy.

With drooping heads and dripping clothes, this team dropped into Philadelphia in a torrentous down-pour and left hurriedly in the wee hours of the next morning to say hello to Collegeville.

Marching through Washington and Virginia thrilled the two amazed Yankees who had by this time lost their Yeshiva inflection and now found themselves drawing a sweet Southern accent. Richmond, bedecked with Confederate flags, was a complete mystery to the boys, especially to Irwin Gordon who is still wondering why he was made to enter a car marked "colored."

Many forgotten Yeshiva alumni were remembered and visited by Reuben Siegel '42 and Joseph Karasick '43 who toured the New England States. This trip was educationally fruitful, for, staying at a sex-tet of fraternity houses, the boys eagerly and swiftly learned the Greek alphabet from Alpha to Beta.

One New England college student was surprised to find orthodox Jews without beards. In another institution, a gentleman outflanked the invaders after their debate and confessed that he had always attacked Yeshiva boys on the grounds that they could not speak English correctly. He surrendered unconditionally, when they, armed with speech courses and fancy words, completely overwhelmed him.

The third team of Abe Karp '42

'Eastern Powers On Ascent', Margalith

Russia, China, India; Nations of Future

In an address before the International Relations Society on "The Deeper Significance of the Present Conflict," held on Monday, Feb. 23, Dr. Aaron Margalith, associate professor of Political Science, declared that "the center of world activity which has recently moved from London to Washington, will continue to move further west." The rising power of Asia, particularly China and India, which in the past have been helpless victims of British imperialism, is at present being invoked. In addition to these powers, the role of the Russian industrial laborer and soldier in the total contribution for an Allied victory cannot be underestimated. Thus, at the future peace conference these countries will inevitably obtain equal representation with America and Britain.

DR. SAFIR HONORED

Dr. Shelley Safir, professor of Biology at Yeshiva College and principal of the Talmudical Academy, was designated chairman of the English Board of Education of the United Yeshivas at a recent meeting of the principals of parochial schools.

Guidance Bureau Plans Drastic Revision

Concert Bureau Loses Tickets To U.S.O.

The Concert Bureau expects a definite curtailment of broadcast tickets for the next six weeks.

Having adopted a new policy in giving all spare tickets to the U. S. O., the C. B. S. and N. B. C. studios are limiting the number of tickets made available to colleges and schools. The decrease in the number of tickets may also be seen as a result of the renovations the N. B. C. studios are now undergoing.

The Concert Bureau, in an attempt to ease the situation, will apply directly to the sponsors rather than to the studios.

Faculty Member Publishes Important Diplomatic Work

In the near future the Jewish Historical Society of America will publish a work by Dr. Aaron Margalith, Associate Professor in Political Science, entitled "American Diplomatic Aid to the Jews." This volume will be a comprehensive survey of action taken by our State Department during the twentieth century in behalf of the Jews here and abroad. It proves that there has been previous interference by the American government in our behalf with no fear that the nation's neutrality or "isolationism" would be violated in any way.

For his material the author consulted the archives of the State Department in Washington, D. C., with the permission of Secretary of State Hull and various other government officials. Dr. Margalith further stated that invaluable assistance was rendered him by the late Dr. Cyrus Adler, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who published the latest work in this field in 1903.

The work has a twofold value; it is an important contribution to present-day history, and represents a valuable addition to the general knowledge of Jewish affairs.

Dr. Margalith's work is mentioned in Professor Newman's recently published biography of Cyrus Adler.

Masmid Deadline Set For March 5

All seniors and lower classmen who expect to have individual photographs in the "Masmid" must pay the required one dollar fee before Thursday, March 5. Joseph Sokolow '42, editor-in-chief of the yearbook, will announce the names of the lower classmen eligible for these separate pictures within the next few days.

Those who wish to submit literature in the form of articles, poems or short stories must meet the same deadline, as it will be their final opportunity before the make-up of the Masmid is determined. Anyone

interested in contributing such material should visit the Student Council office any day between 2 and 4 to discuss the matter with Sokolow or Morris Epstein '42, Literary Editor.

Positions on the Art Board are now available. Harry Samson '42, Art Editor, requests that students with capabilities along these lines should apply immediately.

The Masmid office advises that substantial commissions are now being offered to each student who succeeds in soliciting ads or "leads" for the yearbook. Advertising contracts or further information may be secured from the office or any member of the governing board which consists of Sokolow, Epstein, Samson, Sidney Reiss '42, managing Editor, and David Miller '42, Director of Photography.

How is this mass of literature to be gathered intelligently? Here's where the second point comes in. Reiss believes that vocational guidance is not an exclusively student activity but that the faculty, too, must contribute its experience and knowledge to the efforts of the student body. Both, faculty and Vocational Bureau, can successfully guide the baffled student toward a clarification of his problems.

The Bureau intends to interview faculty members in each department of study and to draw up a list of outstanding books and pamphlets discussing vocational problems in each particular field. When these titles are collated, the Bureau will set about purchasing or borrowing them for use by the student body. Moreover, the faculty will always be ready to assist the Bureau to assist the student.

A faculty advisory plan has already been submitted to the Dean for consideration by Professor Jacob I. Harstein, registrar. This plan, in effect, will provide the students with faculty advice in vocational and related fields.

The third point asserts, essentially, that there is a grievous lack of planning for the student's life at the College. The daily life of

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It's All In Fun

As is customary in an issue of this sort, we begin by reminding our readers that the first two pages are the Purim section of the "Commentator", offered in the traditional jolly spirit of that holiday. We hope that all of the articles are accepted in the spirit of fun in which they were written.

This should not be taken as an apology. If the occasion for apologizing for a sense of humor ever arises here, woe betide the school and its inhabitants.

Some Food For Thought

Ideas on the "Commentator" are beginning to rise in a hierarchy of ascending importance. This week the sports column, our boisterous neighbor to the right, suggests a basketball team to represent all the schools of the institution. This suggestion has already been broadened to include the respective libraries in the building.

The division of the libraries has always seemed to us to be a peculiarly inefficient arrangement. Why should the only decent reading room be occupied solely by the Theological Seminary Library, when its uses might be enjoyed by all students of the institution? Why must the College students brave bitter cold and an unholy stench to use their books? And what conceivable reasons, other than the perpetuation of raffles at Yeshiva, can there be for the existence of those comic opera affairs called the T. A. and T. I. Libraries?

If there are any legitimate reasons for the separate functioning of these organizations we stand to be informed.

However, the only apparent reason is petty pride. This might well be shelved in the interest of greater service to all the students.

One plan advanced calls for the pooling of all the books in the four separate libraries. The second floor room could be used as a reading chamber, while the other library rooms would be used for stacks and circulation.

The advantages argued for this centralization are the greater utilization of a suitable reading room, and the possibility of securing a permanent librarian.

On the other hand, such an arrangement is apt to result in confusion among the various sections of a unified library. Despite its cons, the idea is worth considering.



Maybe I'm Wrong

BY JOSEPH KARASICK

On the front page of Tuesday's "New York Times" there was an article which, if only from the human interest angle, is rather unusual and paradoxical—if death can be classified as either of these. It's a paradox in that the "Times" feels that the death of some one man is important enough to rate the front page, together with the thousands of other humans being blasted out of existence; unusual, in that the man was Stefan Zweig, and he died by suicide.

It is difficult, and of course belated, for the layman to judge such an act, and to say he was right or wrong, but let us attempt a superficial analysis of Zweig and perhaps we shall arrive at some conclusion.

Zweig was probably one of the most prolific writers of this generation, his works encompassing material in the most diverse fields. The world and those who affected its various destinies were Zweig's subjects, and he penetrated into the depths of human living and existence and drew forth masterpieces of biography, drama, and fiction.

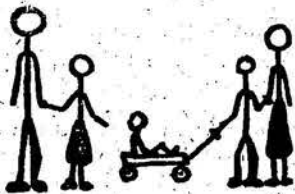
But it seems that a distinction must be made between his empirical and literary worlds. He could capture brilliantly the spirit of Jeremiah, Magellan, Erasmus, Freud, and others, and he transferred their triumphs and trials, their idea and feelings into masterful literature. Yet it is strange that this same genius who grasped and understood so well the significance of a Jeremiah's words even in today's hectic and

chaotic world, could not himself line in that same world. The presence of harsh reality and brutal fact was not conducive to "representing the private fate of imaginary persons," and thus Zweig felt that his function as a human being was at an end. He could no longer write, and even though welcoming hands stretched out to him from all parts of the world, offering him the opportunity to find peace of mind, it was "too late to reconstruct his own life."

"It is time to end a life that was dedicated only to spiritual work, considering human liberty and my own as the greatest wealth in the world," he wrote in his suicide note. Already there are some who are proclaiming the martyrdom of Stefan Zweig. These one may ask: Is it martyrdom to die when a world has crumbled, when there is more need than ever for that "life that was dedicated only to spiritual work"? Or perhaps is one more the martyr, when upon seeing that he is only one of countless who will have to rebuild their lives when the final battle is won, fights back with increased might, and realizes that every soldier of human liberty, and of one's own liberty too, wards off that much longer the frontal attack of those who do not believe in either humanity or in liberty?

It is hard for the layman to judge on matters of life and death, but one sometimes thinks that the struggle of men for the attainment of peace, security, and love, is greater in life, and greater to live for, than death.

MEET THE SENIORS



Eisen, David: Eisen is one Pole who ran away from Nazi dogs, but recaptures the spirit of the old Heimat when he speaks Polska to Dr. Abel. When he left Poland a law degree was almost in his hand. In this country he had to start from scratch, yet he's itching to get an L.L.B. here. A serious student, with a T.I. diploma in his pocket and a Yiddish high school teacher certificate in immediate view, Eisen is now a good prospect for a good helpmeet. Burro Park: please note.

Finkelstein, Sidney: One of the class's Conn. (Hartford) men, "Sid" found that getting good marks in Science at Yeshiva is like pulling teeth, and liked it so much that he decided to become a dentist. His receding hairline may be due to the strain of maintaining the equilibrium between the S. O. Y. budget and Yeshiva stomachs. Betty (N. Y. U.) Co-Ed is his favorite tune. But whenever he hits a sour note he returns to scientific studies, i.e., a doctor's daughter.

Fischer, Emanuel: "Comedy, math and sleep, and the greatest of these is sleep," sums up "Menachem Mendel's" philosophy. Coming to Yeshiva from behind the eight-ball, Rivington street, Manny can boast of his association with the proletariat, for one day in his whole life. He has absolutely no head for business, which doesn't prevent him from giving his female friends the business. Lately he has been turning his mind to Philosophy, Theology and Talmud. His conclusions remain, as yet, undisclosed.

Fishman, Jerome: Four years in this College pulled "Jerry" out of his cocoon of industrious study into extra-curricular work, Saturday nights included. Most of the time he's cooped in the Co-Op, counting his shekels. Lately he seems to have developed an affection for the mimeograph and other paraphernalia in the Registrar's office. Our subject leads a Jekyll-Hyde existence, evading the eager job hunters in his capacity of Employment Bureau Chairman, and hounding the very same boys to buy Defense Bonds. He's caught up with the latter for \$175 worth.

Frankel, Theodor: The Free City of Danzig supplied us with this respectable citizen. Danzig is no longer free, but Frankel is still respectable. He dazzles his teachers in the T. I. with a sparkling Hebrew, but Dr. Litman manages to extinguish a few of his bulbs occasionally. He disapproves of American light mindedness, and manages to add a serious note to Yeshiva life with his Hebrew. He once saw Hitler and claims he'd like to see him again—DEAD.

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Editorial Notebook

Perhaps you've been wondering at the absence of the beautifully illustrated Chesterfield Ads which formerly appeared on our back page. Well, if you promise not to laugh, we'll reveal the reason—yes, you guessed it, National Defense. Don't be too pained if you don't get the connection, because we didn't either when the ad was cancelled.

What is more important is, that the ad will be restored next issue. As someone once remarked about the Chesterfield models, "They Satisfy".

While we are in this quizzical mood we might toss a question at

one of our own columnists. In last week's issue the Hon. Murray Margolies cracked, "True Democracies Are Never Conquered." He then proceeds to label this apothegm a "Truism."

Is military strength a new criterion of Democracy?

In closing we would like to underscore one line in the President's speech of Monday night. He remarked that we are fighting to "save our skins." The Indians are in a position to think in terms of post-war benefits. We of the Western World are fighting to save our hides.

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To the Students of Yeshiva College:

The average college student has just eight semester beginnings in his college career. Each one should represent a step upward in the march toward the goal of graduation. Each one should be begun with a resolution to make a more intensive use of the facilities for learning which the college offers.

The coming semester will be a difficult one for all of us in view of the present world conditions, but our faith in the ultimate triumph of right will carry us through and inspire us to do our utmost for our country's war effort.

With greetings and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MOSES LEGIS ISAACS

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Poet's Corner

SEVENTEEN

IN FRIENDSHIP

When I consider how my life was spent

Infinite moments

These past seventeen winters and summers too,

Hang as full ripened grapes

My childhood happiness to dismayed despair went.

On the luxuriant vine of Time.

My morbid sufferings were hard but few,

Each moment is an experience

To heavenly God and to my country true;

Of some soul an indentation,

Young in a world older than time; Vexed often—not knowing what to do

Of some existence a modification.

In situations ridiculous and ones sublime.

Together we plucked from the vine,

Devoid of fear though I oft felt strife,

Together we sucked in the soul filling juice,

But outlast the storm did vital Peace;

We drank and shall yet drink

A vexingly vicious cycle is lovely life

Of life's intoxicating wine.

Circling the life-pole until it does cease.

We are friends, Joe,

You and I.

ALLAN MANDELBAUM '45.

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columns of this newspaper.

If I were to live my life over again,

I would prefer very much of the same.

(Ed. Note: This sonnet was written by a lower classman on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday.)

On the Sidelines

BY HENRY MARGOLIS

It's not very pleasant being called everything from a Benedict Arnold to a Quisling and after last week's column those were the mildest terms we heard applied to us. Yet we feel that only one real error was committed, namely that no constructive criticism was offered. That situation will be remedied immediately.

Probably the main reason for all our trouble on the basketball court is the fact that we haven't enough suitable material from which to select a better squad. And indeed it is expecting too much to hope to recruit a decent team from among the two hundred and thirty-seven students we have in the College. Now a plan has been suggested whereby students from all departments of the institution may try out for the team.

The advantages to be gained from such a plan should be obvious. Besides the chance of securing improved material from the larger group of aspirants the team will enjoy the added support and patronage of the Teachers' Institute and Yeshiva. Perhaps if we can get enough people interested in the team, basketball can really come into its own here.

Naturally some problems will arise from such a plan. There will be a question of finances because it's only right to expect that all those who benefit from the undertaking should help in its support. But this can be straightened out by a representative committee which should be able to arrive at an amicable solution to the problems which may come up.

Then again, it is quite likely that many of the College students may not like the idea of not having a team to represent them and them alone. However, they should be able to understand that this new arrangement will also include them.

It must be understood that this idea will not permit that the team be called the Yeshiva College team. Whatever we decide to call the new team it cannot be called a College team and all our opponents must come to realize this.

In order to put this plan through it will be necessary to sound out the opinion of the student body on the subject. Probably a referendum will have to be submitted to the students. But before such a referendum comes to light it might be advisable to argue this idea pro and con before the students, so that they may learn what the whole thing really means.

THUMPING THE PROFS' TUB...

By MYRON L. REIS,

Be not unduly shocked when the subsequent material greets your eyes, for incredible as it may appear when viewed in the light of present contacts and experiences, it nevertheless assumes a nebulous tinge of the Possible when transported some twenty years back into the realm of Time. Yes friends, to my profoundest amazement, I have discovered that underlying the creaking limbs and decrepit appearances of our beloved professors, are vivid recollections of thrilling heroic exploits on the gallant field of competitive sport.

Think not for one little moment that Doc Litman, for example, while polishing up his Aristotle at dear old Minnesota U., limited his diversion to the mental acrobatics involved in the process. No Sir! The magnetic appeal of the university soccer team soon drew him from the great Greek god and sent him to the glorious Golden Gophers. Despite the fact that he made the team strictly on merit, and completely minus the advantages of "pull," mid-season saw our hero "toe-ing" the team to triumph.

You'd never suppose that Peter Pan the Magic Man (Doc Hurwitz to you), was the first to organize boxing at C. C. N. Y. Yes, aside from excelling in all sorts of gymnastics, he was (and still is) pretty handy "mit da mitts." He swells with pride as he recalls the time one yecept B. Leonard (who was good enough to turn pro, even!) took a dive for him in a Loch Sheldrake exhibition. (Or wasn't that for publication?)

Here's one that will surprise you. It seems that our meticulous master of fancy phraseology once had left-hooking proclivities, until he happened to run into a chap four sizes too big for him, and had his Linning ripped squarely out.

Pressing economic problems failed to derail the fleet-footed Prof. Flink from the right track, and the records have it that he represented his native land in Olympic competition some years back.

Tennis it was, that M. Sidney Braun fell in "love" with during his undergraduate days at N. Y. U. And Dr. Safir fell into the same net. The former supplements the English on his shots with a gorgeous French twist; while the latter, it is reported, can do a swell job dissecting any opponent.

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Blue And White Romp To Victory Defeating C.C.N.Y. With Record Score

Unleashing a merciless attack, the Quints, led by Co-Captain Sammy Rosenblum who tallied 20 markers, shattered the Yeshiva College home scoring record with a crushing 67-42 triumph over a ragged C.C.N.Y. Eve. (Downtown) five, on Monday night, Feb. 23. It was the second successive victory for the Blue and White over this local aggregation.

Unpolished floor play slowed the action throughout the first half, and repeated fumbling and stumbling by both teams, kept an otherwise wide open contest distinctly on the dull side. Nevertheless, the varsity managed to click consistently enough to roll up a 20-10 lead at half time. Sammy Hartstein brought the taciturn crowd to its feet by a miraculous backhanded under-the-basket shot late in the period.

An inspiring exhibition of fire-

Sophs Undeclared In Basketball Intramurals

Renewed Inter-Class Competition Planned For This Semester

In keeping with the plans for more student participation in Intramurals, the program has included until now not only Basketball but also Ping Pong.

The sophomores won the first round of the basketball tournament with a record of three victories without a defeat. A major factor in their string was the excellent playing of Jack Green.

The final standings in the Basketball Intra Murals are as follows:

Sophomores	.....	3	0
Juniors	.....	2	1
Freshmen	.....	1	2
Seniors	.....	0	3

Opening the Intra Mural activities for this semester, the juniors lengthened their lead in the Ping Pong tournament with their fourth straight victory.

At present the standings in the Ping Pong Intra Murals are as follows:

Juniors	4	1
Sophomores	2	2
Freshmen	2	3
Seniors	1	3

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Guidance Committee Reorganized

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the student is often blindly planned and unintelligently pursued. Again, quite a number of students are confronted with perplexing problems pertaining to courses, extra-curricular activities or individual attitudes. A successful solution to these problems is impossible without a frank tete-a-tete with a responsible fellow student who can appreciate the questions involved and is well equipped to handle the situation.

This student committee will also act as a liaison agency between the student and the faculty advisors. It will articulate the viewpoint of the individual student and reveal the attitudes of the general student body.

Unless the Student Council appoints a special committee for this purpose, the Guidance Bureau will assume these duties. (Note: It would therefore be more correct to call it the Guidance Bureau and not merely the Vocational Guidance Bureau).

house basketball rocked the tired City lads back on their heels during the whole second half. The visitors, playing with only five men, could not hope to keep the blistering pace set by the hard playing Mighty Mites. Time and again Yeshiva riddled their defense with lightning breaks and deadly shooting. With the varsity enjoying a 19 point lead six minutes from the end, Coach Al Goldstein sent in his substitutes to hold the fort. They performed nobly, and led by Chooch Kaplan, who notched a nifty field goal and two fouls, even outscored City for the remainder of the game.

games, one of the two teams will be designated as a home team and will provide a suitable referee, scorekeeper and timekeeper. This system will probably be used for the other sports, which includes volleyball, softball and touch football. Notices will be posted concerning the schedules of the games.

Continuing its winning streak from last semester, the junior Ping Pong team once again defeated the freshmen on Tuesday night, Feb. 24, in the game room, by the score of 3-0.

Salkowitz, playing in the number one spot for the upperclassmen, easily defeated Elefant in the first game of their match by the score of 21-17. The second game was entirely different as Elefant went ahead but Salkowitz came back to deuce and went ahead to win 22-20.

The second match was the longest of the evening as Peyser, of the juniors, took the first game 21-14. Levy came back to win the second game by the same score. The rubber game went to Peyser 21-19.

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Ezras Torah Week Adopted By S.O.Y.

Annual Purim Chagiga Set For March 3

Samuel Zaitchik '43, president of the S. O. Y., has designated the week beginning with the seventh day of Adar as "Ezras Torah Week." Emphasizing the importance of this work, he asserted that "Yeshivas in other parts of the world are in precarious circumstances. Therefore, it is our foremost duty as Yeshiva students in free America to attempt to alleviate our brethren's suffering." Contributions are now being solicited in the Yeshiva and Teachers Institute by the class presidents.

Zaitchik also disclosed that the Purim Chagiga originally scheduled for Sunday, March 1, has been postponed to Shushan Purim, Wednesday, March 4, at 9 P.M.

In accordance with the newly-planned Yeshiva program of activities, Rabbi Morris Schnal '40, athletic manager, has arranged a chess competition tentatively set for March 10, between the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College. The Yeshiva squad consists of William Cohen '40, Rabbi Schnal '40, George Rosenstock '40 and one more member to be named later. The College representation includes Rabbi M. Katz '44, Allen Mandelbaum '45, Leonard Zion and Zaitchik '43.

Plans are now being formulated for the publication of a Hebrew monthly magazine to be sponsored by the S. O. Y. This publication will replace the "Hazedek" which has not appeared because of financial difficulties.

Library Books

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This collection, which was accumulated by its former owner while a student at Hunter College, will be placed at the complete disposal of the Library. One reservation, however, has been made in the donation, Dr. Pearl revealed. At the special request of Miss Grabit, all Seniors will be permitted to retain any books borrowed for an unlimited number of days.

The collection was also to have included a set of "The Rover Boys", but as this profound series of philosophical statistics is being used by its owner who is engaged in working on her Ph. D. thesis (to be entitled "The Statistical Implications of Over-Time Work") it will not be added to the Library until September.

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'Peter Pan The Magic Man' Keeps Up Army Morale

By HERMAN TANENBAUM '45—

A shrill whistle—a prolonged "Hol-l-i-d still!"—this is all that is necessary for any Yeshiva student to identify "Doc" Hurwitz. Few students, however, realize in what other capacities our physical education teacher serves after he leaves the tile walls of his sacred gymnasium.

Throughout the halls of the College building, a rumor has been circulating to the effect that Mr. Abraham B. Hurwitz, M.A., is connected in one way or another with Uncle Sam's army. He is not a general, nor is he a corporal—in fact, he isn't even a buck private; but let it be known to all that our petit "Doc" has offered his "black magic" services to keep up the army morale.

During a spell-binding 6 minute discussion, the interviewed disclosed some fascinating facts. Only those which the army censor has held back will be divulged. And here they are:

Our 5-foot-4-inch gym instructor is devoting his brain and brawn (and there's really plenty of it!) in presenting shows to the various army camps about the city. For 13 years A. B. Hurwitz has been closely affiliated with the division of recreation of New York City. As a result, "Doc" has established many recreation clubs—and it is interesting to note here that eight members of these clubs who are now on Uncle Sam's payroll are continuing to crary the torch that "Doc" lighted 13 years ago.

Jujitsu, the Nipponese art of bone-breaking is being adapted in all the khaki-colored camps, and it seems that our callsthenic coach has mastered this art, for he has taken it upon himself to instruct the draftees in the finer principles of "how to smash a ball-headed yellow midget without having his gooey brains cluttering up the place."

He went on to state that jujitsu "is the art of giving way in order to obtain ultimate victory, a concept which the Japanese are fond of applying." But "Muscleman" Hurwitz with an effervescent and bubbling pride smiled like a Jap and emphatically stated: "Watch

us give them back a dose of their own medicine."

An ardent fan of Yeshiva, he disclosed that one of the most important things he wishes to do in the near future (besides growing taller) is to put the physical standards of Yeshiva College on the same basis as those of the army. "In these times of national emergency when only the physically and mentally fit will survive," declared Mr. Hurwitz, "it behooves us of necessity to prepare able-bodied men—and this will be done only when the gymnasium has been re-conditioned."

Freshmen Debaters Meet N. Y. U. Washington Square

In a debate held last Wednesday at the Washington Square division of New York University, the Yeshiva Freshman squad upheld the negative side of the topic: "Resolved: That the United States and the British Empire Form a Permanent Union." Representing the Yeshiva team, Herman Tanenbaum, the first speaker, stated that "due to economic and social differences it will be impossible to form a union between these two nations." The second speaker, Morton Slegel, held that such a plan is impracticable and cannot be put into effective use.

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Rabbi Mirsky Guest Speaker In Toronto

Rabi Samuel K. Mirsky, professor of Bible at the Yeshiva College and Talmud instructor in the Teachers' Institute, spoke in Toronto last Sunday at the annual banquet of the Yeshiva Maharil Grubart.

In his address Rabbi Mirsky stressed the importance of the Yeshiva in American Jewish life and its role in post-war reconstruction. He was instrumental in raising \$5,000 for that Yeshiva.

On Monday night, Rabbi Mirsky addressed an audience of over 1,500 on the occasion of the one-thou-



sandth anniversary of the birth of R'Soodia Gaon. In his speech, delivered at the spacious Brunswick Talmud Torah auditorium, he told of the accomplishments of the sage and again emphasized the current need for the continuation of Jewish learning.

When interviewed, Rabbi Mirsky enthusiastically described the Toronto Yeshiva. He told of the many interned refugees who have been allowed to study at the Cana-

Linn's Den

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Sidney I. Lavender: If what we read in "Commentator" is true you'd better forget French toute de suite and bone up on your Spanish presto. Beginning with the fall term, 1942, Spanish will be emphasized at Yeshiva and French disenfranchised, so to speak. Hasta la vista! Orchy Chornye! Carmen Miranda!

Dr. Rosehill: Your idea of importing refugees to assist you in formulating your lectures deserves commendation. Don't be too surprised if some of your colleagues adopt your methods. After all, no one knows better than students what students like to hear in class. Just thought you'd like to know.

Dr. Aaron Pearl: Are you really putting all your political theories on ice down at the Rockefeller Center Skating Rink? By the way here's a suggested motto for the library: "No bribery or connivery in the liberry."

dian Yeshiva and of their zealous learning. The Yeshiva, which is named for the late Rabbi of Canada, is the largest one in the Dominion and sends many of its graduates to our own school for advanced courses.

Rabbi Mirsky brought back many clippings which attest to the success of both the banquet and the R'Soodia jubilee. Said the Rabbi, "The Jews in Canada are doing their part in the strengthening of Judaism throughout the world."

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