

Refugees Offered Intensive Courses

Program Directed By Dr. H. Grinstein

Fifty refugees are now taking an intensive Teacher's Training Course, given by Y.U. in co-operation with the United Service for New Americans, upon completion of which they will receive a Teacher's diploma. The course, which started on February 20, will last until August 15. Classes are held Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoon and Monday and Friday morning, and on Wednesdays outside schools will be visited. Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein is directing the program with Drs. Pinckos Churgin and Jacob I. Hartstein as advisers.

The course includes the following: Jewish Literature, Dr. Gershon Churgin; Hebrew Grammar and Composition, Mr. Chaim Lief; Jewish History of the Middle Ages and Modern Times, Dr. Nachum Glatzer; The Second Commonwealth and the Talmudic Period, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig; American Education, Dr. Philip Kraus; English Literature, Dr. I. Linn; English Grammar and Composition, Mr. Joseph Lichtenberg; Methodica in Extra-curricular Activities, Mr. Joseph Greenstein; Methods of Teaching Hebrew, Mr. Max Seldner; Methodica in Bible, Mr. J. S. Frishberg; Methodica in History, Mr. Moses Feinstein; Speech, Mr. Remington; Educational and Adolescent Psychology, Mr. Axelroad; and American History and Government.

The students, who are divided into two classes, are required to take all of these courses and teach at least one subject in a Talmud Torah or Hebrew School during the time of their studies.

Math, Chem Clubs Hold Joint Meeting

The Yeshiva University Mathematics and Chemistry clubs met on February 16, in joint session for the first time. Kurt Eisenmann lectured on the topic "Shortcuts in Arithmetical Computation." The clubs have scheduled another meeting for March 2 to continue the lecture.

Dr. Eli M. Levine will lecture to the Chemistry club on Wednesday, February 23, on "The Female Sex Hormones," and Joseph J. Gold is scheduled to discuss Vector Algebra at the next meeting of the Math club, which will take place on February 21.

Prof. Rosenberg Presents Paper

In an address before the recent meeting of the Modern Language Association of America, on "Young Germany in the Light of American Research," Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, Associate Professor of German at Y.U., evaluated research in this age of German literature, from 1820 to 1850.

Scripta To Issue Geometry Classic

Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg, head of the Math Dept. at Y.U. and editor-in-chief of Scripta Mathematica, announced that among the recent functions sponsored by the periodical was a lecture by the famed mathematician Professor Felix Bernstein on "The Four-Color Problem," given at Columbia University on Wednesday, February 16.

Scripta plans to publish in the near future a new English version of the mathematical classic, "On Geometrical Constructions" by Jacob Steiner, originally published in Germany about 120 years ago. Also in preparation is a new portfolio in the Scripta Mathematical series on visual mathematics on "Geometrical Models" by Rutherford.

An article on Scripta and the work it is doing in the popularization of mathematics recently appeared in the New York Times under the headline "Dry Mathematics Made Beautiful." The article caused quite a stir all over the country, many newspapers and magazines using it as the basis for editorials and articles.

Rabbis, Students Celebrate Siyum

In honor of the completion of the Tractate Beyah, the members of Rabbi Paleyeff's class held a "siyum" in Riets Hall on Thursday, February 17. The party, attended by over forty people, lasted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Joshua Youlus finished the "mesechta" which had been begun in October. Rabbi Paleyeff then gave a short talk on the rule of "Berairah" employed in the tractate.

David Burmelstein '53, satirized some of the rules learned in Beyah. Gerald Lehrer rendered two musical selections.

Dr. Isaacs Advises Pre-Med Students

Dean Moses L. Isaacs addressed the newly organized Pre-medical and Dental Society at its first meeting on Sunday, February 13. In discussing the problems confronting these students in gaining admission to graduate schools, he stated that the chances for Yeshiva graduates to enter medical school are much better than those of the graduates of some other New York colleges.

Dr. Isaacs also advised the pre-med students to major in some other course, preferably mathematics, in addition to chemistry and biology.

Dr. Y. Werfel Lauds Israeli Army Morale

In commemoration of the opening of the Israeli parliament, Dr. Yitzchak Werfel, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, spoke at Riets Hall Monday night, February 14, on the topic of "The Military Man and the Spiritual Man in the Establishment of the Jewish State." Dr. Werfel stated that the survival of the new nation stems directly from the spiritual and cultural feelings of the Jews.

"Throughout the war, libraries, concerts, and plays were set up for the benefit of the soldiers," said Dr. Werfel. "Even among the captive Israelis in Trans-Jordan, a Yeshiva was established."

In discussing what he called "the miracle of Israeli youth," Dr. Werfel stressed the fact that it was his strong spirit that strengthened the Israeli's hand. This spirit also prevailed among the aged, who refused to budge from Jerusalem, even during the darkest hours.

Frosh Orientated; Elections March 1

Forty freshmen were introduced into the school activities at a Freshman assembly on February 14, in Room 404. Mr. Lou Lauer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Council, welcomed the incoming freshmen on behalf of the student body.

The freshmen heard also short addresses by Max Frankel, editor of The Commentator; Matthew Katz, editor of the Masmid, and Ludwig Nadelmann on behalf of the Foreign Language Publications.

Election for Lower Frosh and Lower Junior Class officers will be held March 1 from 1 to 3 P. M. in front of the Student Council office.

Rabbi S. Mirsky Speaks On Israel

Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky has recently returned from a speaking tour through Canada and the Midwest. Addressing the Adath Israel Congregation in Montreal, Rabbi Mirsky discussed the Israeli Constitution "Which demonstrates what a happy and harmonious blend the combination of modern constitutional thought with ancient biblical principles presents."

In Chicago, Rabbi Mirsky spoke before the College of Jewish Studies on "Hebrew Law in the State of Israel."

Rabbi Mirsky is at present considering an offer to lecture on Jewish Law by Prof. Assaf, rector of the Hebrew University.

Debating

Yeshiva orators debated a visiting Temple University team to a draw in the Dorm Social Hall on Wednesday, February 9.

New Yeshiva Dorm Under Construction

Dr. Belkin Blasts Pulpit Exchanges

"The tendency toward combined Synagogue-Church activity and interchange of pulpits between Ministers and Rabbis must be curbed," declared Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Y.U., in an article in the Congress Weekly of February 18. "It presents a clear and open danger to American Jewry."

"This sort of inter-faith activity," Dr. Belkin stressed, "will not make us better Americans. It can only make us less firm in our Jewishness."

Comparing Judaism and Christianity, Dr. Belkin claimed that Judaism never considered itself the sole dispenser of salvation, while Christianity dooms those who will not join the church, making missionary work necessary. This difference makes inter-faith unacceptable to Judaism.

However, good will is not impossible. "(But it) will stem," he declared, "not from the exchange of pulpits, but rather from ethical and moral conduct among Jews and Gentiles in their day-to-day dealings with each other, and from their common activity in humanitarian and philanthropic enterprises."

Eranos To Begin New Talk Series

Eranos, Y.U.'s Classical Language Society, will reopen its series of meetings this semester with a lecture by Prof. Samuel K. Mirsky on the topic "Impressions Received at the Libraries of Europe," Morris Cohen '49, the chairman, announced. Rabbi Mirsky toured Europe in the summer of 1947, microfilming rare manuscripts in noted European libraries.

Faculty Notes

"Hammer On The Rock, A Short Midrash Reader," edited by Dr. Nahum Glatzer, who teaches Bible and Jewish History at T. I., has recently been published by Schocken Books.

Mr. Abraham Tauber, instructor of Speech and English in the college, has captured the '48-'49 U. S. Singles and Doubles Paddle Tennis crown. Director of the Speech Center of the 92nd Street Y.M.H.A., Mr. Tauber will also coach dramatics at the college for the coming year.

At the recent meeting of the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference of the Philosophy of Education Society, Mr. Meyer Terkel, lecturer in Education at the college, who represented Yeshiva University, was chosen Chairman of the Committee on Methods of Teaching Philosophy of Education. Present at the conference were members of the faculties of Columbia, N. Y. U., and Fordham Universities, the City College of N. Y., and teacher's colleges in Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Rabbi Dr. Solomon Wind, lecturer in Talmud at the Teachers Institute, has been appointed instructor at Sinai Institute's newly created evening school for adults in Bensonhurst. The institute, located at Mogen David Congregation, offers courses in Jewish History, Philosophy, Laws and Customs, and conversational Hebrew.

Provides Facilities For 120 Students

The construction of a new dormitory, located on the north-east corner of Amsterdam Avenue and 185th Street, is now well under way. The three story building, which will accommodate 120 students, is to be completed in June.

Each room of the new building will have basins for washing, built-in bookcases and a large mirror for the closet door of each room. On the first floor, a special room has been designated for the reception of visitors and guests. The basement will be provided with a dormitory social hall and a modern equipped apartment for the supervisor of the building. Washing machines will be installed and drying space will be allotted. The roof has been designed so as to make it usable for recreational and studying purposes in the spring and summer months.

The dormitory building was designed by Albert Goldhammer of New York, architect, and covers an area of 45 x 104 ft. The entire project is under the supervision of Samuel Fessler.

The addition of the new dorm is in line with the general expansion program of the University, and was urgently needed in order to accommodate, for at least the next few years, the large number of prospective students resulting from the expansion.

Chess Players Compete In Ladder Tournaments

Ladder tournaments are being held by the Chess Club to determine the four best players in the school, Arthur Silver '51, Captain of the chess team announced.

The tournament began on Sunday, February 13, in the Dorm Social Hall, and will be held on every Sunday until March 20. There are still openings for new contestants.

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No Room For Retaliation

Some time has passed since a certain member of the faculty was informed by the Dean that he would not be retained in the coming year, and emotions have had a chance to cool. The entire incident should now be discussed with an appeal to reason rather than to partisan wrath.

Before going into a discussion, however, we should like to make it clear that it is not our intention to vilify either the Dean or anyone else concerned with the incident, or, in any way, to discredit the administration of the college. The relations of the editors of *The Commentator* with Dr. Isaacs this past year have been very cordial—perhaps on a higher level of co-operation and mutual trust than have existed in the school for many a year. The Dean has consistently helped us with advice and with a ready ear for all our requests. Inasmuch as we highly value this friendship, we would be loath to subject him to unnecessary criticism. Yet, in all sincerity, we feel that we would be derelict in our duty were we to fail to voice our opinion in this matter.

The official reason given for the dismissal of the instructor, who happens to be a well liked and respected teacher, was vague and ambiguous; it failed to specify any particular reason. Rather, on questioning, the cause for this action was declared to be a "pattern" of acts and attitudes which made his continuance at Yeshiva inadvisable. Though some of the components of this "pattern" were left to conjecture, the Dean did not hesitate to mention the instructor's participation in a fight to revise the faculty salary schedule last year, as one of the factors involved.

Inasmuch as no one questioned the instructor's ability, the instructor involved and those of his supporters on the faculty who are not afraid of articulating their opinion were very understandably led to believe that the context which the incident should be understood is a context of retaliation, taking place in spite of explicit assurances by Dr. Belkin that no retaliation for participation in the wage fight would be condoned.

As proof for this they point out that this is not the first time retaliatory measures have been employed, citing as evidence a case of dismissal last year, which was never officially explained, the arbitrary assignment of additional teaching hours to various individuals who had taken part in the wage struggle, and the demotion of the former head of the English department on general charges of incompetence which he was never given a chance to disprove, inasmuch as the faculty committee which heard his case, in accordance with the constitution of the college—a committee later recognized by Dr. Belkin—was declared unconstitutional.

All of these cases, they argue, were retaliation, pure and simple, for the part these instructors had played in the fight for revision of the faculty pay schedule. The case of the instructor lately dismissed, they believe, is only the latest manifestation of that retaliatory spirit.

For our part, we are loath to believe that a context of retaliation exists in Yeshiva—where such a spirit is or should be completely out of place, if we are to attain within the walls of Yeshiva that ethical and moral community, for which we hope to teach our students to strive. Yet, the Dean's ambiguity, his use of reasons which accord with a pattern of retaliation, leave us with little choice. And unless a spirit of community is manifested on the part of the Dean, we will be forced to go on believing this. We will be forced to go on believing this especially in view of the conspiracy of silence which beclouds the issue—a silence that both students and a member of the faculty have been warned and threatened not to break.

Not so much because of the instructor's popularity and erudition, but to disperse once and for all the suspicion of foul play at Yeshiva, we urge the re-instatement of the instructor in question to his position. Any other approach would leave our institution open to charges of harboring petty enmities.

Jewish Education Series II

N.Y.C. Academic Progress Hindered By Lack Of Unity

By Herbert Weisberg and
Myron E. Rakowitz

An increase of over 3,000 children in Jewish schools in New York City since 1940 has been reported by J. M. Horden, statistician for the Jewish Education Committee. Although superficially this is an encouraging growth, a careful analysis of existing conditions renders it of doubtful significance. Even with the recent reawakening of Jewish consciousness, only 65,000 Jewish children of a potential student body of several hundred thousand receive a formal Jewish education.

Of the 65,000 children, 31,000 attend afternoon Hebrew schools and approximately 12,000 Hebrew day schools. The rest attend Yiddishist schools, or receive minimum Sunday school or Release Hour instruction.

Shift in Schools

Two decades ago, the most popular type of school was the communal Talmud Torah, which was administered and supported by the Jewish community as a whole. Many of these schools had a student enrollment of over 500. Probably due to the shifting of population centers and the rise of new independent congregations, the communal Talmud Torah has been overshadowed by the afternoon congregational schools. The trend toward congregational schools has tended to create numerous small schools.

One hundred and sixty-one of the 240 congregational schools have a register of less than 100 children, half of the 161 having less than 50 students. As to size, 10 of the 51 communal schools have an enrollment of over 250 students. The congregational schools, although four times as numerous, have but five schools of comparable size. Most of these small congregational schools have poor facilities and insufficient funds. Regular courses

leading to graduation are not too common. Their curriculum, due to a lack of centralization, is not standardized, and often pitifully inadequate.

Yeshivas Encouraging

The communal Talmud Torah was an entirely independent educational institution; the congregational schools, being only one (sometimes neglected) phase of synagogue activity, must cater to the need, and sometimes to the fancy of their individual congregations.

The only encouraging form of Jewish education is the Yeshiva K'tanah or all-day school. There are today 61 elementary schools and 10 high schools of this type in the city. All but about a dozen were founded since 1939. Their aim is to give a maximum Jewish education. The co-ed Yeshiva and Ivrit b'Ivrit technique are gaining increased popularity. Six Yeshivas have an enrollment of over 400 students, thirty of 150 students each. Most of the others

are still in a nuclear stage and show promise of development. The average enrollment in this type of institution is 187 students.

Leading Seminaries

Many Talmud Torahs, congregational schools, and Yeshivas also support afternoon high schools. In addition there are several independent high schools, such as Marshalla.

The leading teachers' seminaries are the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University, the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Herzlia, the Teachers Training School for Girls (UOJC), Beth Jacob, Hebrew Union College for Teachers, and a Yiddishist teachers seminary.

Consolidation Needed

There are in New York numerous overlapping educational agencies. The J. E. C., the most prominent of these, aids and advises schools of every category. The United Synagogues, a centralized congregational school system embraces 65 member schools. The Vaad Hachinuch Hacharedi, of the Mizrahi, an offspring of the T. I. alumni, and the Torah Umesorah advise Yeshivas and Talmud Torahs. Lubavitch Yeshiva has a few branches, and its League for

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Theater Performs Moral Task, States Drama Workshop Head

By Ruben Gross

"The theater, like every other branch of art and science, is a profoundly ethical institution, propagating good and combating evil. We have no right to let the theater become merely an escape from bitter realities; it must be an interpreter of the realities that prevail," said Mr. Erwin Piscator, Director of the Dramatic Workshop of the New School for Social Research in an interview with the writer.

Mr. Piscator believes that "the theater lives and must live to help find the truth and to fight for it. The theater is a moral institution and through it human faith can

be directed." Mr. Piscator is one of the few—if not the only—humanistic director-producer of our times. For him, the interest in the theater lies in the educational angle, in "analyzing what is truth." "The actor on the stage is like the preacher on his pulpit."

Forced Into Exile

This high ideal for the theater, which Mr. Piscator has set for himself, is the result of a reaction against the conditions he lived in and the experience he underwent. Born in Germany at the end of the last century, he was thrown into the German army's ranks when only a youth of nineteen. Like the vast majority of his fellow soldiers, he came into direct contact with the extreme hardships and catastrophes of war. Thus, this young man, a descendant of a well known family of theologians, became disillusioned about the tragedy of human fate. After the war he sought to express his humanistic concepts through the medium of theatrical productions, which during the time of the Republic of Weimar became a tirade against the ever increasing tendencies of Nazism and anti-Semitism. Small wonder then, that in 1933, at Hitler's accession to power, he had to go into exile. Had he been in Germany sometime later, at the burning of the Reichstag, the Nazi hordes would have killed him that very day. Max Reinhardt, commenting on Mr. Piscator's exile from Germany, stated: "The Piscator phase of theater is ended."

Erwin Piscator came to the United States in 1938. He was immediately recognized for his great talent and the noble purpose for which his theater was a spokesman. Sinclair Lewis acclaimed him as "the most brilliant, original, and yet practical theatrical producer of today; an exile whom it would be an honor for the United States to have."

Distinctive Techniques

Shortly after his arrival, Erwin Piscator started classes in acting, directing, and other phases of

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Meet the Faculty

Prof. Ginsburg Finds Math A Very Intoxicating Subject

By Imar Lipschultz

Opening the door of the Math office, I found a short, ruddy, moon-faced individual who might have stepped right out of the pages of a Dickens novel, his glasses still perched on the bridge of his nose, his suit still dusty, his yarmulka still nesting securely on the side of his head.

He looked up, his pale eyes twinkling, "Yes?"

"Well, I'd like an interview."

Dr. Ginsburg lit a cigarette. "Well, I work on Scripta Mathematica. Right now, we're publishing 'On Geometric Construction' by Jacob Steiner and we have some ideas we are fooling around with."

"How do you find Y.U. students in Math, Professor?"

"I find that there is a definite correlation between a student's knowledge of Talmud and his ability in Mathematics."

The cigarette continued to burn; the ash remained intact. The professor continued, "There are exceptions, of course."

"Would the professor care to venture an opinion on the standard of the Mathematics department at Yeshiva?"

"You may say that I admit that it is of a very good quality," the professor smiled. "It has a respected place among the colleges. You may add also that several graduates are teaching in other universities."

"What type of teaching do you prefer?"

"I prefer to make the work interesting, using terms which attract as well as inform the listeners. By the use of picturesque terms and apt smiles one can maintain interest where it did not exist before."

The professor took a puff at his half-smoked cigarette.

"Describing an ellipse as a circle that someone sat on may not fully take into account the mathematical considerations involved, but it does explain it well to someone who has neither the patience nor the desire to memorize dry mathematical formulae."

The ash neared the end of its mission. It wavered and gave up the struggle. The dust settled slowly on Dr. Ginsburg's jacket.

I bade Dr. Ginsburg a fond farewell. He returned to his book.

I returned to my editor with the results.

On the Sidelines

**Wanted: Salaried,
Full-Time, Yeshiva
Athletic Executive**

By Sol Blumenfeld

Coach Bernie "Red" Sarachek's appointment to the mentorship of the Scranton Miners, of the American Basketball League, provided Mr. Dan Parker of the Mirror with raw material for speculation. He naively voiced his amazement in the semi-rhetorical questions he occasionally slaps together into a column, inquiring how the Mite instructor could simultaneously allocate his time and energy to the simultaneous functioning of four widely separated ball clubs, (all this simultaneously). Red's closest friends are no less amazed than this author of an outstanding treatise on ponies, but Red, the least affected of all, rolls along with the geniality, which distinguishes him now as it did in less hurried times. Sojourns to Pennsylvania and upstate N. Y. have taken a heavy toll on his already antiquated '49 Ford station-wagon, but Red is still bursting with energy.

Bernie has told me that with the coming of the '49-'50 hoop season, he will drop all other obligations and devote his coaching talents to one pro club in addition to his post at Yeshiva University. The sports staff knows that Bernie's job at Scranton is a tremendous tribute to his coaching ability. We wish him unending success in that field of endeavor, and we also hope that Yeshiva can give Red a club which can be relatively as successful as the other great squads he has headed.

It will readily be admitted that the A. A. has done much service in its first year of existence by bringing regularity into a formerly chaotic situation. Yet all is not well in China—although imperceptible from the outside, there are hundreds of details to be catered to, and many obstacles to overcome in the course of one school year. The majority of these details remain uncared for, the greater part of the afore-said obstacles unchallenged and the blame lies not with the A. A. members, who have done their level best. We cannot expect the the association members, who are either students or hold responsible executive positions, to burden themselves with overwhelming work, if it means the neglect of duty, or undue personal sacrifice.

Exactly what do we need? We need a full-time, paid athletic director, responsible for the functioning of the entire athletic setup. I don't mean a specific Physical Education director, or specific Basketball Director, or specific Intramural Director, but rather a man devoting his organizational ability to all. Thus, he would not necessarily be required to instruct gym classes, or be asked to coach any team. Into his jurisdiction would fall the arranging of facilities and schedules for P. T. classes, varsity teams, and intramural squads; transportation for 'away' contests, purchase of equipment, budgeting the appropriations, publicity, etc.

NOTES—The A. A. has two major events on tap for the college mob. Number one is a student-faculty tussle around Purim time. Number two is the annual Lag B'Omer outing and field day . . . Hy Wettstein has done a superb job as T. A. coach. The T. A.—er's record speaks for itself and in the course of the season Hy has developed much basketball talent. We hope he continues his good work at Y. U.

Heighters Drop Eight Games; Beat B.C.P. In Lone Victory

**Cathedral Wins 2
By 73-68, 68-60**

The home-and-home series between Yeshiva and Cathedral produced its share of spine-tingling action but no victories for the Mites, as they were downed, 73-68, at Central High School of Needle Trades and 68-60, at the victor's home court.

The outcome of the first one was never in doubt, as the blue-and-gold waltzed to a 24-11 lead at the quarter and were never headed. Perking up their attack in the second half as they worked effectively around Stein, their center, Yeshiva closed the gap to the 73-68 count.

High man for the blue-and-white was Stein with 27. Gorman led Cathedral with 19, followed by Salmon with 17.

The second encounter proved to be the thriller of the series as the lead changed hands several times before Cathedral went ahead for keeps. The first stanza saw the Mites playing smooth basketball as they raced to a 21-11 lead. The glory was shortlived, however, as Cathedral began to feed their star pivot-man, Salmon, for repeated tallies. The half-time buzzer found the blue-and-gold on the long end of a 33-31 count.

The victors pulled steadily ahead in the second half, winning handily, 68-60. Stein again led Yeshiva with 19 markers.

Academy Hoopmen Achieve Ten-Won, Three-Lost Record

With the '48-'49 basketball season almost at a close, T. A. can boast one of its best records in history.

In the curtain raiser, T. A. was drubbed in a hard-fought game by Elizabeth Irwin H. S. However, recovering from this defeat, the Mini-Mites went on to compile a record of 10 wins against 2 defeats. For the seventh straight season T. A. has topped the Inter-Yeshiva Conference. Included among their other victories, are wins over St. Joseph 45-31 and the highly-rated Brooklyn Prep 38-34.

**Queens Quint
Beats Yeshiva
By 54 To 44**

On Saturday, Jan. 29, the Yeshiva squad lost a close contest to Queens College by the score of 54-44. In the opening ten minutes the Queens ball team quickly attained a lead of 14-6. The Mites, at this point, completely disorganized, continued to play a loose game till the half time buzzer sounded. The score was 29-14. Big Artie Stein finally put his height to good use, and dominating the boards scored thirteen out of fifteen points in the third period. In the last frame the Mites offense began to click and managed to come within three points of Queens. They faded away, however, and ended up at the short end of the 54-44 score.

**Bayonne Rips
Mites Twice;
56-50, 50-32**

A strong Bayonne, J. C. aggregation overcame the Mites in two contests, 56-50 and 50-32. The first game, played at Central Needles, found the Jerseyites ahead 28-19 at halftime. The Heighters, who pounded into a tremendous stretch drive, fell short of victory, and went down fighting before the highly-touted Bayonne five, 56-50. Brandenburg of Bayonne was the game high scorer, while Stein led Yeshiva with 14 points.

Away Game

The Mites, at the Bayonne gym, were again downed by the Jersey men, 50-32. Bayonne led after a slow deliberate half, 15-10.

The Harassed boys from Bayonne suddenly spurred in the closing of the game, and won handily. Artful Arty Stein, of Yeshiva, who swished the nets for 19 points, was the high scorer of the game.

**Quints Topped, 68-53
By Fairleigh-Dickinson**

On Wednesday, February 15, the Y.U. quintet invaded Rutherford, N. J., only to be beaten by Fairleigh-Dickinson 68-53. After failing to score effectively in the first half, the Heighters, paced by Naty Krieger, who scored 18 points, almost overtook Fairleigh-Dickinson only to falter and lose.

**Early Lead Edges
Druggists, 64-47**

The Yeshiva Mites up-ended a Brooklyn College of Pharmacy quintet 64-47 at the B. C. P. gym, Feb. 12.

With big Artie Stein snatching everything off the boards, the rejuvenated Blue and White forged quickly into the lead, ahead 10-0 after five minutes of play. On the good end of a 16-10 count at the quarter, the Yeshiva hoopsters left the floor at the half with a 16 point lead, 34-18.

The gold and white clad boys of B.C.P. managed to outscore the Mites 16-14 in the third quarter, but fell back as the Mites whizzed the ball around, freezing and fast breaking, on top 64-47 at the game-ending buzzer.

Ruby Davidman, not tall as basketballers go (6'2"), did yeoman service beneath the boards, and garnered the high-scoring honors for the night, sinking 9 field goals and one charity toss for a total of 19 points, followed by "Stretch" Stein who threw in 15 markers. B.C.P. high scorer was Brackman, canning 12 points.

Although the game was cleanly played, it was high-lighted by several rhu-barbs which almost resulted in blows.

Cooper Union Wins Overtime Contest By 71-61 Margin

In one of the tensest and roughest basketball games ever played at Needle Trades Gym, the Mites, on February 19, were upset by Cooper Union, 71-61, in an overtime. With 50 seconds remaining in the game, Yeshiva, behind by 3 points, got alive when "Red" Fredman threw in a "set," but Union quickly countered with a hanger. A technical foul was called against Cooper Union, and Coach Sarachek sent in Billy Tepper to throw it up. Tepper scored the charity toss, and Yeshiva, with 25 seconds remaining, was 2 points behind. Fifteen seconds later, Paleyeff threw in a rebound, was kissed by Novoseller, and an overtime session ensued.

The Mites faded rapidly. They committed 6 straight fouls, allowed Cooper Union to rack up 5 straight points, and there was the ballgame. Stein was high man for Yeshiva, scoring 18 points.

Upsala Wins, 93-51

Upsala defeated Yeshiva, 93-51, on January 10, 1949, at East Orange. The Mites fared well in the first quarter, but from then on it was a runaway. Stein was high scorer for the losers with 17 points.

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To survey and map out a program of adequate community service for Jewish communities on the West Coast, Rabbi Morris H. Finer, Director of the Community Service Bureau, Yeshiva University, will tour that area during the months of February and March. Rabbi Finer's itinerary will include practically every Jewish community in the State of California as well as surrounding States. In addition to making a statistical survey of the Jewish population and of existing institutions, he will counsel and assist the budding Jewish communities in their plans for building synagogues, schools and centers.

Condolences

The editors of The Commentator join the student bodies in extending their heartfelt sympathy to:

President Samuel Belkin on the loss of his dearly beloved mother, Mrs. Mina Belkin;

Dean of Men Samuel L. Sar on the loss of his beloved mother, Mrs. Ethel Sar;

and Dr. Karl Adler on the loss of his beloved mother.

It is our hope that they may derive some measure of comfort from their work at Yeshiva.

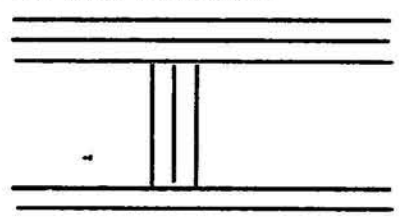
Theaters' Tasks

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theatrical production at the New School for Social Research. His effective production of "King Lear" was considered by the drama critic of the "Brooklyn Eagle" as "the most striking production of Shakespeare New York has seen in years, as an anti-body to the sick theater."

Embarking on a program for expansion, the Dramatic Workshop added mostly classical plays to its annual repertory. In its tenth anniversary this year, it accommodates 300 day students and more than 500 evening students.

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Jewish Education

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the Furtherance of Jewish education is an official Release Hour Agency in New York City.

The answer to New York's Jewish education problem, it seems indicated, lies in the consolidation of the various school systems, as well as of the agencies supporting them. At the very least, such unification should take place among groups of similar ideological convictions. Consolidation, however, even when sincerely desired is not easily effected, and for this reason New York's Jewish education seems destined to remain in a sorry state.

Congrats!

The editors and staff of The Commentator extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future to:

Rabbi David Mirsky '42, on his marriage to Miss Sudy Appel;

Rabbi Morris Paleyeff on the birth of a granddaughter, Esther Rivkah;

Solomon Shoulson '47, on his engagement to Miss Bertha Silver;

and Solomon Zeides '45, on the birth of a son.

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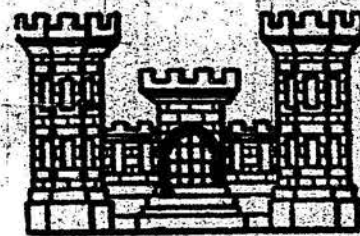


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PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES STIPEND RAISE; YUSSUF ELLENBUG COMMITS SUICIDE

**"Not One Who Jumps To Conclusions," Increases Range Up To \$00.25 In Exceptional Cases;
Says Withholder In Last Minute Speech Dr. Skoung Institutes Action On Basis Of Wallet Survey**

The student bodies of Mechtza University were surprised at the untimely suicide at 2:75 A.M. Sunday afternoon of Mr. Yussuf Ellenbug, a pillar of learning and a vital cog in the totality of Israel.

Perched high atop his navy-surplus desk in the stipend office, an antiquated \$4.00 stipend clutched in his hand, Mr. Ellenbug, delayed his last fling to grant an on-the-spot interview to Varga Harged, ace Fraternalist homicide man assigned to the presidents' office. Dressed to kill in his 1938 Pesach suit, Yussuf looked his sallow best as he said, "I am not the type that jumps to conclusions." He further revealed that the motive for his action was ideological, since he could not tolerate "the metamorphosis of Mechtza from a smicha to a stipend factory."

It was carefully emphasized by President Smiley Skoung that



This is not Mr. Ellenbug, but it used to be his favorite dream girl.

brother Ellenbug's death had nothing to do with the increase in stipends. Commenting on the tragedy, President Skoung said, "He loved stipends. He was married to his job. Won't you please wear pants, brother."

The student body turned out en masse, two students and one mess, to the cocktail lounge of hotel Astor (There were no wine lists) where the hested service was to be held.

The service, which was deranged by Mr. Clean Hotsteam, began promptly 45 minutes late. It opened with a 33 piece band playing "Swanee". This was followed by six pallbearers and a bat boy in cap and gown carrying Mr. Ellenbug's body.

S.O.Y. Split Over Stipends

An emergency meeting of the S.O.Y. met last week to consider the implication of the administration's increase in stipends. The usual motion on all student benefits was in this case defeated as the well-fed gathering refused to declare the latest improvement a "waste of time," "negation of the Torah," and "a crime against religion." Having accepted stipends as a "fait accompli," the S.O.Y. delved further into the situation.

A resolution by Nabem Bulheim was the subject of hot controversy. He recommended that all future stipends bear "tsitsis" on their four corners. Mr. Ruffian amended this to say that the aforementioned "Tsitsis" be "mid'rabonon."

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Establish Graduate Sanitation Institute

The establishment of a new graduate institution within the walls and bars of Mechtza University, the Institute for Research in Higher Jewish Sanitation, brings to thirteen the number of luckless schools founded by the university within the same number of days.

Its function in life, it was announced, is the clean-up of the deplorable situation of sanitation

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Amazons Increase Spam Gazer Talks

A special meeting of the A.S.C.M.U., the Amazons Service Committee for Mechtza University was held on February 30 to discuss the stipend situation, Mrs. Watta Yente, the organization's comely president, announced.

A number of extra-ordinary emergency measures decided at the five hour meeting, included the increasing of the Spam Gazer lectures from three to four per week, the reduction of the seven course dinner to two or three courses, and the raising of the limit in Mah Jong from \$25 to \$27.

Students Discuss New 5-Year Plan

In a special meeting of the Mechtza College Student Council, held in Spam Gazer's closet, it was suggested that the administration's plan for five year courses, previously rejected by the students, be reconsidered, in light of the recent increase in stipend subsidies. Discussing this, Noham Lamb said, "It must be good, the administration is for it."

It was also brought out at the meeting that Dean Smoosaks was applying for admission as a student in order to take advantage of the increase. When it was announced that the Dean was running for Frosh Prexy, Mr. Gazer said, "Worse than Tzigel he ken nit zine."

Black Market Ring Cracked

The three day armed vigil of the S.O.Y.'s in ten different Yeshivas and levhavdil H.U.C. was ended with the apprehension last night of the famous due of "stipend desperados" Nabem Bullheim and Salomey Ruffian as they left the Club Samoa. They were nabbed by the Dorm Counselor Corps captain end by Unterfuhrer Max Boar. \$500 worth of new stipends, a long lost Baba Metzla from the Goteesman library, and two stacks of Crime Buster comics from Newman B. Abrams' personal collection were found in their possession. They put up a stiff fight but were overpowered by a double-barrel Tosfeth in Gitin.

Once prominent in Mechtza circles, they embarked on their

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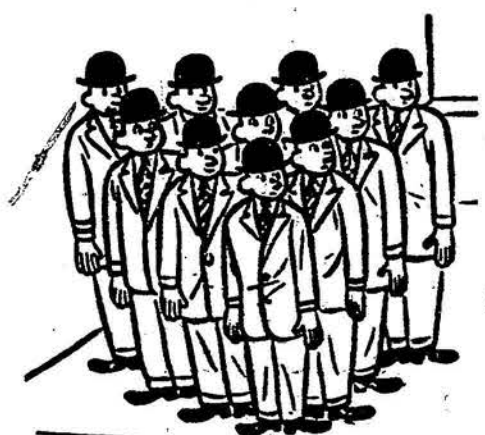
Diner Brings Back Stars To Mechtza

All Mechtza is drooling over the prospects of the speedy return of His Eminence, Rabbi Morris Diner, from a tour of Hollywood studios, where he enrolled seventy-five starlets as day students of Mechtza University. Rabbi Diner, who lectured in his spare time from a lamp-post at Hollywood and Vine, is known for his forceful speeches, in which he pulls no paunches, and stomachs no back talk.

March 10, 1949, in the year of our minyan 5709. It was made necessary by the resignation of the previous president Schlemule Bulkin for reasons of ill health. He was sick and tired of the place, it was reported.

Special Assembly

The revolutionary action which threatened to result also in more



This is the Board of Krechzers after a bowling tourney. Msgr. Skoung is the second from the left in the hat.

lax stipend distribution procedures, was defended by Prof. Hoarwitz, Director of Secret Services, as being in strict accordance with halacha.

Defending his action, which was probably his first and last as president, Dr. Skoung said, "I love you, boys, I love you, I love you, I love you. I loved you even before I knew you. Won't you put on jackets, please?"

Speaking at a special assembly in Lumphead Auditorium commemorating Hannibal's march across the Alps, Dr. Skoung, the sole surviving battering ram, revealed that his decision was

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Religious Bloc Comes In Third In Mechtza Elections For Roshe Mechtza

Upsetting all the pulpitsters, the Religious Bloc came in third in the annual, demagogic elections for Roshe Hamechtza at Mechtza Seminary. According to impartial observers, the bloc was defeated because it preached solely and extensively for "unity," when actually the party itself was only held together by a few knotted beards.

The United Batlonim's Workers Party, comprised of hard-working batlonim (Batlonus is die schverste arbeit, says the rebbi), captured a majority of the Rosh Mechtza seats. The International Apicorsus Union came in second, but is now under investigation due to the charges that its ballots were stuffed by T.I. party men.

The effect of the sweeping upset has already been noticed in some of the shiurim, where Rashi and Tosa-photh have been outlawed, and a former Lubavitcher student was excommunicated.

The election marked one of the quietest ones in years,

only one act of violence being recorded. An Apicorus was stoned to death under a barrage of 10 lb. Yoreh Deahs when he accidentally interrupted a T'hilim service at the religious camp on election eve.

Though Dr. Schlemule Bulkin has denied that the religious group will attempt a coup, the Rabbonim were reported massing their forces and trying to woo back old students. Some were said to be advocating the printing of gemorrah in larger type with illustrations by Varga replacing the more conventional, old-fashioned commentaries. Others were reported to have gone as far as to license the students' use of a Soncino.

The victorious batlonim have announced that they are having great difficulty in finding capable men to fill their seats, as every member of the party has admitted to having learned at least one day in his life.

"The situation is most disgraceful," declared Moshev Letzim, president of the party. "We may have to turn to

other institutions of lower learning for aid."

In announcing the new system under which the institution will function, Mr. Letzim revealed that smichas will now be given only to the best batlonim in the lower classes. Students already in the higher classes will have to be broken out of their habit of learning, or whatever it is they do there, and gradually work their way backwards to the smicha classes.

Norman Babrams, upon hearing of this plan, threatened to resign and go to the institution on 122nd Street, "where there's at least some yir'as shomaim."

The Apicorsim, it was said, are seeking a coalition with the religious bloc. Apicorsus opposes Batlonus, since the latter scorns all learning, even the Apicorsian classics. The surprised religious leaders, however, taken by surprise by this unexpected bid, refuse to commit themselves as to their acceptance of such a coalition. They said they'd have to look up the halacha first.

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Attend Minyan, Brother

Recently there have been shocking events taking place at our renowned institution. The institution seems to be coming apart at its siyums, when examinations are held.

We, of The Fraternalist, have always been in complete accord with the administration's efforts to better the institution. Our relations with Dr. Skoung, our beloved president, have always been of the highest quality. By now we all know that Dr. Skoung not only "loves" us so dearly, but also our ties, jackets, and shoe-laces, not to mention more intimate pieces of apparel.

In making a sincere effort, then, to find out where the trouble lies, we must quote from one of our learned scholars. This pillow of learning once said in a moment of inspiration, and rightly so, "This is a school for schools, not for students. The students are only ruining the school. If not for the students, this school would be all right." We agree.

First of all, students attend classes regularly, at least theoretically so. Teachers, otherwise completely unnecessary, must be hired, and sometimes even paid to teach them. Such wasteful expenses are sapping the institution's funds.

Secondly, the abominable practise of coming late and cutting the minyan is to be most heartily condemned. Students must learn that they cannot pray until they are marked present at the roll-call.

For the good of the institution, therefore, we urge students to come to their senses and adopt the habit of attending minyan and cutting classes.

Letters To The Editor

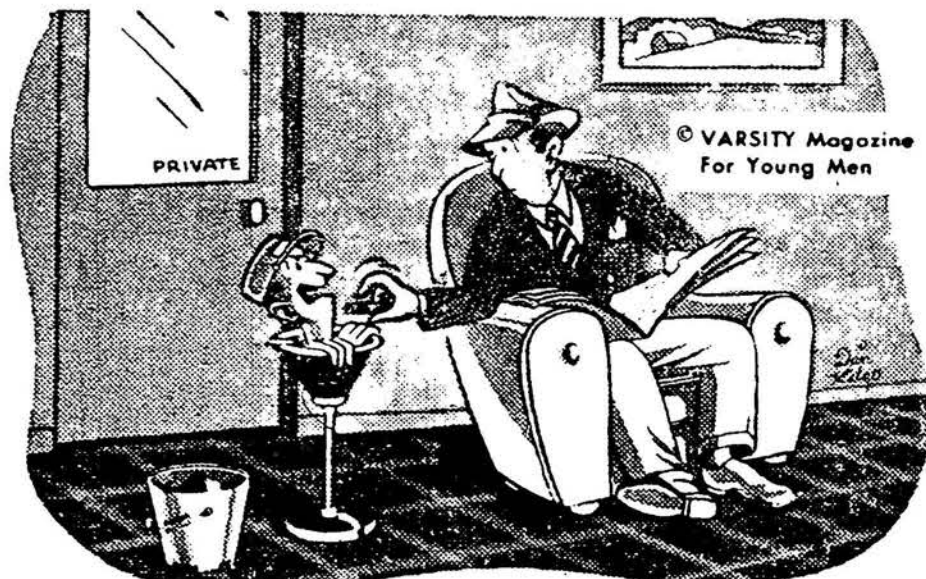
Mechitza's students are inconsiderate, and if there are any butts about it, they are cigarette butts. I was hired by my boss Smiley Skoung to drag the corpses out of the Bed Medrosh every night, and to gather up their ashes after them for final disposal. (The Yore Dei boys are making ashes out of themselves, and it's all Shouldson's fault.)

Lately I find my job impossible, and I protest. Some boys, who don't belong in the dormitory, have robbed ash trays from the Bed Medrosh, and consequently the other ashtrays have been overloaded. Have you ever tried cleaning an overloaded ash tray?

take 'em out—they put more in. This is out-right anti-Semitism, aside from being frustrating. What do I look like, a steam shovel?

Not to mention the smoke, which is so thick that a T.I. boy was lost there for three and a half weeks. Rabbi Honest now lights a red lantern, and Babrams blows a "shofar" before venturing into the fog.

Cigarettes are a fire hazard. J. V.'s class took time out during "Chazureh" last month to have a "weenie roast," and Rabbi Lesing was pretty burnt up about it. The last knight of Chanukah they set seven benches and a



"Well, stupid, can't you wait till I finish cleaning this out?"

Furdermore, where their are no ash trays (treys?), they throw the ashes on the floor. (It's getting so that you have to walk uphill to the "Bima." Yesterday Rabbi Lipschultz couldn't make it, and was marked absent at the minyan by Rabbi Saxaphone, who survived the ordeal by grasping on to Rabbi Lessing's two beards, while the latter politely axed, "Ale halten azoi?")

And besides they don't even stop while I am emptying the over-loaded ash trays. I take the ashes out—they put more in. I

"No Smoking" sign on fire. The only thing that don't burn is the Ner Tamid.

I mean this as constructive criticism. Instead of writing editorials bothering about professors getting thrown out, you should pay attention to the really important things in this institution, like ash trays. Why don't you demand that instead of wasting money on Medical schools, the administration should buy ash trays?

For a smokeless Bed Midrosh
Sam B. Dazed

Constitution of Mechitza University

Whereas Mechitza University is the only true university on land, in the air, and, especially, at sea, and

Whereas I Skoung the First, president of presidents, ruler by the grace of orders from above, who raiseth up the 'D's and boweth down the 'A's, hereafter referred to as The Prezy, have grown weary of unrelieved absolutism and desire that there be created a law which I can be above and which I can, at my pleasure, study, interpret, distort, flaunt, and otherwise corrupt, and

Whereas the chambermaids, janitors, and faculty of Mechitza University have the antiquated notion that they ought to have a charter of rights guaranteeing their inferiority.

I do hereby ordain, establish, and consecrate the following constitution:

Sec. 1 The Prezy

Part 1 Duties

Art. 1 The Prezy shall have the power, with the approbation of the majority of the chambermaids, janitors, and faculty of Mechitza U., in constitutional meeting assembled, to grant appropriate bonuses to secretaries who have faithfully served this institution for not less than forty-five years, it being understood that such appropriations are subject to the approval of two-thirds of the Smicha Committee and will go into effect upon the signature of five-sixth of the student body.

Art. 2 The Prezy shall have the power, with the approbation of three-fifths of the chambermaids, janitors, and faculty of Mechitza U., in constitutional meeting assembled, to sign appropriations for paper clips, staples, and pen points presented to him by the duly authorized university authorities.

Art. 3 The Prezy shall have the power, with the approbation of four-sevenths of the chambermaids, janitors, and faculty of Mechitza U., in constitutional meeting assembled, to sign diplomas.

Art. 4 The Prezy shall, in the event that a plague of seven year locusts shall willfully and maliciously attack the Mechitza campus, or in the event that a nation-wide strike of text-book delivery boys paralyzes Mechitza, or in the event of a siege of Mechitza by a horde of hungry Eskimoes from South-western Rhodesia, or in the event of any such similar case of proven dire and extreme emergency, have the power to suspend the constitution indefinitely, for an hour.

Art. 5 The Prezy may, at his discretion, declare a dire and extreme emergency.

Part 2 Qualifications

Art. 1 The Prezy must be not less than five years of age, must be a virtuous character, must possess a Smile of Distinction and a facial growth not to exceed 1½" by 1½".

Art. 2 The Prezy must have the ability to say "yes" with eloquence and alacrity under any and all circumstances and to any and all persons, irrespective of principles and contradictions.

Sec. 2 Janitors

Part 1 Qualifications

Art. 1 A candidate for the position of janitor must present a baccalaureate degree, a masters' degree, and two doctor of philosophy degrees, one of which may be honorary or an M.D.

Art. 2 The candidate must show a high character and must have no prison record. He must be kind to pigs and Mechitza men. It is desirable that he possess a rich and varied invective.

Part 2 Duties

The janitor's duties shall be to open the door, agitate the dust, and assemble the cigarette butts for reprocessing.

Sec. 3 The Faculty

Part 1 Method of Appointment

The Prezy shall have the power, if necessary, to hire a faculty.

Part 2 Qualifications

A proposed candidate for membership on the faculty must have attained a third grade, elementary school, education, with a satisfactory grade. He must furthermore be able to write his own name or reasonable facsimile, thereof.

Part 3 Duties

To keep his mouth shut and to sneeze when the Dean takes snuff.

Part 4 Salary

A member of the faculty shall be paid a viable salary not to exceed \$2.50 a year, it being provided that said salaries shall have no relationship to position or rank.

Sec. 4 The Students

(Ed. note: The leaf thus headed has ragged edges as though bitten off furiously and contains a large ink-stain which makes most of the contents illegible. The remainder, it is felt, is unsuitable for publication in a family newspaper. In general, the clauses provide for the outlawing of student organization which it calls "Communist-Zionist".)

Mr. N. Pesterson Confesses To Rephenistic Tendencies

by YOMKI PURIM

Fraternalist Special Correspondent

(The Fraternalist sent its reporter behind the iron curtain of Rietshally to report the current purges taking place there. The following account passed the Rietshallian censors.—Ed.)

N. Pesterson, spiritual leader of all Seminary students, confessed today to "crimes against the Rietshallian masses." The surprise declaration was made at a public session of the People's Dormitory Committee, presided over by People's Chairman Yelims Oung.

Pesterson stood erect and calm, his knee-knocking not marring the classic lines of his posture. He spoke in a level voice, his teeth-chattering hardly perceptible beyond the eleventh row.

"I, N. Pesterson, hereby confess to the People's Dormitory Committee of Rietshally that I have engaged in radical, Lesinistic . . ."

The People's Chairman rapped

the gavel sharply and indicated that the confession was "incorrect." Pesterson started as though suddenly awakened, and hastily revised his confession.

"I meant to say," proceeded Pesterson, "that I engaged in reactionary, Rephinistian activities detrimental and repulsive to the enslaved administrators of the world. That I willfully (and with full aforeknowledge of the comforts it would give to the enemies of Rietshally's slaving-administrators) that I willfully incited a counter-minian to overthrow the schedule of the People's Minian, a schedule that has been created by none other than Nikolai Lesin himself."

The People's Chairman smiled, "Has anyone suggested that you make this statement or has this been purely, unalloyedly, democratically offered—and voluntarily, as well?"

The defendant slowly raised a sling-enclosed arm and blurted,

"It has been purely, unalloyedly, democratically offered—and voluntarily, as well."

"And your arm? That was an accident?" smiled the Chairman.

"My arm was an accident," the defendant replied. "I got writer's cramp while dictating my confessions to the People's Stenographer."

"That explains everything," the Chairman asserted, "Now on with the prosecuting attorney."

The prosecutor approached the defendant and for several minutes practiced spitting in his face.

The defense attorney rose and offered the following plea:

"I beg the People's Dormitory Committee to sentence this Enemy of the Executive Class with ferocity."

(In Rietshallian courts the term "ferocity" denotes a lesser penalty as distinguished from the term "merciless ferocity.")

Washington: State Department sources wondered whether N. Pesterson had been drugged into confessing. There is known to exist a Stern-type food that enervates the consumer, and often compels strange reactions.