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N. Y. U. Loses, Princeton Ties Debating Team

Yeshiva University debated Princeton University to a draw and defeated New York University in debates held Thursday, February 11, on the National Topic, "Resolved: That the United States Should Adopt a Policy of Free Trade."

Non-decision debates were also held with Columbia's varsity and Princeton's Freshman Debating Society, Monday, February 8, and Thursday, February 11, respectively. A debate with New Haven State Teachers College was held Tuesday, February 16, and a debate with the United States Military Academy will be held Thursday, February 18.

Sam April '54, and Jacob Heller '56, upheld the affirmative against Princeton's varsity. Mr. Lee Epstein, attorney-at-law, judged the debate.

Pre-Varsity

Judah Harris '55, and Aaron Borow '55, of the Yeshiva University Pre-Varsity Debating Society upheld the negative against Princeton's freshman team. Neil Hecht '54, delivered the critique.

In the debate with Columbia's varsity, Joel Balsam '54, and Neil Hecht '54, of Yeshiva presented the negative. Against New York University, Joseph Kaplan '56, and Morton Gifter '55, debated upholding the negative.

Mr. Kaplan and Eli Lauer '55, (Continued on page 6)

Henkin Addresses Alumni; Hails U.N.

Mr. Louis Henkin '37, spoke on "Religious Problems in the United States Foreign Policy with Regard to the United Nations," at the Mid-Winter Alumni Conference, Sunday, February 7, in Riets Hall.

Mr. Henkin was formerly Secretary to Justices Frankfurter and Hand and an employee at the United Nations. He is presently working with the State Department's U.N. division.

Chairman of the evening's program was Rabbi David Mirsky '42, assistant professor of Hebrew, who introduced both Mr. Henkin and Dean Guterman, who also greeted the assemblage.

Recalling that Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy, "was regarded as the 'patron saint' of the Class of '37," Mr. Henkin cited the professor's oft employed usage of the body-soul theme to express his opinion on the essence of the U.N.

"The body of the U.N. is the sixty-one member nations, and the soul, the ideals embodied in the U.N. Charter, namely the solution of problems in the international community without recourse to war," stated Mr. Henkin. The talk was followed by a question and answer period.

New Hours for Library

The College Library will remain open until 10:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, announced Mr. Solomon Zeides, assistant librarian. The library will be made available to students at that hour for study purposes only and no books will be circulated at that time.

Mr. Zeides added that this arrangement is a temporary one and will be conducted during a one month trial period. "If a sufficient number of students make use of the additional hour and a half, it will be put on a permanent basis," Mr. Zeides said.

Council to Assist Student Guidance

The Yeshiva College Student Council voted to establish a student guidance program in conjunction with the Faculty Guidance Committee at a meeting held Wednesday, February 10. Junior President, Judah Harris '55, was instructed to select capable Junior volunteers who will be trained by Professor Israel Young, guidance director, to aid in this program.

Gerald Kaufman '57, reported that the Student Guide Book, being prepared by the Student Activities Committee, will be published by the end of the semester. The administration has agreed to finance this project which it will not only utilize within the institution but also use it as a medium of public relations to attract students and supporters to the University.

Freshman President, Nathan Lewin '57, announced that Josef Fischer '57, had presented a plan which has been approved by the Freshman Council whereby freshmen would voluntarily aid the library staff in its operations.

Deferment Tests Set for April 22

All students who intend to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test in 1954 should file applications at once for the April 22 administration. Selective Service National Headquarters advised today.

An application and a bulletin of information may be obtained at any Selective Service local board. The student should fill out his application immediately and mail it in the special envelope provided. Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 8, 1954. Early filing will be to the student's advantage.

Results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student, according to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test.

Y.U.'s Community Services Bureaus To Play New Role

Plans are being readied for the reorganization of the Yeshiva University Community Services Bureau, embodying additions to staff and expansion of services, announced Rabbi Morris Finer, director of the Bureau.

The purpose of this reorganization, revealed Rabbi Finer, is to eventually build up Y.U.'s own synagogue organization. The plan which calls for the Bureau to organize lecture bureaus and lay commissions on education and synagogue administration will begin with the 300 pulpits which Yeshiva graduates occupy in the U.S.

In outlining this plan to the Rabbinic Alumni at a meeting held Wednesday, February 3, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, stated, "It is not sufficient to have a Community Service Bureau which is concerned primarily with the placement of rabbis. We must go into the field of actually serving the community."

"We need speakers and lecturers who will present the Orthodox view to these communities, and literature must be made available explaining that point of view," Dr. Belkin said.

Committee Studies Library Facilities

The Teachers Institute Student Council has just completed an investigation of The Mendel Gottesman Library, announced J. Mitchell Orlian '55, president of the T.I. Student Council. The investigating committee, headed by Morton Axelrod '57, uncovered five major obstacles to library efficiency. They are: the poor condition of the card catalogs making it difficult for students to find necessary information; the unavailability of many reference works; the lack of new books, especially on modern Hebrew literature; the poor condition of books; and that too many books are reserved exclusively for reference use.

Mr. Jacob Dienstag, chief librarian, conceded the validity of the complaints but maintained that he was not in a position to do anything about them. He said that he was handicapped by insufficient funds and a shortage of manpower.

To remedy the situation, Dr. Pinchus Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute, announced that money will shortly be forthcoming for library reforms. He added that a Student Library Committee has been formed to aid in the general work of the Library. Members of the committee are Mr. Axelrod, Mr. Orlian, Philip Mandel '55, Leon Schonholz '56, Norman Singer '56, and Mark Ingber '57.

New Minyan Time

Morning services began fifteen minutes later than usual starting with Thursday, February 11. Hereafter, on Mondays, Thursday and Rosh Chodesh, services will commence at 7:45 a.m. and at 8 a.m. on the other weekdays.

Staff Appointments

Sheldon Kornbluth '55, Arnold Enker '55 and Judah Klein '56 were promoted to the positions of News Editor, Copy Editor and Associate News Editor, respectively, announced Sheldon Rudoff '54, editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR.

Mr. Kornbluth has been associated with THE COMMENTATOR for the past three years and held the post of Copy Editor during the Fall semester. Mr. Enker was elevated to his present position from the post of Associate Copy Editor. Mr. Klein was a member of the news staff before his promotion. All three hail from Brooklyn and are graduates of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy.

College to Require Admission Exams

"Yeshiva College is now requiring all applicants for admission to take the College Board Entrance Examinations," announced Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of the College. The results of these tests will supplement the High School grades in determining admission and in placement and guidance.

The tests that must be taken are: (1) Scholastic Aptitude; (2) English Composition; (3) Social Studies; (4) That test, in which the applicant feels he will do best, chosen from the following list: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Intermediate Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Reading French, German, Latin, Greek or Italian.

Tests will be administered at Y.U. on Sunday, March 14.

Rabbi Klapperman, Yeshiva Graduate, To Teach American Jewish Sociology

By George Siegel

With Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, professor of Sociology, on leave of absence, the Sociology Department is introducing a new personality to the Yeshiva scene this term in the person of Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman '40, of the Beth Shalom Congregation of Long Island. He will teach Sociology '32, dealing with the structure of the American Jewish Community.

Rabbi Klapperman is already well acquainted with Yeshiva University and with his predecessor, having been ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1941 and having studied under Rabbi Lookstein in several courses at Yeshiva College.

Former Dramatist

Recalling his student days, Rabbi Klapperman remarked that the Yeshiva College student body at that time was quite "articulate and concerned with schooling and school." The Rabbi's graduating class was the first group to stage a dramatic production, replete with all the prerequisites of a Broadway production, including a run of several nights. He himself played the leading role in the play "Wolves" by Romain Rolland. The play was presented in Lamport Auditorium and, as Rabbi Klapperman recalls, played to capacity audiences.

Since Rabbi Klapperman, who was selected for "Who's Who in

Kramer Heads Charity Drive; Goal — \$5,000

Abraham Kramer '54, has been appointed Chairman of the Yeshiva University Charity Drive in a joint decision by the Student Councils of the College, Yeshiva and the Teachers Institute. Upon his appointment, Mr. Kramer placed Morton Gifter '55, in charge of the T.I. campaign, Sheldon Kornbluth '55, responsible for the Yeshiva collection, Simon Cohen '55, in care of the graduate schools and William Kotkes '55, in charge of the Brooklyn branches. Joel Schreiber '57, Philip Fuchs '57, are the publicity co-chairmen. Individual collectors have been appointed in each class.

Opened Monday

Mr. Kramer who hails from Hoboken, New Jersey, opened the Drive Monday, February 15, and set its goal at \$5000. Last year's goal of \$4500 was exceeded by \$300. The recipients were the United Jewish Appeal, P'eylim, and Tashbar. As yet the recipients of this year's funds have not been announced. The decisions of the various Student Councils as to the apportionment of the funds will be announced at an assembly of the student body.

The various chairmen initiated the drive speaking before their respective classes and explaining the importance of each student contributing his weekly share of at least \$.25.

American Colleges and Universities" in 1940, left Yeshiva as a student, he has been active in various phases of the rabbinic field. As former Hillel Director at Queens University in Canada, Rabbi Klapperman became the first Orthodox rabbi to head a Hillel Chapter. At the State University of Iowa, where he received his Master's degree in Philosophy, he lectured on Comparative Religion. Before accepting his present position in Long Island, the new sociology instructor taught Talmud in the Teacher's Institute for two years. At present, he is working on his Doctorate in Philosophy and Religion. His thesis will deal with Yeshiva University's role in the American Jewish Community.

As Rabbi Klapperman returns, this time as a teacher, to the scene of his former student days, he is impressed with Yeshiva's growth. He is, in fact, teaching in the Graduate Hall, a building which did not exist when he was a student. But some things, mused Rabbi Klapperman, stay the same. He finds himself answering the same questions of "How many tests?" and "Will we have a final?" that at one time he himself asked. "But, by and large," he concluded, "it is obvious that Yeshiva is a dynamic institution that is growing and becoming stronger."

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Now for the Second Step

On Thursday evening, January 7, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, volunteered his time to answer any questions students might wish to ask concerning Yeshiva life. The warm and friendly attitude with which he pleaded for frank and unhesitant queries, resulted in a virtual bombardment of questions concerning practical and academic issues.

Dr. Belkin answered these questions openly, showing a deep interest in and concern for the problems of the students and, at the same time, revealed his philosophy of Jewish living and scholarship and the role that Yeshiva must play in the realization of the dual ideal which he presented.

But more important than these questions were the honest admissions of confusion in Jewish philosophical concepts, engendered by the stream of modern thought and reinforced by inadequate channels for coping with them. The great number of these questions hardly testify to "the practical disappearance of that type of personality which is disturbed to the very depths of its soul by the philosophical arguments of reason, secularism, and religion" of which Dr. Eli Levine speaks. (THE COMMENTATOR, Dec. 16)

In short, these philosophical doubts do exist. The fact that students have admitted to them in an open discussion indicates not only that they occasion intense inner struggle, but that students are pleading for solutions. The first step toward this far-from-simple goal seems to be further discussion in smaller groups, to determine the causes and nature of these problems, a step which has already been suggested by Dr. Belkin.

We do not know how these problems can be honestly solved. But surely there are men in the Institution with backgrounds varied enough to guide us toward a better understanding of Judaism. We are sure that Dr. Belkin will follow up on his initial step and arrange for these seminars, to be led by men of such caliber.

A Foolish Gesture

The "Committee for the Repeal of Compulsory Women's Draft Law" staged mass demonstrations outside the Israeli Consulate in New York last week, an event which received wide coverage by the press and a bright spotlight by other mass media. We believe that the picketing of the Consulate, which, according to the New York Times, involved over 3000 individuals, "including many rabbis and theological students" was a *chilul hashem*.

We are not qualified to discuss the halachic issues involved. Whether the draft of women, even under the pressing political and international circumstances in which Israel finds itself, and even in its present modified form, is contrary to Jewish law, is a question for Talmudic scholars. However when a group of people who do not share these pressing circumstances stages a political demonstration to achieve a religious effect, and conducts this circus in the name of Orthodoxy, we are not only embarrassed but ashamed.

Such a picket-line as was formed outside the Israeli Consulate in New York would have been inept on the part of Israelis, in Tel Aviv. In New York City it is not only stupid and inappropriate but dangerous, dangerous to the continued respect for traditional Judaism which has been built up by generations of Jews who had the vision and the sense of responsibility which the pickets on East 70th Street so sadly lacked.

Answers from President Belkin

By Michael Rosenak

The announcement by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, that he would meet with the student body to answer questions regarding the institution was met with both gratification and apprehension. Though there has been much honest questioning within the Yeshiva, both practical and philosophical, it was feared that the students would hesitate to discuss their problems in an open forum with the President. However, when Dr. Belkin appeared in Riets Hall Thursday, January 7, and followed Rabbi Nathan Bulman, dormitory advisor, in an appeal for frankness and honesty, he was immediately confronted with a host of questions, touching on the practical but delving more deeply into the philosophical.

As had been expected, questions concerning *minyan* attendance, Dean's Reception, and the Medical School were raised. But far overshadowing these topics in frequency and scope were queries as to the nature of "synthesis," the role of Yeshiva in the shaping of both its students and the Jewish community at large and the often-overlooked but vital problem of philosophical concepts of Jewish beliefs, doubts, and the proper approach on how to handle such problems, followed by honest admissions of speculative struggles and pleas for the formation of organized groups to deal with them.

The question of *minyan* attendance, having been brought to the fore by the change in administrative regulation, drew many queries. One student inquired as to specific policy regarding *minyan* attendance. Dr. Belkin replied that *minyan* was not "a matter of policy, but a matter of *Shulchan Aruch*." He also stated that the concept of public prayer could not be understood without participation in it.

Yeshiva Is Center

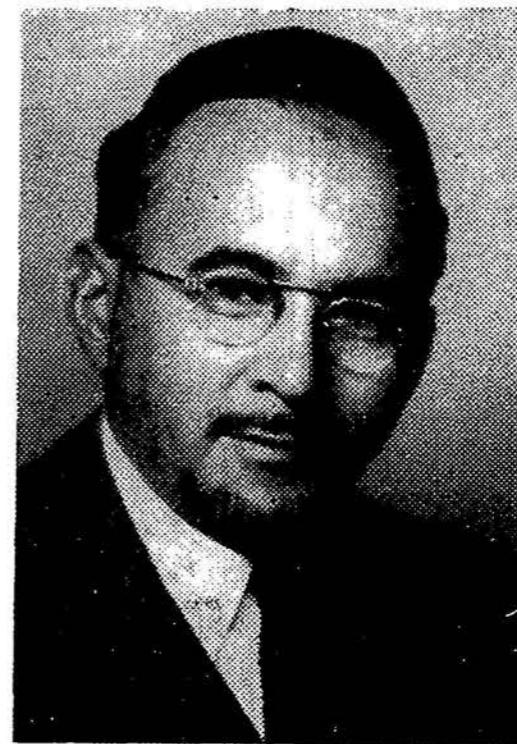
In dealing with this question, Dr. Belkin explained a concept upon which he elaborated during the course of the evening. He declared that Yeshiva, despite its rapid growth during the past decade, is, and must continue to be, a *Yeshiva*, and that while secular studies complement the study of Torah, and are by no means superfluous, "The Yeshiva must be in the center."

In response to this, questions regarding the advisability of the

Medical School and the Halachic permissibility of the Dean's Reception were raised. In response to the former, the President declared that the Medical School gives the Yeshiva the opportunity to render invaluable scientific service to the community in its totality. Furthermore, this monumental project has greatly advanced the Yeshiva's goal of making the Yeshiva known and respected in every Jewish and non-Jewish home in the United States. In regard to the Dean's Reception, Dr. Belkin simply but firmly stated that "I approve of it," adding that those who felt that it was wrong to attend such an affair were not compelled to do so.

"Synthesis" Explained

Early in the evening, Dr. Belkin's approach to "synthesis" was requested by a number of students who admitted to difficulty in seeing it practised, and consequently, in achieving it themselves. One stu-



Dr. Samuel Belkin

dent felt that the College and the "Jewish" departments of the school seemed to be in antithesis to each other; another voiced the opinion that the College created philosophical doubts which the Yeshiva, due to its different orientation, could not successfully cope with.

In answering these questions, Dr. Belkin emphasized that "synthesis" does not mean "Chemistry a la *Gemorra*" but that it is something which must be achieved within the personality of the individual rather than in subject matter. He repeated his assertion that "the Yeshiva gives a purpose in life while the College gives information. He also stated

that while the Yeshiva "cannot provide all the answers, it brings you back to the origins and sources of our sacred traditions." In this manner, he continued, the Yeshiva is laying the foundation upon which each individual must "build his own house."

In regard to philosophical problems, Dr. Belkin agreed that seminars or advisors should be organized to deal with speculative questions in addition to the various courses in Jewish philosophy given at the University. He assumed however, that *Roshai Yeshiva* could assist greatly in these matters, at the same time urging students to have the highest respect and reverence for the *Roshai Yeshiva* who have devoted their entire lives to Torah learning and Torah practice.

On Torah Study

Another questioner asked why there are not more students in the *Beth HaMedrash* during the evening hours. The President declared that he visited the *Beth HaMedrash* on a number of evenings and that a large number of students was usually there. Furthermore, he expressed his gratification that all students were at least studying Torah even if it was for the sake of doing well in their examinations.

On the other hand, he pointed out that the rigors of a double program often make it impossible for students to study late into the night without danger of ill effects from the physical standpoint. "I sometimes worry more about those who stay up so late at night than about those who do not," he declared.

Above all, Dr. Belkin urged students to develop a feeling of tolerance toward different attitudes within the student body, pointing out that Yeshiva is a "melting pot" of students with different backgrounds, and varying degrees of understanding. He stressed that many boys from irreligious homes had adjusted themselves successfully to a Yeshiva environment, and that mutual respect was far superior to self-righteousness. "Don't try to mold your fellow student in your image, but try to understand him," he concluded.

After the meeting, Rabbi Bulman, chairman of the evening, echoed the hope expressed by Dr. Belkin that the meeting would be only the first in a series of informal talks, subsequent ones to be conducted with smaller groups. He expressed the sentiment of the students when he stated that the questions, as well as the answers, had been of significance in unearthing the problems of Yeshiva life, and that a fruitful step had been taken in their solution.

Prior to the question and answer period, Marvin Pachino '55, *gabbai* of the dormitory, presented a television set to Mr. and Mrs. Baer on behalf of the dormitory students. Mr. Baer, though too surprised and pleased for lengthy speeches, said that he hoped "we will always live in friendship."

Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Rabbi Michael Katz, instructor in Talmud at R.I.E.T.S. and Yeshiva College upon the loss of his mother; to Hyman S. Wettstein, associate professor in Physical Education upon the loss of his father; and to Perez Posen, instructor in Physics upon the loss of his father. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

For the Uninformed

It seems that even after statements by the President and the Dean, after wide publicity and much discussion, some instructors maintain the erroneous conception that Yeshiva has a new or different policy on grades. This is not true. The policy of Yeshiva College, as of now, is that each instructor is, so to speak, "a king in his own classroom." He may grade on whatever basis he feels best suit the interests of the College, and is in no way required to give a specific number of exams, reports or homeworks. An instructor may give as many A's or D's as he feels fit without regard to any mythical average. We hope that this clarification will halt references to a non-existent regulation on the part of still uninformed instructors.

Food for Thought

We call our readers' attention to the introduction of a posted menu in the College Cafeteria. It is gratifying to know that the students can now refer to the foods that they eat by their *proper* names.

Chief Rabbi of Argentina Visits U.S. Schools Graces Yeshiva University with His Initial Visit

By Sheldon Rudoff

Attired in the traditional long-frocked rabbinic garb topped off by a magnificent gaucho sombrero, the full-bearded Grand Rabino Amram Blum, Chief Rabbi of Argentina, presented a striking figure during his initial visit to Yeshiva University last Thursday. Rabbi Blum, who is on an official mission for the University of Buenos Aires to study the Hebraic and Judaic curricula of several of America's leading universities with a view towards creating a chair in these studies at the Argentinian University, was given the grand tour of the University by Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, chairman of the Department of Jewish Studies, and Mr. Sam Hartstein, public relations director. I was a "nuchshlepper," as they say.

At the very outset, Rabbi Blum, alternating between Yiddish, English and Hebrew, tried to set us straight about our "misconceptions" on freedom in Argentina. "Argentina allows for absolute freedom of religion and there is a great respect for Jewish tradition in the country," he said. Citing the case of how Americans at the hotel in which he was staying were amused at his dress, Rabbi Blum stated that in Argentina the beard is the external symbol of a rabbi, a symbol that signifies a cultured individual and

one that commands respect. "Why, even the Reform rabbi wears one," he added. "I notice that the *Yarmulke* is a big *tzora* here too," remarked the Rabbi who was wearing a large, prominent triangular skullcap. "Had I known," he mused, "I would have brought a bigger one."

After making several additional allusions to the freedom in his homeland, and after explaining the closing of *La Prensa* as an act of the Parliament—"and not of President Peron" against a millionaire publisher who wished to organize his workers against existing social legislation, Rabbi Blum left us unconvinced in the realm of politics and began to answer our queries about the Jewish Community in Argentina.

Argentine Kehila

The Jewish Community in Argentina, he revealed, is the only one in the Western Hemisphere which has a *kehila*, a central governing body. Unlike Great Britain where the Chief Rabbi is an honorary title and he does not even serve on the *bet din*, Rabbi Blum is the supreme authority on all religious matters in Argentina. Not even a divorce can be granted without his approval. Receiving government financial support, the Chief Rabbinate controls every

phase of Jewish communal life including its educational and social aspects. When questioned about *shechita*, Rabbi Blum revealed that previously the facilities in the slaughtering houses were modeled after those in the U.S. "However, we were not entirely satisfied with our facilities and now after the government reorganized the slaughter houses we have a slaughter house devoted exclusively to *shechita*."

In his attempt to bring another illustration of "liberalism" in Argentina, Rabbi Blum spoke of circumcision in his country where the parents can engage any *mohel* they desire and are not restricted to the one who is associated with a particular hospital, as is often the case in the United States.

Yiddish Is Barrier

"How do we regard the Jewish Community in the U.S.? Well, we recognize it as the great economic power that it is but we are greatly concerned over the assimilation going on in your country," was the Rabino's answer to our question concerning his views on American Jewry. "In Argentina we have built a language barrier against assimilation. In all Jewish circles Yiddish is the official language," he said.

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Snobs and Snacks Seen Amid Vegetarian Dates

By Simon Cohen

If you elongate the College luncheonette, remove its counter, cover its tables with white linen and sparkling silverware and if, at last, you furnish its corners with bareheaded Yiddish-speaking waiters nearing middle-age then you've got the Farmfoods Restaurant. This, save perhaps for some minor changes in the cuisine, is all that distinguishes the Washington Heights hangout of Yeshiva's cream of the *kreplech* from the downtown equivalent of the same.

One is speaking, figuratively, of course. There are doubtless other striking differences such as: the fashionable garb in which the Yeshiva product is attired when you find him in Farmfoods, in contrast to the ragged mode he displays at Harry and Morris', or the generously free hand the student exhibits upon disempocketing the expense of a snack at Farmfoods in further contrast to the complaining *krechtzes* he discharges when a relatively minute bill confronts him at Harry's after a meal a-la-king.

Farmfoods, like Yeshiva, is a unique institution. It caters to *masmidim* hailing from the far to the near side of Yeshivadam, almost as Schreiber's caters to the elite and Goldberg's of Delancey Street to the East Side proletariat. It is the meeting place of theological seminarists on Saturday nights who come there with their dates to 1) exhibit their clothes; 2) their dates; 3) their dates' clothes; 4) inspect the next fellow's date and his date's clothes.

Indeed one might say that the place turns into a fashion show exhibiting "Klein's Bargain Basement Special of The Week."

Fashions are not the only attractions the place has. It is also a lively marketplace of petty eyebrow-raising and a stock exchange of small time gossip where reputations rise and fall at the turn of a *yarmulke*.

So famous has Farmfoods become that no religiously inclined date is complete without a snack and a *shmooz* there. Asking how this came to be is like asking how Lindy's became a nest of actors and a certain cafeteria the source of bellyaches. Its origins are immaterial. What counts is that today it has become a socio-cultural phenomenon comparable to mint-juleps in the South, corn-on-the-cob and polygamy in the West, and the practice of rush-houring and stepping on the next sucker in the East.

But the best description perhaps is that of the immortal bard:

Farmfoods is elite
Though it serves no meat,
But proletarians of the working class,
Take our advice and go to Fass'.

Walking Scribe Groups Auto Owner Headaches

By Henry Kressel

Much encouraged by the enthusiastic reception given to our report on the Dorm Fire, we went on to investigate the local car owners.

The Y.U. motorists, we have discovered, can be divided into two distinct classes. The first is the "playboy" class and is made up of those students who drive to school in the family Cadillac. The only worry these fortunate few have is how to keep the gas tank full without paying. This, especially during a downtrend on Wall Street, becomes a grave problem, for the huge monsters they drive are insatiable.

The members of this group are well known for their sporting spirit and gallantry. Whether racing for the nearest girl or the nearest red light, they spare neither themselves nor their machines. They are always kind to young ladies and sometimes to older ones. Some of these young blades are even known to have gotten out of their cars at red lights to help comely young things cross the street, but these, we hasten to add, are the exceptions. The majority just wave shyly and blow their horns.

The "playboy" class, needless to say, is the envy of the owner-drivers who comprise the second group. These dream of the day when they too will drive portable living rooms. In the meantime, however, they must content themselves with antiques held together by a merciful providence. The cars, like their owners, spend a great deal of time resting and with their broken windows serve admirably as rest rooms for the neighborhood birds. Dogs, on the other hand, have been seen to turn away with pained expressions from the outer ragged edges.

For the owner-drivers, life is a constant battle against rust, rising repair bills and the vagaries of the weather. A strong drizzle floods the car, an uneven street is apt to snap the spring, while a gentle bump or strong wind may very likely cause the motor to drop out of its tired chassis.

It is no wonder, therefore, that these unhappy motorists have neurotic temperaments geared to that of their ailing machines. Overheating is liable to bring on a mild fever, a flooded carburetor can result in stomach cramps, while a cracked cylinder head has been known to result in a nervous breakdown. Like the centaurs of mythology, their mounts have become part of themselves.

Thoroughly engrossed in their machines, these students are often absent-minded. When asked, for instance, "How are you today?" they are apt to shake their heads and mumble, "Not so well—battery trouble again," and trot away, purring like the Rolls-Royce of their dreams.

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Campus Capers

PONY EXPRESS . . . An old procedure has been revived to produce something new in the teaching of Latin at George Washington University. The procedure termed "pony express" method, by Dr. John Francis Latimer, executive officer of the University's Department of Classical Languages, involves the use of both English and Latin versions of Latin texts.

Dr. Latimer now makes the "pony," the English version of a Latin text, not only legal, but required in his new course. He says that most Latin teachers today require students to spend hours looking up words in dictionaries, thereby leaving them comparatively little time for reading. He predicts his students, by using "ponies," will read more Latin and therefore learn more Latin.

FALLACIES OF A PERFECT DICTIONARY . . . A college education is a marvelous thing. Here are some errors that turned up when a general information test was given at the University of Oregon: Fjord—a Swedish automobile; Iran—Bible of the Mohammedans; Nicotine—the man who discovered cigarettes; Scotland Yard—two feet, ten inches; Concubine—when several businesses combine.

COLLEGE EDITOR FINDS "NOT ALL BAD" IN THE USSR . . . Several months ago, three college newspaper editors applied for visas to visit Russia. To their surprise the visas were granted.

In a recent interview with the college newspaper of C.C.N.Y., Mr. Zander Hollander, ex-feature editor of the University of Michigan Daily, told of his first-hand look at the Soviet Union.

The trio had been allowed free hand to roam Moscow streets and to plan their own activities. They were even permitted to walk in and out of Soviet classrooms, questioning students and instructors.

Mr. Hollander said the visit of the Americans was a "revelation to the Russian students, few of whom had ever seen or met an American before."

"The only thing they knew about Americans was just what we imagine they have been told," he said. They have no access to information other than propaganda and they believe it implicitly, according to Mr. Hollander.

BEAN'S ON THE BALL . . . A book written to help teachers prepare better tests and to keep students from complaining "I never know how to study for one of his tests," has been published from the pen of Dr. Kenneth I. Bean, professor of Psychology and Director of the Mental Health Clinic at Baylor University. The book is entitled "Construction of Educational and Personnel Tests."

The author states that fallacies in testing often result from the ambiguous wording of questions given. If a student misinterprets a question, he writes, there may be two causes; either the student has little knowledge of the subject or the instructor has failed to recognize legitimate answers other than his own. Referring to "objectivity in grading," Dr. Bean stated that sometimes the professor is indifferent or lazy. Too, he charges, "some professors are prejudiced in favor of brunettes."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on an interview which your correspondent had with Mr. Tress of the Agudah which was published in your issue of January 6 in which a number of misrepresentations were made by Mr. Tress.

In the first place, he stated that on the question of *sherut leumi* (National Service for Girls), Rabbi Herzog "had declared that no compromise was possible." The fact is that Rabbi Herzog has at no time stated that *sherut leumi* is contrary to Torah law and he has stated that the religious parties should not leave the government because of this issue.

Secondly, the quoted statement of Mr. Tress that "even the Rabbi they claim to listen to" was both insulting and untrue. The Miz-rachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi have followed the guidance of the Chief Rabbinate and only the Chief Rabbinate, which is Israel's highest religious authority, in the past and will continue to do so in the future. Chief Rabbi Herzog does not speak for himself as the autocratic leader of the Chief Rabbinate. He is associated with a group of other distinguished rabbis whose statements are uttered with the greatest of care and deliberation. It is the Agudah which has in the past, as now, seen fit to refuse the authority of the Chief Rabbinate and to attempt to foist upon the Jewish world the authority of another group of rabbis

who have never been recognized as the highest religious authority by the *yishuv* or outside.

Mr. Tress also decried "the criminal acts" in which religious girls, who, upon rabbinical orders, had refused to answer government medical questionnaires, and were arrested. This is a completely trumped up story which has no verification except in the fancies of Agudah leaders. Mr. Tress is deliberately misrepresenting an incident in which the military police questioned eligible males in Jerusalem who were of military draft age. No arrests of girls were made nor was there any attempt to deal with girls at that time.

The facts are that as of this date the law on National Service for Girls has not yet been put into effect.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Rabbi Isaac B. Rose

To all dormitory residents:

We were really deeply moved by your thoughtfulness. Not only are we looking forward to many enjoyable hours of entertainment but we are equally pleased with the idea and the spirit which prompted the gift.

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(Signed) Mr. and Mrs. Max Baer

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE



WHATS UP DOC? Four members of the faculty of Yeshiva College who have served the Institution since its inception in 1928, compare notes on their twenty-five year tenure at the College. They are (left to right): Professors Abraham Hurwitz, Physical Education; Jekuthial Ginsburg, Mathematics; Shelly R. Saphire, Biology and Moses L. Isaacs, Chemistry.

Let's Talk About

Council Prexy Makes Debut As Columnist

By Joel Balsam

In past years the journalistic activities of a Student Council President have normally been confined to an annual review of the "accomplishments" of his administration and perhaps an occasional excursion into metaphysics to discuss some of the problems that come under the heading of "synthesis." Therefore my decisions to write a regular column in THE COMMENTATOR requires some explanation as to motive and purposes and also a statement of the material I intend to cover.

To begin with the last point, this column will not be a scoreboard of achievements of Student Council—I'll save that for the end of the term—but rather a sounding board for some of the more fundamental problems that the student at Yeshiva faces and what steps are being taken by Student Council and by the administration in attempting to solve them. Also, I'll try to remove the veil of mystery and ignorance that too many students, especially lower classmen, possess concerning their student government by classifying the aims of Student Council and describing some of the matters before it.

As is repeatedly said, Yeshiva is a "unique" institution. This uniqueness shows itself in a homogeneous student body, composed of men of similar backgrounds and having comparatively similar goals. That such a student body, which has at heart the interests of the University and which, in but several years will become rabbis and leaders in Jewish life, would have its opinions and desires seriously considered by the administration is understandable. And such is the case; the administration keeps the door open to Student Council suggestions and recommendations which we are not reticent in expressing. Several weeks ago, for example, two detailed reports were submitted to the proper authorities concerning the problems of food and building repair. Yet presenting a suggestion is one matter, seeing prompt action taken on it is another, and only a student body aware of these and other problems can achieve maximum results, acting as a spur both to Student Council and to the administration. Only an informed student body can supply the climate in which problems demanding immediate attention will not be pushed off to the future. If this column succeeds in being informative it will have succeeded in its purpose.

Since I said in my opening paragraph that I would state my motives in writing this column, I must admit that I am doing it not out of any sense of duty or service as much as of personal satisfaction. Like many other students feeling a deep attachment to the principles that Yeshiva fosters, I am conscious of the many problems that face Yeshiva and I believe that only by bringing these problems into the open can solutions ever be found. Among them are the expansion of the University and the waning of the personal element that is so essential; the excessive burden that our students must carry; the improvement of the College curriculum and facilities; the presence of what sometimes appears to be a dichotomy between the morning and afternoon fields of study; and the yearning of many students for guidance, especially in religious matters. Of course I don't assume to know the answers to all of these problems but I do know that they exist and need constant examination. Faculty committees in the College and the University are presently at work considering them and in future columns I will offer my own viewpoint on some of these matters.

Thus, it is with a feeling of eagerness that I look forward to my assignment as a columnist.

Journal Publishes Poetry by French Moroccan Student

Two original Hebrew poems written by Abraham Marthan appeared in the recent Dec.-Jan. issue of *Bitzaron*, the only Hebrew literary monthly published in America.

Mr. Marthan, who was born in Casablanca, French Morocco, in 1933 and arrived in the U.S. November 1948, began writing poetry when he was twelve years old. It became his favorite hobby and to date he has amassed a total of about 200 poems, though not for publication. Marthan tried to stay out of the "limelight," and succeeded, until Dr. Maurice Chernowitz, associate professor of French at Yeshiva and managing editor of *Bitzaron*, read his poetry and insisted upon the inclusion of two of his works in the periodical.

At one time he was Editor of *Haniv*, a magazine for young writers under the sponsorship of Hadoar and the Histadruth Ivrit; he has submitted poems to the Hadoar and expects them to appear in the publication in the near future.

A major in the Social Sciences here at Yeshiva while teaching modern Hebrew literature in the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls, Mr. Marthan's future plans call for the translation of English literary writings into Hebrew and needless to say, the composition of some poetry.

Chief Rabbi

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As proof of this point, Rabbi Blum pointed out that assimilation is much greater among the Spanish Jews in Argentina, who do not speak Yiddish, than among the East European Jews who comprise his *kehila*. "Even the younger generation speaks Yiddish—and not a 'shut-tzu-der-window Yiddish,' but a good *Litvakian shprach*."

When it came time for Rabbi Blum to leave, he assured Dr. Hoenig, who had previously mentioned how he had at one time experienced difficulty in getting a visa to Argentina, that he would be welcome in a visit to the "Land of the Pampas." Armed with catalogs and other literature about the Yeshiva, Rabbi Blum departed from the building—a good will ambassador from our "good neighbor" to the South leaving behind three slightly shaken, but still convinced democrats.

J. Harris, M. Antelman Appointed Nir Editors

Judah Harris '55, has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Nir and Marvin Antelman '55, has been appointed Associate Editor, announced Mickey Orlian '55, President of the Teachers Institute Student Council.

Other appointments are Leon Chameides '55, managing editor and Norman E. Singer '56, business manager.

Editor Harris announced that articles will be accepted no later than March 15 as the Nir is scheduled to be published before the Passover vacation.

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Club Notes

Deutscher Verein

"Sanctification of the individual is the end term of a lifelong process of pollution and absolution," remarked Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy, in a lecture on "The Philosophy of Goethe's Faust" Friday, January 22, before the Deutscher Verein.

Professor Litman analyzed the achievements of Faust in his ventures through the world of tragedy and sin and demonstrated Faust's "intellectual love of God."

French Club

Professor Germaine Bré, chairman of the French Department of N.Y.U., spoke at a meeting of the Pi Delta Phi, French Honorary Society, and the Cercle Francais Wednesday, January 6, in the Dormitory Social Hall. Professor Bré spoke on "Contemporary French Literature."

Herbert Dobrinsky '53, president of Pi Delta Phi and Ori Schonthal '54, president of the Cercle Francais announced that Dr. Simeon Guterman, acting dean of Yeshiva College will speak on the "History of the Sorbonne" Wednesday, May 7, commemorating the 700th anniversary of that University.

Israeli-American Club

The Israeli-American Club, the eighteenth club to be formed under the new program, will hold its initial meeting Thursday, February 18, announced Leon Wildes '55, chairman of the Student Activities Committee.

The Israeli-American Club has as its purpose the objective discussion of the political views of the various Israel political parties. There will be from time to time forums with the participation of noted Israeli guest speakers.

Jewish Philosophy Society

"The Ramaw was not an original philosopher, but rather gathered the opinions and conceptions of other Jewish philosophers and compared them, constructing from them his own views," declared Rabbi Asher Siev '37, before the Jewish Philosophy Society, Thursday, February 11, in an address entitled, "The Ramaw as a Philosopher." "The Ramaw was a rationalist who was concerned with, solving the problems of halacha and Judaistic beliefs as they arose in the form of practical problems," said Rabbi Siev.

In analyzing the ideas of the early 17th century Jewish philosopher and *posek*, Rabbi Siev remarked that while the Ramaw was an avid student of Maimonides to the extent that he considered himself a "spark of Rambam's soul," his views were not at all times congruent to those of the Rambam. The Ramaw compared the thirteen tenets of faith of Maimonides to the principles of Albo and using them as a basis, evolved an extension of the principles and basic beliefs of Judaism which were, in effect, a compromise between the two.

Audio Visual Department to Resume Annual Film Forum Series, March 3

The Audio-Visual Department annual film forum series will be held March 3, 10, 24 and 31 at 8:45 p.m., announced Mr. Sidney Pleskin, director of the Department. Mr. Pleskin stated that all discussions at the film forums will be recorded for purposes of evaluation by members of the Education 51 Class, who are also engaged in planning the forums. Aside from the experimental nature of the film forums, they are to provide an opportunity for the students of visual aids to discuss and be introduced to communication techniques.

Mr. Pleskin also announced that the Audio-Visual Department of Yeshiva University is planning the formation of an unofficial group whose purpose it will be to meet periodically to discuss and exchange ideas on the role that audio-visual devices play in education. Members, who will be graduates of Teachers Institute and Yeshiva College, will relate their individual experiences with the use of audio-visual aids, with an eye toward practical improvements in method.

Faculty Notes

Rabbi Aaron D. Burack, professor of Talmud and Codes has published a collection of scholarly papers and lectures in two volumes called "Pirchei Aharon." The collection includes a variety of the more important lectures delivered by Rabbi Burack on various occasions. Rabbi Burack is the spiritual leader of Congregation Ohel Moshe Chevra Thilim, Brooklyn.

Rabbi David Mirsky, assistant professor of Hebrew, started a series of Bible lectures heard over radio station WEVD, Sundays at 3 p.m.

Dr. Mordecai Soltes, professor of Community Service in the School of Education and Community Administration of Yeshiva University, discussed "The American Yiddish Press, a Potent Civic Force," Monday, January 25, on Radio Station WLIB. The discussion was based on Dr. Soltes' book on the Americanizing influence of the Yiddish press, which was published by Teachers College, Columbia University.

Seven Students Return From Israel Study-Tour

Six graduates of the Teachers Institute, recipients of Jewish Agency scholarships to Israel, have returned to Yeshiva College, after a six month period of "study and travel" in Israel. The scholarship winners returned Friday, January 29, aboard the liner S.S. United States.

Three other award recipients have not yet returned. They are Daniel Bonchek '53, and Marshall Korn '53, who are touring Europe, and Ed Jakobovitz '53, who has extended his stay in Israel for six months.

An article describing their travels will appear in a future issue of THE COMMENTATOR.

Get Well

THE COMMENTATOR joins the student body in wishing a speedy recovery to Emanuel Forman '53, and Marvin Hershkowitz '52, who are recovering from recent illnesses.

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On the Sidelines

**On Levine, Narrowe,
Hershkowitz and
The Dean**

By Bernie Hoenig

The athletes at Yeshiva University come and go at a rapid pace. The average hoopster scores his baskets and then leaves the halls of Yeshiva as just another guy who once wore the uniform of the Blue and White. Occasionally there will be an Avrech or a Doppelt, a Fredman or a Hershkowitz, the aces whose names always remain clear in the score-book of fame. Two cagers recently completed their four-year tour of duty at Yeshiva as high candidates for the mythical honor album of the Mighty Mites. During these years Eli Levine and Mort Narrowe played varsity ball, smashing no records but gaining the respect and admiration of the student body as top players.

To say that Captain Eli Levine excelled in one particular contest more than another would simply be a false statement. Single out his play in the Panzer game of '52 and you point out the past Brooklyn College tilt or 1951's St. Francis contest. And it can go on and on. That is consistency in performance, the little thing for which coaches tear their hair out, but very rarely find.

Recently a group of players were "shooting the breeze" in "Red" Sarachek's office. "Now you take Eli Levine," said a newcomer to the squad. "There is a guy who is a pretty good ball player." One of the veteran players began laughing. "That is the understatement of the year," he said. "Eli is one of Y.U.'s best all-around players. For four years he has held the squad together as a defensive star, playmaker and scorer. We're sure going to miss him." We can only say, "Ditto."

Unfortunately basketball fans saw very little of Mort Narrowe this year. Although "Mutt" is generally known for his rebounding skill and his star performance in last season's upset victory over Kings College, he is known to his team-mates as the guy with the squad's superstitions. After learning the art of basketball from a book, "Mutt" began searching for "lucky pieces" for his Mighty Mites. After his lucky flute failed at Fordham, he discovered what was to become one of the most celebrated Yeshiva articles—the famous Narrowe Derby.

There is no doubt that the lucky purple derby deserves retirement and a place in Y.U.'s trophy case that may some day be built. Mort sported his derby for four games. And the Mites won four straight games. When the streak ended, the hat was cast into a shower, never to be heard of again.

It happened several weeks ago, but the students are still talking about Dean and Mrs. Gutterman's attendance at the Quinnipiac game, January 9. The Dean's attendance was perhaps the best available proof that faculty cooperation and encouragement is of great importance for the improvement of athletics and general spirit at the College. Within moments after Dean Gutterman's arrival, the news was passed along the Blue and White bench and into a time-out huddle. The students and players were inspired and impressed.

There is another man who can always be seen on the High School and College bench. Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, registrar of T.I., is well known as one of the main supporters of Yeshiva athletics. It is indeed satisfying to realize that men like Dr. Grinstein and Dean Gutterman recognize the varsity teams as their teams and are giving encouragement to the students in every possible way.

Two weeks ago, Yeshiva students were jolted with the news that Marvin Hershkowitz, the University's all-time basketball great, was in serious condition in an Iowa Hospital. Many prayers were uttered during the past weeks, and today we're glad to report that Marvin is progressing nicely. His recovery, however, will be a hard and slow one. It would certainly be a nice gesture if Yeshiva students and faculty members would pen a few lines of cheer to a real great guy. His address is Marvin Hershkowitz, Iowa University Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa.

**Heighters Down Lycoming College;
Hunter Snaps Y.U. Winning Streak**

**Sodden Mightiest
Of Mighty Mites**

Sparked by a combination of Abe Sodden's height and "Abby" Gewirtz's playmaking ability, Yeshiva University's quintet upset a strong Lycoming College squad, 82-63. The contest, which avenged last year's 102-55 setback, was held at the Central Needle Trades court, Saturday, February 6.

The play was slow at the start with both teams matching points and Yeshiva leading at the close of the first period, 9-8. The tempo picked up in the second frame, with the Mighty Mites building up a

Sodden and Co.

YESHIVA (82)			LYCOMING (63)		
	G	F P		G	F P
Citron	3	6 12	Gallagher	0	2 2
Green	3	9 15	Hawkins	1	0 2
Sodden	12	5 29	Glunk	2	1 5
Schlusael	1	2 4	Flint	1	1 3
Gewirtz	3	3 9	Leta	10	5 25
Teicher	5	0 10	Wilson	3	3 9
Levine	1	0 2	Zaremba	4	5 13
Schuchalter	0	1 1	West	2	0 4
Totals	28	26 82	Totals	23	17 63

sizeable lead. In the early part of the third quarter the Heighters led by twenty-eight points. The Lycoming five, led by their star center, Vince Leta, cut the lead down in the final quarter, but could not come close to the Blue and White.

Abe Sodden led the scoring for the evening with twenty-nine markers. Hard fighting, spirited Leon Green tallied fifteen points and Marvin Teicher, coming through with important field goals, racked up ten points.

Starring on the defense was Jay Citron who, besides adding twelve markers to the cause, held Vince Leta to only twenty-five points. Leta is one of the nation's leading players and scorers among the smaller colleges. The victory was the fourth straight for the Mites who had set back Pace, Quinnipiac and Cathedral Colleges in succession. In the Pace contest, which was played Wednesday, January 6, Yeshiva won by two points, 58-56, when Jay Citron tallied on a long set to break the tie just as the final buzzer sounded.

**Paraplegics Roll
Smoothly Over YU**

Playing its annual wheel-chair basketball game, a representative Yeshiva University squad bowed to the Bronx Rollers, Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital team, to the tune of 57-14, February 3, at the DeWitt Clinton High School in The Bronx.

Representing Yeshiva was Athletic Manager "Vel" Hulkower '56, COMMENTATOR Sports Editor Bernie Hoenig '55, Gerald Turk '54, Seymour Hoffman '57, Jerry Cutler and Phil Fenster '53. Sports Scribe Bernie Hoenig got "off the sidelines" by scoring ten of Yeshiva's fourteen points.

The parapalegic veterans rolled off to a quick start as the Yeshiva players were learning the art of playing basket ball from wheel-chairs. Towards the close of the first frame, Fenster and Turk tallied on free throws to give Yeshiva its first two points. Yeshiva trailed at the end of the first half 28-8, after Hoenig rolled in for three straight baskets. In the second half, the Rollers pulled away from the Y.U. team, which managed to score only six points during the entire half.

Sportlight

By Julie Landwirth

To simply say that Seymour Essrog '55, is concurrently Secretary of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association, Managing Editor of the '54 Masmid and Vice-President of the Student Council, would really be an understatement. Officially those are his titles. But practically speaking, he is "first fiddle" on the accelerating bandwagon of Yeshiva athletics. As "Red" Sarachek's right hand man, Seymour has had a great hand in promoting Yeshiva's inter-collegiate sports activities.

Upon being graduated from Brooklyn's Mesivta Torah Vodaath, Seymour entered Yeshiva in 1951. Accepting the post of COMMENTATOR Sports Editor, Mr. Essrog instituted the paper's policy of awarding trophies to the Most Valuable Players of Yeshiva's varsities.

Although Seymour's official duty is to take minutes at Y.U.A.A. meetings, he has extended his range of activities in an effort to stimulate college spirit. Realizing that it is often the little things that count, he has eliminated the necessity of our hoopsters traveling to games via subway by providing them with auto service.

Mr. Essrog is a firm believer that non-participation in extra-curricular activities is the major cause of discontent on the part of Yeshiva students. To alleviate this, Seymour works hard and seriously to help better the extra-curricular program and build up Yeshiva's name. As he says, "The work of the students is not for personal glory, but to show everyone that we can do things as well as others, and perhaps better."

**Bernie Hoenig Chosen
President of J. H. S. L.**

With the graduation of Zev Hymowitz '54, as League president, Bernie Sarachek, chairman of the League Board, has announced the appointment of Bernie Hoenig '55, as new Jewish High School League President. Mr. Hoenig served on the League's board for two years as secretary and first vice-president. "Vel" Hulkower '56, and Joel Green '56, are now in the first and second vice-presidency spots, respectively, and Stanley Schimmel '57, has been appointed to the post of Secretary. Professor Hy Wettstein retains the position of league treasurer.

With the second half of the Jewish High School League basketball season now under way, Brooklyn and Manhattan Talmudicals are once again in the lead for championship honors. The League is divided into two units of Brooklyn and Manhattan, and the schedule consists of ten games for each of the eight member squads.

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**Check Hoopsters
In Final Seconds**

Failing to stretch its victory streak to five games, Yeshiva University's quintet bowed to Hunter College, 71-68, Wednesday, February 10, at the Hunter gymnasium. The encounter saw the Blue and White overcome a sixteen point deficit, but relinquish a one point lead with only thirty seconds to go.

The first half saw the Hunter squad dominate the court, with Leon Green and Marvin Teicher vainly trying to stop the onrushing Bronx team. At the half-time buzzer Hunter led 41-25. The second half,

Almost

YESHIVA (68)			HUNTER (71)		
	G	F P		G	F P
Citron	2	1 5	Scott	4	2 10
Green	1	9 11	Michael	0	1 1
Schlusael	1	0 2	Schwabe	0	1 1
Sodden	6	5 17	Schulman	2	0 4
Gewirtz	6	1 13	Sack	5	3 13
Schuchalter	0	0 0	Russo	7	0 14
Teicher	9	2 20	Joseph	9	10 28
Totals	25	18 68	Totals	27	17 71

however, saw the situation reversed with the Mites coming to life and closing the gap between the two squads. With three minutes to go in the contest, Yeshiva tied the score and then went ahead by one point on a goal by Sodden. With thirty seconds to go Bob Sack and Tony Russo of Hunter tallied on lay-ups to put their squad ahead by three points, 71-68.

Playing his best collegiate game, Marvin Teicher held the Mites together throughout the game, tallying twenty points for high honors. Leon Green scored eleven points in the first half and "Abby" Gewirtz racked up thirteen points in the second half despite being plagued by three personal fouls. The victors were paced in scoring by Larry Joseph's twenty-eight tallies.

**Arthur Shoengood Will
Coach Wrestling Team**

Bernard Sarachek, director of Athletics has announced the appointment of Arthur Shoengood as coach of Yeshiva University's wrestling team.

A graduate of New York University, Mr. Shoengood was captain of the N.Y.U. wrestling team and is presently a member of the Corrective Therapy Department of the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital. Coach Shoengood is also the basketball mentor of the Columbia Grammer School.

Mr. Shoengood expressed satisfaction with the few wrestling sessions held in the Yeshiva gymnasium to date. His aim is to arouse interest in the sport, with the eventual goal of building a wrestling team capable of inter-collegiate competition.

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Add 2 Workshops In Graduate Dep't

The introduction of two new courses in the Graduate School this term has been announced by Mrs. Pearl Kardon, acting supervisor of the Yeshiva University Graduate Division. They are workshops in the teaching of *chumash* and Social Studies respectively.

The workshop in *chumash* is being sponsored in conjunction with the Department of Yeshivot of the Jewish Education Committee of New York and will be under the direction of Dr. Herman C. Axelrod. Scholarships will be offered to matriculated and non-matriculated students.

Debating

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represented Yeshiva in the debate with New Haven State Teachers College and upheld the affirmative of the National Topic.

This year also marks the twentieth anniversary of the Yeshiva University Debating Society and the tenth year that Dr. David Fleisher, professor of English at Yeshiva, has coached the team. Plans have been made for an anniversary dinner and celebrations to which alumni of the Society will be invited.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Rabbi David Kahane '49, upon his marriage to Miss Betty Charchat; to Herbert Zaiman upon his marriage to Miss Rose Klein; to Alfred Lichter '51, upon his marriage to Miss Claire Eisenberg, and to Eli Baum upon his marriage to Miss Margot Burglass.

THE COMMENTATOR also congratulates Wallace Pruzansky '55, upon his engagement to Miss Sylvia Schneider and to Norman Toporovsky '53, upon his engagement to Miss Fagie Hausman.

Cars

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In closing our investigation we would like to suggest a new sport that could be introduced at Yeshiva. Since the vehicles the "owner-drivers" possess are obviously unfit for racing, a variation could be introduced. The object of the game would be to see which car can be pushed the fastest by a team of five undersized freshmen. It would be a safe sort of competition and,

in addition, would be an excellent body exercise. A Yeshiva University Undersized Freshmen Car Pushing Society might be formed and Physical Education credits given to its members. After all, people are getting credit for skating these days.

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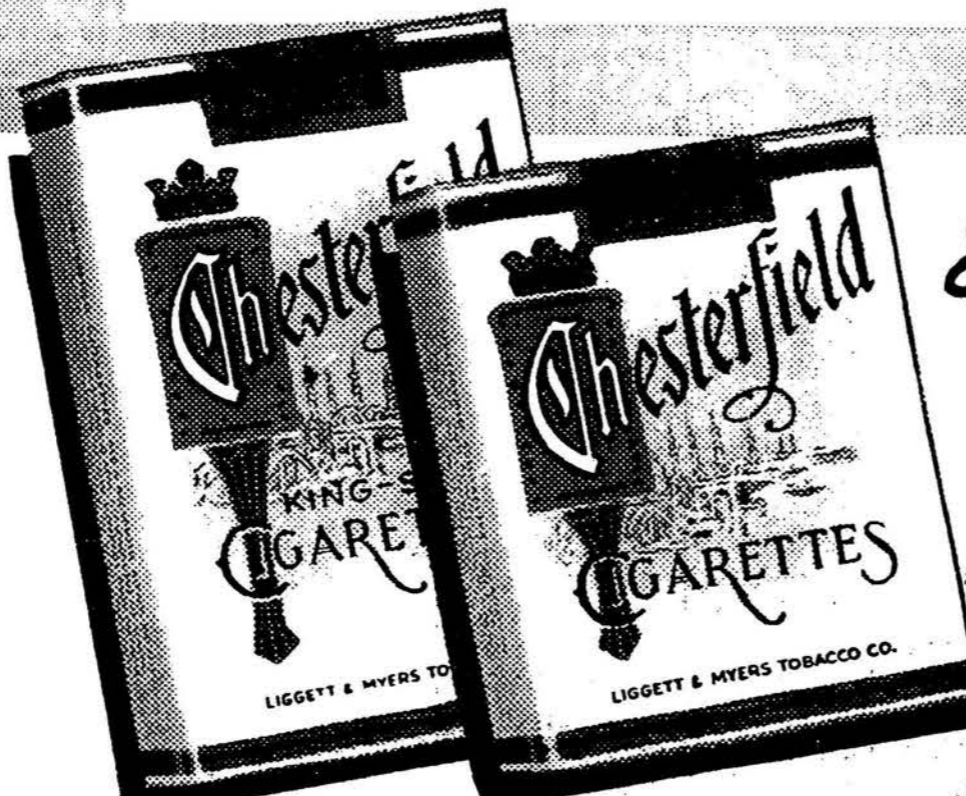
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Chatterman Replaces Legissacovitch; to Act as Premier Big Brother Calls Bolshevik Ball to Celebrate Revelation

B.B. Will Make Public Appearance; Ministry of Truth Proclaims Event **B. B. Says Reason for Appointment Iss Big Secret**

The following Big Bull from Big Brother has been issued from the Ministry of The Truth by Commissar Slobotka Sam Hardstorm.

"Comrades—Whereas this year marks the 25th year of the glorious most-Bloodless Revelation of 1959. I decree that there will be held one Monsterous Bolshevik Ball. All proletariat are being urged to come, for I approve it, the only condition being that you bring friends. In honor of this occasion, I, Big Brother, will make a public appearance. All are invited. Attendance will be taken.

Iss Always Watching,
Big Brother"

For many this will be the first opportunity to see our glorious leader. They say he has a long beard but the reactionaries have spread wild rumors that he uses a Schick on the sly. This is a terrible lie, believe it or not. Since we do not really know what he looks like we may only anticipate and hope for the best.

Some Man!

His background is peasantly pleasant. As a child prodigy he did a masterful translation of the Septuagint into Greek and Socratic. This work, officially adopted after the Revelation, put the Bible out of use in our country. Returning from exile to partake in the Revelation, Big Brother wrote his famous thesis on Unsynthesis, a revolting work. This earned him some name. In 1971 he was called upon to occupy the recently vacated seat of Big Brother I, who had led the Revelation.

Since then, he has consistently led us upward on the evolutionary ladder. 10,000,000 new party members have been added annually. New buildings were razed and old ones built on the site of the old ones. Everybody agrees that we owe everything to him. Praise be He.

Anyhow, comrade Hardstrom further revealed that B.B. will tour the main building of Boorish University tomorrow night. His first objective will be the Batlin Hall. In honor of the occasion the Chief of Security Police, Samuel Dourman, will empty ash trays, bring in more chairs and provide a number of hangers for the latecomers.

Hero Szar Says Peace On Way

Comrade Slam Szar, Minister of Peace "who kept us out of war," announced that peace negotiations are now in progress with Semnaria on the 122nd parallel.

In an exclusive interview, the Minister declared that these negotiations were in line with his conservative foreign policy. This statement was in answer to charges that the peace talks were against Orthodox Marxism. Minister Szar stated that he believes that RUSS could live peacefully with imperialistic states, and that he hopes by means of these negotiations to be able to repatriate those who have sought political asylum in Semnaria.

Immediate reaction to the statement came from Hayman Bogieman Grindstone, Minister of Internal Security. He announced his firm opposition to the talks and called for a complete reconstructionist foreign policy.

A new Acting-Premier was appointed leader of our Republic of Un-Synthesized Students (RUSS). He was chosen by our great benefactor, Big Brother, to replace the recently chucked Mushke Legissacovitch, traitor. This report, handed out by the Ministry of Truth, claims that the new leader's name is Simian Chatterman who has up to now been Head Brainwasher at Stalag 407 in the province of Pennslobovia, up the river.

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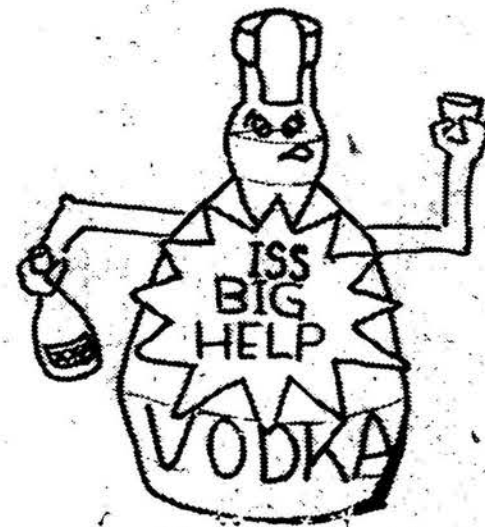
Lit-manoff Annihilated; Hemlick Denied Him

Another traitor has been eliminated. The former Professor Enemitus at Moorish Boorish University, Dr. Alexander Lit-manoff, was annihilated by a special committee today. Lit-manoff's name will be replaced in all encyclopedias by "liquor," a drink which he liquidated during his active days.

The charges against Lit-manoff were many, most sober of which were corrupting the nation's youth and denying the divinity of our Leaders.

The purge of Lit-manoff, who has filled a chair at Boorish since two years after the Revelation, was touched off by a three word "congratulatory" telegram he sent to our new leader, Acting-Premier Chatterman. The telegram said, "Resign, resign, resign." Further investigation of traitor Lit-manoff revealed that he had been teaching his students subversive doctrines and had claimed that he was "the only real

revolutionary around." At times he advised disciples to "save the committee the trouble and just annihilate yourselves." He publicly opposed the five-year plan being



introduced by Acting-Premier Chatterman on the ground that it was based on sophistry.

Hammered by Heavyweights

At his trial, into which Lit-manoff swaggered smiling confidently, the traitor was charged with setting up strange gods for the nation's youth. "I believe in only one god," Lit-manoff stormed, "and Lit-manoff is his name." The traitor became so violent that he had to be hammered by the "heavyweights."

When ushered forth for a verdict he shouted, "Don't rush me; I'm a union man." The judge, in deference to his age, offered him a choice of facing annihilation or renouncing his heresies to be assigned to serve as janitor to the "Smicha Committee." Lit-manoff's only reply was to pull out a collapsible cup from his pocket and to ask for the traditional hemlick. When refused this request, the traitor finally broke down and confessed. He was then led to room 105 for annihilation. Official observers reported that Lit-manoff expired with one long krechtz.

Purge Vulgavitch As Revolutionary Plot is Uncovered

Nicholas Beryim Abramovitch, commissar of Peacetime Purges, has unearthed a plot against the people. This conspiracy was uncovered in the office of Iss Silverbug, minister of Mechanical Education.

The traitor, stated Abramovitch, was none other than the Underminister of Mechanical Education, Ulga Vulgavitch. This news was indeed shaking since comrade Vulgavitch had been known for his Trustworthiness and Loyalty and for this reason, had been twice awarded the coveted "Iss Big (censored) Award" by the former Premier.

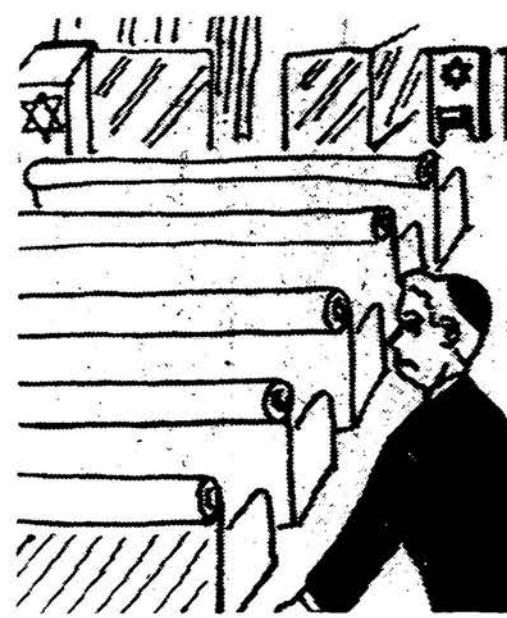
Ambition, however, proved Vulgavitch's undoing. It is now revealed that Ulga had been plotting the willful and violent overthrow of comrade Iss Silverbug for several months. He tried to implement his plot by being even more Trustworthy and Loyal to the new Acting-Premier than he had been to the former.

Upon entering the Ministry's office at 10 p.m. before official office hours, without a note from himself, Abramovitch reported the following scene.

Caught in the Act

Iss Silverbug was in the midst of his morning doldrums with Iss big feet on Iss big desk. Vulgavitch was slowly removing his shoes. Abramo-

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Regulation Ends this Scene

At Bolshevik Rally!

We Want More Morning Minsk

504 members of the proletariat rallied in mess at Bolshevik Hall to beg an increase in the frequency of *minsk*, that popular morning exercise. Asserting their right of free assembly, the demonstrators beseeched Big Brother to extend this wonderful privilege which they have enjoyed since the sacred Revelation of 1959. Among the demonstrators were several leaders of the Students Organization of Boorish, which has placarded the halls and rooms with posters showing a picture of Brendika Hurishka, Boorish's no. 1 girl secretary, with the words "*minsk . . . because*" writ-

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Lebinke Cleared; Fully Reinstated As Party Member

Yelie Lebinke, commissar of Growth and Expansion, has been officially reinstated as a loyal party member. Lebinke's close association with exiled Premier Legissacovitch was suspected by several party members. As a result, he was subjected to a brain-washing test by the Phantom during which he was fumigated, oxidized, filtered, indoctrinated and finally passed through a thistle tube. Official observers reported that the results of the test conclusively proved that Lebinke's former association with the old regime stemmed from purely opportunistic motives and not from intellectual conviction. As such, it was felt that Lebinke, would present no problem to the Party.

To prove his excessive loyalty to the party, Lebinke has written an article on "The Perfect Proletarian" an excerpt of which is found below.

"In the many years I have been with RUSS as apprentice party member, young party member, traitor to the party and reinstated party member, I have witnessed the emergence of 'The Perfect Proletarian.' It has been a source of great satisfaction to me to observe the development and appearance of that type of party member who is no longer disturbed by the very depths of his soul by the philosophical arguments of reason, capitalism and religion."

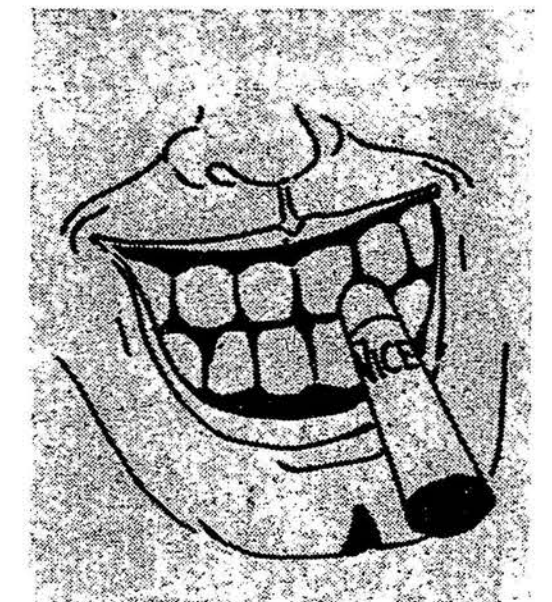
The reason for his appointment "Iss big secret," but we know that his record is praiseworthy. The son of hard-working saltminers, Tovarisch Chatterman journeyed far and wide as a fellow-traveler. Though exposed in Paris to capitalistic follies, he remained loyal to dialectic didacticism. Comrade Chatterman is married to a hard-laboring woman from the South. Also, he is famous as a strict interpreter of the neo-Marksian doctrine of even distribution of wages.

When he was interviewed, he smoked the following:

Proof of the Pudding

"I realize that a great deal of hullabaloo has been raised by my appointment. However, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Any aspirers to this post do not stand a Chinaman's chance. The time has come for us to close ranks and fall into line. The State must be as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar. It must remain so until the crack of doom and thereafter."

As for the banished Legissaco-



Closeup of Comrade Chatterman

vitch, he now spends all his time dabbling with the test-tube industry under the surveillance of the Acting-Premier.

Simian Chatterman (no middle name) looks like the hard-working peasant he is. He is big like an athlete's foot and wears tweeds to confuse the ultra-conservatives. He continuously smokes his unlimited ration of tobacco—the popular Revolution brand — and between pipes he is fond of indulging moderately in the chain-smoking of Vice-roy, the socialized size.

Needless to repeat, nobody knows the reason behind his appointment. But those who interviewed him noticed that his platform was spotless and that he was determined to stand upon it. He spoke at length on his platform and everybody applauded. A few who did not, left early, accompanied by military friends. "Chatterman loves to speak to the people," everybody said admiringly. "Iss good speaker. He loves to speak."

This is the platform: Chatterman promises to establish a five-year plan for both skilled and un-killed party members. This is a progressive idea. Dr. Alexander Lit-manoff, professor enemitus of Bolshevikism

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The Words of the Prophet

A quarter of a century has by-passed us since the momentous Revelation of Unsynthesis. From the decomposition and decay inherent in synthesis, we have made great strides toward true oneness as opposed to that false unity of conflicting ideologies. Let us then rise to the depths of profundity by redefining for posterity the base principle of our State—Unsynthesis.

But who are we to define the law? Our small and erring minds have been conditioned to impotency. We have learned that only Big Brother, praised be He, has all the answers. In this moment of paralysis let us turn once again to his famous work "The Commie Manifesto," as true today as never.

"A spektor is haunting this Commiewealth—the spektor of Unsynthesis. No double program in the world can withstand it. Unsynthesis, the Revelation of the future, is 'here to stay' (to quote a famous phrase). Yet compression, indeed, and not expansion, is the underlying premise of this doctrine; compression, shrinking, reduction. The smaller, it seems to cry, the better. Less, less, less—it seems to shout—less schools, less programs, less Marks, less money.

"Unsynthesis is the only method of fundraising on earth which is simultaneously ideal and practical, concrete and abstract, physical and spiritual, substantial and immaterial. It is at once an end and a means, a philosophy and a science, a faith and a fact and, least but not last, highly profitable."

If we have misquoted Big Brother, may instantaneous liquidation be our speedy lot.

LONG LIVE UNSYNTHESIS.

Letter to the Editor

Hagoon Waxes Feverish Over Mixing at Affair

Dear Editor:

It is with humble humility and a deep desire for the protection of the soul of the Party that I have placed my life in my hands and penned these words of wisdom. I can not conceivably call this cause I raise my own, as I am simply the spokesman of the vast and voluble Anti-Sex League.

In a recent Paper Bull, Big Brother issued his now infamous statement. "Bring friends (to the 25th Anniversary Ball)." This statement almost caused the collapse of our leader, Lippo Lippie, and nearly split the beard of the other half of the League, comrade Less N. Less. It left them both in a state of stupor. As everyone knows, the order was bulled out as the result of unfair mass pressure tactics of a minority of 97.631% of the population.

Feverishly Hot

I shall be bold! I shall not fear! I'm not afraid! I grow feverish over the very thought of mixing friends at affairs! In fact, I grow feverishly hot at the very thought of friends. I shall therefore speak my mind, all of it, in four sentences.

Mir stehen jetst in zehr an ernster lager and we must bluster all the power we have. We are against Sex and refuse to accept the cupidilistic concept of multiple sexes. As anyone with half an eye and no mind can see, Sex is a fabrication of the nailpolish industry.

I hope that the new regime will see the sexlessness of my argument and annihilate friends.

(signed) Heman Hagoon
Chief Tendency Taker

Minsk

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ten on them. Jowl Bullsam, who has no mark or blemish on his *minsk* attendance record, was spokesman for the group. He said he had heard viscious rumors that *minsk* would be shut down, and asked, in behalf of his fellow comrades, for official comment.

At this point comrade Nushoin Bullov, commissar of *minsk*, appeared. He announced that he had in his hand an official statement with the seal of Big Brother. (Upon mention of the name of our leader, many in the crowd reverently removed their skullcaps and some of the more devout broke out into a gaping ecstasy.) The message contained Big Brother's belief that the morning *minsk* must be curtailed for the benefit of the proletariat. "This is not a matter of policy but of public health," he said. "Your health has been seriously endangered by excessive attendance. I sometimes worry more about those who get up so early in the morning than those who do not."

Controversy Storms At Boorish University Over Most Glorious B.B.'s Inaugural Address

By Alma Materialistic

Ten years ago Big Brother II condescended to ascend the high-chair of our State. His inaugural address is, of course, a memorable classic, still recited with dispassionate love by schoolboys all over the country. Recently, on occasion of B.B.'s anniversary, the unfinished debate concerning the opening statement of his address has been once more revived among our more distinguished scholars. His notorious remark, now included in Barton's Assorted Mouthfuls, had aroused upon its original publication a great deal of comment and heated speculation. Discussion over it, it now appears, is still a matter of major significance at Boorish University, where men of all ages and wages are at present quite bent upon deciphering its true meaning. With this in mind, your correspondent paid a visit to the hollow halls of that institution of earning, with intent to obtain information of the latest development in the classic argument of the century.

"Could I ask you to tell me,"

said our correspondent, addressing the first venerable sage who happened along, "what exactly was the famous statement uttered by our beloved B.B.?"

"Are you asking me or telling me?" retorted sagaciously the sage. "I am asking you to tell me."

"On one leg?" further replied the wizard mysteriously. Our correspondent noted that he wore a long black beard, which, from time to time, he fondly eschewed.

"Less art and more matter," pleaded our reporter with Shakesperetz.

Five Little Words

"Hearken then to the statement, for our leader hath said: 'Sax is here to stay.' Five words, that's all, mind you! But what a wealth of meaning lies therein. I repeat it, out of sheer delight: 'Sax is here to stay.'"

"And have you here at Boorish reached any conclusions already?"

"Well, not quite. But we hope to issue soon the definite document that will bring all misconceptions to an end. It will consist of a dozen

Surgeon Freek Reinstated; Presented With New Office

Dr. A. Freek, former head-surgeon at the Frankenstein Hospital for the Deranged, and one of the nine sawbones ostrichized by the ex-Premier Legissacovitch, has just been reinstated to his previous position, reports the Ministry of Reinstatement. According to this bulletin, Dr. Freek, who is known for his unusual experiments with breeding bulls and for his scientific

treatise "Grafting and Other Methods of Uprooting," owes his comeback to the successful completion of his experiment with Feedback, hailed by the new Acting-Premier as "exquisite." Feedback, incidentally, is the process of feeding lines, instead of plain corn, to a certain species of geese called Molly-Geres, which, upon chewing up the lines, are able to pass them on to other geese. This process, claims Freek, is sure to insure good breeding among the fowls.

May Win Award

Freek's recaptured post now makes him eligible for a special office, reserved for once-uprooted and de-concentratized grammarians, which features the widest waiting room in Boorishdom, where the said office is located. There he will establish formal Feedback hours, and from that vantage point he will, in his own words, "plead fah paddon fah de eight calikes of mine, expatriated don deah." If he succeeds in saving his eight colleagues from decancervativation, Freek is certain to earn the much-coveted Nobull Prize, presented by B.B. himself, for meritorious achievement in the fields of socialistic scientism and bull-hybridization.

Purged

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vitch was not the least bit alarmed at Vulgavitch's action: since this is the type of work that (censored) Award winners must do.



Caught in the Act

When Abramovitch saw, however, that Vulgavitch had put on Silverbug's shoes—he became suspicious, "Dis iss a serious metter," he thought.

Suddenly, Vulgavitch began screaming — "It doesn't fit! It doesn't fit! I can't fill his shoes!" At this point Abramovitch entered, made his arrest and started a full-dress investigation.

Acting-Premier Chatterman, when informed, showed great concern and surprise. After checking the story with Silverbug, the Acting-Premier muttered—"Well I'll be hanged!"

Abramovitch took the hint and announced that Vulgavitch's execution will be held tomorrow—immediately after trial.

New Actor

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at Boorish University, who said that the plan was no good, has already been annihilated (see story below). The purpose of this plan, as stated by the Premier himself, "is to make every mujik a king in his own bujik," a typical maxim of his.

Last night comrade Chatterman received guests at R.A.T.S. Hole, the student's palace of Boorish University, to celebrate his appointment. They served tea and everybody drank. The few who did not left early with military friends. Entertainment was provided by the noted bundist, Adele Karloff, and his international chorus. They sang the International and were left early.

This completed the first day for the new Acting-Premier.

or so volumes. Meanwhile we have submitted a number of theses which deal with the problem at length and in detail. Do you care to see one?"

"Yes. But could you first tell me something about the issue itself? I mean the influence B.B.'s statement has exerted on the new generation, for instance?"

"Glad to, pardner," replied the sage good-humoredly. "You see, there exist at present two schools of thought, each of which interprets the word 'Sax' differently. There are, of course, a number of minor schools which specifically touch on the words 'here' and 'stay.' But they hardly count, being of conservative leanings. We, however, progressives of orthodox tendencies, adhere to the liberal outlook of the two major blocks."

"Naturally," agreed your informant.

With an "A" or an "E"?

"Well then. The members of the first block, representing the Anti-Sex League, seem to believe that B.B.'s statement is a direct negation of their party's doctrine. They secretly interpret 'Sax' as signifying 'Sex,' and so they fear that if the latter is here to stay, then they are just about on their way out. So they resort to the highly respected method known as propaganda to proclaim throughout that 'Sax' reads just as such, and not as 'Sex.'"

"If so," interposed your newsman, "then what indeed do they say 'Sax' stands for?"

"They claim it stands for Mendelejeff Sax, the people's interrogator. As you know, there has been in the past years a lot of talk against Sax's system of voluntary interrogation, whereby every few months people eagerly flock to his office to answer all kinds of questions posed by Sax, lovingly known as the 'Question Man.' According to his system, a given number of answers earns the man under questioning a promotion. A riddle put to one, such as 'Does everybody hold like that?', if answered in the affirmative, is rewarded plentifully. But never mind that. The fact remains that many experts consider his system archaic and untrustworthy. These men are the founders of our second school of thought, which alleges that B.B.'s statement, 'Sax is here to stay,' is antagonistic to the sentiments of the Anti-Sex Organization."

"I get it," said your columnist. "So now these guys go ahead and start spreading the word that B.B. really meant 'Sex' with an 'e' and not 'Sax' with an 'a.'"

To the Hills, Men

"But what is your opinion, sir?" I asked.

The good comrade replied by producing a manuscript from under his growth and promptly proceeded to read it.

"Says here," he began, "'Sax is here to stay, wherefrom does this thing come? For it is written 'here.' Does it mean here in RUSS or here in Boorish? One school claims the general, the other the particular. According to the former, what is the difference? That if we say RUSS, we exclude Boorish. So what? So nothing. Thus the House of Baronwitch pronounces 'here' to irrevocably mean nothing.'"

The sage paused to catch his breath, and though he seemed about to continue, your correspondent stopped him, for he was already in a hurry to reach the mountains before sundown.