

Rabbi Rackman Expresses Hope for Russian Jewry

Russia is persecuting the Jew as well as his religion, stated Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, who recently toured the U.S.S.R. and the satellite countries, in a report on "Jewry in the Soviet Union," to a Student Council Assembly, Wednesday, January 9.

He told the students that the Hebrew language has been outlawed and that all Jews must carry identification cards bearing the ethnic classification — Hebrew. This stigma can be avoided only through intermarriage, he explained.

Rabbi Rackman, president of the New York Board of Rabbis and assistant professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, gave the audience a history of Russian oppression of the Jews since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. He declared that the present leaders of the U.S.S.R. are continuing Stalin's policy of anti-semitism through deportations and suppression of religious education.

Religion Eradicated

He found in his tour that all forms of religion were being painstakingly eradicated. "The State schools actually teach atheism," Rabbi Rackman added. "All religious instruction is prohibited before the age of 18. By that time," he continued, "all desire for Jewish education has been stamped out."

Rabbi Rackman concluded his address on an optimistic note. He said that although the Jews of Russia are ignorant of their ancient heritage and traditions, there is still hope, for the will to learn has not been destroyed.

To illustrate his point Rabbi Rackman related the following true story: On a train to Moscow he met a Jewish lawyer from Berdichev, and in a neighborly fashion asked him the reason for his lengthy trip. The Russian Jew, with an ingrained fear of all strangers, refused to answer. However, after conversing with the rabbi, his suspicions were allayed, and on the station platform, where he could not be overheard, the lawyer replied that he was traveling to see the Israeli soccer team play in Moscow. "It is well worth the 50 rubles," he said, "to once more see our flag flying and to sing the Hatikvah."

Dr. Samuel Belkin Receives Award

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, has been named to receive the first Annual Wisdom Award "for significant contributions to knowledge and distinguished service to mankind."

The award was announced by the editors of *Wisdom Magazine*, who also cited Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Helen Keller, Bernard Baruch, Dr. Jonas Salk, and other outstanding world leaders.

Yeshiva Thespians Planning Big Show Tryouts Starting

The Senior Varsity Show, an original musical comedy on politics, is scheduled to be held Sunday, May 19.

The play is being written by Nathan Lewin '57, Joshua Miller '57, and Joel Schreiber '57. Julie Landwirth '57, is Manager in charge of production, Larry Friedlander '58, Manager of Scenic Design and Michael Kramer '57, Business Manager.

The cast will be composed mainly of seniors and will begin auditioning in the near future. However, promising lower classmen are also invited, revealed Mr. Miller.

Plan Orchestra

Plans for the formation of a student orchestra, which will hold its first performance at the play, are also in the making. Students who play musical instruments are to be auditioned soon. In addition, Mr. Miller said, there is a need for artists to paint the sets and scenery.

Provisions have been made for the sale of tickets to Yeshiva students at reduced rates, and to members of the Women's Organization.

Tickets for the show, which is tentatively scheduled to be held at either Joan of Arc High School or the 92nd Street "Y" will go on sale next term. Proceeds of the ticket sale will go to the Student Council.

Reception for Dean Spotlights Faculty Stage Presentation

Invitations to the Dean's Reception, which will be held Sunday, February 17, have been sent out to all students, announced Moses M. Berlin '58, chairman.

Because admission is by ticket only, those students who have not received an invitation should contact Mr. Berlin immediately if they wish to attend.

The affair, at the Joan of Arc High School, will feature three student plays. In addition, the faculty will present a discussion, entitled: "Stranded on a Raft."

Following the show, there will be a catered reception.

Polio Shots

Salk Polio Vaccine will be administered during the first half of February to those students who have registered for the injections, announced Josef E. Fischer '57, president of Student Council.

A nominal fee of three dollars will be charged for each shot. The project is sponsored by the Student Council Medical Committee headed by Alfred Becker '58, chairman.

Discount Cards Are Available from S.C. Reduction Program

The Yeshiva College Student Discount Program will go into effect this week, announced Josef E. Fischer '57, Student Council president.

Cards will enable holders to receive considerable discounts at various recreational and business concerns ranging from optometrists to clothiers and candy stores. A list of approximately 50 establishments offering these services will be printed on the cards, which will be sold at 25c each by the class councils.

The program is headed by Jack Prince '59, chairman, and Howard Rhine '60, assistant chairman. "The student will recover the 25-cent cost of the card on his first purchase," said Mr. Prince.

Stern Frosh, Yeshiva Juniors Prove Inter-School Affair Can Be Success

A Stern-Yeshiva affair can be successful and enjoyable, as was proved by the Stern Freshmen and Yeshiva Juniors, Sunday, December 23.

The first "intellectual-type affair" held between the two schools, it featured entertainment by both classes, and informal discussion led Rabbi Maurice Wohlgeleter '41, instructor in English, community singing and light refreshments.

Despite bad weather, approximately 70 young men and women assembled at Stern College. A piano was located and an informal "jam session" was held. The President of Stern's Freshman Class, Miss Paula Fogel, welcoming Yeshiva's Juniors, said, "We hope that this event will lay the foundation for many similar functions in the future."

Berlin Emcees

She then introduced Moses M. Berlin, president of the Junior Class, who accepted her words of welcome. Mr. Berlin served as master of ceremonies.

For the Juniors, Joseph Singer played some favorites on the piano,

Finals Schedule Changed; Dean Rejects S.C. Policy

Changes in the end-term schedule, including the allowance of free days for study before the finals exams and the lengthening of inter-session, were announced by the College Office.

Ganchrow Report On S. C. Activities Ready Next Term

The first semi-annual report to the student body on the accomplishments of Student Council will be issued in the beginning of next semester, announced Mandell Ganchrow '58, secretary-treasurer of Student Council.

The report will cover the activities of Student Council during the past semester. It will cover such varied topics as the food situation, clarification of the final examinations issue and the sponsorship of Salk shots.

"The purpose of this report," stated Mr. Ganchrow, "is to build up a better relationship between Student Council and the student body. I believe that if the students of Yeshiva College fully comprehend what their Student Council is doing for them, they will realize what Council represents and will therefore participate in its work to a greater degree."

Committee reports and executive council reports will be incorporated into the report.

Mimeographed copies of the report will be made available to the student body through class councils.

These changes were made after the Yeshiva College Student Council pointed out to the administration that, according to the final schedule originally posted, finals would begin the day after classes ended. It also requested a lengthening of inter-session which had been cut to the point where it was virtually nonexistent.

Council Proposal Rejected

At the same time Student Council representatives reiterated their proposal for the rescinding of the ruling making final exams compulsory and for placing all jurisdiction over finals in the hands of the individual departments or divisions. This proposal was rejected.

The new final exam schedule moves the starting date for final exams from Thursday, January 24, to Sunday, January 27. Final week lasts through Friday, February 1, and the spring semester begins Wednesday, February 6. Bible instructors may, if they wish, give their finals the last session of the term.

In rejecting the Student Council proposal for a rescinding of this ruling, Dr. Guterman stated that "every college in New York and in the provinces worth its salt gives exams." He further stated that an "exam is not divisional—it is institutional. Yeshiva's philosophy calls for finals."

Exam Policy Changing

Dr. Guterman seemed to indicate that examination policy was in a state of flux in saying, "We are now in a transitional stage as far as exams, even as far as the definition of a final exam."

As to the role of the final examination in evaluating the student's ability, Dr. Guterman remarked, "Our aim has been to encourage instructors to examine students frequently, not to rely just on a final examination, because the student may not be on the mark." Dr. Guterman spoke of his recommendation that finals should not count for more than 25% of the grade.

The basic reasons for the policy change regarding finals given by Dr. Guterman were the impending visit of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the institution's wish to get "a good rating."

The schools looked upon favorably, he said, are the conservative ones rather than those that take an unconventional, though original, approach to their educational philosophy. "Good schools are conservative schools," he concluded.

Alan Greenspan, magician extraordinary, presented some feats of prestidigitation, and Jerry Wohlberg sang Hebrew and American songs in his inimitable style.

The team of Debbie and Elaine played familiar Hebrew melodies, in which the audience joined.

Rabbi Wohlgeleter spoke on the symbolism of the decorations at the affair. Mrs. Elizabeth Isaacs, director of Student Activities at Stern, also attended.

After the entertainment, everyone repaired to the flower bedecked tables in the Stern Cafeteria for coffee and cake. When the refreshments were finished Jerry Wohlberg led community singing of Hebrew songs.

Rabbi Wohlgeleter organized an "escort service" to get every girl home safely.

"When I first suggested the possibility of having such an affair," said Mr. Berlin, "my fellow juniors were very skeptical about it. Now, however, they are asking me when the next one will be held."

"Because of this reaction," Mr. Berlin continued, "I am certain the affair was a success."

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Finals

Last spring, Dean Guterman issued a memorandum making final examinations compulsory in all courses. Dr. Guterman stated that "the overwhelming majority of the College faculty is in favor of the plan," and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools looks upon final examinations as "educationally valid." The Dean also stated that since 1948 the number of final exams being given has declined "radically." A final examination was defined as an examination given during final week on the majority of the semester's work.

At the time, we showed that there was no substantial feeling in the Middle States Association in favor of final exams as opposed to other adequate bases for marking. The "faculty sentiment" in favor of a blanket rule requiring final exams was shown to be non-existent in a poll conducted by THE COMMENTATOR. The poll revealed that a majority of the faculty was never consulted, and a majority of those consulted opposed this innovation. As far as the decline in the number of final exams was concerned, it was shown that there were actually many more finals given last January than in the fall semester of 1948.

The final exams schedule posted Tuesday, January 8, forces us once more to comment on this issue. The fact that this schedule was posted indicates that our attempt to bring about an amicable settlement of the issue, without again resorting to the editorial column, has failed.

In the eight months since the original decree was made public, no additional "reason" for the establishment of such a rule has been advanced. In addition, one division of the faculty has voted to request a special meeting for discussion of the examinations policy.

In a meeting between Dr. Belkin and the representatives of the student body, Dr. Belkin agreed that it should be incumbent on the University to ease the tension and, while maintaining certain academic standards, lessen the almost impossible work load on the students. We fail to see how the new policy is consistent with the sentiment of this statement.

A student proposal calling for a repeal of the Dean's decree, based on the principle that a categorical ruling for finals does not consider the nature of the individual courses, was rejected. The student proposal called for fixing of responsibility for determining whether a particular course has adequate basis for marking without a final exam on either the individual instructor or, at most, the department or division. This proposal was vetoed by Dr. Belkin because instructors might not give tests on their own. If this is so, that the teachers are not to be trusted with the decision concerning adequate marking bases in their own courses, how can the grades of such instructors be accepted as a valid evaluation of their students? The student proposal also recommended the following: That if an instructor, department or division did find a final necessary, (1) it should not necessarily have to be on the majority of the term's work; and (2) that an instructor be permitted to give his final during one of the last sessions of the term rather than during final week alone. These suggestions would certainly tend to alleviate the tension which exists during final week.

Obviously, if Yeshiva is to raise its academic standards, a course to which we are proud to subscribe, the method is not through this or any other such ruling. It is with this realization that we call for a repeal of the decree and for free administration, faculty and student discussion on the matter.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In this letter I will discuss the Judicial System set up by the Student Resident Organization, a chartered organization of Student Council. The system consists of two branches, the Review Board, consisting of a members and two alternates, and the Student Court, consisting of 3 members and one alternate. The appointments of the members have never been approved by Student Council as are those of THE COMMENTATOR, Co-up, and Masmid, also chartered organizations of Student Council.

Let us examine the Review Board:

1.—It does not have published rules and regulations and any rules which it does have are made up arbitrarily by the Review Board members as they go along.

2.—Student who go before the Board are unaware of their rights. If a student is indicted by the Review Board, he is sent to the Court. I will now examine the court.

1.—It does not have published rules and regulations and consequently its system of law is illegal and illogical.

2.—Its punishing powers are not defined. They are limitless.

3.—Last year's rules of the Student Court were never rescinded, yet the President of Student Council said they are no longer in effect.

4.—The Court and Review Board have held sessions operating of Council. These rules, were by rules made up by the President never submitted for approval either to S.R.O. or Student Council. On December 27, 1956, the Court suspended three students from the dormitory for contempt of Court. Charged with contempt of court, there was no trial to ascertain whether there was actually a case of contempt or not. Without a trial they were 'tried' convicted and sentenced simultaneously.

5.—According to last year's rules the punishments would only be monetary and/or confinement to rooms. This punishment of monetary fines was supported editorially by THE COMMENTATOR on Monday, March 12, 1956, "Therefore, it has been decided that a referendum be placed before the dorm students containing suggestions for measures to be taken against violators of dormitory regulations. We believe that the proposal of monetary fines would be adequate method." Therefore, the punishment of suspension is unheard of in Yeshiva's system of law.

6.—These students were summoned at 11:45 p.m. to appear at 12:15 a.m. that morning, an unreasonable time lapse at a more unreasonable hour. According to last year's rules, not rescinded by S.R.O. or Council, Court meetings were to be held at 10:00 p.m. and not at 12:15 a.m.

7.—No higher body has been set up to which students convicted by the court can appeal.

(signed) Sidney Kwestel.

To the Editor:

In this letter I shall endeavor to enlighten the student body as to the judicial system of S.R.O.

The system consists of two branches, the Review Board and the Student Resident Court both appointed by the President and approved by S.R.O.

S.R.O.'s acts are subject to the veto of Student Council. Council has never vetoed any appointment to the judiciary of S.R.O.

The Review Board functions as a Grand Jury and its duties are to ascertain a) whether a violation has been committed, b) who are the principals, and c) the advisability of either bringing the case before the court or dismissing it.

The board was formed with informality as its code. It was formed for one purpose only—to ascertain whether a violation was committed or not without attaching any stigma to a student summoned before it. It has no power to judge or to punish in any way. Consequently its procedure must be "unorthodox" in order to allow all the facts to be presented, unhampered by legalistic technicalities.

A point has been advanced that students summoned before the board are unaware of their "rights." The concept of "student's rights" does not apply here. No "rights" are infringed upon whether the student is held for trial or dismissed.

Turning to the Student Court, we find that it has a set of basic principles which it uses together with the common law doctrine of *stare decisis* (precedent). The regular court schedule has been published both in THE COMMENTATOR and the S.R.O. minutes so as to afford the student body the opportunity of knowing well in advance when the court meets.

The defendant is told of the powers, up to and including expulsion from the dormitory, and the rules of the court before his case is tried. Thus, he knows the rules of the court and the limits of its powers.

Last year's Dorm Council Court and all its rules and regulations were abolished when the new Student Resident Organization was formed and chartered by Student Council. Last year's Dorm Council has no connection with the present Student Resident Organization.

Several months ago the Justices of the court, members of the Review Board, the President of S.R.O., and the President of Student Council met and formulated the basic rules of the judiciary. Therefore, on Thursday, December 27, the judicial system operated under a specific set of rules approved by the members of this system, the Executive Council of S.R.O., and the President of Student Council.

S.R.O.'s judicial system does not look for precedent to a system which failed miserably and made a travesty of justice. There-

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Survival at Yeshiva Upheld by Student

By Joshua Miller

If anyone would take the trouble to unwrap the remains of last week's flounder from THE COMMENTATOR of a fortnight ago and look at the rather fishy second page, he would find an interesting proposition put forth under the well selected title of "Maybe I'm Wrong." The proposition is the institution of an honor system in these hallowed halls—a cure-all for grade consciousness and moral indecency, and a true example of our living heritage.

Upon reading the article myself, I was overwhelmed with a flood of righteous indignation. Was the author implying that there is a moral laxity on the part of the Yeshiva student when it comes to beating the finals game or sneaking through the mid-term barrier? Does he think that the Yeshiva graduate steps up into the world from an open manhole, or does he suppose that we are the products of an assembly line turning out the most accomplished bluffers the world has ever seen?

Meditation

I have deeply contemplated these questions and am now setting forth my conclusions.

The answer to my first question hit me like a lighting bolt. When it comes to grade conniving and test beating, the honor system at Yeshiva is unique. There exists here a brotherhood among men, the like of which has never been equalled in history. It is an exclusive group, limited to the 438 students of our college. Never before have 438 individuals so completely merged to stave off the four horsemen of the Apocalypse: midterms, finals, *gemers* and *bechinot*.

We are blood brothers united against the natural sanity-devouring traps of the system. Our honor code is dedicated to the preservation of the brotherhood. We are a group of highly accomplished corner cutters, who with incredible skill deftly wend our way through the forest of crises of higher education.

In Unity There is Strength

There have been some who have tried to go it alone these past four years and who have succeeded. They are either crazy now or were crazy to begin with. In the clique itself, there is an internal peace. This can be seen by dropping into any truly student gathering such as Student Council meetings and other sundry political clubs throughout the college. Ah! such serenity, the beauty of brotherly love. Would you disturb it? Would you take away our life's breath?

It is for the best that this "Maybe I'm Wrong" was printed. It has brought the spark of revolution against the survival of the group out into the open.

Additional Information Divulged

It might also be of interest to the truly group conscious to know that beside this, still another fire is threatening our foundations. It is that which emanates from the spark of sportsmanship. It has recently been brought to my attention that cheating takes place in

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Investigator Gets Secret Info About Yeshiva's Economy Plan

By Jack Prince

Yeshiva University, is constantly receiving financial assistance from understanding benefactors. A token of appreciation is customarily extended to a donor by virtue of inscribing his name on one of the sturdy plaques hanging on the walls in all of our many buildings.

The plaques have various sizes and shapes, are usually a stately dull bronze or marble and are placed in strategic positions throughout the University. Anyone passing through the "main lobby" of the old Residence Hall finds himself encased by them.

Unknown Committee Discovered

In connection with these plaques, this reporter, through secret investigations, has gained valuable information concerning a revolutionary economy plan that was conjured up by the members of a little known University sub-committee. The official name of this committee is the "Artificial Committee of Natural Resources."

The plan itself is quite simple and undeniably ingenious. Since the plaques are permanent fixtures on the Yeshiva walls, there is absolutely no necessity for there being any plaster or paint between them and the building supports. The plaster and paint saved by using plaques paid for by sympathetic philanthropists, are stored under lock and key.

When crises arise, such as filling up mouseholes in Science or Graduate Hall, a requisition slip is sent to the chairman of the committee and the supplies are promptly delivered by special pushcart.

Plaster for Gym Provided

Some of these invaluable limestone compounds are being used

between the cracks in the bathrooms of the new Residence Hall and the entire plastering job which will result from the reconditioning of our "gym's" floor, will be made possible by our natural resources still in storage.

Needless to say, a "program" such as this, is self-perpetuating and cumulative. As each new project is completed, more plaques are donated, more plaster and paint mined, more projects completed and so on.

Recently, the plan has stretched beyond the wildest dreams of its originators. The Yeshiva College Student Council thought it was gaining priceless concessions when the administration agreed to permit Council to hang bulletin boards throughout the College and dorm. Little did Council realize that the members of the Artificial Committee of Natural Resources were laughing behind closed doors at the unanticipated "gift" of more pre-fab building material at the expense of Student Council.

Unknowns Contaminated

Even some of the chem students are becoming aware of the situation by virtue of the increasing amounts of paint pigments and dirty limestone they are finding as parts of their "unknowns."

Many of those "in the know" predict that the committee's novel idea will result in the eventual growth of Yeshiva into an institution having an infinite supply of its own natural resources. In line with this thought, it is definitely advantageous, now to publicize the two-fold result of a donation to our University; the money is worth its weight in bronze and used cement.

Mrs. Golda Meir Answers Questions On Israel's Present Near East Plans

Mrs. Golda Meir, the American-reared Foreign Minister of Israel and presently the only woman in the world holding an office of this kind, has just returned to Israel from America. Here she headed the Israeli delegation at the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly of the United States.

Born Golda Mabovitz in Kiev, the Ukraine, in 1898, she emigrated with her family at the age of eight, settling in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was graduated from the Teachers' Training College in Milwaukee in 1917, the year she married the late Meir Myerson. For some time after that she taught in local Jewish schools.

In 1921 the Myerson family left the United States to settle in Palestine where Mrs. Meir (she Hebraized her name in 1956) worked in the *Merhavia Kibbutz* in the *Emek Jezreel*.

During the years before World War II Mrs. Meir served successively as treasurer of the Office of Public Works in Tel Aviv, secretary of the *Woman's Labor Council*, and delegate of the Mapal party of the World Zionist Congresses.

In September, 1948, she went to Moscow as Israel's first Minister Plenipotentiary to the Soviet Union.

In 1949, after her election to the *Knesset*, she joined the cabinet as Minister of Labor until her recent appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1956.

Because of Mrs. Meir's overcrowded schedule during her recent visit, THE COMMENTATOR was unable to obtain a personal

interview with her. However, we did submit a list of eleven questions, to which we received seven replies.

Q)—What was your primary purpose in coming to this country at the present time?

A)—I came to the United States to represent Israel at the United Nations General Assembly Session. While here I participated in the Israel Bond campaign.

Q)—Does every member of the Parliament agree with the policy



Mrs. Golda Meir

that you have taken in regard to the recent fighting and land distribution?

A)—Israel is a democracy and different opinions are represented in the Knesset. However, all Israelis agree that in October, 1956, Israel faced an attack by Egypt, which was the pillar of Arab military might.

Q)—Will Israel give back Gaza?

A)—The fate of Gaza is still being debated. Israel will not agree to Egyptian reoccupation of the Gaza strip.

Q)—Do you think that the

United Nations is doing more harm than good in its intervention in Suez and on the borders? What relations with Colonel Nasser?

A)—A return in the Middle East to the status quo prior to October, 1956 will merely reconstruct the inflammable situation that existed in the area since 1948. The United Nations should press for direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arabs. If peace is not immediately attainable because of Arab truculence, then world opinion should at least take steps to inculcate an atmosphere conducive to peace and the cessation of present Arab raids and hostility.

Q)—What are Israel's chances of using the Suez Canal?

A)—Any settlement of the Suez Canal problem must conform with the provision of international law and United Nations resolutions. The Suez Canal must be open to shipping of all nations including Israel.

Q)—What are your plans concerning the Gulf of Aqaba?

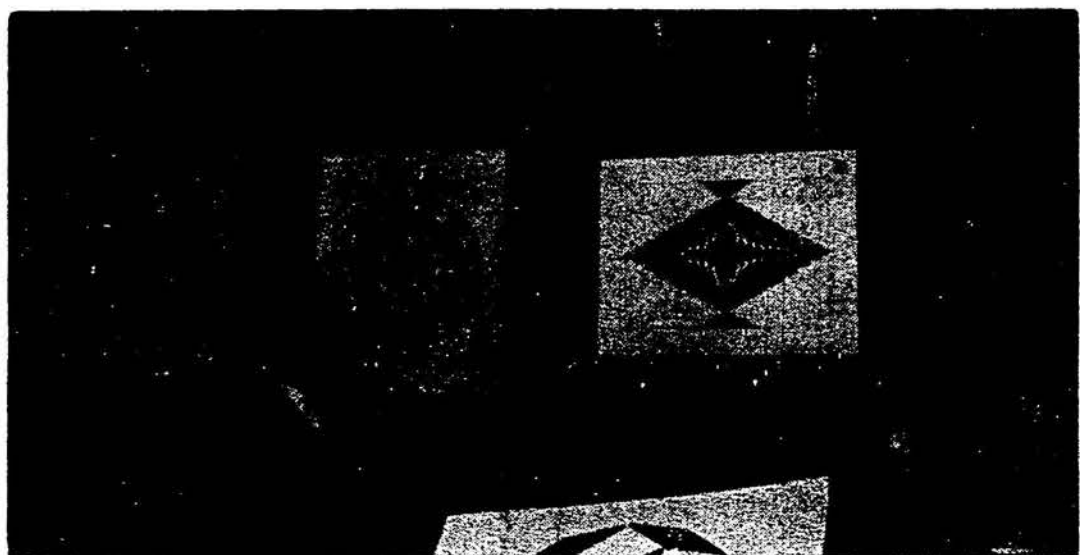
A)—Since 1950 the Egyptians have practiced an illegal blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba. Israel's forces broke this blockade during the Sinai Desert campaign. It would be paradoxical if the Egyptians were permitted to reimpose this illegal blockade under the auspices of the United Nations.

Q)—Do you have any general message to deliver to the students of Yeshiva University?

A)—I believe that the future relations and ties between Israel and the Jews in all parts of the world, especially with the large Jewish community—in the United States—will play a decisive role in the fate of Israel and Judaism. The students of Yeshiva University are tomorrow's spiritual leaders of the Jewish communities in the United States.

Course in Solid Construction Offered By Y. U. Institute of Mathematics

Many a passerby sticking his head into one of the several classrooms of the Institute of Mathematics has done a double-take upon seeing full-grown college students playing with compasses, oaktag, rulers, scissors and glue.



Colonel Robert S. Beard showing one of the solids constructed in his course.

Far from looking at a seminar in advanced nursery school or a class in physical therapy, the observer has chanced upon the laboratory session of the Institute of Mathematics.

This laboratory session, open to undergraduates, affords an ex-

cellent preparation for the future teacher of mathematics. Here one becomes accomplished in portraying visual aids for the student in the form of standard and novel mathematical drawings and solid constructions.

hyperbolas) are brought to life by illustrating patterns of design in terms of mathematical theorems.

Colonel Robert S. Beard, the instructor of the course, has devised his own methods for the construction of the five regular solids: tetrahedron, cube, octahedron, dodecahedron and icosahedron, which yield sturdy and lasting figures.

Colonel Beard received a civil engineering degree from M.I.T. in 1905. For twelve years after that, he worked on railroad and municipal construction. In 1915, he received his Master of Science degree from Kansas University.

During World War I Colonel Beard enlisted to do engineering work for the United States Army. He was chief of design of the construction division (now the engineers) in 1930.

From 1934 to 1937 the Colonel was construction officer in the Army's Philippine Department.

The Colonel, now retired, is doing original work on geometric design and expects to have some of his work published and televised in the near future.

Not only are teaching methods practiced but one begins to realize the true artistic symmetry shown by a number of many faceted solids and complex designs.

Special attention is devoted to projective geometry. All the conic sections (ellipses, parabolas, and

Set \$5,000 as Y.U. Drive Goal, \$900 Netted by Refugee Func

Five thousand dollars has been set as the goal of this year's Yeshiva University Charity Drive, announced Joel Schreiber '57, and Phillip Fuchs '57, co-chairmen of the Drive.

"Each student of the University is expected to contribute three dollars to the Drive so that we may reach our goal," declared Mr. Schreiber.

The Drive is scheduled to begin Monday, February 11, and will run until May.

At a meeting held Tuesday, January 15, the representatives of the various student councils of the University decided upon the following distribution of the funds: *P'eylim*, 30%; *Keren Yaldenu* (anti-missionary), 20%; *Keren Avraham* (religious defense fund), 20%; *Yeshivot*, 30%, to be divided as follows: *Yeshivat B'nei Akiya*, 10%; *Yeshivat Hadarom*, 10%; and *Chinuch Atzmai*, 10%.

Chairmen will be appointed in the near future for all divisions and schools.

Last year the Drive netted

\$4,000.

An emergency drive in R. I. E. T. S. for funds for Jewish Hungarian refugees netted almost nine hundred dollars, revealed Israel Reiss '56, chairman of the drive. More than \$330 was raised by Rabbi Gorelik's *shiur*, which has the highest total of any *shiur*.

"The drive, conducted for such a short time, only a week was a huge success, and reflect much credit on Yeshiva Students," declared Mr. Reiss.

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Sophs, Juniors See Dramas; View From Great Distances

By Elias Herschmann

"... But sir, we're habitual latecomers. It's not only to classes —last night the Sophomore Class had a theater party and we even missed half of that."

It was on a rainy Saturday night that the Yeshiva men invaded Dogpatch, U.S.A. It was an aerial invasion (second balcony) and I couldn't see a thing. I asked my co-pilot whether she could see anything from her position. She said she could, so we switched seats.

Mysterious Girls Appear

Two mysterious girls checked in alone and sat down. Half an hour later two disgruntled drips came stamping in.

Stupefying Jones made her first appearance. The Stern girls were immediately distinguished from the Barnard group.

"Give me those binoculars," she hissed.

"But I can't see without them —Hey!..."

"Pass those binoculars... please..."

Stupefying Jones left the stage. I got the binoculars.

"Thanks!"

"You're welcome."

Intermission.

"Oh, hello Ray, Louise... Is this your friend Esther? Yes, I've heard a lot about you too... Have you met my friend?... I never knew that guy was in our class."

Then came Act Two, during which my binoculars were again returned to me only in time to see a fat old General Bullmoose who wasn't nearly as stupefying.

The end of the play followed

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Seniors Wait Four Years For First Intramural Win

On Tuesday night, January 8, seven men volunteered to cut at least ten years and ten pounds off each of their beings. Seven rambling wrecks decided to challenge the world. They battled ferociously with god-like spirit and emerged victorious. It is to them that this humble piece is dedicated.

The seniors, THE COURAGEOUS SENIORS, seven silent slimy seniors, alternately battled and cajoled their way to victory in basketball over the sophomore tigers. The score at the end of the contest was 37-32. The victory, although it was colored with the blood of sacrifice, was sugary sweet. It was an achievement that had been three long years in the making. Those three years were desperate, lean years in which our enemies danced in the streets of Ashkelon and mocked us in the alleyways of Gath.

Tired Conquerors

The conquerors were not lithe of limb, and no tales are recited about their prodigious strength. In fact throughout most of the contest there were only six of them.

Coach Candid

By Moe Berlin

The Yeshiva coaching staff, already recognized as one of the best in the country, added another fine mentor to its ranks at the beginning of this year. Morton Schlein, a former collegiate wrestler who went undefeated in two years of competition despite only partial vision, is now the wrestling coach at Yeshiva.

Mr. Schlein was the mainstay of the Ithaca College mat team, when he was unbeaten in twelve matches. A victim since birth of congenital cataracts which left him only partial sight in one eye. Mr. Schlein attended the New York Institute for the Blind for both his elementary and high school education, before matriculating at both C.C.N.Y. and Ithaca College.

Director at Institute for Blind

He is presently employed at the Institute for the Blind as Director of Physical Education and coach of the wrestling and track teams. His coaching ability is pointed out very admirably by the fact that the Institute squad went undefeated last year.

Mr. Schlein has taken over the Yeshiva wrestling squad in its first full season of intercollegiate competition. He is confident that the squad will develop into a ranking one as time passes, for now it is first beginning to learn the basic aspects of wrestling. "With each match the team is improving, but the problem of conditioning or lack of it is one which we will have to overcome," stated Coach Schlein.

Letter to the Editor

Ed. Note: This letter was received at the beginning of the school year. However, because of the recent sequence of events in Israel, it was with held until now.

To the Editor:

A letter from Israel appeared in THE COMMENTATOR last year, a letter to which my name was signed. I would appreciate an opportunity to completely repudiate this letter, one which I neither saw nor signed. In point of fact I saw it only after my return to the United States last June.

Part of the letter related to the work done by P'eylim. However, the major burden of the note was an attack, in the most vicious terms, on those agencies and charities that are very affective and important to the survival of Israel.

This communication contained statements and ideas from which I desire to be disassociated. They were both factually false and morally slanted.

(signed) Fishel Pearlmutter '55.

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Across From Yeshiva

Quinnipiac Double-Teams Red But Mites Win Game 55 - 54

Al Helfer scored the tie-breaking foul shot with three seconds to play as Yeshiva College triumphed over Quinnipiac College, 55-54. The Mites, trailing at half-time by twelve, were down by eighteen points at one time in the second half.

Quinnipiac Uses Zone Defense

The Connecticut team employed a successful four man zone



TWO POINTS: "Red," in the air, about to score two points for Yeshiva.

defense with one man, Byrd, covering "Red" Blumenreich man to man. The middle was completely blocked, cutting off all driving possibilities, and forcing Yeshiva to set from outside. Quinnipiac was semi-fast-breaking with "Porky" Vieira scoring twenty in the first half and Byrd twelve, to give Quinnipiac a 37-25 lead. Irv Bader, Yeshiva's six-foot freshman from Erasmus High, scored twelve in the first half and aided Blumenreich on the backboards.

Wrestlers Credo: Learn While Losing

The newest varsity squad, the wrestling team, has yet to win a match this season, and no wonder. They suffer the trouble of all Yeshiva athletes—no time for practice. Facing a host of teams of championship caliber the results have been disastrous, with Yeshiva being dipped each time.

Practice sessions for the wrestling team are lesson time for its members. Only two of the grapplers have had any mat experience, and for the rest, college wrestling, needless to say, is not a sport to be learned quickly. An additional trouble this season was the lack of a suitable coach for the squad until the season's second match.

The outlook is not bright. An extensive practice program is not feasible, and it is only this that will give Yeshiva a first-rate team. There are another four matches on the schedule and it is hoped that school spirit will carry Yeshiva to an initial victory.

In the second half, Helfer took over the defensive duties on Vieira. After an exchange of foul shots, a tip-in by "Red" and Goldstein's set, Vieira made two free throws and added a three point play to put Quinnipiac ahead by eighteen, 47-29.

Yeshiva Scores Eleven Straight

Yeshiva then rolled off eleven straight points on a set by Goldstein, three points by Bader, a pair of Badian free-throws, Schluskel's set and a Badian lay-up. Vieira hit another three point play after a Bader jump shot and Blumenreich added two foul shots. Gorbe's tip-in and Bader's lay-up made it 54-46 with less than four minutes to go.

Blumenreich's two free throws

Close Call

Yeshiva	G	F	P	Quinnipiac	G	F	P
Schluskel	2	0	4	Byrd	6	3	15
Bader	9	1	19	Luedee	1	0	2
Badian	1	2	4	Gorbe	1	2	4
Breich	3	7	13	Tagatac	1	0	2
Lebowitz	0	0	0	Finn	1	1	3
Chalken	1	1	3	Vieira	8	10	26
Goldstein	2	0	4				
Steinmetz	0	0	0				
Helfer	2	4	8				
Totals	10	15	55	Totals	18	16	54

sandwiched between two Helfer one-handers made it 54-52 with one minute and thirteen seconds to go.

Blumenreich Ties Score

Al Helfer made one foul shot before "Red" drove and was fouled. Blumenreich made the first, tying the score, but missed the second with seven seconds left to play.

Quinnipiac took the ball out and threw it away again. "Red" recovered and passed to Helfer who was fouled after an attempted one-hander. He made the first amidst the wild cheering of the handful of Yeshiva students who attended the game. The New Englanders managed to get another shot from close up which rolled around the rim and out as the buzzer ended the game.

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On the Sidelines



"Americanism"

By Moses Berlin

The University of Mississippi forbade its basketball team to play against Iona College. Reason: Stanley Hill, a Negro, plays basketball for Iona. Another reason: It's a policy in Mississippi to maintain segregation on the basketball court.

Some readers will feel that I should write about this, others will say that I should stick to Yeshiva athletics. I agree with the first group.

What Mississippi did, or refused to do, is not a unique occurrence. It has happened before, and, tragically, it shall happen again. The question is—what can one do about it? The newspapers write about it on the back pages, for that is where sports is printed. I write about it here, for it is not in my power to take action on the matter. Thus, I retreat to passion.

The sovereign state of Mississippi is proud of itself because other Mississippi colleges are refusing to compete intercollegiately with any teams 'carrying Negroes.' But it's a morbid form of pride.

'Carrying Negroes' was the way the Athletic Director of Mississippi U. phrased it, as though it were a burden to have Negroes on a basketball team. Moreover, Iona was scheduled to meet Mississippi in an *All-American Citizens* tournament. The title of the tournament, coupled with Mississippi's withdrawal on the aforementioned grounds, is the epitome of hypocrisy.

It is safe to assume that the Mississippi University Athletic Director is a lily-white citizen of the American community. His name is, ironically, Noble. Noble proclaimed, with pride, "It has always been our policy that our teams would not compete against Negroes. That's traditional with our institution."

I'd like to enlighten Mr. "lily-white" Noble a bit. I don't know Stanley Hill, but I do know about him, and about his people. It is their policy to fight against those same nefarious institutions which Noble speaks of.

They fight against it, and they suffer in their fight. Some of Hill's people are being shot at in Alabama because they are fighting. (This news is usually on the first pages of the newspaper). Yet they continue to fight, and they continue to achieve success, in small amounts.

From an athletic standpoint—which is more or less the standpoint I should take in this column—it appalls me to see that the National Collegiate Athletic Association doesn't suspend Mississippi from its membership. But then again, it appalls me when the United States government doesn't take action against the State of Mississippi, among others. What the University did is a direct violation of the basic code of sportsmanship.

If I look at this with the eyes of an American—which has to be a broad term to include both myself and the State of Mississippi—I see shocking connotations to it, and I sadly shake my head. This apathetic "shaking of the head sadly" is a pathetic trait of the American people.

But if I discard the athletic standpoint, and cast away the American way of looking at things, if I view the affair with a vision that is inherent in the senses of the Jewish people, I see only the unjust discrimination which has permeated Man's attitude towards his fellow man.

This attitude extends past basketball, for it is part of our life and is a great flaw in the ideology of Man. It is bringing us further and further away from the proper man to man relationship which existed before man himself caused this relationship to deteriorate. It included respect for another's beliefs, tolerance for another's way of life.

If I look at the incident with this vision, I see not a sports story on a back page, rather, I see a significant loss in a long, long battle.

The Jew has been discriminated against for ages; the Negro, for centuries. This discrimination is a mutual burden that we carry. There is little hope now that either Jew or Negro will cast off their mutual yoke of oppression. But the world can't continue to thrive under such conditions.

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Sabermen Pace Rutgers Defeat; Streak at Eleven

Again it was the saber team that paced Yeshiva University's Fencing Team to victory. Taking all nine of its bouts the sabermen led the fencing squad to a 15-12 victory over Rutgers of Newark. This was the team's fifth victory out of five matches this season, extending its winning streak to eleven in a row.

The match was the first one away from home this season and the Y. U. foilers were up against a surprisingly strong squad backed by a very partisan crowd.

Rutgers jumped to a quick lead copping the first three foil bouts at the expense of Danny Chill, Ike Shulman and Ronny Rothman. The saber team tied up matters taking their first three bouts. The Epee squad, led by Abe Aronson who took his first varsity match, put Yeshiva ahead to stay. In the third round saberman Erwin Katz clinched the bout by taking his third consecutive match.

The not so bright spot in the picture, however, was another poor showing by the foil team as

In a Rut

Yeshiva			Rutgers		
Foils	W	L	Foils	W	L
Chill	2	1	Schwartz	3	0
Shulman	0	2	Kiminsky	2	1
Rothman	0	3	Barer	1	1
Kanarek	0	1	Rubin	1	0
	2	7		7	2
Saber			Saber		
Katz	3	0	Carr	0	3
Danzger	3	0	Di Fernando	0	3
Peyser	2	0	Pierston	0	3
Rhine	1	0		0	9
	9	0			
Epee			Epee		
Fischer	2	0	Lipshulz	2	1
Taub	1	1	Vellekoop	2	1
Aronson	1	1	Forsyth	1	2
Shapiro	0	1		5	4
Greenspan	0	1			
Finkelstein	0	1			
	4	5			

they compiled a 2-7 record. Only Senior Danny Chill posted a winning record. The saber squad was superbly led by Capt. Paul Peyser who won his fifteenth bout in a row. The squad again was the reason for Yeshiva's victory. A good showing was made by the epee squad as Joe Fischer paced them with a 2-0 record.

Freshman Squad Looking Terrific

It looks as if Yeshiva University is sporting another successful athletic team this year. After five tilts—winning four and losing but one—Y.U.'s freshman squad is on its way to its most successful season.

Highlighting the season so far has been the record breaking victory over Brooklyn Poly's J. V., 122-51. The Junior Mites were paced by Irv Bader, Fred Paulan, and Sandy Adler who scored 31, 29, and 28 points respectively.

The freshman squad also defeated a strong St. Peters frosh squad, N. Y. City Tech's Junior Varsity and an all-star team of Temple Israel. The lone loss was to the Brooklyn College J. V.

To date the freshman squad, coached by Marvin Herskowitz, has been providing the needed additional seasoning for potential varsity stars.

Israeli Team Set to Meet Yeshiva Five at Garden

Israel's National Basketball Team will take on the Yeshiva University quintet at Madison Square Garden, February 3. The Israeli team is the one which missed the Olympics at Melbourne this year because of the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East.

Game to Open Tour

The contest will open a trans-continental tour of the Israeli team under the sponsorship of the Hearst newspapers and the United States Committee for Sports in Israel. The tour will see the team play in Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburgh, Detroit, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Israeli cagers will be guided by Elmer Ripley, one of the nation's leading basketball mentors. Mr. Ripley, who achieved outstanding success at Yale, Columbia, Georgetown, Notre Dame and West Point, believes that the Israeli team has a good chance of defeating the Yeshiva five.

Mr. Ripley will be remembered by the students of Yeshiva as the featured speaker at the Y.U.A.A. pre-season rally. At that time, he related many interesting anecdotes concerning the Israeli "brand of basketball."

Sarachek's First Garden Game

For "Red" Sarachek, it will be the first time he has taken a college team into the Garden. In his eighth year at Yeshiva, Sarachek is regarded as one of the chief reasons for the institution's successful sports program.

Interest in the game is heightened by the fact that Irwin "Red" Blumenreich, considered by local sportswriters to be one of the finest ball-players in New York, will have the opportunity to display his abilities in the nation's basketball mecca.

Tickets for the impending Israel-Yeshiva court battle are on sale at the Yeshiva University Athletic Association.

Intramural League Season Promising

The Intramural Basketball League is well into what promises to be one of its most successful seasons.

With the first semester practically gone, the sophomores, boasting the league's tallest team, are in the lead, with a record of five wins and no losses. Lenny Bergstein and Danny Mehlman, both 6'2", form the best rebounding duo in the circuit. Bob Hirt and Irv Goldsmith add speed and outside shooting.

Davis Top Scorer

The freshmen, led by Abe Davis, the league's leading scorer,

Intramural League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Sophomores	5	0	1.000
Freshmen	3	2	.600
Juniors	1	4	.200
Seniors	0	3	.000

are in second place with a 3-2 record. Davis has scored 78 points, 30 more than Soph Bob Hirt, his nearest competitor, and is averaging over fifteen points per game.

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Club Notes

Art Club

Expressing the conviction that Roman art, contrary to common belief, was original, Professor Maurice Chernowitz showed that it brought realism into the fields of painting and sculpture. This is opposed to Greek art which preoccupied itself solely with the ideal. Prof. Chernowitz spoke at a combined meeting of the Art Club and Eranos, Wednesday, January 9.

The Art Club will present a series on Jewish Painters next semester, announced Jay Klöner '60, president.

Young Democrats

The Affiliated Young Democrats elected Mandell Ganchrow '58, president; Sidney Kwestel '58, first vice president; Mark Beckman '57, second vice president; Oscar Kranz '58, secretary, and Nathan Meiselman '58, treasurer.

Literary Society

Lawrence Halpern '60, Steven Riskin '60, and Solomon Epstein '60, were chosen President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of the newly formed Literary Society, Thursday, January 3.

The recording "Prufrock" by T. S. Eliot was played at the first meeting and a discussion of it, followed.

Gerald Blidstein '60, will lead a discussion on the topic "Animal Farm and the Position of Animals in Political Satire," Thursday, January 17.

Survival

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some of the most final exams only when the proctor is in the room. When this gentleman leaves his place of vigilance, I am told, all cheating stops. Don't you people realize that by stopping circulation you are stopping a vital life function? That by stopping circulation you are annihilating the student body? This blockade of vital facts to the needy must be lifted immediately or we all die.

Well, What do you Expect?

Are we bluffers? Why of course we're bluffers. Do we enter out into the world from its innards? Do we climb up to reach the bottom? Naturally, wholeheartedly, and proudly!

Well Mr. "Maybe I'm Wrong," take your ideals elsewhere. Instead of learning foolish honor, those in the brotherhood learn to survive!

Pre-Med Society

"Medicine in the Bible" was Dr. Jacob Taub's subject at a talk before the Pre-Med Society, Monday, January 7.

Dr. Taub illustrated the fact that the Israelites who left Egypt were familiar with many concepts of modern medicine, and were far ahead of the other civilizations in community health projects.

I.R.S., Sociology Society

A display commemorating the centennial of the birth of Woodrow Wilson was exhibited in the Pollack Library until January 1 by the International Relations Society. The exhibit featured books, pamphlets and photographs relating to the late president.

I.R.S. is also sponsoring an essay contest on Woodrow Wilson. Suggested topics were Woodrow Wilson as educator, President or world statesman. The prize offered is a book to be selected by the contest winner. The winning essay will be sent to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation in Washington, D. C. with the probability that it will be printed in the Congressional Record.

Deadline for submitting entries to the contest is February 15.

Letter

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fore, the judiciary was forced to break new ground and institute new rules on a practical basis.

On December 27, certain students were summoned to appear before the court at a set time. When they did not appear, the court carefully deliberated, held them in contempt, and sentenced them to one week's suspension from the dormitory.

The court could not try them. Their very act in contempt of court was to disobey a summons to appear for a trial. This summons specifically stated that they would be held in contempt for nonappearance. Once a person is held in contempt by a court, that court sentences him.

Thus we see that S.R.O.'s judicial system administers true justice to those who avail themselves of their rights before the board and the court. The system also provides for summary action to be legally taken against those who flout the law and consider themselves above it.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Louis Wohl,

President of S.R.O.

Seniors May Apply For 70 Fellowships

Yeshiva College seniors are eligible for 70 study or teaching scholarships in France and four graduate study scholarships in Austria.

The French Government is offering approximately 30 university fellowships and 40 teaching assistantships. The fellowships are for students with definite academic projects or study plans. The assistantships afford language teaching experience.

The awards are open to U. S. citizens who have a Bachelor's degree by the time of departure. Applicants must also have a good academic record; good knowledge of French; correct usage of English; good moral character, personality, adaptability, and good health. Assistants must be unmarried.

The Austrian scholarships include eight monthly stipends of approximately \$100. The same requirements apply to these as to the French scholarships, except that the applicant must be proficient in German.

March 1, 1957 is the closing date for the competition.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67 Street, New York 21, N. Y.

Yeshiva's Debaters To Meet Princeton

Yeshiva debated Princeton. Thursday, January 17, at Yeshiva, on the national topic, "Resolved: that the U.S. should discontinue direct economic aid to foreign countries."

Contracts are now being sent out for the annual debating tours, to be held sometime in March, revealed Abraham Shapiro '58, secretary-treasurer.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Abe Sodden '56, upon his marriage to Marion Kramer, and to Fred Horowitz '55, upon his marriage to Miss Stella Novick.

Also to Rabbi Morton J. Summer '54, upon his engagement to Miss Bernice Cohen, to Nahum Gordon '57, upon his engagement to Miss Barbara Scheneider, to Zalman Schrader '57, upon his engagement to Miss Naomi Rozman, and to Jay Friedman '58, upon his engagement to Miss Estelle Fraider.

Also to Rabbi Asher Siev upon the Bar-Mitzva of his son.

Condolence

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Nathan Friedman '60, upon the loss of his mother. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein To Receive Alumnus Honor

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, professor of Homiletics, will be honored for "his service in behalf of Yeshiva University and the American Jewish Community" at the annual Rabbinic Alumni Dinner, announced Rabbi Judah Washer, dinner chairman.

A past president of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Lookstein is spiritual leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and Honorary President of the Rabbinic Alumni Association.

Student Rabbi at Nineteen

Descending from a family of thirteen generations of rabbis, he occupied his first pulpit as a student rabbi at nineteen. He received his *smicha* from Yeshiva University in 1926, and earned a B. A. degree from City College and an M. A. from Columbia University.

A leader in the Zionist movement, Rabbi Lookstein has served as Vice President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, and represented that body at World Zionist Congresses.

Founded Ramaz School

Rabbi Lookstein's most notable achievement in the field of Jewish education has been as founder and head of the Ramaz School in New York City.

The dinner honoring Rabbi Lookstein, Tuesday, January 22, at the Hotel Croyden, will climax an all day Yeshiva University Rabbinic Alumni Mid-Winter Conference, with rabbis from all parts of the United States and Canada expected to attend.

Herman Wouk, visiting professor of English and Pulitzer Prize winning novelist, will be the principal speaker at the conclave. At the Conference luncheon, the participants will hear an address by Hon. Jacob J. Javits, U. S. Senator from New York.

Theater

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with a class reunion at the Hippodrome.

"White Imperial license number NY-0?"

"That's us, buddy!"

"Your battery's dead."

Traveling along on the West Side highway the battery again dropped dead conveniently at the 96th Street boat basin, where it seems there were many bum batteries. Here another class reunion awaited us.

"So you see, sir, we would have been on time except for the car. What was that? Why did the battery go dead again? . . .



Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Faculty Notes

Dr. Arnold Lowan, professor of Physics, who is on a year's leave from Yeshiva, is doing work on thermonuclear problems at the University of California's Radiation Laboratory and has written a paper on "The Operator Approach to the Problem of Stability and Convergence of Various Seriation Procedures," announced Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsburg, director of the Institute of Mathematics.

Two articles on excerpts from this paper have been submitted to Dr. Ginsburg, for publication in *Scripta Mathematica*.

Dr. Helmut Adler, assistant professor of Psychology, has co-authored a report on work done for the Air Force, dealing with visual factors in radar displays.

The work, "Detection of Separation Between Adjacent Signals on a Simulated RPI Radarscope," was published in the *Journal of the Optical Society*.

Dr. Leo Jung, professor of Ethics, who delivered the keynote address at the Continental Conference on Jewish Education, has just returned from Paris where the conference was held under the auspices of the Cultural and Religious Commission of the Joint Distribution Committee of which Rabbi Jung is chairman.

Rabbi Jung's most recent book, *Harvest*, was published last November.

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