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Zomick Edits Commie Klavan, Rosenblatt Aid

David Zomick '63 has been named editor-in-chief, and Irving Klavan and Jason Rosenblatt, associate editors of THE COMMENTATOR for the coming year.

Editor-In-Chief Zomick, a physics major attending RIETS, has served as managing, copy, and exchange editor of THE COMMENTATOR. A member of various clubs and Student Council committees, Mr. Zomick was the author of *El-Yid* this year's prize-winning Dean's Reception presentation. Mr. Zomick graduated Yeshiva University High School of Brooklyn with honors in physics and Talmud.

Jason Rosenblatt '63, a native of Baltimore, is an English major attending RIETS. He has served as feature editor of THE COMMENTATOR, president of the Junior Class, and vice-president of the Sophomore Class.

Klavan A Physics Major
Associate-Editor Klavan '63, a RIETS student, served as copy editor this past year. Majoring in physics, Mr. Klavan is secretary of the Physics Club and has been coordinator of clubs for Student Council. He attended the Baltimore Talmudical Academy where he graduated as class valedictorian.

The other members of the ten man Governing Board are Harvey Abromowitz '63, managing editor; Lawrence Levitt '64, executive editor; Mitchell Wolf '64, feature editor; Steven Prystowsky '64, news editor; Alvin Wertentheil '64 and Alan Shapiro '64, copy editors; and Daniel Halpert '63, sports editor.

Now on leave and studying at the Hebrew University in Israel, Mr. Abromowitz was elected to the Governing Board last year. A psychology major, attending the Teachers Institute, he was assistant managing editor of THE COMMENTATOR and a member of the fencing team.

Wolf is Merit Winner
Winner of a National Merit Scholarship, Mitchell Wolf is a pre-med student in RIETS. A past assistant copy editor, he is also campus manager of the debating team.

Alvin Wertentheil, a graduate of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph High School, is a pre-med major in TI. He held the post of assistant copy editor of THE COMMENTATOR this past year.

A political science major attending TI, News Editor Steven Prystowsky was assistant news editor and is currently research coordinator for the debating society.

Sports Editor Halpert is a history major and attends TI. He was exchange editor this year. Secretary of JSP and a member of the debating society, Alan Sha-

piro served as vice president of the Freshman Class. He is majoring in English.



Editor-in-Chief David Zomick

Larry Levitt, the newly-elected executive editor is a student in TI and a member of the Dramatics Society governing board. A member of the Student Council Audio-Visual Committee, he is also the executive assistant of the Metropolitan Jewish High School League. This past year he served as assistant managing editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

Also elected were sixteen new members of the associate board. They are: Lenny Brandwein, Johnny Schonwaller, David Chasan, Michael Chernick, Julius Kunofsky, Herbert Hermele, Philip Morgenstien, Alan Cohen, Irwin Geller, Sheldon Fink, Stanley Raskes, Harvey Markovitz, Selig Solomon, Sidney Lipstien, Richard Drucker, and Dave Raucher.

Sen. Keating To Speak At YU Commencement

The Honorable Kenneth B. Keating, United States Senator from New York, will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the 31st Annual Commencement Exercises of Yeshiva University, to be held June 14, at the Danciger Campus. Senator Keating, elected to his present position in 1958, served twelve years in the House of Representatives. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Mr. Keating is a member of numerous Senate committees, the Judiciary Committee, and the Joint Congressional Committee for Immigration and Naturalization.

Honorary degrees will also be conferred on eight other outstanding statesmen, communal leaders, and educators. The Honorable Abraham Harman, Ambassador from Israel to the United States, will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Ambassador Harman, a graduate of Oxford University, served as Consul-General of Israel in Canada and then in New York before assuming his present post in 1959.

The Honorable Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York since 1953, will receive a Doctor of Laws degree. A past

Three Alumni Garner Horeb Service Award

Three alumni of the Teachers Institute for Men received the Horeb Award for outstanding service to the Jewish Community at the annual alumni dinner, May 20, at the Rubin Residence Hall. Morris B. Benaten '25, director of the Metropolitan New York Commission on Talmud Torah Education, and of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, was honored for distinction in Jewish education. The award for distinction in Jewish literature and scholarship was presented to Dr. Morris Epstein '42, editor of *World Over* magazine. Henry Zeisel '40, president of the Zeisel Machinery Company, was honored for communal service and leadership. Abraham Okin, a faculty member at Forest Hill High School, Queens, was dinner chairman.

Imperil YU's Rights In Midtown Center

Yeshiva University plans for a midtown campus are in danger of being blocked from the Riverside-Amsterdam Slum Clearance Project in favor of middle-income housing. Mr. Milton Molen, chairman of the Housing and Development Board, said that the University's plans had not been dropped at this time, but he indicated that the project would be revised to include more middle-income homes. Mr. Molen made

Rapaport Chosen Prexy Werblowsky & Schlager Complete Exec Council

Joseph Rapaport '63, Joshua Werblowsky '63, and Herbie Schlager '64 were elected president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer respectively, of the student body in an election held on Monday, May 14.

Mr. Rapaport defeated Nathan Dembin 318 to 169. Mr. Werblowsky defeated Paul Gottfried by over two hundred votes, and Mr. Schlager out-pollled Howard Friedman and Alan Shapiro on the second ballot.

Mr. Rapaport, a student of RIETS, is majoring in physics. He served as president of his freshman class and was secretary-treasurer of this year's Council; he is also a member of the wrestling and chess teams.

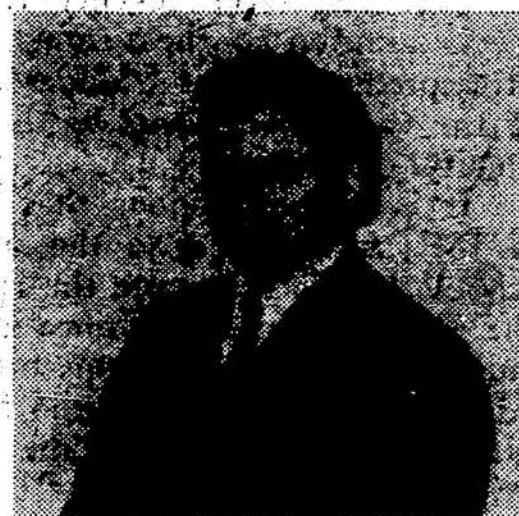
Mr. Werblowsky of RIETS is a pre-med major. He was vice-president of the junior class and

is a member of the wrestling team.

Secretary-treasurer Schlager, an English major, studies in RIETS. He is co-manager of the wrestling team.

In the closest of all class elections, Arnold Grant '63 of JSP defeated Jason Rosenblatt by three votes for the office of senior class president. Mr. Rosenblatt was this year's junior class president. Bernard Witkin and Lawrence Wachsmann were elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

In the junior class race, Irwin Ruderfer defeated Harvey Wolinetz, Avi Hochstein, and Marty Modell on the third ballot. Shep



Council Prexy Joe Rapaport

Melzer out-pollled Bernard Susser for the vice-presidency, and Martin Katz defeated Daniel Chasin for the position of secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Menachem Brayer, associate professor of Bible and consultant psychologist at Yeshiva University, will receive this year's Senior Award. The presentation will take place at the senior dinner to be held in the Rubin Residence Hall, Wednesday, June 13. The award is given annually by the senior class to honor a member of the faculty.

Last year's recipient was Dr. Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history, who is now teaching at Tel Aviv University under a Fulbright scholarship.

The next year's sophomore class elected Julius Kunofsky to the presidency. Mr. Kunofsky, the freshman class vice-president defeated Sheldon Fink by seven votes. Also elected were Steven Katz, vice-president, and Wayne Franklin, secretary-treasurer.



The Honorable Kenneth B. Keating, who will deliver the keynote address at the 31st Annual Commencement Exercises.

member of the New York State Assembly and President of the

the statements to reporters as he toured the proposed Riverside-Amsterdam sight. During the tour, Assemblyman Bently Kassal of the west side suggested that the Yeshiva University project be dropped. "We want only housing," stated Mr. Kassal.

Chairman Molen said that he would carefully study Mr. Kassal's suggestions and that he would have a decision on the project in a month.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, sent a telegram of protest to Robert F. Wagner, mayor of New York City. "It is deplorable that a responsible city official should make such statements without any prior notice," wrote Dr. Belkin. "This is too important a matter to be dismissed via irresponsible retorts and without serious discussion which this program merits."

Dr. Belkin also noted that Yeshiva had worked for three years—both educationally and physically, to develop the midtown center.

"With the continued assurance of the city officials we have been conducting fund-raising campaigns in all good faith and have made public announcements of our plans," added Dr. Belkin.

"It is in the national as well as in the local interest to expand such programs particularly in the light of the expected doubling college enrollments within the next ten years."

Yeshiva University applied for sponsorship of the Urban Renewal Project in 1959 at the urging of the Committee on Slum Clearance. Yeshiva was designated as co-sponsor of the project after the sponsorship was taken away from Sidney S. Unger, a west-side law-

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Hamavdil ben kodesh l'chol . . .

The Jewish Studies Program of Yeshiva University was begun in 1956 as an experiment. As such, it was a continuation of the broadening of scope that has characterized the development of Yeshiva since its beginning over seventy-five years ago. Each addition to the original Yeshiva has attempted to open the doors a little wider to the various segments of the Jewish community.

It is rather obvious that potentially it is JSP, as opposed to the other religious schools, which can serve the largest part of the Jewish community, since it does not require an intensive religious background for admission. Its purpose, too, is somewhat different from those of the two already-existing religious divisions. It does not aim at producing rabbis, as does RIETS, nor teachers, as does TI. Its goal is simply to supply American Jewry with traditionally educated and oriented laymen. Five years have proven that JSP is not a preparatory school or *mechina* for RIETS or even TI.

When an experiment is performed, the intelligent observer must ask, "Was it successful?" The Governing Board concurs with Dean Bacon and community leaders answering, "yes." Many improvements are still in order, but the fact remains that JSP has been an overwhelming success.

When JSP was founded, with an enrollment of less than twenty students, it was considered such a pioneering program that it had no nominal head. Other administrators of the University simply guided its development. Rabbi Morris Besdin soon became chairman of JSP's faculty. In fact, this is still his official title. JSP is technically still only a department of the college! Although it is directed with some measure of autonomy it is still not an independent school.

When JSP was initiated, many prominent University officials expressed fears that JSP might lower the religious standards at Yeshiva. Most of these fears have proved groundless. JSP has won recognition from many quarters of world Jewry.

Now that the experiment which is JSP has been successful, what is its future? Should not JSP be granted status as a

school and take its place as the eighteenth branch of our University? Rabbi Besdin believes that this must be its future. The Governing Board, too, feels that this would be the next logical step.

Beginning with twenty students and growing to one hundred and twenty within eight years, JSP can only look forward with great expectations to the future.

Yet a misnomer still exists—a misnomer that is actually hurting JSP's capacity for service to the community. The word "program" connotes smallness, experimentation, change. "School" or "institute," on the other hand, suggests a certain measure of stability that is much more attractive to the college student. If more than 100 students come from all over America to attend a program, how many more would be interested in attending a recognized school? Needless to say, being simply a department of the College, JSP is not afforded the nationwide publicity that other schools of the University receive. One may even question how many Jewish youths of college age lose their chance of discovering *Yiddeshkeit* simply because they have never heard of JSP.

Finally and most important we must realize that a program attempting to give religious initiation of any sort can never achieve its capacity when it is part of a secular institution. We must be aware of the all-important principle of *hamavdil ben kodesh l'chol*, distinguishing, between the holy and that which is not only. Both the *kodesh* and *chol* are invaluable but we must never forget the difference between them, for it is only through constant awareness of this separation that either Yeshiva College or the Jewish Studies Program can ever truly succeed.

Ben Yisroel la'amim . . .

The Jewish community in America has recently been stunned by reports concerning the plight of North African immigrants in France. These Jewish immigrants have been placed in a situation where observance of *Kashruth*, *Brith Milah*, and *Tohorath Hamishpacha* border on the impossible. But most disturbing are the indications that a massive and successful missionary campaign is being directed by the Catholic church against the more than 100,000 refugees. P'eylim, a small organization which has been very effective in combatting missionary activity in Israel, has undertaken the task of aiding the immigrants both materially and religiously. Its success will, of course, depend upon the assistance it receives from American Jewry.

The reaction here in Yeshiva to P'eylim's effort has been most encouraging. Approximately twenty students have applied to P'eylim for work assignments in France. Those accepted will be sent overseas to help in religious education, social service, and community organization.

But the help of those who do not go to France is also required if this effort is to succeed. It is true that the YU Charity Drive will provide P'eylim with approximately \$2,000, but this does not relieve us of our responsibility. The students of Yeshiva will have to give much more to provide the funds necessary to combat the missionaries and to equip these Jews with the basic religious necessities.

Also, to help provide the necessary religious articles for these refugees, we are asking for contributions of extra pairs of *tfillin*, *mezuzot*, etc. These can be brought to room 607 in the Rubin Residence Hall. The concerted efforts of all Yeshiva students will greatly aid P'eylim in their invaluable work.

The Professor Exposed

Dr. Robert Schutz

by Sheldon Fink

On behalf of our never-ending battle against the idea that scholars live isolated in ivory towers, we present a man whose travels are as extensive as his intellectual credentials are impeccable: Dr. Robert Schutz, associate professor of chemistry at Yeshiva College.

Dr. Schutz is the son of a professor at Ohio State University. His father is the world's foremost expert on Provencal, old French. Thus, Dr. Schutz's background was firmly rooted in the world of knowledge. Born in Columbus, Dr. Schutz attended Ohio State. His rise in intellectual circles, through Harvard where he received his M.S. and Ph.D., to his present post at Yeshiva was rapid, so rapid that he could be fully excused had he limited his activities to those circles alone. But, since whetting his appetite for travel with a year at the Sorbonne, he has been "cheated in every corner of the globe": Mexico, Europe, India, the Far East, Turkey, Israel, and Egypt. Dr. Schutz emphasized that Egypt is now somewhat out of favor among Yeshiva students. This is unfortunate because the Egyptians are highly-talented people. He proceeded to relate to me an experience that amply demonstrated the Egyptians' many talents. "I boarded a steamer at El Shalal which was supposed to make a stop at Abu Simbal. My fellow passengers, apparently aware of Egyptian customs, had bribed the captain to insure that he made the appointed stop. After accepting the bribe, the captain proceeded past Abu Simbal, not stopping until the other side of the Sudanese border. He left immediately for the return trip, leaving us to pay for a Sudanese visa, transportation to and from Abu Simbal, and to wait for another steamer which came twelve hours late. I saw backwardness all over Africa and Asia, and as I said before, I was cheated everywhere, but I never saw these two qualities systematized before I came to Egypt."

In Japan

From Egypt, Dr. Schutz transported me to Japan. He said that although Japan has been open to the West for over 100 years, the Japanese are still, in their own minds, shut off from the world. He attributed this attitude to an outlook much like the "tight little island" idea of the English that has been compounded by an isolation much greater than that of England. He spent some time in a Japanese home and became friendly with a young man who was later to participate in anti-American riots. Professor Schutz explained that although this seemed ironical, it was in reality not. Their attitude is wholly attributed to Japan's great desire not to be caught up in the middle when America and Russia begin "throwing hardware at one another."

Leaving the other side of the world and the past, Dr. Schutz returned to Yeshiva and the present. He praised Yeshiva students for being "hard working" and stressed the importance of grades saying that, "anyone who says

grades are not important is either crazy or fooling himself." But he strongly criticized those students who view the sciences not as "expositions of G-d's wonders," but rather as courses required for medical school, to be suffered through, learned, and remembered only until medical school acceptances are received. He said that he realized the double program left his students little time and regretted that they were being deprived the pleasures that come from "manipulating concepts in different fields."

To students at Yeshiva in particular, he advised the five year system, if they wished to live up to his criteria for a thorough and excellent education.

Dr. Schutz was unwilling to comment on his future except by saying that it will lie in the area of research in his special field, organic chemistry. However, he assured me that his exploits in the distant corners of the globe will be continued. Yeshiva can well be proud of a man like Robert Schutz—scientist and man of the world.

Chess Challenge

Here's a chance for all of you who have been standing by and kibbutzing the members of our chess team to demonstrate that you are capable of more than "talking a good game." Prospective candidates for the Chess Team will please submit solutions to Barry Frankel or Marty Rosman, Chess Team co-captains.

WHITE

Kt-QR
P-QR5
B-QR8
P-Q3
K-KB8
B-KB
R-KR5
Q-KR5
R-KR6

BLACK

B-QR7
P-QKt4
Kt-QKt5
K-B4
Kt-K4
P-KB2
R-KB7
P-KKt6
P-KKt7
P-KR2

White to move and mate in two moves.

Yeshiva Will Sport New Record Room

The present Cantorial Training Institute lounge will be converted into a record-listening room and will be open to all students attending Yeshiva College, beginning September 1962.

Located on the fourth floor of RIETS Hall, the listening room's establishment is due largely to Mr. Sidney Rogers of 5 West 86 St., and Dr. J. G. Adashko, a physicist who is at present translating Russian texts into English. They donated 1000 and 1500 records respectively.

The records are now being catalogued by the music librarians. The existing collection consists of approximately 4500 recordings, including symphonic, operatic, liturgical, and chamber music, and a growing collection of jazz and popular works. Many of the recently-acquired albums have not been available to the public for over twenty years.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

In the April 13 edition of the Stern College *Observer*, a meeting between Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, and the Torah Activities Committee of Stern College was reported. I should like to quote two paragraphs from that article which greatly disturbed me:

"Torah ideology," Dr. Belkin said, "should be incorporated into all courses in Bible, religious studies, and Jewish philosophy since these courses are concerned with the source materials and foundations of Judaism. These courses can and should be a spirited force in the life of the student," he said. "It is more difficult to instill religious values in courses such as Hebrew language," he explained, "and in the secular subjects it is contrary to the philosophy of Yeshiva."

"Our aim is to expose the student to every form of thinking, including the completely secular. Religious education gives the students a purpose and direction in life, but we also provide a liberal academic education to broaden the mind."

First of all, would THE COMMENTATOR or the student leaders of Yeshiva College please interview Dr. Belkin to find out exactly what the "philosophy of Yeshiva" is to which he referred? Is there such a thing as "religious policy" pertaining to the 17 divisions of the University? Is there a "religious policy" binding on the four high schools and two colleges? Has the statement which appears on the reverse side of the college bursar cards ever been enforced.

Secondly, I should like to have clarified exactly why instilling religious values in secular subjects is contrary to the philosophy of Yeshiva. Why are they *pattur mi-Torah*? Is Yeshiva College, from an educational point of view, the same as any other college? If so, who needs it? Why must we, the members of the American Jewish community, spend money in developing a college when we could be building strong *yeshivot*, an even better Teachers Institute, and a powerful Jewish Studies Program allowing the students of these schools to receive their secular education at Columbia, Brooklyn, or some other institution not responsible to the Jewish community. On the other hand, if Yeshiva College is unique, in that it affords the *Yeshiva bachur* the opportunity to learn secular subjects within a *Torah hash'kafah*, then what did Dr. Belkin mean by his above-quoted statements?

I have been taught at Yeshiva University that considering Torah and secular studies to be two dichotomous entities is simply *Avodah Zarah*. I should like to know then, what is the "philosophy of Yeshiva" or, what is synthesis as it relates to Yeshiva College?

Respectfully,
Mitchell Snyder '60

To the Editor:

All of the problems of our day, serious and important as they are, fade into insignificance and are of little moment when compared to the real issue of our time, namely, our fight for survival with the international communist conspiracy.

Heretofore, wars have been waged principally by fighting forces on the battlefield and by the destruction of people and industrial centers. Today war has changed its form. At this moment — in this present so-called war with the forces of communism — every man, woman and child is in the frontline trenches.

The Communists want us to continue to believe that the only threat is aggression from without. Therefore, diversionary tactics are used. They rattle swords in Berlin. They agitate guerrilla attacks in Vietnam. But the threat is both from without and within.

The Communist Party in the United States is part and parcel of the international communist movement which is waging total war. The Communists within the United States and many of their apologists are ready, willing and able to perform their allotted tasks when the time is ripe. They, just like the Cuban communist termites, will come out of the woodwork when the moment of takeover arrives. . . .

The communists have abandoned the centuries-old concept of war. They believe that a man killed by a bullet is useless—he can mine no coal; that a city destroyed is useless because its mills produce no cloth. The Communists seek to take intact people and their possessions so they can be put to use. . . .

The Cuban people and their possessions have not been destroyed by a shooting war. They have been taken intact from within and put to use by the conspirators in the Kremlin. If the Soviets had attempted to take Cuba by force of arms, they would have failed miserably because we would have moved in with everything we had.

And so, while we are spending—and we cannot do otherwise—\$50 billion each year to protect us from military aggression which may never come, we have fallen for the communist line and have done little or nothing to understand or combat the weapons being used against us at this very moment in the war in which we are now engaged.

In fact, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and investigating committees of the Congress, the only agencies dealing with this internal threat, are continually under attack. The Communists and leftwing crowd try to discredit J. Edgar Hoover, weaken the FBI and our security laws and abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities.

It is unbelievable—but true—that, over the years, those persons and anti-communist organizations which have tried to alert the American people to these new weapons and to expose those within our shores who have aided the

Communists cause of subversion, have been scurrilously and in some cases unmercifully attacked and pilloried for their efforts.

Now it is only normal that such an attack should come from the communist apparatus, our sworn enemy. The astonishing and often disheartening fact is that some of the most unfair and vicious assaults upon those fighting communism have come from the leftwing crowd in this country, from some persons in high places in Government, from some leaders in the clergy and in the field of education who should know better. This attack on the so-called rightwing and the anti-communists continues, spearheaded by the very top echelons of this Government.

The only way to prevent war and to avoid eventual domination by international communism is to call the Soviets bluff—to draw the line and say: "This far and no farther," and mean it and by our actions and deeds let the Soviets know we mean it. They will not start an all-out nuclear war. They will not risk the almost total destruction of their cities when they have come so far in the short space of 40 years by internal subversion or indirect aggression.

We are not engaged in a popularity contest with a competing economic system. We are not faced merely with certain annoying adjustments which should be made so that we may coexist with a different system of government. We are now in a death grip with an enemy the like of which, for debasement and inhumanity, the world has never before experienced—an enemy we can ignore, appease, negotiate with, only at the expense of our survival.

Yours truly,
Gordon H. Shirer
Congressman, Ohio

Weiss, Epstein Awarded Prizes

The thirteenth annual Greek Translation Contest sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi, the National Classical Languages Honorary Society, has awarded prizes to Nathan Epstein '62 and Benjamin Weiss '62.

The contestants, competing with students from over sixty other colleges throughout the nation, placed second and sixth respectively; only six prizes were awarded. Dr. Louis Feldman, advisor to the Yeshiva College chapter, stated, "The achievement was remarkable, particularly since the contestants have never read any selection in Attic dialect, nor any works of Herodotus. The translation, a passage from Herodotus, dealt with the religious customs of the East.

Dr. Feldman explained that many of the other participants had full courses devoted solely to the writing of Herodotus. Ionic is the Greek dialect taught in most schools, while Attic was the dialect used by Herodotus.

Moral Codes Analyzed In Speech By Dr. Fox

Dr. Marvin Fox, an Orthodox professor of philosophy at Ohio State University, spoke on the topic "Moral Skepticism and Jewish Faith" May 2 in the synagogue of the Rubin Residence Hall. His talk was the first in a series of lectures sponsored by the Yeshiva University Alumni Association in memory of various members of the faculty and alumni.

Dr. Fox opened his talk by stating, "I suspect that we are plagued in our times by our great knowledge of many other cultures. We cannot live in conformity to one simple pattern of living. There is no one simple system or factor that is not in one place and admired and in another reviled." This fact forces us "... to ask, 'What is the foundation of our own moral commitment?' " This is the basis of moral skepticism.

Moral Commitment

Dr. Fox then dealt with the reasons for difficulties in answering this question of foundations in moral commitment. Dr. Fox first established that moral claim cannot be set down empirically. "The question, 'Ought I and why?' " said Dr. Fox, "cannot find any answer on the basis of any series of 'facts' about men. Such 'facts' will only establish that men do such and such." As an example Dr. Fox brought forth the case of Bertrand Russell. Russell had felt that there was a foundation, based on empirical factors, to his moral claim. However, when Santayana challenged this, Russell recognized that an empirical foundation to moral claim was baseless. "Morality was no longer a matter of 'Such and such is good,' to Russell but a matter of 'I think such and such is good.'" However, no one wants to believe that there is no basis for moral claims. Therefore Dr. Fox turned to the question of reason.

Thought and Will

Reason, Dr. Fox contended, has been considered as a foundation of moral commitment from Plato and probably before. "However, there is a gap between thought and will. Will affecting action, the realm of moral claim, shows that moral commitment must have something greater than reason affecting it." Furthermore, "Reason cannot affect the qualitatively unique. The central subject matter of all morals being man, every human existence being unique and particular, shows that reason alone is not enough to face the moral perplexities a man meets in a lifetime." Thus, "If I cannot establish morality on empirical grounds or by reason, what is left open? Russell, in his rigorous intellectual honesty, can only state that morality is a matter of personal preference, and personal preference is no morality at all."

Dr. Fox then posed the question, "What is the most basic moral principle today?" The answer he received was various versions of the "Golden Rule." He agreed that this answer was standard in our society and pointed out that it was central in Torah. "*V'ahavta l'reacha kamocha*, love thy neighbor as thyself, is the cen-

tral moral concept of Judaism, the statement of the essential value of man. There is a test for this. Ask, is there anything that will not be sacrificed to save a man? and is there anything but man that is acceptable for the service of G-d?

Love of Man

Speaking of loving man, Dr. Fox questioned, "What does it mean when I am commanded to love man? If I view man honestly they turn out singularly unlovable, and to be rigorously honest, why should I love myself? In contemporary terms, if you have been

Professor Marvin Fox

affected or infected with Freudian psychology, in which we are a mass of hates and fears, why should I love myself? . . . However, my worth is placed upon me by G-d, in other words, G-d loves me despite my sinfulness. . . . This is one opening for self-respect. However, vague, generalized love of man, this pious pronouncement, is far from sufficient. One of our Sages said, "*V'ahavta l'reacha kamocha*, *zeh k'lal gadel ba-Torah*." Love thy neighbor as thyself, this is a great principle in the Torah.

Cheer Up

Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of Yeshiva College, announced that the first day of college sessions for the coming academic year, 1962-63, will be Monday, September 10. Classes in Teachers Institute, Jewish Studies Program, and Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary will also begin September 10.

Registration will be held from Tuesday, September 4 until Friday, September 7. Pre-registration to reserve a place in a class next year will begin May 31.

I believe he meant that this rule is a great principle in the context of the moral awareness placed upon us by Torah. Furthermore, the most essential aspect of our humanity is being commanded, the inescapable position of being a man, not a thing having duties. The commandment to love obligates me and all commanded to being human. Therefore, the structure of Halacha, based on this concept, commanding our assent, makes us human beings with a moral obligation and foundation."

In Retrospect

by David Segal

When one looks through a file of all THE COMMENTATORS issued under my editorship, one notices that there was neither an editorial concerning the paper's right to print, or a long critique of the Fleisher Report, which sets the ground rules for extra-curricular activities at Yeshiva College.

To an individual familiar with the history of this newspaper, this avoidance of debate on the theory of student government is unexplainable.

Since the inception of THE COMMENTATOR, almost every editor devoted many columns proving that he had a free press. He usually won his year-long battle only to have it rise up again after he left school.

Freedom of Press

Every Governing Board and every Student Council claims that it was they who restored the right of free press to THE COMMENTATOR. But why, if the previous Council secured this right, does the following council have to fight for it?

The answer is quite simple. No

Avoiding Issues

Not only are issues avoided, but subtle pressure is brought to bear upon the editors, so that they are afraid to criticize again.

Why not draw up a set of laws to govern student-faculty-administration relations you ask?

We have supposedly been working under the rules of the Fleisher Report, a document hailed by Dean Bacon's administration as being a step forward in student-faculty - administration relations. This report is praised for its specificity and clarity. It is claimed that all disagreements can now be "negotiated" in a mature manner.

I believe, however, that this report is a farce.

Regarding our right to print, the heads of the morning divisions have on many occasions stated that they would not follow the procedures outlined in the document, but would initiate punitive measures against THE COMMENTATOR editors within their divisions, if they felt that their divisions had been insulted.

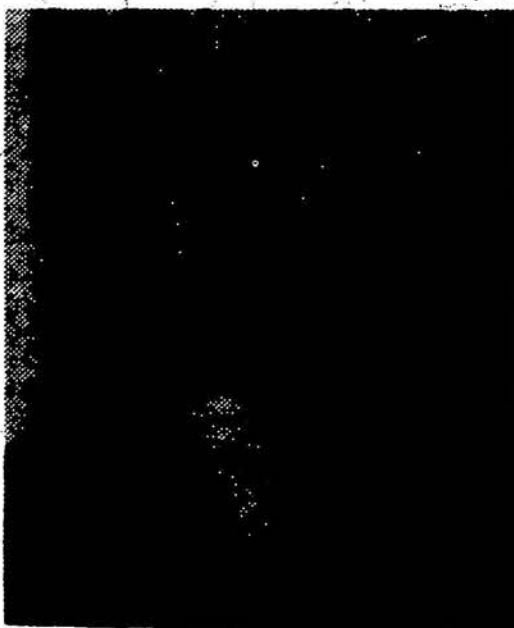
In attempting to rectify this situation and achieve peace at Ye-

it the voice and power of student government.

But enough criticism! David Zomick will take care of that!

Journalism vs. Politics

In keeping with tradition I should use this opportunity to review the past year in respect to



Outgoing-Editor David Segal

the journalistic qualities of the newspaper rather than the political intricacies of the school.

I attempted not only to have THE COMMENTATOR print about happenings in the University but also to have it comment on events occurring outside the academic community. There were play reviews, articles on world affairs, and comments on anti-Semitism in this country and Russia.

But in addition I tried to stimulate the students to action. I wanted them to picket the Russian Mission to the U.N., discuss the Peace Corps, and react to laws against free speech.

But the editorials concerning the College were not aimed solely at the student body, for they have no power to change College policy even though their opinions may possibly have some effect upon professors. They were primarily directed at the faculty and administration. I do not, however, believe that these men consider the students wise enough to think and criticize intelligently and will not heed these editorials.

After considering all this, I decided that the editorial column should primarily be directed towards Dr. Samuel Belkin and the alumni. If these two powerful forces know the problems facing the Yeshiva student, it is my belief that they will take action.

I know Dr. Belkin reads THE COMMENTATOR regularly and that one quarter of the paper's circulation is mailed to the alumni. I recently have been informed that the executive committee of the Alumni Association will make a point of discussing the editorials appearing in each issue of THE COMMENTATOR.

If the alumni would exert the power they have, if former student leaders would care about Yeshiva after graduation as much as they did before it, Yeshiva would improve tremendously. And Yeshiva must improve and increase its influence upon the American Jewish community.

It is my opinion that David Zomick, the new editor, feels this

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In Prospect

by David Zomick

When a child is tenderly brought forward from the protective shadow of his mother's apron into the glare of staring eyes and is told "say something, dear," the first rude shock of social contact is suffered. Staring at the unfamiliar, expectant face, the child is overcome by confusion; he wants to speak, but the demand to "say something" is so vague and difficult to fulfill.

The situation in which I find myself is far from unsimilar. To collect my thoughts and to "say something" to my fellow students is proving far more difficult than I ever anticipated. What should be my first words of an editor to his readers?

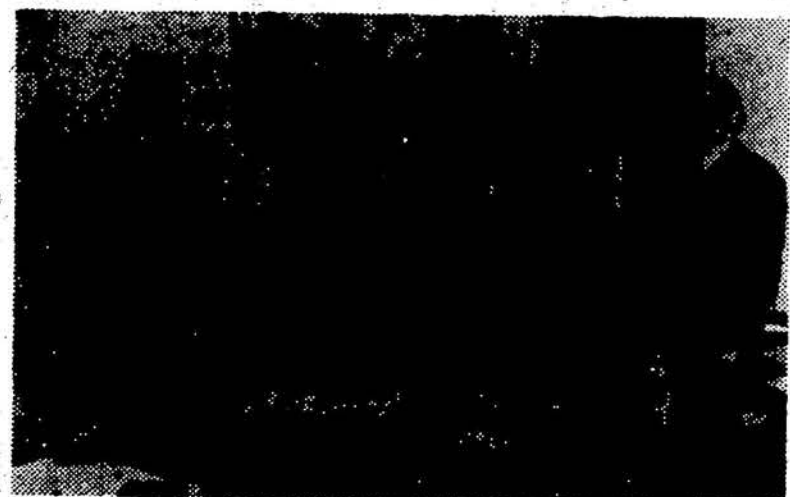
My first obligation is to state my views on the role that THE COMMENTATOR must play as a student publication and as an organ of your Student Council.

Raison D'être

For the past seven years I have been attending Yeshiva University. No one is more cynical than I about certain aspects of Yeshiva's policies and programs, but, at the same time, no one, I think, is more convinced that Yeshiva is a fine educational institution, probably the only one in the country that has begun to meet the challenges thrust upon the American Jewish community. I dare say, though, that Yeshiva can be, in many senses, a far better school. And herein, I feel, lies the *raison d'être* of a student newspaper.

THE COMMENTATOR must be a mirror in which Yeshiva can carefully examine itself, seeing its clear lines and high points and, occasionally, its warts and blemishes.

Incoming Governing Board; seated: I. Klavan, D. Zomick, J. Rosenblatt. Standing: S. Praytowsky, Dan Halpert, A. Shapiro, L. Levitt, A. Wertenthell, M. Wolf.



It is the responsibility of THE COMMENTATOR to tie up all the various facets of University life into one neat package.

Next year, THE COMMENTATOR will not promote a broad-based frontal attack on all aspects of student activity and administrative policy; it will, however, respond to various disturbing issues, if and when they arise. Mutual trust and respect between the student body and faculties can be brought about only when varying opinions are intelligently voiced and heard. Recognition of this fact is a fundamental obligation of every student and every professor in any educational community.

"No government ought to be without censors; and where the press is free no one ever will," wrote Thomas Jefferson. In presenting news and features to the student body THE COMMENTATOR is performing a vital service, but its prime purpose is to watch and to criticize, to keep the stu-

dent leaders active and the University administrators on their toes.

This responsibility to criticize and express varying opinions, however, does not lie solely with THE COMMENTATOR. It is the duty of every student, whether at a Council meeting or through a letter to the editor, to speak his mind when he feels that the old educational forms have become unsatisfactory, or when he concludes that some of the men who espouse these forms have begun "rusting on their laurels."

THE COMMENTATOR, working independently, can effect few changes. Most of Yeshiva's problems, especially those extant in the morning divisions, can be solved only through the will and initiative of a unified student body — one that is unwilling to take the path of least resistance. There are many among the students who would ignore such problems if their solution would perhaps mean getting up a little earlier to go to minyan or studying somewhat more diligently for a *written Gemora bechina*. These individuals are so myopic that they are unable to perceive how these problems will affect them long after they have completed their education at Yeshiva. I trust and pray that these members of our community constitute a negligible minority.

Tradition would have me set down my impressions of the Council, and COMMENTATOR administrators under whom I've worked during these past three years. The fact of the matter is, though, that I somehow had very

little contact with Messers. Hirsch and Halpern or Murrays Geller and Lauicht. I could, on the other hand, probably write a sizeable book about Dave Segal and Teddy Berman.

Analyses Criticism

Both have, at times, been under heavy criticism of the student body. Most of the complaints leveled against "Duddy" were uncalled for; the first semester of this academic year saw some of the finest issues in THE COMMENTATOR's 27-year history. Dave was probably as dedicated to THE COMMENTATOR and to student activities at Yeshiva as any other editor ever was or will be. Teddy, too, gave freely to and for the student body. True, he often looked like Tolstoy's *General Kutuzov*, but it is idle to think what might have been. What remains after all the criticism and snide remarks, is the reality of two of the most dedicated, good-natured fellows I've ever known.

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ruling body wants to be subject to criticism, and the Yeshiva College administration and faculty are no different. They are salaried individuals who do not want their positions endangered or attacked.

I was seeking no compromises or concessions from the administration this year concerning the right to print; for I believed they would be ignored next year. I had no intention of spending hours with Dean Bacon discussing what I should or should not print. This is a question for the Governing Board.

The administration will probably not discuss the Fleisher Report, on which I will presently comment, but will discuss some side topic, such as the immaturity of student leaders. I am quite familiar with this tactic, for it was used last year to avoid the issues brought up in the editorial "With Malice Towards None," and it is being used now to circumvent the true reasons for the institution of a new cuts policy.

If the faculty and administration were as intellectually honest as they claim to be, they would openly discuss their views on the morning divisions, the future of Yeshiva, expansion, the "cuts" program, and even sports at Yeshiva.

Why have they never expressed their views in THE COMMENTATOR—in an article written and signed by themselves? Do they believe such a move would be degrading?

shiva, I asked Dr. Isaac Bacon to interpret the following paragraph in the Fleisher Report, "Yeshiva College students have a stake in the college and a stake in the university as a whole. Nothing affecting the welfare of the university can be deemed alien to their legitimate interest or outside their proper editorial concern."

Dr. Bacon did not affirm our right to print. In fact, we received a letter from Dr. Bacon dated February 27, 1961 stated, "... the provisions in the Provisional College Student Activities Regulations (the Fleisher Report) remain unchanged except for the one modification which requires THE COMMENTATOR to submit controversial material to the Faculty Advisory Committee on Policy." This statement was based upon a memo from Dr. Bacon approving the Student Council commitment agreeing to bring to an advisor all editorials deemed controversial by THE COMMENTATOR editor.

I asked the Dean to define "controversial." He said that, to be on the safe side, I should bring all editorials to the Policy Committee.

I believe that this administration does not want a free press at Yeshiva. I believe Dr. Bacon does not want to hear opposition to his basic ideas concerning the operation of a college. He, with other administrators, are seeking to lim-

In Review

by Teddy Berman

About this time two years ago, Benny Hirsch began the last of his four-hour harangues with this statement: "It is difficult to come out of the presidency at Yeshiva without being cynical." Leaving office myself I can understand what Benny meant. I understand, yet I disagree.

The presidency has been one of my most exciting and educating experiences. Now that it is over, it is time for a new man to carry on the work and the responsibility. One of my remaining jobs, before I hand over the gavel, is to leave my "last will and testament," for I suppose that to be the purpose of this article. And yet it is hard for me to find the

watched the Alumni-Student Faculty Committee grow in stature and importance to what it is today. A year ago, the committee's chief "accomplishment" was getting the alumni, faculty and students together to discuss "emergencies." This year we met regularly to discuss matters of general interest and importance. Professors Linn and Hurwitz are to be commended for their work on this committee. It is my hope, however, that this committee will one day be expanded to become the Alumni-Faculty-Administration-Student Committee. When the administration will give heed to the alumni and students as well as to the faculty, the only possible

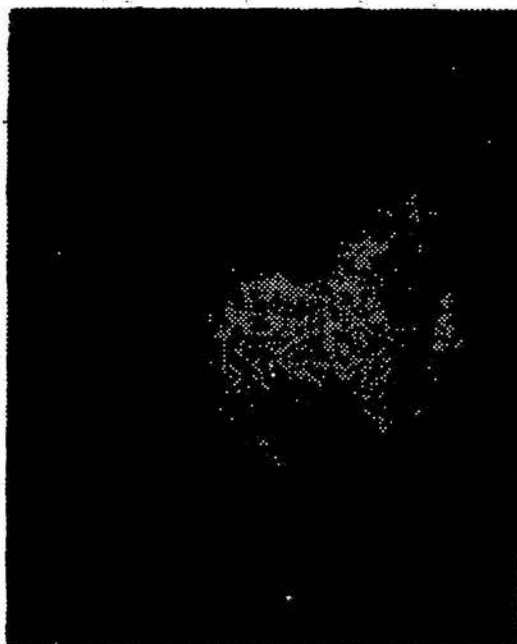
There are many students who have helped me and I take this opportunity to thank them all. There are three students, however, to whom I owe the most: William Zeitz, Dave Segal, and Murray Mednick.

William Zeitz is a boy who because of his dedication to dramatics and especially dramatics at Yeshiva has almost single handedly rebuilt the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society into the organization it is today. For this service and total involvement in work for the student body we all are thankful. I, however, am especially thankful for having a friend who was always ready to accept responsibility, one to whom I could always turn for help.

I was blessed this year by having a great editor-in-chief in the person of David Segal. The number of hours that he has put into working for the student body in his four years of college runs into the thousands. "Duddy" was and always will be a controversial figure at Yeshiva. While the arm-chair critics, generally found everywhere and especially in abundance at Yeshiva, are sitting back, "Duddy" is doing the work that should and must be done. I can only hope that the newly elected editor-in-chief and president can work as harmoniously as "Duddy" and I did.

Thanks Roommate

Last but not least I must thank my roommate and closest friend, Murray Mednick, without whose guidance, consolation, encouragement, and help I could not have survived. Murray will be remembered for his work in dramatics. In reality, however, he should be given a share of the credit for all of council's accomplishments this past year for he was involved with every one of them, either in its inception, planning, or implementation.



Ex-President Teddy Berman

My four years in this college have been the most rewarding years of my life. I hope that the next president will find his year in office as wonderful as I did. In closing, may I say to everyone, thank you.

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words to write about all the lessons learned by hundreds of hours of "negotiations" with the administrative heads of Yeshiva University. What can I say about the hours spent in badgering the Dean about everything from the erection of basketball courts to the status of Student Court?

Major Breakthrough

For a time, there was a major breakthrough in the line of communication between my office and that of the Dean and the President, Dr. Belkin. Following the 75th Anniversary Convocation came a period of trust and rapport between us. I actually thought that I would achieve fame in the annals of Student Council history for achieving a good student-administration relationship once and for all. However, to my sorrow, I found that in the middle of this term the door to Dr. Belkin's office was again closed and the breath of fresh air that had been mistakenly allowed to creep into the atmosphere of student-administration relations was again shut out. Why is it that petty politics must always destroy anything good that is being built in this school? I sincerely hope that the day will come when administrative and student leaders can work together harmoniously and with full faith in each other and without the personal squabbles over petty privileges. When that day comes, Yeshiva College will have reached the maturity befitting its longevity.

There is one committee that has started us on this path to maturity. In my two years as chairman of the student delegation I have

result can be betterment of the school.

I would like to especially thank and express my high regard for the man who has worked hardest for this committee, the alumni, and above all, the student body. I first met this man at one of the committee's meetings and since then have grown to respect him and appreciate the work he does. Never looking for honor or distinction, he has always worked behind the scenes to achieve a smooth operation of alumni activities. When it came to week-ends for the students, he planned everything, made all the arrangements, and yet would always allow the students to take the full credit. He only fights when the alumni do not get the credit they deserve. My experience with this man, I hope, will make me a better individual. I cannot find the words to express my thanks to Rabbi Milton Furst, director of alumni activities at Yeshiva University.

Dedicated Registrar

One of the least appreciated positions in this University is that of registrar. It is a demanding position and it is literally a twenty-four-hour-a-day job. Yet Professor Morris Silverman has always had the time to help me when I needed it, and to give me advice when I needed that. His dedication and devotion to the school is great and is surpassed only by his dedication and devotion to the students of this college. May he continue to carry on his good work for many years to come.

One cannot reach the presidency or remain in it without help.

In Preview

by Joe Rapaport

Were I to begin this column with the conventional expressions of gratitude expected of me, I fear that very few of my readers would bother to review the remainder of my message. So though I am anxious to give vent to the more emotional feelings which are part of winning an election, I believe that there are issues before us of a nature so vital to each and every student that I am loath to postpone their discussion for even a few paragraphs of this, my first official communication to the students of Yeshiva College in my capacity as Student Council President.

When the voting members of the college cast their ballots several days ago, I doubt very much if more than a few recognized the unusual import of their decision.

For the year 1962-63, as we shall all soon come to realize, is quite unlike the academic years preceding it. For one thing, it is destined to be a period of acclimation at least in a purely physical

we shall have become nothing more than an impressive vessel containing not even the meanest wine. If, in the preoccupation with bricks and blasting, the student must assume a secondary position to a lofty construction crane, then those who tolerate it shall have been false to the very deepest roots of Jewish tradition upon which this institution was founded.

Outlines Tasks

It shall be the task of the incoming student government to make sure that none of these possibilities, repugnant both to administration and student, can ever actualize. Let this serve as the "Preview" of the coming year—and let it be known that we will not simply refuse to tolerate a slackening of standards; we shall demand constant improvement: improvement in academics, improvement in activities, and improvement in student government itself. Our insistence on these goals will be supported by one major policy—a policy of action.

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sense. The new building which will be ready for our occupancy will undoubtedly create difficulties which will have to be smoothed out before full advantage can be taken of the excellent facilities.

Even before the resolution of these problems there already looms the construction of the new dormitory, over whose plans administrative and student leaders have already long been conferring. And those of us who recall pleasant memories of particular classes in Science and Graduate Halls had better take final looks at these two edifices before they too are engulfed in the wave of physical progress surrounding us.

But if the purely material aspect of the change and adaptation with which we all will have to cope seems overwhelming, let me assure you that it constitutes the very least of our problems. It is a sad but true fact that projects often become so huge and their execution so complex that the very purpose which initiated them is quickly forgotten. If in the construction of building after building the slightest lowering of academic standards is sustained, then

But it is within my power to pledge only my personal effort and the effort of my administration. It remains for each student to decide for himself whether he is willing to dedicate his energies towards a positive, concerted, and consistent drive for the betterment of the schools of Yeshiva University with which we are directly concerned. It is for each individual student to realize that no matter which morning division he attends, he is personally injured by any failings in these schools and equally benefited by their successes. The unity which underlies the separation of these divisions must never be forgotten—it is my intention, for one thing, to invite representatives of SOY, TISC, and JSPSC to each college council meeting. I am sure that once we are effectively united and certain of our goals, progress in the physical sense will go hand in hand with equivalent progress in the spiritual and academic sense.

States Basic Purpose

I have chosen, in the space allotted to me in this issue, not to enter into a detailed account of my plans for the coming year in each particular area of Council activity. I feel it far more important to unequivocally state my basic position on a more philosophic plane, with the assurance that this philosophy will be the guiding force in my actions on all matters

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"Perfidy" Reviewed and Hecht's Motivations Analyzed

by Irving Green

(*PERFIDY*. By Ben Hecht, Julian Messner Inc., 281 pp., \$6.00)

Ben Hecht, (*Child Of The Century, A Jew In Love*) embarked on middle age without a belief in G-d or even his fellow man. Then six million Jews died in the crematoria of Nazi Europe and he found himself. You see, Ben Hecht is a JEW. Only, until then he was busy punishing himself for his birthright. Now the shoe was on the other foot and he realized how ludicrous he appeared, even to himself.

Hecht, with the determination and fervor that is usually reserved for converts, threw himself into the effort of saving those who were left. But no amount of zeal could erase the imprimatur of several decades of Hollywood living from his soul.

Hence, conventional Zionism was too slow, rather monocular for him. The stereoscopic spectacle of blood and sweat was more familiar and to his liking. The Irgun gave him the opportunity. The days of raising funds for secret arms shipments delighted even the highly-spiced pallet of a Ben Hecht.

Then, suddenly it was all over. There wasn't any need for secrecy, nor were arms ever to be smuggled again. Even his cloak and dagger friends emerged from

hiding and owned the clothes of a free people. Hecht was left all alone. A man who had clung to his dream only to have it jump out of reach. For unlike countless others, Israel died for Ben Hecht when it was born for the rest of the world.

Hecht had nothing more to give: Israel wasn't yet ready to produce his Hollywood spectaculars. She was too busy finding water for her people and beds for her immigrants.

Seeks To Find Self

After fifteen years of wandering, Hecht wants to find himself again. All of a sudden there are pangs of conscience and remembrances of wrong doings. "Why weren't more lives saved?" he says. "What happened to six million people?" In a confused state of mind, borne out of grief and disappointment, it all became clear. **THERE WAS PERFIDY IN THE AIR. SHARRETT KILLED THEM, BEN-GURION ATE THEM UP, AND WEITZMAN BURIED THEM IN ERITREA.**

But Ben Hecht has a short memory. What about the thousands that were brought over by Haganah rescue ships? Didn't the Haganah boys, who died for the cause, bleed the same blood as did the Irgun and Lechi stalwarts?

Didn't Hecht ever hear of Moshe Dayan and Yigael Yadin? What had happened to the defenders of Jerusalem and the Warsaw Ghetto? Was bravery and justice the private property of the Irgun?

No, Mr. Hecht! There were many brave soldiers on both sides. Both Irgun and Haganah lost many valiant sons and daughters. To praise one, at the expense of another (It was a handful that created Eretz-Israel; just a handful of Irgun and Lechi fighters won independence from the British) is unpardonable.

Blood-Red Letters

The volume is jacketed in black. Superimposed on its cover, in blood-red letters, is the simple legend, **P-E-R-F-I-D-Y**.

"Such a book was not easy for me to write", says Hecht, "for the heart of a Jew must be filled with astonishment as well as courage when it speaks out with Prospera in *THE TEMPEST*:

"I pray thee, mark me—that a brother should be so perfidious."

"In my own time," he goes on, "Government has taken the place of G-d. Governments speak for people, dream for them, and determine, absurdly, their lives and deaths."

"This new worship of government is one of the subjects of this book. It is a worship I lack. I have no reverence for the all powerful and bewildered face of government. I see it as a lessening of the human being, and a final looting of his birthright . . . I see it as an ogre with despair in its eyes."

Ostensibly, *Perfidy* is a stunning broadside at the concept of government, man's worship of it and the subjugation of his own will to that of its demands. But it's not. *Perfidy* is an indictment of David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Sharrett, Chaim Weizman, Golda Meir, and the organizations they represent: The Haganah, The Jewish Agency and the Establishment itself.

Hecht Mistaken

But Ben Hecht is mistaken! He has confused idealism with people and individuals with governments. He has forgotten that idealists don't often stick to their beliefs and has construed the weaknesses of these individuals, within the framework of the society, with the society itself.

But is Ben Hecht 100% incorrect in his accusation against the Mapai hierarchy? Not by a long shot.

If he means to tell us that there was what to be concerned about in the conduct of our leadership during the '30's and '40's, I must ashamedly agree with him. History in recording the roles played by these people will point out the positive factors of their leadership. It will also uncover numerous flaws in their personality makeup.

"No one old enough to remember the events of the 'thirties and 'forties requires a refutation of the Hecht venom. He need merely consult his own memory. But a whole generation has grown up

to whom the holocaust of European Jewry and the creation of Israel are history rather than experience . . . So one must set about the unappetizing task of examining a most unappetizing book." (*Perfidy and Stated Venom* by Marie Syrkin, Jewish Frontier, January 1962.)

Israel As A Symbol

No one could disagree with Mrs. Syrkin, with regard to the ignorance of our generation to the happenings of even the recent past. Israel is a far-off place to most of us—more like a dream—a symbol of our future—than reality itself; the millions who died in the death camps—hardly more than a hazy memory of a neighbor with a tattoo on his arm. We can't possibly envision their suffering or the heroism that went into the making of the State.

Hence, we look forward to having someone 'set us straight' and tell us about the past twenty years of our people's bloody history. Unfortunately, Ben Hecht is a bad teacher and an even poorer historian and Mrs. Syrkin, a worse reviewer. In fact no one has attempted to answer Hecht's charges in an unbiased, objective manner. All we get are barbs at his past affiliations, and personal habits.

"Beloved friends I smell carrion. What a first rate burial we're going to have! This Dr. Rudolf Kastner has to be finished off. For three years I have been waiting for the moment to unmask this careerist who grew fat on Hitler's lootings and murders. Because of his criminal machinations and his collaborations with the Nazis I consider him implicated in the murder of our beloved brothers. . . . (Malchiel Greenwald, *Letters to the Members of Mizrahi*, number 17, 1953.)

This is the beginning of our tale. A mimeographed newsletter published by a hack journalist—not even a printed magazine or a byline by a prominent figure—just an old man, all his teeth knocked out by the Nazi brutes, memories of youth and a family that was no more—tired of life itself.

But Greenwald, "a well known

crank" (Howard Morley Sachar, *Aliyah, the Peoples of Israel*) had lifted an accusing finger at a prominent member of the Establishment. And the wrath of the Lion of Judah was about to descend on his head.

Dr. Joseph Enters

No less a figure than Dr. Dov Joseph, minister of Commerce and Industry, locked horns with the



Ben Hecht, author of "Perfidy"

"crank." And before it was all over a government would fall, another man would die, and Hecht would write *Perfidy*.

Sachar attributes the great interest of the government to the fact that "Dr. Kastner was a prominent personality (Director of Public Relations for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce); his career in Hungary had occasionally been questioned by individuals more reputable than Greenwald . . . criticism of his integrity could easily be construed as criticism of the government which employed him. For this reason Dr. Dov Joseph decided to make an example of Greenwald by bringing criminal proceedings against him. Presumably in this manner stern warning could be served on all would be assailants of the probity of public officials; putting an instant stop to the political exploitation of the Jewish tragedy in Europe, for Dr. Kastner had been integrally involved in one of

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This at year's finis is just what to do
Thus to our buildings this ode we impart
As some are to join us and others depart.
First to the old ones, whose wreckings begun
All emptied of tenants (their battle unwon)
To these, then, we offer much lament and dirge
As old times do beckon, and memories surge.
Gone are the days when in passing these places
We thrilled at the prospect of blood-warming chases
To snowballs plunked gently and some with more heft—
No more shall they cool us—the plunkers have left.
Gone are the sounds of their diction (so faulty)
Of greetings they offered us (often quite salty)
Their presence 'long streets that we travelled so lone,
Had oft moved us dearly—e'en struck to the bone.
Of their value to us, no mere words can retell,
So we hired a guard, lest some harm they befell.
But now they are gone as their homes are laid waste,
And soon a new dorm will be built on that place.
From buildings old which held our view,
We now pass on—espy the new
The glaring rectangles of white
Which blatantly illumine the night,
Offend each aesthete's tender eye
Despite their modern symmetry,
For cubicles of glass and tiles
Express no architectural wiles.
Our campus cries for balanced plans
Not structures clashing with our lands.
We pray for better things to come,
Yet still are pleased with our new home,
For notwithstanding its exterior
It boasts air-conditioned interior;
A cooled beis medrash just for us
Second 'neath Jewish auspices.
No longer will we fear a fall
In Graduate or Science Hall
For blueprints have sealed their fate
And they're on demolitions slate.
All classes there will then convene
On our new educational scene.
So we've rung out the old and rung in the new
In the golden domed landscape of Yeshiva U.

Irwin Geller

Mitch Wolf

Segal Scores Disregard Of YU's Administration

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way, and even though he would defend the name of Yeshiva University at all times, he would not hesitate to criticize certain of its policies if he felt them harmful.

He is an idealist in respect to Yeshiva and *yiddishkeit*, but I am sure he is enough of a realist to understand the politics within the Yeshiva University administration.

Next year should prove to be a very interesting one, with editorials on the morning divisions and the Albert Einstein Medical School. I predict that the administration will react by disregarding the Fleischer Report and will

attempt to silence THE COMMENTATOR and its editors.

But I am also sure David Zomick and his Governing Board will have the backbone to withstand these pressures.

There is very little advice an outgoing editor can give his successor. Both know the history and policy of previous student governments and have debated and discussed all sorts of problems during the years of their association.

I therefore leave office knowing I have a qualified successor and give him only eight words of advice: *Know the people with whom you are dealing.*

Jewish Refugees From Algeria Imperiled By Shmad In France

Editor's note: THE COMMENTATOR is indebted to the March 1962 P'eylim Bulletin for information contained in this article.

With the sharp upsurge of terrorism in Algeria, the Jewish community has found itself caught between the anti-European FLN (Moslem revolutionary terrorists) and the French Secret Army Organization (OAS). The toll of Jewish victims is rising steadily, and with the chilling prospect of a Moslem Algeria becoming increasingly more real, the flight of the Jews to metropolitan France has reached a massive stage.

In Paris alone there are 70,000 North African immigrants (including many from Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt); Marseilles has 30,000 refugees added to its normal 10,000 Jewish population; and Lyons has approximately 13,000 refugees.

Arriving penniless, the immigrants are forced to settle in slum areas which are completely without Jewish, spiritual facilities. These neighborhoods are lacking in synagogues, *mikvot*, and even kosher butcher shops. Forced to accept any employment that is available, the immigrant parents — both father and mother — are thrust into low-paying, long-hour jobs, which separate them from their children from early morning till late at night.

Soul Snatchers

In the midst of all this poverty and misery, the Catholic Church has sensed a golden opportunity to snatch souls for itself. Nuns go literally from house to house bearing promises of help. Offers of schooling, food, and clean clothes pour into these tragic homes. Alone, isolated from the other Jews of France, faced with no other offers of aid, the Algerian families have given over their children to the soul snatchers.

Jaffe On Religious Revival For Israel

On Yom-Atzmaut, Wednesday, May 9, Major J. Jaffe, head of the Haichal Shlomo in Jerusalem and former chaplain to the Jewish Brigade of the British Army, spoke to an assembly of Yeshiva College students on the future of Orthodoxy in Israel.

In his address Major Jaffe pointed out that today, as young people reach for meaning in their lives, Israel is in the midst of a religious revival. He stressed the idea that "the next ten years are decisive, for now we are at the crossroads."

Major Jaffe went on to show how Haichal Shlomo tries to realize Orthodoxy's potential by providing funds and organization to strengthen the religious community. He added that although Haichal Shlomo does much, it is in need of even greater support if it is to meet the ever increasing burden.

In the Parisian mission of St. Vincent de Paul alone, 300 Jewish children are now enrolled. Ironically, this is more than in any Jewish day school in Paris.

The missionaries, with massive sums and support behind them, evidently are pushing a well organized campaign with all possible means. Mass meetings are held to which Jews are invited, parties on Jewish (and non-Jewish) occasions are held to which children are invited and given gifts and toys.

Missionary-Rabbi

Even more shocking is the contemptuous effort to hide missionary activity behind false Jewish facades. Missionaries have been reported to pose as rabbis, down to long black beards and long black kapotas.

Alarmed at the danger posed by this to the souls of these Jews, many *Roshei Hayeshivos* and P'eylim agreed that a *ben Torah* be sent to France to report on conditions there. It was thus last December that Rabbi Chaim Plato of the Mirrer Yeshiva Kollel visited France, and after an extensive investigation confirmed the whole bitter story.

The report issued by Rabbi Plato was a shocking picture of Jews thrust into a wasteland of chaos. While many, if not all of the parents, would gladly send their children to Jewish institutions, the simple truth was that there were in most cases, the most inadequate of facilities, and in many, none at all.

The number of workers for *Yiddishkeit* were all too few, but these were actually giving of their all, to go from home to home and city to city visiting Jews, pleading with them, and exhorting them to remain firm to their traditions. One name particularly mentioned was that of a young *ben Torah*, Zvy Fedida, learning at Aix-la-Baines, who had taken upon himself to visit every family in Lyon, France's third largest city. He reported tragic and yet noble stories of immigrants who were forced to desecrate certain *mitzvot* and yet who tried pathetically to compensate for this.

Jews Compensate

There is the story of the Jew who, forced to work on Shabbat, fasts every Sunday in compensation. There is the Jew, who, working from early morning till late at night and unable to lay *tefillen*, does so at night. There is the French Jewish doctor who sets up kosher butcher stores from his own finances in areas of Algerian Jewish refugees.

And through all this go the missionaries with their powerful monetary and manpower resources, baiting, cajoling, and tempting. This, contrasted with the do-nothing attitude of the Jewish community, has literally made a gift of hundreds of Jewish children to the Church.

Upon Rabbi Chaim Plato's return from France and his detailed report of conditions there among

the Jewish North African immigrants, P'eylim announced an immediate program to combat missionary activities. In the past few weeks, meetings have been held at Yeshiva to aid the drive in every possible way, even to the extent of sending boys to spend the summer in France to counteract the work of Catholic missionaries.

In addition, the activities of P'eylim will be expanded to include personal visits to the homes of refugees, enrolling their children in Talmud Torahs and *Yeshivot* classes for adults and the printing and distributing of material dealing with *Yiddishkeit*.

Another major project given top priority will be the attempt to immediately expand the facilities of existing French *Yeshivot* so that several hundred Algerian children may be integrated at once. At a conservative estimate, this alone will cost at least \$30,000.

P'eylim leaders feel confident that with the help of the entire Jewish community, their efforts will bear fruit.

Campus Chatter

by Danny Halpern

The Lance, Evangel College: "U.S. Steel's price increase has shocked the Kennedy administration and key members of Congress. Perhaps it is extremely ideological to hope Americans will relinquish some of the plush benefits we currently enjoy in an effort to improve the economic situation. Certainly the conservative approach of putting all blame on labor is error-laden, and we do not see top executive in the nation's steel corporations rejecting their six and seven figure incomes."

Lakeland Mirror, Lakeland College; "A rebirth of interest in more student freedoms has become evident in the past few months. Students have clamored for more liberty in the dorms, more academic freedom, and a larger voice in the policies of the college. These are all freedoms which the responsible student should have. However, the immature attitude of a small element of students leaves little doubt that these students would take advantage of whatever additional rights they were given. The time has come to ask each student what he can offer his school. If his answer is negative he should not be here. Any student who is not an asset to his school should be asked to leave. In this way, the students who were here could be granted the freedoms that they want and deserve."

The Reveille Echo, Bethany Nazarene College: "There is on campus a certain class of individuals who are really quite unlike any other group of anything known in these parts. Some are called scholars, some machines, some absent-minded, and some are called many other unprintable names, but all are inevitably re-

Ziff And Goffin To Direct YCDS In Upcoming Season

The Governing Board of Dramatics Society, in a meeting held May 9, elected Dan Ziff '63, president for the coming year. Sherwood Goffin '63 was elected vice president, Lenny Glass '64 will be financial secretary while the governing board will be composed of Richard Drucker '64, Larry Levitt '64, and Ben Fialkoff '64. The current associate board members are Warren Goldman '65 and Israel Max '65, with more appointments scheduled for the beginning of next term. Mrs. Thomas Ohlson will remain advisor to the society.

Under discussion for next year are plans for the Dean's Reception, the senior varsity show, and a dramatic workshop. Because of the many difficulties incurred in the production of a freshman play, the Dramatics Society intends to put the class of '66 onstage in a novel way, next year. They will look for talented freshman and incorporate them as specialty acts into the program of the Dean's Reception. Also a program of dramatic workshops is planned to be conducted during club hour under the guidance of Mrs. Ohlson. This will give the freshmen who are interested, as well as upper

classmen, a chance to develop their technique and prepare for productions of their own. Freshmen will also be working with the upper class productions during the year.



Dramatics Society Chief Ziff

Also under discussion is the possibility of having a fall play. In the past the society has been handicapped with the problem of having to fit all productions into one term, and a fall show will lighten the load during the spring as well as add the possibility of a Broadway play to the calendar.

The senior varsity show will again be an original production, although the type of play to be produced has not yet been decided. As in the past, the varsity show will not be limited to members of the senior class.

Students To Enter Kogel's Hideaway

by Mitchell Wolf '64

Upon receiving the glad tidings that Yeshiva U. had acquired a country estate, THE COMMENTATOR immediately dispatched a reporter to survey the grounds and report on possible recreational facilities.

It seems that the main house is situated on a bluff overlooking the picturesque Croton Dam Verdant Croton-on-Hudson and is the site of a famous World War I military camp. Until recently the estate was named Crestwood Acres but a devastating forest fire necessitated a renaming to Crestfallen Manner.

From reports in the Times, it would seem appropriate to subtitle Einstein's acquisition "Kogel's Hideaway." This does not imply that the doctors don't deserve a retreat in case some nosy undertaker is in hot pursuit of a death certificate to be signed on the Sabbath. Nor is a place for seminars and "benefactor"-type operations a minor consideration. But these specialized activities are only a minor portion of the vast, unexplored possibilities existing to enhance the academic climate of the University. For instance, there could be regularly scheduled polo matches between the pre-meds and Einstein's frosh, as well as an annual Lag B'Omer turkey shoot.

Furthermore, periodical visits of RIETS to the site of a military camp should give an inestimable boost to the morale.

Mr. Friedman is to be thanked for his benevolence and discriminating taste.

Mysterious Workings of Coincidence Strengthen Tie Between Father, Son

by Gerald From

After the First World War many immigrants changed not only their "Christian" names but also their surnames. Levine became Le Vine, Katz became Kates, Cohen became Kahn — I don't have to enumerate more, you must know them all—but did you know how St. John became Yitzchok.

But let me tell you how it all began. . . .

My father was a struggling son of struggling immigrants, and my grandfather spoke a struggling

English with a not-so-struggling Jewish accent. My father, an American-born, worked during the day and then labored through the afternoon and evening sessions at St. John's University. You may ask, why St. John's? Well, for one thing, it was cheaper. It also offered courses compatible with my father's working hours, and transportation was by no means a factor to be discounted.

Tzeilem On Diploma

True, "my father very often

felt a little queasy about the fact that some day his diploma would bear a *tzeilem*. But he consoled himself with the knowledge that the circumstances justified the predicament. Another mitigating factor was that he especially enjoyed the economics and history courses that he took with an easy-going *Yid*, an associate professor. Somehow these two hit it off just right — and what is more, every report got a just-right mark.

The years passed. My father married, was graduated from St. John's, got his degree with the *tzeilem* which was tucked away not to be shown, and soon I, his first son, was born.

For as long as I can recall, my father seldom referred to his alma mater without mentioning his "special" economics and history teacher.

Saves College Reports

Although he discarded most of his college reports, Dad prided himself on his history reports, the marks that went with them, and his *Yid* of a teacher, and saved these. The years went by and my father's son was ready for college and entered Yeshiva. Before he knew what had hit him, along came a battery of exams and reports, with more reports due.

"Soooo, pop, where are your wonderful reports in history with those wonderful marks?"

So pop, dug them up—don't tell a soul. If a Kennedy can do it, so can I — and I submitted pop's reports as my own. Guess what? Did I get an "A"? A *nechdige tog*—a "D." I came home with the news, prepared to thank my Dad for his wonderful cooperation, and tell him not to compare his easy going teachers from St. John's with my present-day ones.

And wouldn't you just know it? It turns out that my pop's associate professor is yours truly Professor Brody, which brings me back to what I wanted to show you—how St. John's became *Yitzchok*. You see, although Dad attended St. John's and his son is at *Yitzchok* Elchanan, the teacher is the same. As for the mark, well that doesn't mean much anyhow.

accuracy of Hecht's treatment of the topic. As to the lack of wisdom? It juts forth from every page and between every line.

But *Perfidy* is here to stay. And it incumbent upon every individual or organization that aspires to the leadership of our people that he be ready to answer it's charges — not with sarcastic barbs — but with hard, cold facts, point by point and charge by charge. Herein, lies the failure of the present Jewish leadership. They've failed to answer *Perfidy* in an intelligent manner. They've chosen, instead, to grovel in the gutter with their accuser.

But *Perfidy* is not a complete waste! For in its pages one sees human suffering and struggle, deprivation and humiliation and one is apt to come out of the experience a better and more humble being.

Brayer Delivers Lecture At Stern College About Psychology And Religion

"Psychology and the Religious Jew" was the theme of a lecture delivered by Menachem Brayer May 16, at the Stern College Auditorium. The talk, sponsored by the Alumni Association, was attended by a capacity crowd.

Dr. Brayer, consultant psychologist at Yeshiva University and associate professor of Bible at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges, stated that "Judaism never saw a challenge or threat in the fields of psychology and psychoanalysis."

"Psychotherapy and religion," he explained, "both deal with the mind, heart, and home, and both serve humanity by helping the human being be content, secure, and happy."

"Psychology and psychoanalysis deal with methods and techniques with which man can rebuild his personality structure on sound, normal, and realistic foundations . . . True Judaic experience places the accent on the wholeness and perfection of the human personality, and stresses that man should, through faith and introspective analysis, learn to respect and elevate the one created in the image of G-d."

Dr. Brayer emphasized that, as early as the Talmudic period, "we already find the importance of catharsis and its benefits in terms of bringing out repressed material and unconscious thoughts . . . Jews have shown for centuries their ability to adapt to all conditions and life situations and to accept trauma with calm and fortitude. What is Jewish history if not a long scroll of tribulations and suffering?"

Referring to the statement of Soviet astronaut Gherman Titov, "I didn't find any G-d up there," Dr. Brayer said, "We can reply with the profound Chassidic word of the Kotzker Rebbe who, when asked once 'Where is G-d?' replied, 'Wherever He has been let in.'"

The lecture, which was the third in a series of four presented by the Alumni Association on *Contemporary Problems in the Light of Jewish Thought* was preceded by a memorial to the late Professor Daniel Bloch, associate professor of mathematics at Stern College.

In Prospect...

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As to next year, judging from all indications, it will be a good year for THE COMMENTATOR—a year in which we may receive our first All-American rating since 1954 and a year in which THE COMMENTATOR will gain the respect of students and professors alike.

I realize the responsibility that I have assumed—the responsibility to all those who have attended, do attend, and will attend Yeshiva. Never would I consciously permit THE COMMENTATOR to print anything which I thought "Not in the best interests of the University," but by University I mean the students of the University; for it is from them, by definition, that the University derives its existence.

In Preview...

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confronting Council in the coming year. I believe that all matters of import with which we will deal will most certainly be manifestations of the larger problems discussed earlier. With a realistic policy guided by uncompromised ideals, we should have few difficulties next year.

Before closing, I must assure you that I am indeed grateful for the support so graciously given me by the student body in the recent election. My greatest prayer is that I prove worthy of your trust in the discharging of my duties. I look forward to a year of honest endeavor and, G-d willing, of reaping generous fruits of the labor of the teachers, administrators, and students of this great institution.

Estate Is Donated To Einstein College

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine announced the acquisition of a 120-acre estate in Croton-on-Hudson. The property was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Friedman of New York City.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva, said that the estate would be used for off-campus academic and scientific conferences and as an academic retreat for special studies and research.

Mr. Friedman, a former president of A. S. Beck Shoe Corp. is a founder and overseer of the Einstein College of Medicine. In 1957, a substantial gift from Mr. and Mrs. Friedman led to the establishment of a student-faculty lounge on the college campus.

The 85-year-old main house overlooking Croton Dam was built by a brother of Rutherford B. Hayes. The property was used as a military camp during World War I.

Midtown Campus Now Threatened

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yer. Since then no work has been done on the project because of the many political controversies which have ensued.

Yeshiva University's portion in Title I was to have been 135,000 square feet of land between Amsterdam Avenue and Broadway from West 83 to West 86 Street. It was to include classrooms for the Stern College for Women as well as a women's dormitory and classrooms for the Graduate School of Education, the School for Social Work, and the Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences.

Reporter Scores "Perfidy" For Historical Distortions

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the most grisley episodes of the Nazi extermination program."

"... unexpectedly, the government decided to come to Kastner's defense and sue Greenwald for defamation. With Greenwald as defendant, Kastner was the one really on trial; but the case became mainly a vehicle for the terrorists Irgun and rightist Herut to vilify the Jewish Agency and Mapai." (Lucy Dawidowicz, *Commentary*, March 1962.)

(Shlomo Katz, *MIDSTREAM*, Winter, 1962.) "Since he was a governmental official the government prosecuted Malchiel Greenwald."

From Sachar's niceties to Dawidowicz's bluntness and back again to Katz's naivety (?). Does reviewer Katz really expect the reading public to believe that the government defended Kastner merely because he was a government official?

Historical Context

The term *politics*, has in its historical context taken on a less than honorable meaning. One somehow cannot visualize the politician with a cherubic face, lilly-white hands, and a perfectly-shaped heart. We manage, instead, to find his hand a bit clammy, his face flushed with cockiness, and his heartbeat irregular and unusually fast.

THE JEWISH POLITICIAN IS NO DIFFERENT AND JEWISH POLITICS, NO EXCEPTION. If this be *Perfidy's* message, Hecht has succeeded. But if it is his intention to accuse Ben-Gurion, Sharrett, and other governmental officials with the wanton murder of European Jewry—he has failed.

For Hecht has singled out an incident, however consequential, out of the turmoil of Nazi Europe and has recorded it as the totality of modern Jewish history.

Perfidy evolves about the nightmare of Dr. Rudolf Kastner and his rescue work in Nazi-occupied Hungary. People had long questioned his role in the evacuation of Hungary's Jews. But it wasn't until eight years after the war's ending that Malchiel Greenwald wrote his blistering attack.

Defining Terms

I may or may not have doubts as to Kastner's innocence. But it's too easy to scream "collaborator" and much to difficult to define what it really means.

But something is bothering me.

Why the big hulabaloo about the rantings of an old man? Isn't it odd for a government to attack a harmless crank? Why hasn't this same government answered Hecht's charges, point for point?

—Tell us why the arm ship Altalena was sunk on Ben-Gurion's orders.

—Tell us that Kastner was innocent.

—Produce the six million who didn't die in the holocaust.

BUT

—The Altalena was shot out of the water.

—Kastner wasn't innocent.

—The Six Million are dead.

—AND PERFIDY MIGHT HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

The trial was a long one, it covered almost 2,000 pages of testimony. Finally, on June 22, 1955, Dr. Halevi, of the Jerusalem District Court, handed down his decision. In three hundred pages, he said "HE (KASTNER) SOLD HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL."

The decision was appealed to the Supreme Court and on January 15, 1958 it revised the lower court's verdict. Justice Agranat, delivering the majority opinion declared it to be "a matter for historians to decide, not a single judge" and "even on the basis of the evidence presented before the lower court, it would have been impossible to declare Kastner guilty of collaboration. Whether his methods or techniques were appropriate was another matter."

Olshin's Opinion

President Isaac Olshin, in his opinion, stated that "Let us not forget that the court is not here to give Kastner a clean bill of health. The task of the court was to examine whether the respondent (Greenwald) did prove the truth of the libel."

But Kastner's guilt is relatively unimportant. We're more interested in Sharrett's innocence, Ben-Gurion's intentions, and Weizman's aspirations.

Hecht's mistake was in approaching the problem in a crude, almost childish manner. History should not be treated as it would in the pages of a best-seller with a tell-tale title, but rather in the tomes of historical argument, devoid of subjectivity and laden with the fruits of basic research and wisdom on the part of the researcher.

History will bear out the in-

History Society Examines Problem Of Communist Subversion In U.S.

by Steve Pryorovsky

The problem of Communist subversion and its infiltration into American life—especially that affecting college students—was the subject of a recent "History Society Presents" in which a crowd of over one hundred students viewed the nation's most talked about film, "Operation Abolition."

"Operation Abolition" portrays a student demonstration against the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings held in San Francisco May 12-14, 1960. It shows students protesting outside City Hall, disruptive tactics by known Communists inside the hearing room, and the removal of the demonstrators by the police.

The purpose of the film, officially known as "The Communist-Led Riots Against the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, May 12-14, 1960," is stated at the beginning by Francis E. Walter (D-Penn.), chairman of the HUAC. Says Chairman Walter, "During the next few minutes you will see revealed the long-time Communist tactic in which a relatively few well-trained, hard-core Communist agents are able to incite and use non-Communist sympathizers to perform the dirty work of the Communist Party."

When the film of the riots was released, it was the subject of great controversy. The liberals condemned the film; the conservatives lauded it.

Film Warps Truth

The liberal Washington Post editorialized: "... the film warps the truth in two important respects. First, it suggests as its main thesis that the demonstrators were Communist inspired and led. ... It cannot be asserted, of course, that no Communists took part in the demonstrations. The body of students ... in protest were inspired only by their own valid and thoroughly creditable indignation at the Committee's conduct."

"A frightening example of how guileless students can be manipulated by the Communist Party," writes M. Stanton Evans in the conservative National Review. "The net effect is to alert the viewer to the danger of internal Communism, to demonstrate that the HUAC is doing a needed and often difficult job."

The above two quotes summarize the countless charges and countercharges levelled against and in support of "Operation Abolition." It also raises the important question, does the film "Operation Abolition" prove its contention that the students involved in the demonstration were, "manipulated and duped by the Communists for the purpose of creating disorder?" Critics of the film answer no, supporters answer yes.

The House Un-American Activities Committee hammers the point throughout the film that the student demonstrations were caused by "trained agitators" which the "Communist apparatus" had "activated."

Critics of "Operation Abolition" repudiate this charge. They state, categorically, that the student leaders who planned the protests were not Communists. Furthermore, they claim that the assertions made by the HUAC are unsupported assertions to which no evidence was presented.

Quote Judge

To substantiate their view, the critics quote the judge who dismissed the charges brought against sixty-three of the students arrested. The judge stated, "The defendants for the most part are clean cut American college students. ... I am convinced that they are not engaged in subversive activities nor in spreading subversive propaganda."

Proponents of the film quote J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI for proof of Communist influence, "It is vitally important that not only the students involved in that incident, but also students throughout the nation, whom Communists hope to exploit in similar situations, recognize the Communist tactics which resulted, in what experienced West Coast observers familiar with Communist strategy and tactics have termed the most successful Communist coup to occur in the San Francisco area in 25 years."

Error Being Made

There is, I feel, a serious error made by both sides in the dispute concerning the events that took place in San Francisco on May 13, 1960. Both the critics and proponents of the film run to extremes; they think only in terms of black and white. Those against the film take the blind position that students were not inspired by Communist operators at all. They were just angry that they weren't permitted to attend the hearings. Those in favor of the film on the other hand would have us believe that the demonstration was part of a "Communist conspiracy," part of the nation-wide campaign of the Communist party to abolish the HUAC, with the ultimate objective of destroying the security program of the United States.

Both sides are adamant in their refusal to admit that there exist shades of gray. It is difficult to believe, especially since no evidence has been presented, that the Communist party planned the protests for months in advance, as the narrator of the film contends. In this writer's opinion, most of the students participating in the picketing of the hearing firmly believed that the House Un-American Activities Committee—as it operates now—performs a disservice to the cause of freedom and therefore it must be abolished even at the high price of failing to expose Communists and to initiate anti-subversive legislation.

Many Students Duped

It is true, however, that many students were "duped," "manipulated," and "misled." This is the sad and tragic part of the story. Unquestionably there were Communists present at the hearings, namely Archie Brown, second in

command of the Communist Party in California. The Communists, masters in deceit and experts in the art of agitation, milled among the angered students outside the HUAC room with the purpose of egging on the students to riot and cause disorder. I doubt the demonstration would have turned out as it did—a riot—had the Communists been absent on "black Friday," May 13, 1960.

The verbal battle about the veracity of "Operation Abolition" still rages. Yet after viewing the film and studying the evidence, one receives this message and it is unmistakable: we must always be wary of Communist and pro-Communist support for any cause we advocate and sponsor. The cause may be worthy, legitimate, and righteous, but once we allow Communists to contribute to and advance a cause they will labor for it and maintain it till the end result will be disorder and shame to the cause.

Sokal And Margolis Given Top Posts On '63 Masmid

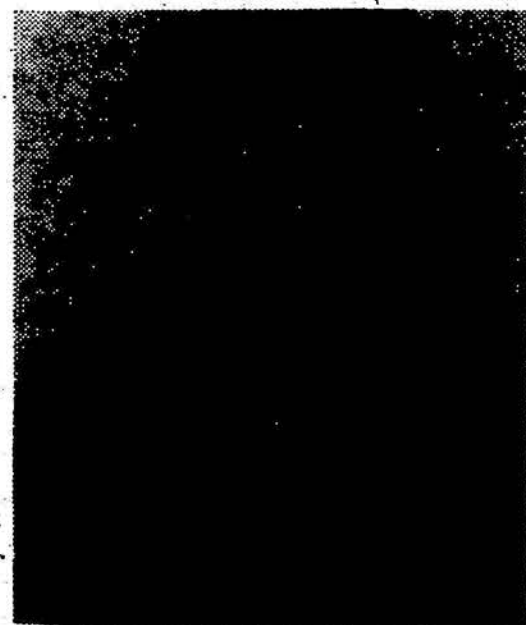
Myron Sokal '63 and Steven Margolis '63 have been appointed editor-in-chief and associate editor, respectively, of the 1963 *Masmid*, announced Jack Ness '62, outgoing editor.

Mr. Sokal, a pre-med major attending TI, graduated from YUHSB and was copy editor of last year's *Masmid*. He also served as secretary-treasurer of the TI Student Council and is a member of the fencing team.

Mr. Margolis is a JSP student, majoring in chemistry and president of the JSP Student Council.

Filling the remaining position on the executive board of *Masmid* for the coming year will be Zev Liefer '63, a biology student in attendance at RIETS.

Other positions on the *Masmid* went to Monty Penkower, activities editor; Ray Bloch and Jacob Lindenthal, photography editors; and Michael Knee, art editor. Bernard Pinchuk, Steve Rothman, and Hirsch Ruchlin will serve as business managers for the coming year, while Leonard Freedman



Masmid Editor Myron Sokal

and David Lifschitz will serve as typing and copy editors respectively.

Commenting on his plans for the coming year, Mr. Sokal said that certain precedents established by the past *Masmid* board, such as the *Masmid* Show, would be continued. The hope was expressed

Pi Delta Phi Inducts Ten

Ten new members were elected to Pi Delta Phi, national French honor society. Initiation ceremonies were held this past Monday May 21 in Klein Hall.

Micky Posnick, president of the society, Monty Penkower, vice-president, and Arthur Steckler, secretary-treasurer, inducted the new members. The inductees, all sophomores, are: Ira Bader, Michael Goodman, Sylvain Jacobovics, Val Karan, Larry Levitt, Shepard Melzer, Jordan Penkower, Martin Rosenber, Henry Sobel and Theodore Sohnen.

Following the rites was a brief speech concerning the history and hopes of the Yeshiva chapter. "This year marks the tenth anniversary of Yeshiva's affiliation with the national honor society and we look to the future with the greatest expectations," stated Professor Sidney Braun, advisor to the society.

Concluding the evening was a birthday party for the society featuring a large cake and 'real' champagne.

Elect Melech Press To SOY Presidency

Melech Press was elected to the presidency of the Students Organization of Yeshiva on Monday, May 21. He defeated his nearest opponent, Saul Koss, by a sizeable margin. Also elected were Tzvi Fishman, vice-president, and David Berger, secretary-treasurer.

Presently studying for smicha, Mr. Press was graduated from Yeshiva College in 1961 with a major in Chemistry. While still attending College he served as vice-president of the S.O.Y. and was a member of the Chemistry Club.

Mr. Fishman, a chemistry major, and Mr. Berger, a student of classical languages, have both been very active in student run functions since entering the college. Both are sophomores.

Notables Get YU Degrees

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Borough of Manhattan, Mayor Wagner attended Yale Law School and the Harvard University School of Business Administration.

As president and chairman of the board of the Glickman Corporation, Louis J. Glickman, New York real estate investor and communal leader, leads a publicly-owned real estate company with assets in excess of \$105 million. A member of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University since 1955, he is chairman of its development committee. A graduate of Penn University and the University of Virginia, Mr. Glickman will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Rabbi Samuel Berliant, spiritual leader of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Jackson Heights, New York, will receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree while the Honorable Stanley Fuld, Judge of the Court of Appeals, State of New York, will be the recipient of a Doctor of Laws honorary degree. Dr. Finla J. Crawford, vice-chancellor emeritus of Syracuse University, Dr. Jacob I. Hartstein, dean, School of Education, Long Island University, and Dr. Marston Morse, professor, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, will receive honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Athletes Honored At Sports Dinner

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ties went to Saul Koss. It was presented by Prof. Abraham Hurwitz, chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education here at Yeshiva College. Mr. Sheldon Socol, associate bursar, was next to be honored in recognition of his sincere efforts in furthering student welfare at Yeshiva University.

Intramural awards presented by Lenny Pincus and presentations of individual letters completed the evening's program.

The award presentations were followed by a buffet dinner enjoyed by all and served by Parker caterers.

Atz Gives Facts On Fish Disease

Dr. James W. Atz delivered a lecture on "The Biology of Melanoma in Fish" at a lecture attended by sixty students in the Rubin Residence Hall.

Dr. Atz, curator of the New York Aquarium and professor of fish genetics at New York University, discussed the works of the late Dr. Myron Gordon, a fish geneticist.

According to Professor Atz, Dr. Gordon attempted to see which cells in the skin of the fish are a cause of melanoma and if they are inherited.

During his talk, he showed a series of thirty slides in which the fish he was working with were crossed with other fish. The result of the crossings were tumors occurring in many of the fish.

The students, by means of the slides, were able to observe which cells are responsible for the melanoma and under which conditions the melanoma will occur.

The lecture was presented by the Biology Club.

Off The Sidelines

Twilight Time

by Stuart Berman

Each year, at the annual dinner of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association, THE COMMENTATOR salutes "members of varsity squads showing outstanding leadership and ability." Last Sunday it was our privilege to present the awards to the following individuals:

JOSH MUSS-TENNIS. Last spring, Josh was dishing out the "Commie" honors from this corner. Since that time, he has moved up to associate editor and is our selection for the tennis plaque as captain and a four-year veteran.

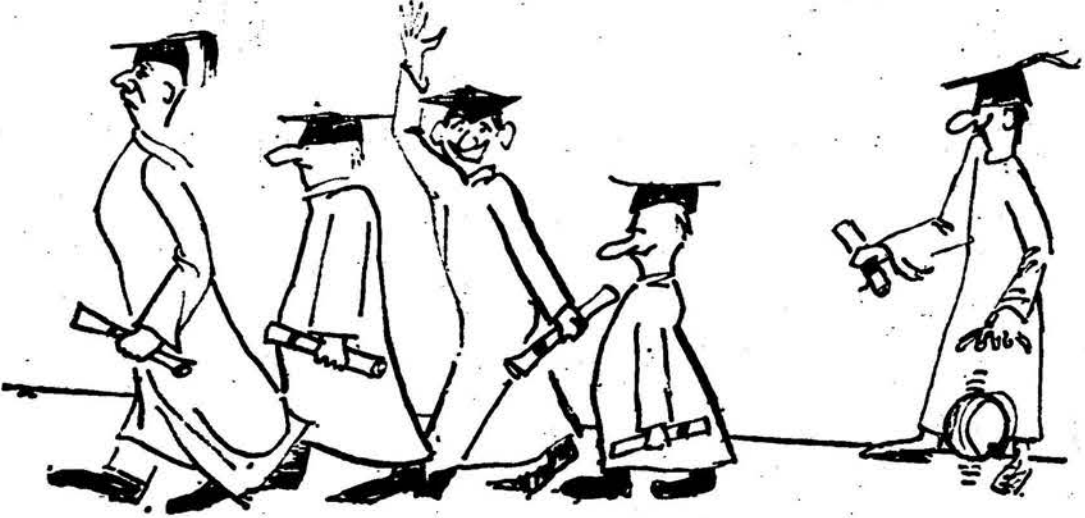
As captain, Muss assumed the duties of assistant coach, manager, and trainer. This was necessitated by the fact that official coach Epstein was bound up with business commitments. Josh is understandably elated over the success of the current squad. Their 6-1 mark is the best racquet record on the books.

WARREN ENKER-FENCING. At this point the choice was easiest. Captain Enker shattered virtually every University fencing record. The sabre champ finished this season with an all-time-high record of 40-2. He lost only to Eastern Sabre Champion Roth of Paterson State and Columbia's always-tough Cetrullo. On the way to the record of 40 wins, Warren racked up 27 victories in a row. His career total of 84-24 represents the finest ever recorded here. These achievements are likely to stand for many years to come.

Leo Durocher, the vociferous figure of the baseball world, once said, "Nice guys finish last." Warren Enker is vivid testimony to the contrary—a top guy who finished number one.

BOB SCHWELL — WRESTLING. Without a doubt, this was the most exciting year for YU wrestling fans. The tail-end of the batting order — Bob Schwell, Dave "Tiger" Lew and Warren Klein — provided much excitement for the action-starved fans. In the 167 lb. class Schwell established a spanking-new individual mark of nine victories in one season. By posting a 9-3-1 total, he surpassed Jack Merkin's one-year-old record of eight and two.

Bobby, with his TV-like attack, presented the much-needed spark which drove the squad on to victory. His promoter, Bob Schlakman, would like to see him enter the professional wrestling arena. However, Schwell shuns such activity. His reason: "Too much Heat."



SAM GROSSMAN — BASKETBALL. During this season, Grossman became the fifth player in YU basketball history to score over 1,000 points in a career. He entered the charmed circle by dumping in 28 points against Pace and ended the campaign with a three-year total of 1,108 points. Other members of the exclusive "1,000 Point Club" include: Irv Bader, 1,374; Red Blumenreich, 1,360; Abe Sodden, 1,207; and Marv Herahkowitz, 1,095.

In the 1960-1961 season, Grossman came within percentage points of capturing the Tri-State League scoring title; however, the team finished next to the cellar—an unfashionable neighborhood for Sam. This season he was a less prolific scorer and the team's standing improved considerably. On a squad featuring five freshman, his leadership was outstanding. He helped rookie Jay Garsman fit into the starting unit, thus causing the departure of Shelly Wieder to go by almost unnoticed.

It has been said that Sam might have chosen his sparring partners with a little more discretion. An we'll long remember his ape-like facial contortions generated by a referee's close call. But, Sammy played to win and hated to lose in the worst way.

For fear of making this last run a legitimate tear-jerker as in the past, we'll simply bow out with a note of thanks to those individuals who made this strip possible. So put aside the violins, there'll be no in the

Netmen Triumph Over Webb And Maritime For 6-1 Record

Yeshiva University's tennis team capped its 1962 season with consecutive wins over New York Maritime and Webb Institute.

The racqueteers' 6-1 record is the best ever compiled by a YU squad and prompted Coach E. Epstein to comment, "This year we had a team we may well be proud of. The boys practiced hard and played to win. I am very satisfied and happy with their efforts."

On Friday, May 11, Yeshiva defeated Maritime 5-4 at the Riverview courts.

Wins were recorded by Jeff Tillman, Ezra Goodman, Josh Muss, and "Butch" Reifman.

Tillman exercised careful strokes to down his foe 6-4; 7-5, while

Goodman easily rolled over Maritime's Cheifetz 6-1; 6-3. Captain Muss played a strong three set match 2-6; 6-4; 6-2, and Reifman took his first varsity win in split sets 5-7; 8-6; 6-0.

Muss then coupled with Lance Noble to give YU the deciding fifth tally 4-6; 6-3; 6-2.

Playing amid the country club setting of Webb, on Monday, May 14, Yeshiva closed its season with an abbreviated 5-0 victory.

Mike Samet opened with a Marathon match that was finally clinched 11-9; 2-6; 6-4.

Number two man Ed Schlussel followed with a triple set 6-2; 6-8; 6-4 win, while "Tex" Goodman won 6-0; 6-2.

Doubles also went to YU as

Samet and Goodman doubled to coup a 6-1; 6-1 victory, and the Mike Wise-Ed Schlussel team won 6-3; 4-6; 6-4.

Yeshiva's bid for an undefeated year was blocked by a 7-2 loss to Jona on May 8th.

Mike Samet and Jeff Tillman registered YU's lone victories.

Captain Josh Muss attributes the squad's outstanding record to "an exceptionally well-balanced team."

Freshman Mike Samet provided the Epsteinmen with a strong lead-off player and lived up to pre-season predictions by compiling a fine 6-1 record.

Despite some tougher opposition Eddie Schlussel went 4-3 and performed admirably in the number two slot.

Ivan Balk's polished strokes netted him a 3-2 total, while Jeff Tillman, 5-1, continued to play crushingly consistent tennis.

Ezra Goodman, the squad's fifth man was 5-1, and Josh Muss ended four years of tennis service with a 3-3 total.

Next year's squad retains four of six starters. Captain Muss is heading for law school, and Ezra Goodman for Israel.

But Coach Epstein confidently predicts, "This is a young, strong team, and should continue to win for Yeshiva in the coming years."

Top Athletes Cop Prizes At Annual Awards Dinner

The twelfth annual Awards Dinner of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association was held this Sunday, May 20 in the Rubin Residence Hall. After the benediction given by Rabbi Abraham Avrech, Basketball Coach Bernie "Red" Sarachek delivered the opening address. Following his pertinent message thanking all varsity participants for their performances throughout the year the long-awaited presentation of awards got underway. The evening's first award was presented by Teachers' Institute Director Dr. Hyman Grinstein to Basketball Coach Bill Weiner who accepted the plaque on behalf of the Hebrew Institute of Long Island, winner of the Jewish High School League championship. The Norman Palefski Memorial Award was then presented to coach Bernie Kirsner of Flatbush Yeshiva for his team's triumph at Madison Square Garden in the Jewish High School League play-off championship game. Palefski was one of the greatest basketball stars at Yeshiva University High School and starred in his freshman year at YC.

Coaches' Awards

The most coveted awards presented at the affair were the Coaches' Awards to the top players on each varsity team. They went to Sam Grossman, for basketball; Alan Schoffman, Barry Konovitch, and Warren Enker, for fencing; Mike Samet for tennis, and Warren Klein for wrestling. Josh Muss then received the Norman Palefski Memorial Award for outstanding school

ius Sarachek Memorial Award, presented for the most outstanding and sincere effort on behalf of the basketball team, was conferred upon the popular Bob "Suitcase" Podhurst.

Leadership Award

The Mortimer Kegen Memorial Award for outstanding leadership in student recreational activity (Continued on page 9)

On The Sidelines

Whose Responsibility?

by Stuart Berman

The last On the Sidelines column of the season is annually marked by a change of editorship. The new editor then has the opportunity to express his views and ideas concerning the responsibilities of the various groups at Yeshiva University for furthering the athletic program.

The main responsibility lies with the administration. Athletics are an integral part of every leading university, but at Yeshiva are given small consideration by the powers that be. The failure to provide a field house is a vivid example of indifference to the needs of the student body and to the teams that so successfully represent the name of Yeshiva University. It is a black mark on an institution which is undertaking expansion in other needed areas of endeavor but is unable or unwilling to allocate funds for a field house that plays a vital role in a student's daily life. It should be noted that part of the present expansion program includes, supposedly, plans for athletic facilities, but we have heard this before and the outcome was anything but encouraging.

If the administration has been negligent in this particular issue, the student body has failed grievously in other areas of the athletic program. Participation in intramurals is poor, to put it mildly. Scheduling and organization also leave much to be desired. The misfortune of this situation is that, if given status and enthusiastically supported, the intramural program could be a good outlet for those who have neither the ability, time, nor inclination for varsity play and could lead to healthy rivalry between classes. In addition, attendance at varsity events was less satisfactory this past year and there seems little prospect for improvement. This is especially disheartening in view of the fact that in prospect for next season. If the student body of its own activities and varsity sports, it is little wonder that the administration is apathetic to new athletic facilities. This is a situation which should involve the administration from carrying out its

responsibilities, those of the sports staff cannot be that these include adequate coverage of and participation in intramural activities, and possibly establishing on the part of the student body of the ath-

THE COMMENTATOR had some success in this undertaking. Editor Stu Berman and if next year's sport objectives this can be greatly attributed to Stu's influence and friendship.