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Yavneh Chapter Hosts Civil Rights Speakers

Must the Jew air Negro civil rights movements? A Jewish spiritual leader, a Negro, and a member of the Yeshiva College faculty explored this topic at a recent Yavneh symposium.



possible, he said, by greater integration of mass media.

Commenting specifically on the Jewish role in Civil Rights, Rabbi Yaakov Pollack, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Jackson Heights, maintained that every Jew is obligated to ameliorate the situation of the Negro, which he termed "a blasphemy." Rabbi Pollack is working with civil rights groups in promoting the Princeton plan in Queens schools.

Commie Top Rate; Called Outstanding

"An outstanding example of sound, intellectual college journalism—one of the most thought provoking college newspapers this judge has seen." This Associated Collegiate Press view of the fall 1963 COMMENTATOR earned it a First Class rating.

THE COMMENTATOR's point total, the highest in several years, was only 130 points short of the 3400 needed for the All-American, or superior, rating which it has earned five times since its in-

Students On Dean's List Attend Annual Luncheon

One hundred and eighteen students were the guests of Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College, and Dr. Dan Vogel, dean of Stern College, at the annual lunch-

Dean Bacon noted the difficulties inherent in a dual program of secular and Hebrew studies, both for the students and faculty. Faculty members, he said, must



The Passover message of G-d's love for the downtrodden must be applied to Negro-Jewish relations, Dr. Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history at Yeshiva, noted in introducing the guest speakers. He suggested that the current plight of the Negro was equivalent to that of the Jews in Egypt before the redemption.

Negro Problem

Mr. Roy Innis, a chemist at Montefiore Hospital and an active civil rights worker, asserted that the problem of the Negro in the north is due to poor education, compounded by the northern white's policy of paying only lip-service to integration. He suggested that the society's standards must be altered to remove the stigma from the Negro and make him sociologically equal. Implementation of this proposal would be

conceded that the Jew's only obligation was to have a positive attitude toward Negro rights. Mr. Innis conceded this point, but Dr. Greenberg advocated more direct involvement in rights movements.

in sports writing and display, as well as headlining and typography. A lack of action photos was also criticized.

ACP judging is done by professional newspapermen and experts in the field of journalism.

YC Debaters Honor Dr. Fleisher At Thirtieth Anniversary Dinner

A dinner honoring Dr. David Fleisher, professor of English and chairman of the department of language and literature, for twenty years of service as advisor to the Debating Society, was held April 12, in Rubin Residence Hall. This year also marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Debating Society.

Members of Dr. Fleisher's fam-

ily, the faculty and administration, and former debaters and students were among the 130 persons who attended the reception. One of Yeshiva's first graduates, Mr. Abraham Guterman '37, now a prominent attorney, was mas-

con in honor of students on the Dean's List. The luncheon was tendered in the Silver Lecture Hall in Furst Hall, Sunday, April 12.

Shep Melzer '64, and Mitch Wolf '64, presented Dr. Fleisher with a plaque in recognition of his 20 years of devoted service. "The Debating Society cannot put into words its gratefulness to Dr. Fleisher," said Mr. Melzer.



Dr. David Fleisher (seated, r.) honored for twenty years of service.

ter of ceremonies for the evening.

Awards were given to the winners of the eighth annual Metropolitan Debating Tournament sponsored by Yeshiva College that afternoon. Pace College won first place, with the United States Merchant Marine Academy placing second. Also participating in the competition were City College and Yeshiva University.

Speakers for the evening were Dean Bacon, Dr. Simonson, head of the communications division at the Graduate School of Education, Dr. Abraham Tauber, dean of faculty at Bronx Community College and head of Yeshiva's speech department, and Dr. Irving Linn, professor of English. Rabbi Dr. Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history, representing the Harvard alumni, praised the work of Dr. Fleisher, a graduate of Harvard.

Students listen to speakers at Dean's Luncheon.

prepare their students for competition with graduates of the finest universities in the nation in one-half the time.

The result of the students' academic progress is very impressive, noted Dean Bacon. He read a partial list of seniors and the numerous fellowships and assistantships which they have won.

Dr. Bacon then mentioned the results of a survey conducted by the Rabbinic Alumni on the extent of the retention of religious values of graduates. With information (Continued on page 5)

RIETS Plans June Shiurim

"Because school will open late next year," shiurim in RIETS will continue between June 14-25 this year. This was the "compelling" reason for the extension, given by Norman B. Abrams, administrative director of RIETS. "As there will be no college classes given then, a stronger feeling for learning can be expected," he added.

Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik will give shiurim on *Maseches Berachos* during July and August. This shiur will cover not only the text, but also the related matter pertaining to the actual practice of the law. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

A committee of the rabbinic faculty has been set up to prepare the seder of *Gemaras* to be studied for the next eight years in YU high schools and the college. This committee will be comprised of one representative from each of the three religious divisions, JSP, TI and RIETS, and two from the high school.

Rabbi Mendel Zaks and Rabbi J. B. Soloveichik will also serve as committeemen. The purpose of the eight year cycle is to insure that no *maseches* is repeated during these years, and to institute sections of the Talmud that haven't been studied here recently.

The *masechta* for next year will be *Gitten*.

Raised Dorm Price Deplored By Council

A decision to take all necessary action to prevent a blanket increase in dormitory rentals was passed overwhelmingly by Student Council April 8. While recognizing that rising costs may justify increased charges, Council felt that students already in the residence halls should be entitled to continue paying current rentals.

Mr. M. Reifman, manager of Co-op, reported that it has carried 20 per cent more texts this year than in the past, and has to date shown a \$600 profit, largely due to sale of accumulated stock. Co-op plans to carry a large paperback and used-book line next year in a move to further reduce costs to the students.

Also under consideration is a special order service on medical books for Yeshiva graduates. Student Council voted \$400 to Mr. Reifman to enable him to attend the convention of the National Association of College Stores, to be held this year in San Francisco. Mr. Reifman had requested the funds, feeling that his at-

tendance was essential to Co-op's expansion.

Council expressed its strong disapproval of a faculty proposal to change the speech requirement to two three-credit courses, to be taken in the freshman year. The proposal was considered unduly burdensome to science majors who must take both mathematics and science courses in that year.

In addition, the proposal would have eliminated the current exemption from Speech 3-4 for science majors. Council proposed instead that the requirement be reduced to two credit courses, with

Guidance Hour Changes:

Rabbi Diamond:

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday 4-7

Sunday 1-4

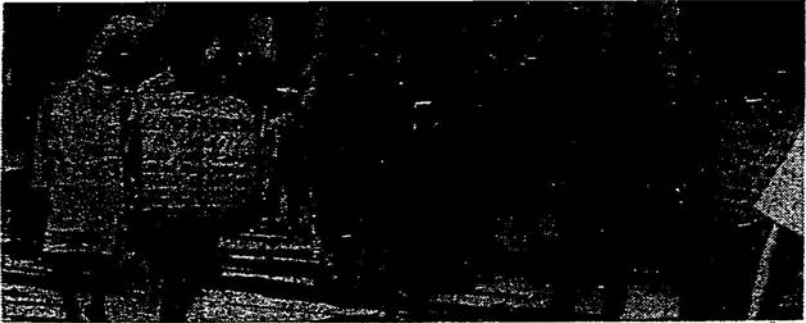
Dr. Lainoff:

Monday 4-5

Tuesday 4-6

Wednesday 4-5

Friday 10-1



Negroes picketing the Jewish-owned Apollo Theater.

Black Nationalists

In addition, much of the civil rights progress that has been achieved in recent years can be attributed to the work done by Jewish anti-discrimination agencies. Organizations such as the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League have been effective forces behind the drive for desegregation and fair-employment codes.

Thus, it comes as a surprise to the many Jews who support Negro freedom rides, sit-ins, and prayer marches that there are many Negroes who hate Jews. Negro anti-Semitism is, however, a reality. In fact, nobody denies the presence of anti-Semitism among Negroes; only its degree is questioned.

Negro middle-class organizations, like the NAACP, claim that anti-Semitism "is not widespread among Negroes nor is it nourished or passed as a working creed. . . . It is not virulent and exists among relatively few Negroes."

For purposes of analysis, I must discount these views as failing to portray the Negro temperament. The NAACP and similar organizations are middle class oriented whose views neither represent nor reflect the attitudes demonstrated by the millions of Negroes living in ghettos where anti-Semitism is prevalent. Another factor which must be taken into account is the reluctance of these organizations to criticize Jews for fear they will withhold their moral and financial support from them. Thus I must concentrate my attention on the rank and file Negro and the communities in which he lives.

Anti-Semitism among Negroes in the United States is principally an urban phenomenon. As an active element it is virtually unknown in rural regions. It is the close relationship between these two minorities in the urban areas, especially in economic matters, that spawn Negro anti-

of these buildings are regarded with great contempt by the Negro populace. But it is the Jew who is blamed. Because these communities were formerly Jewish neighborhoods, plus the fact that many apartment houses are owned by Jews, Negroes tend to identify all landlords as Jewish and attribute all housing ills to the "gouging Jewish landlord."

Many Negroes state that they are anti-Semitic because "Jews own everything in sight." One Negro described his plight: "I pawn my watch at a Jewish store, I buy my food at a Jewish store, I go into a Jewish place of amusement, and I buy my clothes from a Jew." This is the economic situation Negroes have to cope with. Since these stores (grocery, hardware, liquor, etc.) are the only ones that will extend him credit, the Negro has no alternative but to shop there though the prices are generally higher than similar stores in white communities. As a result, Negro anti-Jewish feeling is generated.

Hiring Practices

Intense resentment is expressed by Negro professionals against their Jewish counterparts. The feeling is that Jewish professionals are of service to Negro clients and patients who rightfully belong to them. They also charge that Jewish firms refuse to hire them and, instead, give employment to members of their own religion.

In governmental jobs there is much Negro antagonism towards Jews. Jews, because they have worked longer, are often found in superior positions while Negroes, on the other hand, are found in inferior positions. It is not unusual to find Negro school teachers working under Jewish principals or Negro social workers taking orders from Jewish supervisors.

The fourth cause of Negro anti-Semitism is the competition or lack of it be-

tradesmen, rent collectors, real estate agents, and pawnbrokers; they operate in accordance with the American business tradition of exploiting Negroes, and they are therefore identified with oppression and are hated for it. I remember meeting no Negro in the years of growing up who would really trust a Jew, and few who did not, indeed, exhibit for them the blackest contempt."

Traditional Christian belief that the Jews killed Jesus is another contributor to anti-Jewish feeling. "All of us black people," states Richard Wright, "who lived in the neighborhood, hated Jews, not because they exploited us, but because we had been taught in Sunday School that Jews were 'Christ Killers'. . . . To hold an attitude of antagonism towards Jews was bred in us from childhood, it was not merely racial prejudice, it was part of our cultural heritage."

Negro anti-Semitism is increasing with the growing tide of Negro militancy. The Black Muslim movement, a Negro cult emphasizing separation, is openly anti-Jewish and incites the latent anti-Semitism of its followers. The danger of the Muslims lies not so much in their extreme hatred for Jews but in that their hatred is being spewed forth by thousands of Negroes not associated with the movement. Should the Muslims become a major force there is no doubt that anti-Semitism will increase greatly.

Jewish Stereotype

The reasons for Negro anti-Semitism are paradoxical; they are the result of both truth and fiction. The fictional part is composed of traditional stereotypes and faulty generalizations lodged in the minds of Negroes by anti-Semitic propaganda.

Negroes refuse to judge each individual Jew by his deeds, but rather lump all Jews into one category characterized by the performances staged by a small minority. He sees one deceitful Jewish merchant and concludes that all Jewish merchants are deceitful. He believes that all landlords in Negro neighborhoods are Jewish because of the popular belief that Jews own most of the property in the area. Even when Jews are collectors for Gentile firms resentment is still directed against him. It is seldom realized by Negroes that most landlords, irrespective of the racial group to which they belong, are guilty of the same practices.

The stereotype of the Jewish store owner as an "exploiter" is common among Negroes. What Negroes refuse to consider is that wherever small businessmen exist prices are high. And the small busi-

nessmen of Jews. They have always been opposed to integration. This is a sociological truth and should not be construed as outright discrimination. The same reasoning follows for businessmen and firms who hire only Jews.

Token Equality

On the other hand, there are many Jews—too many—who, in fact, exploit Negroes. Jews own slum houses, and over charge Negro tenants. This unfortunately, is true. This type of behavior does more damage to the Jewish image than one-thousand Jewish freedom riders or one-thousand Jewish members of the NAACP do to promote it. One Negro woman told the following to a newspaper reporter: "I don't care how many rabbis march on the picket lines. . . . If I go to a Jewish real estate agent—well, I better not go to one. It wouldn't help." Negroes living in slums are not interested in the fact that Jewish organizations are fighting for them while they are shivering for lack of heat in their rat-infested apartments.

Jews are also guilty of discrimination and hypocrisy. Masquerading as friends of Negroes, they always talk about helping them improve their lot. But they only give Negroes token equality. They speak of equality, but do not practice it.

When Jewish realtors refuse to allow Negroes to move into their apartment houses for fear of losing their white tenants they are guilty of discrimination. When Jews move out of attractive neighborhoods en masse as a few Negroes move in they are guilty of discrimination. This sight becomes too difficult for the Negro to forget and understandably so. Who can blame Negroes for anti-Jewish feelings?

Relationships between Jews and Negroes will undergo difficult tests in the future. There will be many areas of conflict between the two minorities. Negroes will be moving into Jewish neighborhoods; Negro and Jewish businessmen will be competing for Negro consumers; and aspiring Negro politicians will challenge Jewish politicians for control in minority areas.

If the Jews want to reduce Negro anti-Semitism, or at least want to be sure that they are innocent victims rather than contributors, they must practice equality in deeds and actions, and not in platitudes. And this must be done daily. If not, they have only themselves to blame for fostering anti-Semitism among Negroes.

'Stalag 17' Is Dramatics Success Despite Surprising Student Apathy

by Joseph A. Berlin

COMMENTATOR wants a story covering the "Stalag 17" production and I'm the only one left to write it. Evidently, dramatics doesn't rate the considerations of Public Relations when they mass produce press releases. Perhaps it's no wonder; so few students seemed to take an interest.

Hermle is busy polishing off last minute announcements as well as attending to his chores as a member of Governing Board. Geller—he probably feels that this sort of thing is under the jurisdiction of news. Besides, he's always a busy beaver doing his share with never a spare moment. Not many people could write about the show; after all, how many showed up?

Party Poopers

Maybe I should write about them, the people who didn't come, the lack of school spirit and enthusiasm. Didn't these people have a good time at the Dean's Reception? They saw a great show, then, originality, comedy at its best, fine acting performances, (except for Joe Berlin), they heard unforgettable music. Why did they turn their backs on the Dramatics Society? Every attempt was made to insure these students an opportunity to attend. Even the administration cooperated by re-scheduling exams. Hallelujah!

Possibly the best approach would be to write a straight-forward review. I couldn't advise others to see the production; it was a one night affair. Why should I try to make people feel sorry they didn't attend? But anything I say about the professional performance will make a great many people feel sorry!

In general, the student body can assuredly expect fine dramatic presentations at Yeshiva; Dramatics Society has earned an excellent reputation. The choice of *Stalag 17* was an attempt to meet a challenge. This play offers no attractive scenery, it is not a memorable musical, and offers great potential for a dramatic failure.

Efforts

The answer to success on March 22 lies in the casting and the acting. Each character in the play is an individual whose personality must be impressed in the minds of the audience. Mickey Posnick, di-

rector, deserves all the congratulations I'm sure he received; but I doubt that he could have been as successful without the experience and efforts of Mrs. Thomas Ohlson, faculty advisor to the Dramatics Society.

Marty Soshtain as Stosh devoted his natural self to the role; he is termed the "barrack clown." Kal Tuchman's impersonations provided surprise, good acting and confidence to the cast on stage. George Lowell's normal overseriousness was evident in his characterization of Price, the

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Fleisher Describes Basics Of His Literary Creativity

by Michael Goodman

The process involved in the creation of a literary work was the subject of an address delivered to the members of the Literary Society by Dr. David Fleisher on March 17, 1964, in the Rubin Residence Hall Cafeteria.

Dr. Fleisher has recently completed work on a play entitled *Death is the Enemy* based upon the Biblical story of Ruth.

His basic education was in an American yeshiva, where he developed a sensitivity to the moral and religious content of Biblical tales. These half-formed, vague impressions remain in a dormant

stage for some time, while another motif strikes the artist.

This motif is embodied in the term "death-in-life" (perhaps inspired by Coleridge's *Ancient Mariner*). This implies a tendency to identify so completely with one's past life that a person lives, in effect, a death-in-life.



Dr. Fleisher Speaking on Ruth.

Once he seized on this theme, Dr. Fleisher began writing his novel. However, he soon reached an impasse in the story line and had to discard this idea.

Biblical Theme

The next step would involve a search for a well-known theme (Bible, Greek or Latin Tales) which would embody the motif. When Dr. Fleisher re-examined the story of Ruth, he viewed the plight of Ruth and Naomi in new terms. Naomi would represent the life force—the decision to adjust to a new life. Ruth would represent Death-in-life and "Death is the Enemy." The plot would deal with Ruth's turning from death to life, climaxed in her marriage to Boaz.

The decisions made by the dramatist as reflected in the "confession" of Dr. Fleisher result in a finished product. It is this process of creation that helps one to understand more fully the concept of creativity and the artist.

UO Exhibit To Have Strictly Kosher Food

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will sponsor both an Educational Exhibit and Kosher Food Service Center at the New York World's Fair, announced Moses I. Feuerstein, UO national president.

The UOJCA exhibition and the kosher food facility will be situated in the World's Fair Hall of Education, which is located on the Promenade of Industry, not far from the main entrance to the Fair.

Mr. Feuerstein said that the exhibition will portray "the uniqueness of modern Orthodox Judaism as the most creative and positive factor in the development of a better America." Both the exhibit and food facility will be closed on the Sabbath and on Jewish Holy Days, he said. It will be the only exhibition and food serving facility at the World's Fair under the sponsorship of a national Jewish congregational organization.

Collegiate Campus Capers Costly; Some Students Still Seeking Sex

by Don Panush

The college campus scene is being plagued by a various assortment of troubles and incidents.

A storm was brewing at the State University of New York in Albany. It seems a certain art teacher requires students in one of his sections to attend a Friday night lecture. Only ten students showed up and the others were dismayed to find that they were being 'dropped' from the course by the teacher. Pretty soon, however, the teacher became even more dismayed—he was dismissed by the university for his actions against the students.

Students and teachers are getting a little perturbed at Central State College in Oklahoma. There are about 4000 cars registered on campus—and, unfortunately,

only 1287 spaces for them in the campus parking lot.

Perhaps the Yeshiva University Student Council should send them a few suggestions on how to solve this problem—such as by charging 50c for every time a car goes in and out of the parking lot.

Speaking of parking lots, a new intramural sport devised by an ingenious student has begun at Xavier University's campus in Ohio on rainy days.

The conditions of the parking lots over there are not very good—to say the least—being full of craters and cavities, and the object of the new game is to splash the opponent pedestrian as he walks to his car or class. For every curse word the pedestrian utters, a point is awarded.

This sport has become very popular at Xavier and it should be proposed that the winner get free laundry service.

Xavier students are also unhappy with the school cafeteria which is "heavily bolstered by lots of enriched fats and greases" says the school newspaper. (This seems distinctly similar to another cafeteria I know.) The school paper says a liberal estimation is that as many as ten people have been known to eat breakfast there and still be able to attend classes during the remainder of the day. Careful planning and excellent organization have reduced the "visiting time" on a cafeteria line to as little as an hour and a quarter the paper concludes.

Duquesne University's library has become very popular and populated of late especially by the fairer sex. The source of all their interest is enclosed within the covers of an 1846 English best seller, "Hints on Husband Catching" subtitled "A Manual for Marriageable Misses".

Perhaps they should also get a copy of "Fanny Hill" so the boys can have something to do.

Many colleges are also having "fun" finding different reasons for getting rid of unwanted students.

A student at the University of California, Berkeley, found an interesting and profitable way to make a few extra dollars. Having worked for a locksmith during

the summer he decided to put his trade to further use by making keys to the doors and elevators in the new women's dormitory. Several incidents of unwelcome male guests (one wonders if they really were unwelcome) occurred and just for this the student was expelled by the university.

An overzealous student at Xavier University has been expelled for her "unsportsmanlike" behavior. The co-ed, a cheerleader, decided to prevent a university of Miami, Ohio basketball player from scoring a basket by tripping him with her megaphone.

Louisiana State University had trouble with sixteen of its students. Two were dismissed for plagiarism of English themes, seven for unchaperoned overnight visits to apartments or motels, one for shoplifting in local business firms, one for unauthorized entry into other students' post office boxes, two for cheating on a classroom test and three for disrespectful conduct in Baton Rouge.

Finally, a few students were expelled from Ohio State University. After a co-ed had been jailed for an hour and a half because she failed to pay a jaywalking ticket issued in December, these students led a protest march. Traffic in Downtown Columbus was brought to a standstill when 5000 students jaywalked across Broad Street all at once in a day long protest.

Safety Drive Plans To Plug YC Hazards

Herbert Horowitz '65, chairman of the Safety Campaign Committee, has announced that the 1964 Safety Campaign will run from April 26-29. The purpose of the drive is to promote student interest in safety and to illustrate and explain selected hazards at Yeshiva. A film on driving safety will be shown on Wednesday evening, April 29, between 7 and 9 p.m. at which time a speaker on the topic will also be presented. David Glickman '65, Stuart Mansel '65 and Toby Feinerman '65 are assisting Mr. Horowitz.

Blood Drive Sets School Record As YU Students Donate 168 Pints

One hundred sixty eight pints of blood were collected last month, setting a record for the Yeshiva College spring blood drive. The drive was conducted by Gerald From '64, on Tuesday, March 18.

the Yeshiva College record.

Assisting Mr. From this year were Philip Goldenberg '64 and Herbie Horowitz '65. Participating actively in the March drive were Howard Adams '64 and Arthur Feinerman '66.



YU student reluctantly submits to nurse.

In the first blood drive of the 1963-64 academic year, thirty-three students were rejected, while nine were rejected last month. Nevertheless, the year's total (292) was only 15 less than

The blood deposited to the credit of the YU account is available to all donors and their families for one year after the contribution is made. The Red Cross sponsors this operation.

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Let's Analyze

Libraries At Yeshiva

by Lawrence Levitt

The purpose of this article is to examine both the library situation at the main center as it now exists and the improvements that are being contemplated.

At present two existing libraries, Gottesman and Pollack, serve the needs of the Hebrew divisions and the college. Both are taxed to the utmost in physical resources.

Gottesman library, located on the second and third floors of the main building, has reading room seats for thirty persons. The lighting is inadequate, and the reading room includes the administrative offices, and work room of the library. This close proximity of work and study areas is hardly conducive to concentrated (or effective) study with the telephones constantly ringing and secretaries typing.

Acoustical Woes

In Pollack, where a separate office removed from the seventy seat reading room exists, the situation is hardly any better. The acoustics there are bad, and every sound (whispers, telephones, etc.) is greatly magnified — leaving a constant buzzing throughout.

With regard to physical space, the shelves in the Gottesman reading room accommodate 15,000 volumes, with the remainder of the 128,000 volume collection stored in closed stacks. To obtain these books, request slips must be filed. In some instances delays may be forthcoming in obtaining the books since the stacks are located on various floors of the building, specifically in the basement, third floor, and roof storage area of RIETS. As Mr. Jacob Dienstag, librarian, commented, "It is unfeasible to send a person to all parts of the building at every moment of the day to fill a request."

In Pollack, as of this date, almost every existing shelf is being utilized to keep 70,000 volumes in an open stack system. Yet, the library's volume increases at the rate of 4,500 new books per year. One wonders where the additional volumes will be stored in future years?

The Brighter Side

These are some of the specific problems. However, viewing the libraries in the framework of their objectives presents a brighter picture.

As summed up by Dr. Abraham G. Duker, director of libraries, "A university library exists to supplement the classroom education. It is a place where the individual develops on his own in the course of his maturation into a person who is sensitive to problems and situations and into a knowledgeable intellectual." Specifically at Yeshiva he would interpret these goals to mean "that the libraries should contain whatever materials are needed to supplement the courses being offered in the college and in the field of Hebraica-Judaica. They shall serve as a resource for research. The libraries should help to educate the students to be good Jews and to be sensitive to Jewish problems."

To meet these ends Pollack library has 70,000 volumes. With regard to student usefulness, Mr. Solomon Zeides estimates that 90 percent of all student requests are filled by the library. And for faculty requests the ratio is approximately 60 per cent.

Gottesman Library, with 128,000 volumes, meets student and faculty needs in many instances. Though unwilling to commit himself on the per cent served, Mr. Dienstag mentioned that the average daily circulation is 150 books and that with "additional space

100 per cent better service can be provided."

Thus, on the overall picture the librarians (Dr. Duker excluded) feel that the library resources, with regard to necessary research volumes and other books, are adequate.

But other difficulties and considerations arise in the libraries. At the root of all these problems is the eternal Achilles heel of YU — money. It appears that due to budgetary considerations the librarians are forced to weigh various projects. Alternatives range from 1) new books, 2) staff, 3) re-binding, 4) recataloging, etc.

Plans For The Future

In order to emphasize the fact that many factors are being taken into consideration for a new library building all salient problems of the current University libraries must be understood. In the remainder of this article the tentative plans now under discussion by the administration, plus observations about some of the immediate changes contemplated and needed will be noted.

Although officially plans have not been released (nor formally completed in architects drawings) the following are being considered for the new library structure.

The new building, rehousing the existing libraries, will be one block long and six or seven stories tall. It will consist of open stacks at half-floor levels. There will be reading areas, by subjects adjacent to the stacks. Thus, the nearest reading area will be only half a flight away.

There will be special microfilm reading rooms, as well as typing rooms. In addition, seminar study rooms are envisioned. Certain processing functions will be

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The Collection

Earlier this week the Student Directory made its appearance. This is the fruition of a project undertaken by Student Council at one of its first meetings.

Appreciation is to be expressed to the committee which has produced the directory. At the same time, however, a few pertinent recommendations can be made for the future. The students should be listed by class and mention should be made when a student resides in a dormitory.

We hope that next year the directory makes its appearance earlier in the semester so that it can be fully utilized — especially since the next directory can list the students' private phone numbers in the dorm.

Scandal For Schools

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has recommended a \$934 million cut in appropriation requests for the departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare and related agencies to the House Appropriations Subcommittee.

Most disturbing is the fact that \$775 million of the proposed cuts are in the fields of training, education and research. Specifically, a \$157 million cut in college construction funds was advised, with a one-third reduction in the request of \$323 million for programs under the National Defense Education Act, the source of loan funds for thousands of collegians. The Chamber claims that private and community efforts will assume "portions" of these programs, and that the need for aid to higher education does not merit such large sums.

We most emphatically disagree. The undeniable explosion of college-age young Americans, a result of the WW II "baby boom", demands increased efforts on the part of the Federal Government to supplement the inadequate resources of local governments. The only way to assure our future welfare, and incidentally the welfare of the Chamber of Commerce, is to insure a higher education for qualified students.

Carnival

'Tis Spring! And a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love—but not at Yeshiva. However, this year Yeshiva's boys will have an outlet for their spring fever. Thanks to a modern day Moses, Flushing Meadow Park has been transformed from an uneconomic flatland of green grass into an impressive labyrinth of multicolored pavilions. Today marks the opening of the New York World's Fair.

For the physically inclined Yeshiva student, Shea Stadium, home of the Mets, will offer more diversion. The stadium, which opened last Friday, will be one of the few structures which may live past the allotted two year period of the fair.

This spring should, therefore, be unusually eventful for YC students. The advent of two new *sefirah* attractions will provide ample opportunity for diversion. And after the CORE cars are towed away from the highways, we may even be able to avoid crowded subways.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

To invert a cliché, sometimes we do not see the trees for the forest. Within the vast complex of Yeshiva University and the constantly growing number of activities and projects, students may not be aware of services readily available to them for the asking.

May I utilize this means of reminding Yeshiva students that CSD carries on a considerable amount of placement activity that directly relates to undergraduate and graduate students. Among areas of current relevance are: summer employment in camps and hotels; part-time and full-time positions in *chinuch*; tutoring in Hebrew and secular subjects; youth group leadership. Occasionally opportunities present themselves also in business or industrial employment.

CSD offices are located in room 419 of Furst Hall. Students are invited to discuss their employment needs with Rabbi Abraham Avrech or Mr. Abraham Stern.

Rabbi Morris H. Finer
Director, CSD

To the Editor:

It is with pleasure that we write to laud the recent literary issue of THE COMMENTATOR. Although we do not agree with everything that has been written, we take pride in the manner and style in which it has been published. The high quality of the reviews and essays that have been published is a tribute to the intelligent editing you and your staff have done.

Of the many important subjects that have been covered, three deserve continued expostulation: The deterioration of the Jewish community in the U.S.S.R., the relationship between the three "factions" of the Jewish community and the relationship between Negroes and Jews in the U.S.

Three years ago, I (M.B.) received a letter from a representative of the Russian Embassy in New York in which it was "proved" that Jews in Russia are enjoying full, free, equal status along with all other Soviet people.

The tone of the letter, was ob-

viously designed to appeal to the liberal element in our society. And the tone of each official Russian pronouncement on this matter re-echoes the appeal to the liberals not to be swayed by what is termed "selfish, devious, greedy" interests who choose to create and exploit a "false issue." The similarity of these nefarious Russian declarations to the ones issued in the 1930's by the German Government is appealing apparent.

In America, the Conservative and Reform movements represent a more subtle threat to the existence of the Jewish community. The frantic pace at which they are attempting to assimilate into the non-Jewish society is simultaneously comical and dangerous. The Orthodox minority must adamantly and conscientiously refuse to accommodate the other groups, when such accommodation includes a lowering of religious standards.

Finally, there is nothing more odious than a Jew who disparages Negroes. The precept "Judge

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Siegel And Soshtain Spark Stalag 17 Spectacular Show

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German agent, but this sort of drama kept the viewer guessing.

Perhaps the only visible error of the production was the casting of Isidore Halberstam as Schultz; he didn't really seem the rolly-polly, jolly, unintelligent German officer. But Halberstam can play any role well; he's great. Where were Irv Woldenberg and Arthur Berger hiding when the call for actors was issued for the Dean's Reception? They blended perfectly into unforgettable performances, along with Herb Cohen, Stosh's playful companion and Harvey Makovsky the barracks chief, who were superb in their leading roles.

Bob Podhurst was excellent in his character portrayal.

Siegel Excels

Marty Siegel deserves special mention for his exacting role as the falsely blamed barrack member. Each of his lines demanded force, character, facial expressions and outright seriousness. He kept the play alive with suspense and emotion not by reading his lines well, but by playing the part.

If I tell all this, some people will rightfully feel left out. They needn't think this way. They turned in a performance which should make all those who were too busy to show up feel left out.

Let's Analyze

operated through a central office.

Added facilities are to be museum areas. A special periodicals reading room will be maintained.

Room For Expansion

At the opening date of the new structure it is expected that only 35 per cent of the building will be in use. Ultimately it is planned to accommodate 650,000 volumes. This will allow the necessary room for expansion. The numerous reading rooms, divided by subjects will alleviate the current problem of too few seats for quiet library study.

Glamorous as these plans sound, they are plans for the future! These are some of the aspirations of the librarians, and may or not be fulfilled depending upon monetary support from both private and government allocations.

Meanwhile, to face the current problems some changes are forthcoming over the summer. It is rumored that lighting fixtures will be added to Gottesman. Also, the main reading room will be expanded and thus additional shelves can be placed within the library room itself.

Two Necessities

However, rumors are not necessarily the solution to the problems at hand. An absolute necessity to college students is an adequate library with the needed research materials. But, this is only half the problem. The second factor is that of a conducive location to utilize these resources. This means a quiet library, ample reading room, properly catalogued and cross referenced indexes to books, availability of books for circulation, and most important, a staff with the training and tact available to students on a full time basis to aid in research.

It is the opinion of this reporter that all talk of the new library building promised as part of the "Blueprints for the Sixties" is still in the talking stage! Blueprints have not been approved, applications for governmental grants have not been filed, a decision has not reached as to where to relocate the libraries during construction, as of the present.

A conservative estimate for the start of construction of the

Libraries At Yeshiva

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new building is approximately three years (1967-68). Meanwhile, as the new library is being planned and built, the students will suffer and their willingness to utilize a library will remain impaired. Ultimately, of course, it is the University which suffers, for the caliber of work and independent research of the student is diminished.

It is inconceivable to believe that present conditions can exist without harming the college for the next three or more years. Some recommendations would be to 1) move to library offices out of the library proper and merely maintain a check out desk, 2) recatalog the card index so as to include cross references, 3) hire additional help to speed the process of recataloging and decide about rebinding, 4) relocate all the closed stacks in one area, thus allowing easier securing of requested books.

In Pollack, 1) noise abatement must be immediately forthcoming (this includes student cooperation) 2) additional shelves are needed over the next few years, 3) a second micro-film reader should be purchased, 4) a reference assistant should be available on a full-time basis to aid students.

These conclusions are based on

definite needs and represent an objective analysis of the library conditions. It is well understood that no one person can offer the solutions to the problems, nor can these problems be solved immediately. But interest must be generated if solutions are to be forthcoming. In the meantime, improvements, not only stop-gap measures, must be made until the new library is completed—preferably before fall 1964.

Dr. Belkin Speaks To Honor Students

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mation on the observance of *Shabbat*, *Kashrut*, and *taharat hamishpacha*. Dean Bacon was "cautiously optimistic" about the preliminary outcome.

Highlighting the afternoon was an honors lecture by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University. He spoke on "The Philosophy and Purpose of *Mitzvot*" using rabbinic and *massoretic* sources. The lecture was the outline of a book which Dr. Belkin is now writing.

Congratulations

Dr. and Mrs. I. Greenberg on birth of a daughter

Israel Now Sweet Sixteen



Last Thursday, the State of Israel celebrated its sixteenth year of independence. The above pictures represent some of the major events which highlighted the past year.

Top left: Shneur Zalman Shazar (l.) sworn in as third president on May 21, and Levi Eshkol, who replaced David Ben-Gurion as prime minister on June 26.

Top right: Phase I in the resettlement of Arad, an area of 185,000 acres overlooking the Dead Sea, which had not been peopled since Biblical times.

Bottom left: Work on a national carrier to conduct part of the waters of Lake Kinneret to the Negev. The Arab nations are currently attempting to sabotage

the project although, under the terms of the Johnston Plan, they would benefit equally from the use of the waters.

Bottom right: Israel continues its technical aid programs with underdeveloped nations of the world. Last year over 2,000 students from 81 countries were given special instruction in agriculture, development, social work, education and scientific research.

Among other major events of the year were the election of Iser Unterman as the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, and the visit of Pope Paul VI. Religious controversies which were widely publicized included missionary activities, the *kashrut* of the S.S. Shalom and travel in Jerusalem on the Sabbath.

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Your special issues of THE COMMENTATOR affirm this quality.

Sincerely,

Moses M. Berlin '58

Joseph I. Berlin '66

To the Editor:

There have been several occasions in the past where I have had cause to remark upon the propensity of your editorial column to express an opinion which is based on prejudice, misinformation and ignorance. With regard to your Purim editorial I feel compelled to express myself on a less personal basis.

Firstly, let me make it clear that I represented all three religious divisions as the student coordinator and representative to the administration. Since you obviously did not feel that it was necessary to make a thorough investigation of the problems which were involved and of how they were analyzed and coped with, I see no necessity to enlighten you. It should be on the record, however, that several administrators, especially Rabbi Cheifetz, overextended themselves in terms of responsibility, concern and hard work to achieve this year's *chagiga*.

I can state, without any reservations, that it was impossible to have the *chagiga* on any other basis and that your statement to the contrary is a falsehood based upon ignorance and a general complacency.

Regarding your value judgments, I do not believe that the *chagiga* was a "dud." This statement seems to emanate mainly from those who weren't there. The disparity in opinion stems, I believe, from varying concepts of what a *chagiga* should be. Although such opinions were irrelevant this year, I do not think that I would have things much differently.

Your editorial represented a most unbecoming flippancy which leads one to question the validity of your opinions on matters less familiar to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel B. Kapustin '64

To the Editor:

Speaking for the cast and crew of *Stalag 17*, I should like to thank a number of people whose aid enabled us to present to Yeshiva College an evening of entertaining theater.

Our sincere thanks to Dean Bacon for his interest and active concern when called upon for assistance;

—to Mrs. Barbara Ohlson for her sage advice and patience during long rehearsal hours;

—and to you, the faculty and student body, those in front of the stage, for assuring the reality of future dramatic presentations at Yeshiva College.

Mickey Posnick '64

To the Editor:

During my leave of absence this year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my team spirit in wishing Coach Epstein and my fellow team-mates a very enjoyable, successful season.

Mike Samet '65

Jerusalem, Israel

Woodrow Wilson Grad Fellowships Go To Dave Berger And Moshe Siev

David Berger '64 and Moshe Siev '64 have been awarded Woodrow Wilson Fellowships for graduate study leading to college teaching careers. This is the third time that Woodrow Wilson Fellow-

and has a 4.0 index.

Moshe Siev, majoring in chemistry, was a research assistant last summer in the department of biology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Also the pos-

uate study as well as a stipend of \$1800 and dependency allowances. The winners were selected by committees of eminent college professors and deans.

Honorable mention went to Stephen Bacon '64, and to Karen Kermaler '64 of Stern College.

A New York Regents College Teaching Fellowship has been awarded to Martin Mantel '64. The fellowship award consists of an annual grant for each of two years of study in a doctoral program. The exact amount varies from \$2,500 to \$500, depending on financial need.

Simcha Fass, Kenneth Jacobson, Murray Hochberg and Eliot Shimoff were named alternates.



(L. to r.) Berger, Siev, Kermaler, Bacon with YU officials.

ships have been awarded to Yeshiva University students.

A classics major, David Berger is president of Student Council, vice president of Eta Sigma Phi,

sector of an outstanding average. Mr. Siev is a member of the varsity wrestling team.

Each fellowship covers tuition and fees for the first year of grad-

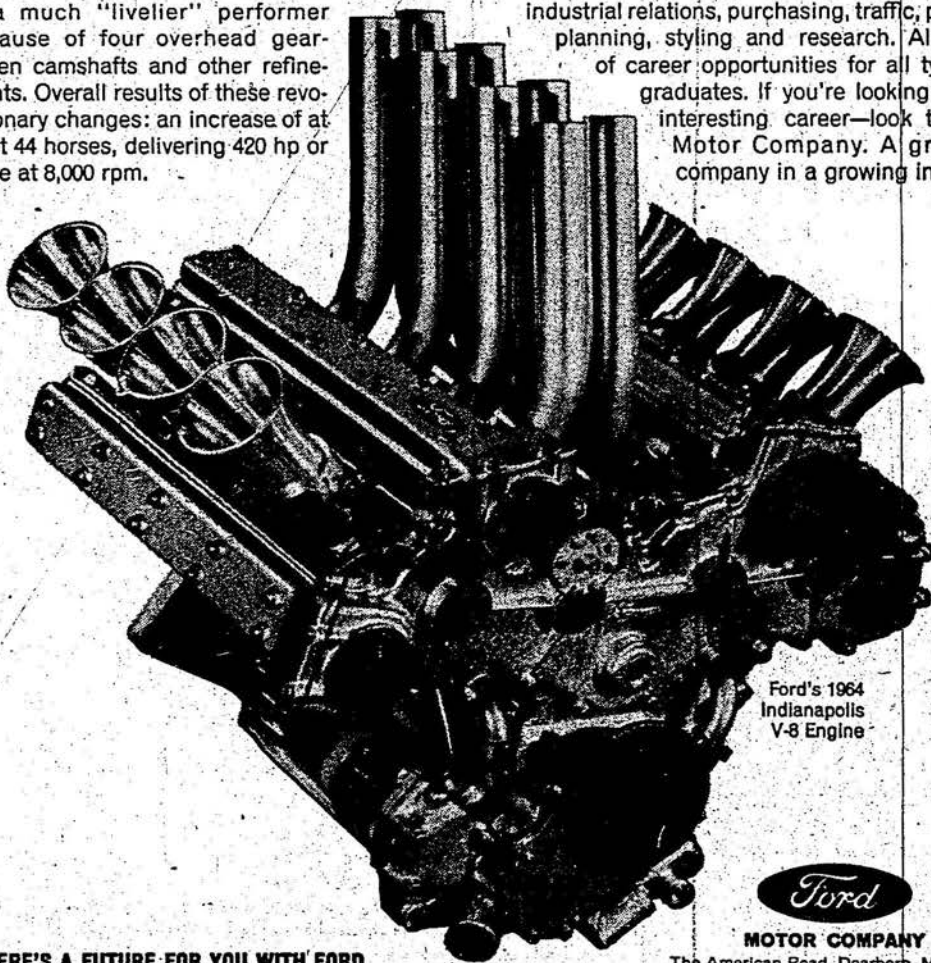
Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR, on behalf of the entire student body, extends its deepest sympathies to Stanley Fass '65 on the loss of his mother. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Exciting things are happening everywhere at Ford Motor Company!

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