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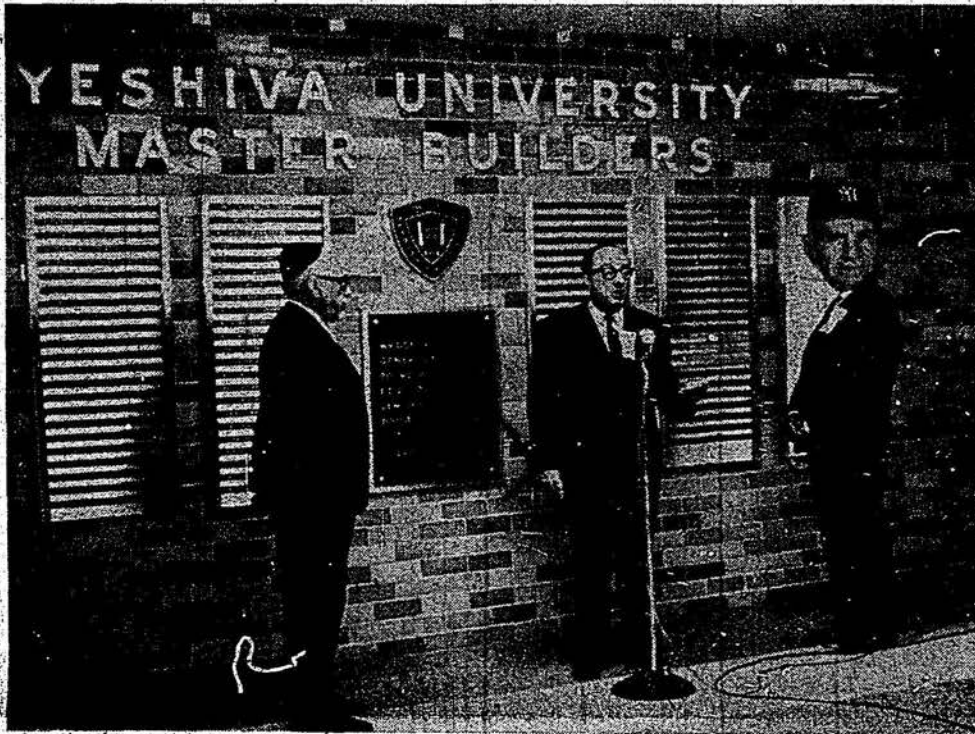
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Casey Stengel Replaces Belkin As President; Hopes To Manage Yeshiva Out Of The Cellar

By Menachem Mantle

The Yeshiva University community was startled this morning to learn of the appointment of Charles "Casey" Stengel as new president of the institution. Stengel was named at the conclusion of a heated Board of Trustees meeting which opened with the surprise announcement by Dr. Samuel Belkin that he was retiring from the presidency to open a speech clinic. Stengel, reached by phone early this morning refused to comment other than to say: "I'm happy to be playing in the Jewish league. I think we're pretty well set for next year in most positions; we have good depth in the Talmud department. We'll certainly have some surprises for the Conservatives." Stengel is not Jewish, but an emergency ceremony is being arranged at the Albert Einstein College Hospital for some time next week.

President Stengel's appointment came after the Trustees rejected a number of other candidates from the world of rabbinical and Jewish scholarship. At one point it appeared as though the nomination would go to Rabbi Gorelick. Invited to address the Trustees, however, he insisted that the non-Orthodox members leave, and when they complied, a quorum was lacking. Another strong candidate, Sheldon Socol, was rejected when in private conversation with one trustee he kept confusing



Chairman of the Board of Trustees Max Etcetera (center) announces the appointment of Casey Stengel (right) as President of Yeshiva University, while unidentified bystander looks on.

John's Bargain Stores with Korvette.

The Board of Trustees convened at 12 noon. At two A.M. the next day they were all still in session. At that point one tired

Board member blurted out, "How about Casey Stengel?" There was a long silence, followed by a short adjournment in which key members discussed the situation and agreed they could find no basic

objection. A delegation of Trustees then visited Stengel who, to everyone's delight, accepted with alacrity. Installation of the new President will take place next June at Shea Stadium where distinguished representatives from the Jewish, academic, and sports worlds are expected to attend.

Reached for comment on the appointment, Sam Hartstein stated that he felt it was a great step forward for Yeshiva. "Of course," he said, "we are sorry to see what's-his-name leave, but President Stengel will really bring a

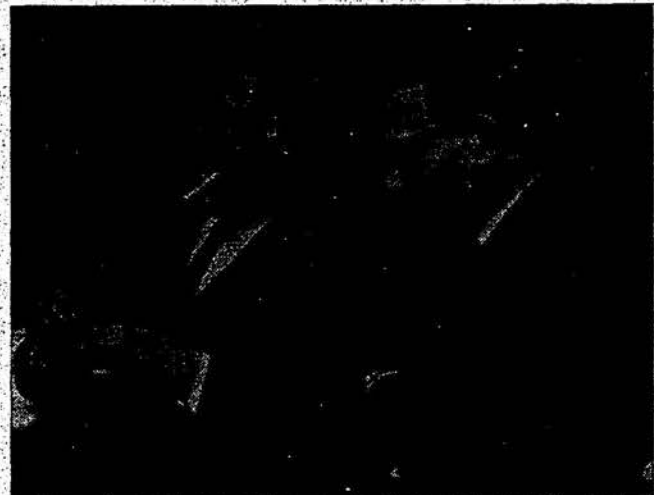
new synthesis to the institution—mind and body." A more reticent Emanuel Rackman appeared somewhat chagrined but commented that, "he would be happy to be a batboy for the new manager." Students were generally pleased. "This means a new gymnasium for sure," commented Student Council President Ronnie Gross, "and that's what the students really want." Rav Lessin, was also hopeful. "After all," he noted, "mussar is really the same as good sportsmanship and Casey is well known for that."

Mashgiach Gives Heter For Speaking Ainglish Loshon In YU Shiurs

In a history making statement, the *mashgiach ruch'ni* of the yeshiva was *mutir* the *shimush* of English-loshon in *shiurim*. The decision ended a long standing *machlokes* among the *rebbeim* as to whether the *mitzva* if *talmud torah* could be *m'kuyam* in English only *d'rabbanan*, or whether there was a *havd'amina* that *afilu d'oraisa* the *issur* was only *b'dicood*. Rav Loosen, speaking in English-loshon himself, said that the special *psak* had been learned out from a *tosfos* in *Avodah Zarah* which was *kaneerah mashma* that *b'yamaint* it was *kdai* to be *baki* in the *loshon hamedinah*. All *talmidei hayeshiva* are to see this *takanah* as an attempt to be *m'karev* those of *klal visroel* whose *yedios* in *Yahadus* are (*chas*, *v'sholem*) limited by the language barrier.

Choked with emotion, the *mashgiach* concluded in saying: "Iz a *gantz speshal blifmarklub* *tzu prastrad dwuldorn* in alle . . . *gloffthrob fon heilige geshhmopfen*."

Rabbi Iago Rabinowitz To Head EMC; Students Protest, Colleagues Jealous



... and when they get tired of this guy Stengel, maybe a little promotion would be in order . . ."

By Morris Ayn

YU's chief troubleshooter, Rabbi Iago Rabinowitz, has been named director of Erna Michael College of Hebrew Studies to succeed the outgoing Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, announced Dr. Samuel . . . er . . . uh . . . oh . . . Belkin, who is also

on his way out.

Rabinowitz will continue in his other capacities as Dean of Men at Yeshiva College, Dean of Women at Stern College, instructor of chemistry at Stern, valet to Dr. whats-his-name and rabbi of Congregation Marbeh Tzorres in

Brooklyn's famed Boro Park section.

Student reaction to the announcement was fast and furious. EMC Student Council President Milton Sonneberg growled: "Why stick him in EMC? It's such a nice peaceful place. Why not dump him on RIETS? They've been in need of a good administrator for years. While nobody is acceptable after our beloved Dr. Grinstein leaves, at least they could have found somebody that looks like him. Or a least somebody who has a degree in Jewish studies, not chemistry. After all, that's what we're all about, isn't it?"

Asked if EMCSC would follow YCSC's example and call a student strike, Sonneberg retorted: "Strike! We've been striking since February 1. Why hasn't anybody noticed?"

A quick check in the EMC office indicated that there had been no appreciable change in attendance patterns since the strike began. A healthy 12% of EMC students still attend classes regularly.

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RIETS Boss To Be Honored In Mischievous Festival Prank

Mr. Norman B. Abrams, administrator of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, will be honored by the Yeshiva University Rabbinical Alumni Association this coming Purim. The announcement by Dr. Samuel Belkin has stified conjecture that Mr. Abrams would be honored with a secondary school degree at the MTA graduation.

THE COMMENTATOR lauds the Rabbinical Alumni Association for its contribution to the Purim spirit and on its recognition that Purim is time for frivolity and good-natured fun. The testimonial will only prove that the Alumni Association is eager to fulfill the *mitzva* of *lo yeida bein arur Haman* and *ubaruch Mordechai*.



Is that a Japanese costume you're wearing to the Purim bash?

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New Battleaxes

We wish to commend the President on his recent appointments. During this time of critical evaluation a step nowhere is certainly superior to the traditional step backward.

The new Secretary of War, Mrs. Beelzebub Liss, took a rabbinical stand on the marijuana problem, but deferred comment on the Vietnam War; this is the only thing she has successfully deferred on the war.

Professor Hagler has finally fit into something — the position of Secretary of Offense. It was thought that the only relations he would have would necessarily be foreign. The single limitation placed on Hagler is that he present written, rather than oral reports.

We also extend our congratulations to Secretary Hagler on his engagement to Pnina Friedenberg.

Who Wants 'Em?

We of THE COMMENTATOR are an honest bunch and are the first to admit our errors, few though they may be. In that connection we hereby retract and repudiate our editorial on liberalizing curfews at Stern College for Women entitled "A Freer Hand" which appeared in our last issue. It wouldn't help anyway. Stern will never "take its place as a college in the truest sense." Instead we advocate that Sternlys not be allowed out at night at all. Perhaps this will help alleviate the problem of the small proportion of them appearing on the Dean's List.

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Letters To The Editor

Night Watch

To the Editor:

I'm having trouble with my eyes. This is due to the fact that my classroom is always dark so that I may show my fascinating slides to my beloved students. Please help me.

Cyrano de Chernerak

Dear Cyrano,

Stay in the dark. You've been keeping your students there for years.

All That Glitters

To the Editor:

Yeshiva has once again shown its antagonism to everything for which Yeshiva stands by allowing the students to use the Lamport Shul for their mass student meeting. It is about time we realized that just because Lamport is the only auditorium on the uptown

campus is no reason to contaminate it by use during the year. We must realize it is a place of prayer and should be treated as such. In fact, since mincha is davened in classrooms after shiur, I think English classes should be held somewhere else—perhaps the *Beis Medrash*, where no one ever learns.

Jeffrey Gold

Aborted Hopes

To the Editor:

I noticed in *The Observer Supplement*, an article dealing with birth control. Hoping to find some constructive *halacha l'maaseh*, I dug deep into the article only to find it a fruitless piece of ambiguity. Why does Stern constantly put skirts around the real issues? Birth control is a concrete question and deserves a dignified and pointed answer.

Probing.

Miss-Led

To the Editor:

Before coming to Yeshiva I was under the impression from reading Public Relation Publications that Yeshiva was a co-educational school. After one and a half years at Yeshiva I have come to the realization that this is false. Are my eyes deceiving me?

Artie Fischel '70

Editor's Reply: Yes.

Fan Mail

To the Editor:

I am very concerned about your health. In most issues I saw your picture 4 or 5 times. Last issue you appeared only thrice. Are you suffering from an illness?

Jealous '69

Editor's Reply: Yes.

Oneg Shabbat Speakers

Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz has just released the list of Friday night Oneg Shabbat speakers for this term. They are:

Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz: "Problems of Growing Up."

Dr. Moshe Carmilly: "Ecumenism and the Jewish Problem."

Dr. Maurice Wohlgerlerner: "Profanity in This Week's Parsha."

Dr. Aaron Skais: "On Being and Nothingness."

Rabbi Ralph Raphael: "Sonei Matonos Yichyeh."

Dr. Moshe Reguer: Topic To Be Announced, Refreshments will precede lecture.

Cantor Macy Nulman: "Cantillation in the Kindergarten."

Dr. Andre Neuschloss: "De Gaulle Stones."

Rabbi Mike Edelstein: "Sex and the Single Rabbi."

Rabbi Morris Besdin: "Have I Got A Girl For You."

Rabbi Norman Lamm: "Conversations with G-d."

Dr. Hayim Leaf: "Conversations With Myself."

Rabbi Norman Lamm: "That's What I Said."

Worker Explains Idiosyncrasies Of YU's Library Construction

As most of you have probably noticed, the new library is ugly. There are good reasons for this, none of which the administration has seen fit to divulge. However, one construction worker has taken the plunge and on the way down informed THE COMMENTATOR of the various techniques employed in

building what has become known as the "ugly library."

There are many reasons why there are no windows in the building. First, the administration has sagely noted some grassroot opposition among the students to something called the draft. This is their only response to the problem. Sec-

Dr. Todler Slashes At Circumcision; Finds Orthodox Practice Barbarous

The head of the Yeshiva College Biology Department today attacked the Jewish religion for what he termed "the barbarous and cruel practice known as circumcision." Dr. Mogen David Todler, speaking at a convention of the Fanatics Opposed to Orthodox Laws, claimed that circumcision was not

only painful, but also contributed to the racial inferiority of all Jews other than himself. He, the father of forty-eight children, claimed that he had escaped the negative and deleterious effects of the operation through a program of positive thinking.

"Imagine that you were eight

days old," declared Dr. Todler, "and someone asked you to sacrifice . . . well . . . imagine! The whole concept is . . ." here he searched for a suitable term and victoriously concluded, ". . . is dirty."

After reading from his prepared text, Dr. Todler entertained questions from the floor. He told a *New York Times* correspondent that he was not contemplating an attempt for the Presidency of the United States until after he won the Nobel Prize. There had been rumors that he was planning to run for President and use the Presidency as a stepping stone.

In answer to a question posed by a *National Enquirer* reporter, Dr. Todler explained that he had remained a Jew because that religion's disorganization afforded him a chance to take it over.

Dr. Todler refused to answer questions from the representatives of THE COMMENTATOR.

Layoff, Suckle Reign Over Fan Organization For Felicitous Rotund

Two prominent members of Yeshiva's administration, Dr. C. More Layoff and Sheldon Suckle, have been chosen to head the annual Buddy Hackett look-alike contest. The chairmen, both former winners of the contest, have announced that this year's competition will kick off a membership drive in the Portly Profs Club. They both have compromised their original stands and have decided that there will be no dues charged and no attendance taken at club meetings.

ond, it has a secondary purpose of providing shelter for Dr. Belkin when he is bombed, we mean a bomb shelter for Dr. Belkin. Third, it has been built as a symbol of Yeshiva's avowed doctrine of never allowing intellectual light to enter its hallowed halls.

There are no doors in keeping with Yeshiva's new secularization policy. It had been decided that since it is a Central University Library, and the University is largely gentile, there will be no mezuzot on the building. When opposition to this grew, Dr. Belkin, rather than compromise, decreed that there should be no doors. Students will gain admission by means of presenting their I.D. cards to the crane operator, who will proceed to lift them by their tzitzit and drop them through the skylight into Mr. Zeides' lap.

Finally, the library is as big as it is not to accommodate a wider selection of books, as has been conjectured, but rather to make room for the cars and the gas pump. After all, what would a YC library be without the smell of gasoline?

Iago Chosen EMC Director; No One Expresses Approval

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Dr. Grinstein was not immediately available for comment. He was finally located on the hastily organized student picket line around Furst Hall carrying a "Student Power" poster. He grinned and asked the reporter if he ever attended EMC. "That man is dangerous," Dr. Grinstein concluded.

A rather nervous Dr. Isaac Bacon was cornered in his office for a statement. Unable to reach his not-so-secret-anymore buzzer to summon emergency help from his secretary, Bacon was on his own for the first time. He blurted out the truth, again for the first time: "This man Rabinowitz must be stopped. Today EMC, tomorrow . . . who knows? He's a megalomaniac."

The Assistant to the President for University Affairs had this to say to the press: "I earnestly believe that the new appointment by our illustrious and noble President, whose name will be writ large in gold letters in the annals of Jewry on these shores, will serve only to strengthen our cause," etc. Privately he indicated that he thought Rabinowitz' newly acquired habit

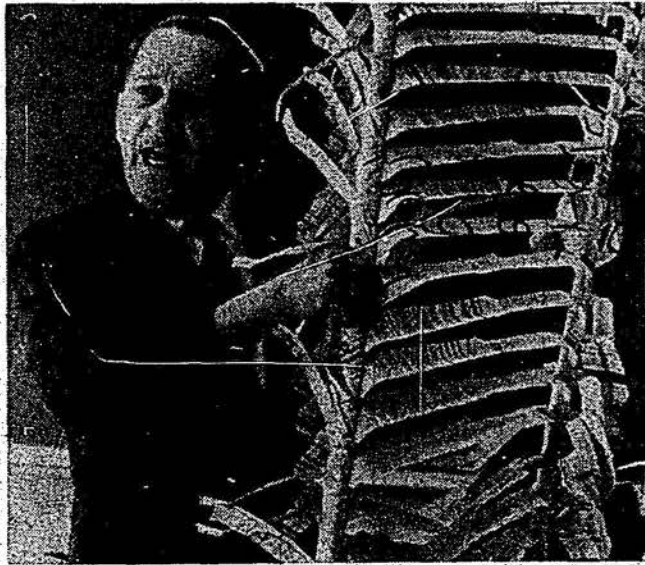


New PR foto of Iago Rabinowitz presents reliability image.

of pipe smoking was a cheap trick to build up an image of respectability and that Iago must have bigger and better things in mind, though he couldn't imagine what

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Yeshiva Acquires Staten Island Barn; Farmer Jones' Edifice To House CTI

By C. Banana

The Staten Island barn where George Washington slept after his historic Washington Heights battle has been acquired by Yeshiva University and will become the new home of the Cantorial Training Institute.

In announcing the acquisition, Mr. Max Etcetera, chairman of the board, stated that the University had long been seeking to relocate CTI to free more rooms in RIETS Hall for use as dormitories. "We searched high and low for a new cantorial facility," he related, "and we are positive that CTI students will feel right at home in Farmer Jones' barn."

Mr. Ronald Gloss, president of the Student Council, declared at a press conference that YC students would have preferred the barn as a new dorm facility. "George Washington slept in that barn," he emphasized, "but he wouldn't have set foot in RIETS Hall." However, Mr. Amerigo Verrazano, a Staten Island historian, has informed THE COMMENTATOR that George Washington did not sleep in the Jones barn. "It is only a myth and we have no historical proof that George Washington slept there," Mr. Verrazano affirmed, "but we do know, however, that many others have." He added that regardless of who slept in the barn in the past, there will be no sleeping there in the future, nor, for that



Eminent historian Amerigo Verrazano who will replace Dr. Greenbird at YC next term.

matter, anywhere in the neighborhood, now that CTI is located there.

After an excursion led by CTI Director Macy Dullman, Cantorial students were unanimous in their praise of the new facility. When asked to elaborate upon what the students liked about the barn, Cantor Dullman said, "specifically, they all empathized with its off-beat character. It has a certain sense of togetherness which the boys are very thrilled about. They

were singing merrily all the way home."

Dr. Irving Greenbird, Hannah Arendt Professor of Totalitarian Studies, criticized the acquisition of the barn. "We are not going to achieve the aims of this University by acting in a piecemeal fashion. The Trustees must act in a coordinated manner to enable Yeshiva to meet the needs of our viable and atavistic society."

"Looking at other schools," Dr. Greenbird remarked, "we see a trend towards consolidation, while Yeshiva's reactionaries obviously go about putting a CTI here, a Ferkauf there and an Einstein in another place. These are vital parts of the University and they should be in one central location. Maybe put RIETS on Staten Island, but not the Cantorial Training Institute. At all these conventions I attend I hear such good conservative and reform cantors, and who have we got?"

But despite the criticism, Farmer Jones' barn now becomes Yeshiva University's fifth main teaching center, leaving Queens the only New York City borough without a YU branch. It has been reported, though, that University officials are actively engaged in negotiations to acquire a hangar at Kennedy Airport for the Department of Public Relations. Dr. Greenbird approved of this step. "What better place," he shrugged, "for pie in the sky?"

Faculty Losers Continue Streak In Hoop Playoff

After the recent publication of Yeshiva College's most serious attempt at a faculty evaluation, the teachers found themselves split between those who received good evaluations and those who were told the truth about their pedagogical prowess.

Coach Bernie "Red" Sarachek, who was very relieved to find that the report did not extend to athletics, suggested that the now polarized faculty meet in a sporting event to decide which group was really Yeshiva College's "top dogs." Mr. Sarachek magnanimously offered to make arrangements to have the event played at Power Memorial where his infinite contacts would willingly offer their facilities for such a noble cause.

The opening tap pitted Dr. Chernowitz against Prof. Goldberg, who, incidentally, could not understand why he wasn't on Dr. Chernowitz's team. The underrated mentors controlled the pace of the game. They played amazingly well together. It was almost as if they had been practicing in anticipation of this contest.

There was just one member of this squad who just didn't seem to have a grasp of the elements of the game, but Dr. Lisman was soon replaced by a more eager hoopster, Dr. Dunner. He seemed so proud to be a part of this squad that he has made provisions to bring to the public the rea-

sons for his being on the team. However, he was not too effective offensively due to close defensive work on the work on the part of Miss Bevan who was playing for the "faculty elite."

The soporific maneuvers of Dr. Linn and the deliberate offensive of Dr. Tendler kept the game close throughout the first half. During half-time a trade was refused — Dr. Chernowitz and \$500 for nothing.

The second half tap saw Dr. Fleisher in his Shelley sweatshirt, along with Dr. Weidhorn in a bow tie and clam-diggers (with matching handkerchief).

The game was not broadcast over WYUR for fear that Mid-

Mazel Tov to Boruch Mivola and Hekinah Degul on their forthcoming chasuna. May they be a source of ickpling mlashnalt and gurdlaubb to klal yisrael. A swift birchas kol tuv to the gants mish-pocho.

dle States would pick up the proceedings. The contest was ended quite abruptly after the opening minutes of the second half. This administrative decision supposedly came about when the Dean decided that the poor teachers were much better at being poor than the good teachers were at being good. He therefore put the entire faculty on one team and declared the whole thing second rate.

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