LOCAL DEBATERS INITIATE SEASON; MEET N.Y.U. TEAM

Wages And Hours Topic Subject of Non-decision Debate

The Yeshiva College debating team opened its 1936-37 season last Monday evening with a non-decision contest in a non-decision topic, "Resolved that Congress be empowered to fix minimum wages and maximum hours for labor." The Chairman of the meeting was Senator Albert E. White, who represents the 27th Senate district (New York City) in the New York Legislature. He called the meeting to order at 8:15, and announced that the question which would be decided at the debaters meeting was: "Resolved that the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 shall not be extended to cover the field of contract labor." The debate will be held before the convention of the Order of the Golden Chalice, a Jewish women's organization. The teams will be composed of only one member each. Regrouping will be the Yeshiva will be Samuel H. Frero '37, and Edward Tannenbaum 37.

No Hygiene Credit, Faculty Determines

3 Hours of P.T. Now Carry Only 2 Credits

No credit for the added hour of hygiene in the freshman and sophomore courses, was decided at a faculty meeting last Sunday. It was ruled that the students who take physics should quite physical training, but to give no credit for it. Consequently it was decided that the students who take physics should be given one credit per term for three hours of physical education, two terms of which are physical training and one hour, hygiene.

YESHIVA'S 50th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

To Be Marked By Jubilee Dinner

The Golden Anniversary of the founding of Yeshiva will be celebrated at a Jubilee Dinner next Sunday evening at the Hotel Astor.

The dinner will be arranged by the Coop Bookstores and the Coop Bookstores, where the Coop store will be located in the Astor Hotel. Books of Jewish interest are published by the S.O. Y. Book Committee, which is headed by Abraham Shechter '36, at standard reductions from list prices.

DRAMATIC GROUP WILL PRESENT HOWARD PLAY

Large Cast Required For "Paths of Glory"

"Paths of Glory," by Sidney Howard will be presented by the Yeshiva Dramatic Society some time next term. It was decided at the meeting of the society last Monday evening. The play is considered as portraying the court martial of three French soldiers, who have been arbitrarily chosen for the slaughter for the good of the discipline and the record of the commander.

20 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS EXPECTED FROM SOUTH AS SAR CONCLUDES TRIP

Synagogue Filled At Armistice Assembly

War-Mongers Attacked By Faculty and Students

Gathered in the synagogue for the annual Armistice Day assembly held last Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 11, from 200 students heard addresses by faculty members and students on the prevention of war.

The assembly was opened by Pres. William B. Rogow, who outlined the problems facing students and the world today. Introduced the first speaker, I. J. Harris, was Miss Miriam M. Harris, who expressed confidence in the League of Nations "in spite of its warts," and said that "if it has not happened in the past," then "it will happen in the future." She said that the League was "the only general for establishing peace in the world." She said that she was "stressed open-mindedness to opinions of others and education."

S.O. Y. Dorn Board Formed; Status is Questionable

Philadelphia '27 has been selected as chairman of the permanent S.O. Y. Dorn Committee, created last Thursday by the S.O. Y. Book Committee. The permanent S.O. Y. Dorn Committee was headed by Abraham Shechter '36, at standard reductions from list prices.

Complete 3500 Mile Tour; Spreads Spirit of Yeshiva

STUDIED SITUATION

Conditions In Southwest Exceptionally Bad

He Reports

Approximately twenty new ships of the merchant marine will be added to the fleet as a result of the Southwest tour made by Mr. Samson M. H. Bar, secretary of the W.B.P. last week.

A report of the trip was undertaken for the purpose of acquainting that section of the country with the work of Yeshiva, and at the same time better understand the condition of Jewry in the southwest area. He said upon his return to New York last Wednesday.

The Southwest included a 2,000 mile trip which covered St. Louis, Kansas City, Tulsa, Columbus, Dallas, and Houston. Mr. Bar met Dr. Leo Jung, of the Jewish Welfare Board, in Dallas, Dr. Jung was expected to complete his tour with a visit to Houston in time to arrive in New York by Thursday night. Dr. Jung is making the trip by plane.

In Dallas, Texas, a scholarship committee has been organized to continue the work.

MIRACLES GROUP MAPS PLANS FOR ACTIVITIES

Committee Formed to Draft A Constitution

At its first meeting held last Wednesday evening, the Fathers' Miracle group outlined the activities for the coming year. A matter of great interest to the Fathers was the band which was unanimously accepted. Samuel Frero '27, was unanimously elected conductor and will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Solomon. The band is made up of students and members of the faculty. A constitutional committee, consisting of Frero, chairman, George Coyne, secretary, and R. H. Johnson, treasurer, was appointed. In addition the following officers of the band were elected: Bandmaster, Israel Goldstein; also associated: Cultural activity, L. B. Rose '32; Cong. Shabbat, Nancy Fraco; Vocational, J. G. Fraco. Publicity,Israel Lebed '28.

The next meeting will be conducted at the same time and place.
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The Yeshiva: Its Good, Its Bad

Taking Stock

The Yeshiva's commemoration of its fiftieth anniversary should be an occasion for all of us to take stock, to consider the role of Yeshiva in American Jewry. It has been during the half century of its development and to discover in what respects it has as yet failed to achieve its full purpose.

We believe that the Yeshiva has fully demonstrated that Torah can gain a firm foothold in America. By training hundreds of young American men in its spiritual and legal traditions, thus forming the nucleus of an intelligent Torah-true Jewish community, and by producing leaders to guide American Jewry through the maze of its religious perplexities it has helped give Torah a definite status in the Jewish life of America.

Moreover, the Yeshiva has attempted as far as possible to perpetuate the great tradition of scholarship of the European yeshivah. It may succeed in preserving Torah, not in reviving it. Even to many Yeshiva students Jewish tradition merely subsists as an inert element in their lives. As a culture, it may be to an extent integratized with contemporary cultures; as a motivating force it has been impotent. We have not emphasized its contact point with activity.

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Torah will not become a vital factor in contemporary life if merely transmitted to students in schools. It is necessary to begin a pro-active campaign to make the disinterested unqualified students to receive an intensive training, no matter how old they are, in order to prepare them with the tools they need.

Yeshiva must go on not merely to give courses to students, but to evolve an academic tradition expressing a definite approach and a distinct philosophy. It must develop from a center into a center of Jewish intellectual activity where professors and scholars will interpret values in terms of tradition and seek means for its perpetuation.

This, we understand to be the ultimate aim of Yeshiva. We can start at once in this direction if thorough sympathy and understanding between faculty, students, and administration.

Forgotten Men

Ever since its inception, the Yeshiva has been concerned with the realization of one major principle in Yeshiva College. It has always accepted it as an unquestioned fact that the attainment of a fusion of Jewish learning with the life of the college was the sole qualification of the student.

For this reason, it has always been the Yeshiva's tradition that no student be admitted to the college unless he be a graduate of one of the Hebrew departments.

Yet, to be uncompromisingly rigid in this respect is to fall into an error that is as easily realized as much discussed.

While we insist upon the demand that no student be allowed to register in the college if he does not attend the Yeshiva or the Hebrew department, we will not continue Yeshiva College as being merely a training school for spiritual leaders alone.

Properly trained mentors are not enough. To be proper mentors, too, is not always a better educated, intellectually trained body of laymen, able to assume social responsibilities in an intelligent fashion. They, and not rabbinical colleagues, will bear the burden of the future.

Does Yeshiva College have an arrangement of its Hebrew departments, offer the possibility for such training on a sufficiently wide scale? It is possible that there exists a possibility for students who are capable of regular work in Hebrew study. Our primary concern is for a class of students of great potential, in need of training by the present curriculum deficiencies.

This class is composed of students with a meager Jewish background, or with insufficiencies in training which do not qualify them for regular Hebrew work. They are being given a minimum of Jewish studies, a minimum which by all accounts entirely too little to contain anything of permanent value.

It should be noted that the course is not the slightest possibility, in their present scope, of performing a service as such we have outlined. It is clear that they are becoming with the course of time more forcibly devoid of lasting worth. The classes do little more than intimate what may be done in this direction.

The special classes can become of value if, and only if, the following be carried out:

Firstly, the courses must be extended to provide for entrance to one of the regular departments.

Secondly, the courses must serve as a means of entrance to one of the regular departments.

We do not see the advisability of admitting students who do not intend to take regular Hebrew courses. We are not satisfied with the advisability of spending useless hours in unproductive studies. We see the great possibility of making it possible for a tremendous number of students who have never been able to take regular courses to receive an intensive training, no matter how old they are, in order to prepare them with the tools they need.

Presently, the present courses are ridiculously insufficient for a function such as this. We are firmly convinced, however, that a properly organized department with half-time morning classes could prepare these students for the full course of Yeshiva College.

MAIL BOX

To the Editor of The Commentator:

Dear Sir: In last week's Commentator column I accepted your offer to become a member of your editorial board. I am very honored by your choice and I am grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to contribute to the editorial page.

What is the truth of the matter? The facts are as follows: I have never heard a word of this matter in my entire life. However, I am sure that it is true and I am proud to be a part of the debate.

Anyone who has bought half a rat might have discovered with a minute of thought and examination, the present edition of The Commentator is the most important of all the official organs of the Jewish people. This is an unanswerable point. Anyone who has bought half a rat should have the decency to keep his nose out of the affairs of his business.
ILLNESS FAILS TO DAMPEN CAGE SQUAD AT PRACTICE

Yeshiva Basketeers open season with Away Game

TRUPIN CONFIDENT

Awaits Engagement With Webb Institute of Bronx Tomorrow Night

Sickness and injuries have taken tolls and basketball practices were held Monday evening without the presence of Shockey, Charney and Lipechitz in the lineup. Koslovsky and Charney are both sidelined with other cinderellas Lipechitz is incapacitated by a foot.

In such a small squad as Yeshiva's the absence of such stalwarts was keenly felt and Coach Trupin consequently arranged on a pass drill with only four men each on both the first and second units. The passing drill which was the first part of the session the field was limited to a half-court with the players following a signal intercepted by the coach for points of correction and instruction. Total the drill both squads was ragged with the men frequently allowing their opponents to break through and score in a fashion that is not an indication of the usual teamwork and all the countertransfer from the laps of the coach.

The second squad was composed of the four players Trupin and Stern and Schwartz, who also managed to put up some stiff opposition to the efforts of the first string veterans, a g.e.w. club of student veterans. Lemon, Levy and Rosenbloom a rookie. Capt. Levy has an arm cut-down from his usual form and looked very quiet, and the few jump shots appear easy, making them in a snappy and efficient manner.

Coach Trupin observed that, in spite of the hussie handsets and obstacles such as lack of time and lower reserves, playing immediately after classes or after eating, are the unique peculiarities of Yeshiva College, the team as a whole being 70 per cent.

Manager Kaplan '37 is at present negotiating with Wabb Institute of the Bronx in order to postpone the game so as to give sight to some other evening, preferably to-morrow evening. The visiting evening classes of the uneloaded numbered students have brought about this desire for a postponement. The game in all probability will be played at their place.

There will be several home games for the Yeshiva team. Coach Trupin expressed his desire for the cooperation of the Jewish athletic body in kindly extending the games in large numbers and in varying the playing on the planes of the Yeshiva.
Yeshiva Debaters Draw Large Crowd

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though wage and hour reform was necessary, the method of procedure
proposed by the opposition would not reach the heart of the problem
and only a change in the existing economic system would prove ef-
fective. This debate marked the second appearance for Mr. Rogov
at Yeshiva, as he participated in last year's debate which ended in
a victory for the locals.

Speaking during the intermission before rebuttal, Senator Wald,
who has served as counsel for Yeshiva, related his experiences in the spon-
sorship of the Wald bill which was passed by the Legislature but was
recently declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. He also
stated that because of his obvious partiality it would be imposable
for him to decide the issue.

Interviewed later, the Senator extended his congratulations to
both teams, expressing his opin-
ions that the presentations of argu-
ments by both sides had been ad-
mirable. He personally believed
that the visiting team had had the
better of the argument, but that
Yeshiva had been stronger in the
rebuttal.

Football Strike

Selinsgrove, Pa. (ACP) - Susque-
hania University's football players
have gone on strike for higher
wages because the time taken by
practice caused their employers to
reduce their wages.

SAR Back from Trip; Brings Scholarships

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establish six or eight scholarships
to be known as the Dallas Com-
pany/Colonials.

Conditions Bad

In general Mr. Bar described
the condition of Jews in the South-
west as satisfactory from eco-
nomics and social points of
view, but in a terrible condition
as regards religion. He empha-
ized that it is in the smallest towns
the rate of intermarriage was over
fifty percent, while in many
places, communities of a hundred
families had not the services of a
shochet available.

Mr. Bar emphasized the need of
a number of American born travel-
ing clergymen who would be will-
ing to travel through the loca-
tions on a series of lecture tours
in order to attempt an adult educa-
tional program in Kansas City, where
conditions are hardly better, there
exists a small Yeshiva, a prepara-
tory school with an enrollment of
sixteen. It is expected that four
graduates of that institution will
enter Yeshiva in September.

Other Towns Possible

In general satisfied with the
results of this tour, Mr. Bar hoped
that a similar tour to cover the
western coast could be arranged
in the future. Such a tour would
acquaint the Jews of that section
with the work of the Yeshiva, its
importance in meeting conditions
such as exist in the Southwest, its
aims and its needs. At the same
time it would afford the insti-
tution a chance to obtain first hand
information on the Jewish situa-
tion in the West, which would
prove mutually beneficial.

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