Eban Speaks at Assembly; Declaims Toynbee Heresy

"Toynbee's heretical view on the essence of the Hebrew character and historical process is not an attack on the ideas of Israel but on its history since antiquity, and is not a fleeting criticism of Jewish performance but a complete negation of it," declared Abba Eban, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, before a capacity audience in the old council on which the United Synagogue of America operates.

The speaker further pointed out that in order to fit this idea of unfruitful existence with the vigorous and successful campaign launched by the Jews to regain their homeland, Toynbee claims that the doctrine of Restoration can only be by divine will and so it was improper for the Zionists to ever undertake their movement. The ambassador's major criticism of Toynbee's "History" was that the author distorts accepted concepts of the Jewish people by omitting the facts, thus subtracting much from the historical scholarship of the work.

Mr. Eban pointed out some fallacious concepts of Jewish ideals expressed by Professor Toynbee. "Toynbee's contention that Israel's rise to monotheism had been delegating to every individual the responsibility of a mission," the speaker continued, found no support in the United Synagogue of America's resolution of a mission. (Continued on page four)

LAMPORT GATHERING: Israeli Ambassador to the United States, before a toriam Tuesday, January 18.

Janet Sebbirton, 55, former Typing Editor, and Ralph Schuchalter, 56, former Managing Editor, both resigned. (Page 4).

Two Sophomores Appointed Editors

Joseph T. Aronson '57, and Irvin Aronson '57, have been appointed Managing Editor and Typing Editor of The Commentator respectively, announced Arnold Enker '55, Editor-in-Chief. The two sophomores will take the places of Sheldon E. Fishman '56, former Managing Editor and Harvey Kerten '55, former Typing Editor, both of whom have resigned.

A graduate of Baltimore Talmudical Academy, Mr. Fischer is a pre-med major in the College. In T.A. he served as co-editor of the Elchanei, the senior annual. He is at present vice-president of the Sophomore Class, chairman of the Student Building Repair Committee and a member of the Fencing and Debating Teams.

Mr. Aronson, a psychology major, is a graduate of Baltimore Talmudical Academy where he was captain of the Basketball Team. He is a member of the Tennis Team and Co-op staff.

The first in a series of free films was shown last night in the Dormitory Social Hall. The program, sponsored by the Audio-Visual Department, consisted of two films, Peeping Family and What's the Buzz at the U.N.? Peeping Family portrays the simple narrative of a middle-class Chinese family. It describes the struggles of an American-educated Chinese and his wife in their attempt to provide for and educate their family.

The second film presents a de-... (Continued on page four)

Y. U. Drive Opens; Set $5000 Goal in 10 Week Span

A goal of $5000, the annual Yeshiva University Charity Drive opened Monday, February 7. The drive will extend for a period of ten weeks. Collections will be made in all T.I. and R.E.T.S. classes. The student per capita amount is $2.50 per student or 25 cents weekly. Joseph Kaplan '56, chairman of the Drive, announced that weekly progress reports will be issued and will be available to all students.

The funds will be divided between the following organizations: U.J.A., Tashhar, Feilkin, Yeshivah Hadarom and Chinsuch Atzmai.

Hynnosis Shown

The highest match was then placed under the subject's hand and no response at all was observed. Then, through hypnotic suggestion, the subject was taken back to July 1953, at which time he had caught a large fish in the Cape Cod. Upon this suggestion he proceeded to relive the incident, landing the fish.

APPLICATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGY

Continuing the demonstration, a bottle of spirits of ammonia was held under Mr. Cohen's nose for four times, and each time the subject expressed a different opinion about the odor, depending on the fact that he had been told the substance was. The subject was taken back to the times when he was eighteen, and five years old, and made conscious of his handwriting were secured while he was under the influence of the different suggestions. These differed radically and corresponded to the different age levels at which Mr. Cohen thought himself.
Mr. Ellenberg's Appointment

Dr. Belkin has long had to accept many burdensome tasks, both administrative and other, which might have been handled by an administrative secretary. It is therefore gratifying to learn of the appointment of Mr. Joseph Ellenberg '44, to such a post. His appointment will relieve Dr. Belkin of time-consuming details and leave him free to devote himself to his many responsibilities.

Mr. Ellenberg should be well acquainted with the problems of the University since he is an alumnus and has been a member of the administrative staff for many years. With this background, the new Secretary to the President seems well qualified.

In wishing him well, we would like to point out that the prerequisites for this job include a healthy relationship between the administrator and those with whom he must work. We hope that Mr. Ellenberg will become cognizant of this important element of administrative activity.

Give to the Y. U. Drive

Israel is today facing one of her most critical moments. The Arab States, still bent upon her destruction, have been growing in power as the result of a second roundabout. Still, the United States is shipping arms to the Arabs while she refuses to give Israel any form of military aid.

Once again we are being called upon to aid in the building of Israel. The annual Yeshiva University Drive for Charities is seeking $5000 to strengthen her, both materially and spiritually.

It is up to us to do our share and support the Drive liberally.

A Little Lower, Please

"If music be the food of love—" but not early in the morning. This includes symphony, opera, and the harmony of T. I. students indulging in skits. It seems that a T. I. student is quite at home in the table of a "Second Roundabout." Without a doubt, Hebrew melodies are appealing to the ear, and if anyone can render them effectively that person is to be found in the Beth Medrash Lamorim. But, we question the advisability of having these minstrels serenade students sleeping in the dormitory at break of day. It may be advisable to caution the card-rollers that while reville has its own peculiar values, it has no place in Yeshiva. While it is bad enough that the boys' dreams are constantly being punctuated by bells, the effects of T. I.'s 'musical'revile are devastating.

We do not suggest that the songsters turn themselves off. We simply advise that they lower the volume or find new quarters.

Rabbi Burack Hails Torah Rise; Praises Work of R.I.E.T.S. Grads

By Nat Lewis and Irving Haut

Rabbi Aaron Burack, an active leader of the three affiliated Organizations of America and the Agudah Haravonim, was the first among the present-day Rosh Yeshiva to become a member of R.I.E.T.S.

Born in Lithuania, he spent his early years studying with his father, though a business- man. He later studied in Telshe and was ordained by Rabbi Joseph Leib Blech, Rabbi Chaim "Teller" and Rabbi Yehudah Gordon (the Lomzer Rov).

At the close of World War I, Rabbi Burack came to America and, along with a number of other European students, immediately entered R.I.E.T.S., then situated downtown at Henry Street.

First Lifetime Contract

Soon thereafter, he became Rabbi in the Orel Mohel Chevra Tfillin Synagogue, which position he holds to this day. He later became the first orthodox rabbi in America to receive a lifetime contract from his congregation.

At the Yeshiva commencement exercises held in June, 1954, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa.

"Since I came to Yeshiva," the Rabbi insists, "the school has become more like the ancient and practice of Torah. The attitude of students during these years has been one of increasing seriousness and dedication." Today's Yeshiva student does not place unnecessary emphasis on college study, but rather views his studies in the light of Torah.

Praise Dr. Belkin

A "great factor in this improved situation," he continues, "is Dr. Belkin's continual efforts to bring the true spirit of Torah study into the Yeshiva. During the past few years, R.I.E.T.S. has secured the services of many outstanding rabbis from the yeshiva of Tel Aviv, Rishon LeZion, and, as well as R.I.E.T.S. itself." Rabbi Burack is greatly impressed by the progress made by Yeshiva. He points proudly to such accomplishments as the founding of Jewish day schools, the establishment of the formation of orthodox communities in various cities and the establishment of ritual baths and other such institutions in many Jewish communities.

Diplomatic Mrs. Schechter Retires After Ten Years

By George Siegel

There are secretaries and there is Mrs. Schechter—that is, there was Mrs. Schechter, until she retired last week from her position as Secretary to the President in favor of the demanding title of Mrs. President.

Arriving at her office for an interview, I hesitated for a moment before the overwhelming dominance of her appearance was comprehending. In a glance, I noticed that Mrs. Schechter is grown a second roundabout. In the dusk and the dawning, when all the Yeshiva is silent, mice cringe in terror as theocate and the symphony of the cafeteria and spenas rings down. The cabinets are being opened, and the only vestige of the morning’s activities is the eye being常にした annoying noise of the cafeteria and spends whole days there.

When asked about the danger involved in crossing the street, Mrs. Schechter replied, "True, the boulevard is fraught with jeop­ardy; yet I notice that the lovelock is so abundant than my life is not at risk."

She added, "I am indemnified in full for the peril of the passage."

Not Dead's Life

Since the cats are such good mousers they have literally eaten themselves out of their livelihood. They are presently in the planning and cooperation of the tabbies. Sam has organized a "Puss 'n Boots" club to keep them going between mice. Among the out­standing contributors to the cats' welfare is no less a figure than "Whiskers." In addition, they have priority on all left-overs from Weber's.

Despite all the cats’ injuries, the life of a Yeshiva cat is not at all dangerous for Sam's cats, and Betty is fond of quoting one of Sam's favorite maxims—"You have to keep your eyes open at all times, especially during the night."
**Hey, Where Did the Crowd Disappear To?**

By Julie Landwehr

Saw a couple of strangers in town last night looking for a good time. Couldn’t help watching the whole thing.

"Wild town, eh kid? You pretty good? What’s doin’ Movin’ Again? Say, how’s ‘bout a ball game? Nobody here. Pret’? Now say here’s list ‘o’ college teams in town; go for some Rah-Rah action tonight. Good deal, pick one out. Much better than example of big teams we see in TV in town—how ‘bout something little different?"

Look here, some team called Yeshiva, or something, playin’ a ballgame tonight, ever hear of ‘em? Yeshiva? Not sure, but think they got a few fans. Had their name in the papers couple’s times. Never seen school like that play college ball. Sounds good; why not? Says here they got a home court at 24th Street; let’s go. Yes, let’s...

"Great place, New York. Park yourself on one of those subways, get a few hundred on us. Only fifteen cents—real buy. Yeshiva, sure can get around in this town—can’t say you’re too far from anything they throw.

"Let’s see, now, 24th Street, must be down here. Looks like a pretty big place, huh? Better get movin’, says someone starts at 8:30. Funny, no crowd. Guess it’s up those stairs. Here.

Only half a buck? Well, how about a buck? See a game for pocket change ‘round here. Can’t say that’s too high, no sir. Never thought could get anywhere on a buck. Sound good? Way, Harry?"

"Have a seat. Midcourt. Great. Teams are warmin’ up. Looks like a pretty good game comin’ in. Thunders, of course, is the favorite."

"Of course, I’m a sucker for a jump ball. Hey, now, will ya look at those boys go! This Yeshiva’s not half bad! Who’d ever figure it? Lookit those Gal’s, say. Coulda given ‘em credit. Regular bunch fighters. Don’t figure a school..."

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**Yeshiva Tops Pace in 79-61 Triumph**

After a three week layoff during which time they faced a short week, the Yeshiva College cagers found a new momentum. They were the first team to pass the 79-61 victory. The contest was held January 29 at Central Needle Trades High School, started very slowly since both teams had to get the feel of things after a long break. However, with the score 12 to 10 in the first minute, "Red" Blumenthal scored the first field goal followed by two more by Abe Sodden and Jack Citron.和Yeshiva led 9-3. The lead widened to 21-5 with Blumenthal and Captain "Aby" Gewirtz doing all the scoring. Gap widened and brought the score to 26-19 but two layups by Blumenthal and three foul goals by Mary proved too much for Our Lady.

**Teicher, Schussel Star in Queens Win**

Another city team bit the dust in the wake of Yeshiva’s increasingly powerful drive towards a great season as the Queens College five were felled under 77-64. The action took place at the Mines’ home court at Central High School of Needle Trades High School.

It was a game in which Mary Teicher and Herb Schussel turned in their finest performances during the season and in which "Red" Biller’s trick played what looked like his best ballgame this year.

The contest was pretty much in hand throughout despite the fact that at the half the score was 39-25, but Queens was still within striking distance with 30-30. The second half of the game was played without the front label and Queens never had another chance as Teicher with 17 and Schussel with 14 scored by Mary to put the game out of reach.

A major success in Queens win besides the scoring was a sharpness in defensive play. With only three tallies to his credit, Sophomore Herb Schussel played a fine defensive second half.

Another member of the Queens’ winning machine was Mary Teicher who turned in a second string half.

With Queens held to a minimum by the Yeshiva defenders, the road was paved for Blumenthal to plaster the basketball all over the place and rack up 32 points, including 15 field goals. Although Abe Sodden and Jack Citron coming through at the backboards and "Aby" Gewirtz hustling 12 points, Yeshiva ran away with the second half, giving the team a 7.4 second mark.

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**On the Sidelines**

**Mentor Fumbles; Tennis League; A Million Fans**

By Aaron Freeman

It is pathetic but hardly understandable the way every once in a while somebody publicly opens his mouth and promptly sticks his foot in it. But when this shallowness is carried on first by a University President and then included by a major New York newspaper writer, it strikes to a state of hopeless want of intelligence.

On January 26, New York Post sports scribe Gene Rosewell ran what probably should have been a story on T.A. basketball. The headline at the top of the page blared: "Lindenbaum Worth His Weight In Gold At Yeshiva Prep," as told to Gene Rosewell by Hy Wettstein, coach.

Intervened with disgusting undertones, the writer plumed headlong into his muddy pond and splashed around in something Wettstein told him about Lindenbaum, all of eight man on the team, whose stepfather donated one-half million dollars toward Stern College for Women. All of this is supposed to mean something, Rosewell went on to make the brilliant observation that "even Tom Goule and Bob Cousy don’t rate close to that sum."

The relationship between Armand Lindenbaum and Max Stern wasn’t disclosed to Rosewell in any mysterious vision. Furthermore, it has not been publicized in any public relations bureau bulletin because, obviously, it is meaningless. And yet Gene Rosewell offers a lengthy dissertation about the mediocrity of Lindenbaum as a ballplayer, the commendable philanthropy of "The bird in the king of America" and how Hy Wettstein gallantly announces that "there is no price tag on him" [Lindenbaum].

Whatever tag is on Wettstein’s back, however, it seems that he enjoys patching his name to any billion dollar investment at a clean, strong athletic group, with him emerging in the line at the top long into the future.

A great step has been taken by one of our varsities, namely the Tennis Team, in the direction of improving our athletic standards and programming. They were instrumental in the formation of a metropolitan college tennis conference, and enrolled as a charter member.

Representing Yeshiva at a meeting called to form the league was Dave Lifshutz, captain of the net squad. Dave’s proposal, that member squads must play at least four league games a season, was unanimously passed by the group.

This is the first time in the history of our institution that one of its varsities has become a member of an intercollegiate league.

An attendance of two, at the recent home basketball game against Pace, was double the number present at the previous home contest. My slide rule tells me that if this rate of doubling continues, we should have an attendance of well over a million by the 1957 season. Keep it up, fellows.

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Mr. Harlow Curtice, president of General Motors, announced the expanded program of financial support to higher education at a press conference in the Waldorf-Astoria preceded by the opening of GM's extraordinary Motorama of 1953.

In expressing appreciation for the grant to Yeshiva University, which will provide a four-year scholarship to be awarded to a student of the Bernard B. Fischman Class, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, said: "It is highly encouraging to witness American industry gradually realizing the vital role it can play in investing in the future of our nation through the training of young people spiritually and culturally."

This is the second recent grant by industrial firms to Yeshiva, the first being by Standard Oil.

Correction
Due to a typographical error, the location of Yeshiva's new dormitory was reported in our last issue as Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street. It should have been Amsterdam Avenue and 185th Street.

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