Yeshiva Students Participate in City-Wide Protests Condemning Soviet Discrimination of Russian Jews

Russian Jews

Seek Liberty

By JOSEPH TELESHKEN

"I do not doubt for a minute that sometimes I shall emigrate and live in Israel. This dream, this desire, will be the mainspring of my life. I will never leave. Next year in Jerusalem! And now I repeat: If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither and fall." Thus spoke the poet of the Great dla (mass protest) in the Soviet Union. The poet was [name redacted].

By the time this message was written, the poet had been sentenced to ten years in prison. His husband, Shalom Kogan, and another "hijacker," Mark Dymshits, were both originally sentenced to death, although the sentences were later changed to fifteen years in prison.

This dramatic arrest and declaration of a state of emergency is a characteristic of a surging sense of Jewishness among the peoples of the Six Day War. While exact figures are unavailable, estimates on the number of Russian Jews who have applied for emigration during the past six months in the area of 50,000-80,000.

In assessing this figure, one must note the Soviet policy of harassment, the social ostracism and financial difficulties that confront anyone applying for a visa.

High Price
Loss of a job and avoidance by terrorized neighbors are but the first problem. There is also the fact of the four hundred rubles in a country where the pay scale averages 100 rubles a month, it costs 400 rubles a month for an emigration visa. The average Soviet Jew who has gotten out has had to apply about five times. It costs an additional 400 rubles to remove one's citizenship in addition to being subject to constant spying by the numerous employees of the KGB, the alien police.

Soviet Jewry Rally in Falley Square

By JOE BARTLETT

In accordance with a motion recently passed by the Senate, pre-med and pre-dental majors will not be required to take UP's in their respective fields. Predental majors will be able to substitute the DAT and pre-med will have the option to substitute their medical school admission test. The Senate also enacted legislation enabling YU students to attend the rally held on Sunday, December 20 protesting the Russian "show trial" of Jews accused in the attempted hijacking of a Soviet airliner. Another motion concerning exemptions, that of a final exam outlier for graduating seniors, awaits final action by the Senate.

Exemption Confirmed

Concerning the pre-med, pre-dental majors' exemption from the UP test requirement, recently confirmed by the Senate, Professor Silverman reported that he had met with Dr. Winstein and has recommended in his motion that the DAT be substituted for pre-med majors, which all dental schools require. Since the DAT consists of an eleven point scale, and is unlike the UP, students would be required to agree to a minimum initial score of 4.6, later to be raised to 5.

SSSJ Fights Soviet Trials

By ROBERT BENEDIK

The 4,000 participants of the "World Day for Soviet Jewry" rally held on September 30, 1970 in Dag Hammerskjold Plaza, condemned Russia for its inhumane treatment of three million fellow Jews locked behind the Iron Curtain. They expressed the United States and the entire world's demand that the U.S. send aid to relief of the three million suffering Jews.

Four thousand participants, 4,000 from a city of some 3,000,000, "do not feel that this is not very impressive or encouraging. About one year ago, Steve Reinhard and some concerned friends reestablished the U.S. branch of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, because they were appalled by the unpreceenderness of such treatment. They were shocked by the arrest of American Jews in the plight.

Bacon Discusses Dismissals; Positions To Remain Empty

By LEONARD DAVIS

Contracts of at least 40 Yeshiva College faculty members are not being renewed for the 1971-72 academic year. Eighteen associate professors of speech; Miss Sheila Hershov, instructor in English; Dr. David Plank, assistant professor of French; and Mr. Michael Weinberg, instructor of history, Dean Bason refused to say whether other instructors were to be dismissed and commented only that "this list seems accurate." All of the tenured faculty have been at YC for one to four years and each is currently teaching a full program of 12 credits.

Dean Bason stated that economic difficulties caused the dismissals, no replacements are being sought, and that the positions will not be filled. It is difficult to see how the academic quality of Yeshiva will not be affected. The dismissals of Mr. Weinberg and Dr. Plank will leave only one full-time teacher in the history department, and two in the French department.

The teacher's reason was expressed by Dr. Dr. David Fleischer, chairman of the English department, who was unaware of any financial basis for the decision. According to Dr. Fleischer, Miss Hershov had been "temporarily, dependent on yearly registration." The teachers were notified by mail that they were not to be retained. According to one of the teachers, no reason was expressed. The letter and only later were financial difficulties explained to be the cause of their dismissal.
**Actions Not Taken**

Confronted by the Soviet Union's anti-Jewish campaign, groups of people and charac-
acters have condemned the repression to State Security courts. Those who have long recognized
the Soviet Union's anti-Jewish practices in the religious, cultural, and economic
realms, are alarmed by the death sentences of the two alleged "bizhars". These sen-
tences are a symptom of the severe repression
of Soviet Jewry. Even the Pope, an individual who had not yet extended him-
self in questions of Jewish survival, saw fit to
officially condemn the severity of the senten-
ces, and promised to use his "good offices" in an attempt to concili-
ate the Soviet government.

Yeshiva University also has a bevy of
officials who might well be familiar with
Jewish survival, but when the Pope, or any other hi-
motivated to the Pope's condemnation has not yet
taken hold at Yeshiva University. Rabbi
Miller, and those above him who approved, or
possibly, initiated the decision to cancel
classes on Wednesday, during the
demonstration at City Hall, are to be condemned.
But why could not these same individuals
have issued an official condemnation of the
Soviet Union's judicial travesty? If we
are the oldest and largest Jewish institution,
then it is about time we began showing it.

The sudden cancellation showed even
greater negligence than the adminis-
tration. No meetings were called to
discuss this crisis. The Student Council has been
dismissed quietly throughout the
years regarding Soviet Jewry. We
further note that the Student Council has not
opened any discussion to the contrary.
The welcome surprise. The same can-
not be said for Council. Last year Council
acted promptly when confronted by the
U.S. invasion of Cambodia. The adminis-
tration, of course, was silent. It is unfortunate
that the traditional roles of Council and adminis-
tration are reversed at a time when a
large group of Jews are distressed in a crisis.
If the administration were to
issue an official statement regarding the
possibility of teaching inexperienced teachers
council would feel itself shamed into action.

**Students Not Asked**

Amidst an atmosphere of unreasonable
suspicion by the administration, teachers will be
fired at the end of the
spring term. Had the decision remained
held, much more time
was only to
teach in the fall semester only to find
these teachers gone without any explana-
tion.

Since the whole incident was supposed
to be a secret, no reasons have been given
officially for the firing of these particular
students, but whether the reason ever
alleged was independence or financial diffi-
culties, the true nature of the decision seems
to be an attempt to prevent these
students from becoming teachers. These
instructors average more than three years
of service to Yeshiva and if they were in-
structing today, they would have fired long ago.
On the other hand, if financial
difficulties make it necessary to fire teachers,
we urge the administration to
be more lenient.

The final decision was not
aimed at improving the
quality of education in the school but
only to remove teachers because
it was expedient to do so.

No matter what the reason for the
decision, THE COMMENTATOR feels that
the decision was unprecedented and
student representatives
options should at least be officially noted before
an entire teacher is asked to leave the
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Hoopsters Lose To Brooklyn, City, Queens; Gain Initial Victory Over Brooklyn Poly

By JOE COHEN

There were ten days in December which should have been pleasant ones for the Mighty Mites. After all they were to play crosstown rivals against whom they had usually been able to hold their own or even at times defeat in the past few years. Victory seemed five straight wins the pleasure did not arrive until the very end of the ten days.

Since Yeshiva's home courts are already located in two-bar-18 points. Richelle Bailey led City with 19.

Meets Queens

On the following Thursday night Queens traveled to Peco to face Yeshiva. This was supposed to be a game where we would meet our match and finally grab a victory. However, Queens with a record similar to ours felt the same way and beat us by three points, 87-54.

This game marked the first time that our deficit at the end of the game was less than at halftime (proving that Yeshiva could play from the twenty first minute of the game on). Miltomarian with seven, Jeff Jones to a 13-2 lead as Ye- shiva was unable to score a field goal for seven minutes and nineteen seconds. This span of time was in my opinion the greatest exhibition of defense against the Mighty Mites and especially against Stu Poloner. In the next five minutes Queens went on to take a 22-7 lead. But the half ended with the "home" team trailing by 60-55.

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In the first five minutes after the intermission, the boys from Yeshiva outscored Queens 15-5 to get back to only twenty. We never were to lose, however, and lost the game by three points remaining. Our defense was good 14-19 free throw percent- age in the second half and 20-26 for all scoring with 30 points while John Molinari led Queens with 15.

The night of December 21 belonged to Yeshiva, who travelled to 6-2-2, but don't kid yourself. Even on this night a 30-19 Yeshiva defeated Queens 64-57. The Mighty Mites led 49-41 with 8:45 remaining. Bob Perl led the visitors with 12 points straight long outside shots to bring the home team to within 4 points only 4:45 remaining. In the next five minutes, the visitors led by Josh Bertram's 4 points out- scored Poly 10-4 to win 74-69 with just 1:30 remaining. The halftime tally of the game was 35-28 as the Mites closed out the half with three points to trail by 8. They led 40-39 at C. W. Post and at Pace, and you remember what happened after. The halftime tally of the game was 35-28 as the Mites closed out the half with three points to trail by 8. They led 40-39 at C. W. Post and at Pace.

Yeshiva Loses

Yeshiva came out as if they would win the first ten points to trail by only two at 23-21. However, in the next six minutes the visitors outscored 13-2 led again by Robert Kronisch, and trailed 36-25. The Mites tried to come back in the last four minutes by scoring seven in a row but they still trailed, by only two on by twenty-remaining and miracles have not been forthcoming this year. Ye- shiva was unable to secure a field goal for twelve minutes and nineteen seconds. This span of time was in my opinion the greatest exhibition of defense against the Mighty Mites and especially against Stu Poloner. In the next five minutes Queens went on to take a 22-7 lead. But the half ended with the "home" team trailing by 60-55.

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Philosophizing Drunk Discusses "Truths" of Current Society

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sponse to my generosity, I quickly realized that this unique visit spoke in a private, in- tense language which he would not compromise even when con- versing with the outside world..."...he was very talkative and appeared to make the most of his time..."...his accent seemed to be deliberate, and there was something about him that made him appear to be the center of attention..."...he had a sense of humor and loved to tell jokes..."...his template was sometimes difficult to follow..."...he was very talkative and appeared to make the most of his time..."...his accent seemed to be deliberate, and there was something about him that made him appear to be the center of attention..."...he had a sense of humor and loved to tell jokes..."...his template was sometimes difficult to follow...

I picked myself up from the shattered glass on which I'd fallen when kicked, and sending a ray of light through an angled pocket of my shoulder (I was learning al- ready), hobbled and cursed to the nearest stairwell. I was there a week before I could get the memory of our meeting out of my mind. I returned to the corner where I'd first seen him and found him in the drunkest stupa he had probably been born into. He sat when he saw me coming towards him, and I failed to notice the facade of hostility and sat down beside his wheek of a body, which was only a foiler spots in the heap, in an attempt to show my goodwill. I was an overcoat guy who was shaming, and I had to prove to him, I treated him with the ren- tals was..."

Between his grunts and lapes into unconsciousness, he gave me the sense that he had been a dominant person on life and the various experiences which influenced his thinking. He had a sense of humor and loved to tell jokes. He had a sense of humor and loved to tell jokes...

On my last visit to him, dogs began to chase the dog as they should have been allowed to finish before they could do their dirty work. I dutifully nodded to each of his exclamations. After a few minutes more of such rambling, he closed his eyes and appeared to have fallen unconscious, I, however, knew that he had slipped into a trance, and I eagerly anticipated what he would say when his soul returned from his wandering in the limbo of Gallo vineyards. Quickly, he opened his eyes and with more urgency, even more force in his face before, ordered me to get out of sight. I realized, that he was a man of great terror and humor, in his using of a mouth, and at times, and clearly a walking tall a man, and at times, and clearly a walking tall a man...

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Poloner Reflects On His Career; Criticizes YC Athletic Program
By GERRY SKOLNIK

Many "good" ballplayers have attended Yeshiva University, but there have been very, very, few great ballplayers. Stuart Poloner is one of them. Having made a name for himself as a prolific scorer at Yeshiva University High School, Poloner entered Yeshiva College in 1967 and was a varsity starter in his freshman year. A consistent scorer and rebounder from the outset, he has been one of the few freshmen who have held Yeshiva's not always mighty Nittany to their game.

This year, Stuie scored his one-thousandth point in three years at YC. "It's a junior year for me and the Nittany spent in Israel," because of the millennium, THE COMMENTATOR thought it fitting to let the student body know a little more about the ballplayer, and his feelings about Yeshiva College athletics. The following interviews will provide some insight into what it's like to be a basketball ball at Yeshiva.

THE COMMENTATOR: There aren't many ballplayers who score 1,000 in their college careers, and at Yeshiva, there aren't many good players, period. Did you have any particular thoughts about your career at Yeshiva as you went over the mark?

POLONER: When I played for NFTA, I also scored 1,000 points. The calibre of ballplayers that you find in college is, on the whole, much better than in high school, so when I started out I didn't have any scoring goal at all. I scored 1,000 points over my 3-year varsity career and I was the high scorer in my senior year at Brooklyn Poly, but it really was against Queens. I had been keeping track, but when they said Brooklyn Poly, I agreed.

THE COMMENTATOR: Would you consider scoring 1,000 points mean any more to you if you were playing on a winning team?

POLONER: I don't think that there's a lot to be said for a winning team. There were times, though, in my freshman and sophomore year, when even though the team was losing we had some good games. Those were against CCNY and Brandeis. The game against City was a sort of whole, much better than in high school, and me. In my senior year of high school, City best Yeshiva by all the time that scoring York Post wrote a derogatory article about our team. So, when we went down to Boston to play, and I was honest and tried to keep the team atmosphere. It was a good game and when we won it was really satisfying. As far as

Brandeis is concerned, I had only 7 points on the scoreboard, so beating them was a thrill especially with K.C. Jones so it wasn't the same as it was in my first two years, so it makes playing in college much tougher. In all fairness, it could be because playing in college is a lot more of an art than it use to be for me.

THE COMMENTATOR: How is the West, Mr. Poloner?

POLONER: When I was in my junior and senior years of high school, we didn't lose too many games, but we were much more of a bunch to them seriously. My first year in college, however, showed that we had a lot to learn. We lost to Queens College by a score of 78-77, and while I was very pleased with my score of 29, I was just as disappointed as one guy explained to me. "When you've played for Yeshiva High School for 3 years, and you lose to some college by 11 points, you just can't keep on winning." Now that I'm a senior, I do understand a little better. Every year, being in college, you're not doing just losing but just doesn't bother them that much any more. There was a loss to Monmouth this year, 72-65 against Montclair State, where the team simply can't go in there and win by the same amount. You have to learn to take things in stride.

THE COMMENTATOR: Do the YC basketball team's losses hurt them as much as the ballclub likes Yeshiva's hindered their development as a ballclub?

POLONER: I imagine that there's a certain extent it has. When I graduated from high school, I had a strong interest in basketball. I would like to play and ball there. As it turned out, I went west, and it hinders the personal growth of the players to a number of considerations. First there is none of time to practice, and often before you play a game you're not playing with the caliber of ballplayers here that you can play against.

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Poloner's優劣

Matmen Lose Twice; Pins Cause Defeat
By RONNIE MULSANSK

Stuart Poloner's overwhelming loss to LIU, the YU matmen took on a strong but inexperienced team from Lehman College. A large crowd turned out in anticipation of a good showing by the Eilorns, but came away disappointed.

A 211-pounder Kline started out quickly. After being taken down, Nate reversed his opponent, scoring his first pin of the season with his advantage, and was finally pinned in 6:20. Bubba made his first start of the year at 126 pounds. With his left hand heavily taped to protect a sprain in his wrist, he was limited as he wrestled the Lehman captain. The YU co-exp-starting the third period, Rubin reversed himself, but was unable to pin him. He lost, 7-3.

Losing Streak
Tailing 11-0, the Eilorns still could not come up with a victory as Hasford folder, in 2-2:4, and Abe Reichman, in 1:26, were pinned, with the match finished for Lehman, 25-3. Lenny Press could not break the losing streak, as he was pinned in 1:00.

A ued a second consecutive shut out when Rubin Koolk won another pin at 160. Though, though, was all Lehman's as Howie Davis, above weight at 190 and Mark Urkowitz, unlimited, were pinned in tough matches. The times were 3:50.

Sophomores Win Fall Semester Competition; Top Freshmen And Seniors In Final Games
By DORE SCHREIBMAN

On December 21, the sophomores took the floor as champions in an undefeated season against the seniors, Senior star, Cary Spring, was recovering from the flu and didn't play for the seniors. Sophomore leaders Shaye, Marty Kerner, and Chip Cohen also missed the game because of illness.

Again, Chuck Levernek and Zvi Greiman were the major factors in capturing the title. Chuck Levernek scored 33 points and Zvi Greiman scored 15 points in the game. Levernek scored on both the defensive and offensive rebounding. He scored most of his points on the offensive and defensive rebounds. The sophomores won 57-40 but the game was much closer than the final score indicated. Larry Bruckner scored 26 points in picking up the slack left by Larry Schwab's sick game. One important development that was not reflected in the final score was the return to action of Harvey Block who missed most of this semester's games because of a shoulder separation. Although he

only scored two points, Harvey is a solid player and will add a valuable player to the team from his injury and will be available to give the sophomores much needed bench strength for next semester.

Although even though the sophomores seemed to dominate them all, there was plenty of evidence pointing to a real dogfight for the spring championship.

The seniors will be fighting for that last championship and will be putting in every effort to break their record. With the help of their new discovery, Larry Bruckner and their improved defense, the sophomores will be looking to a quality play of Larry Schneidman and David Sprung. Larry is a really talented player who could give the seniors a tough time and make a team. The only definite asset of the seniors is their experience in the game. The juniors will finish last unless they can conquer their childish tempers and concentrate on playing the game.