Student Body Unanimously Protests Dorm Curfew; Urges Further Negotiation

**Student Leaders Rebuffed By Deans**

In an unprecedented move, representative student leaders and Yuhashi Student organization met last Tuesday evening, in special assembly, and, according to the minutes, announced the new dormitory curfew ruling adopted by the Committee of the Deans, at its last meeting.

As from November 16, 1943, all students living in the dormitories are required to be within the building by 10:30 P.M. At this hour all entrances and exits of the Yuhashi Student Buildings, except for the porter, who will be on duty all night at the West 135th Street entrance, has been given strict instructions not to allow any student into the building; unless the latter presents a special identification card which will authoritatively be leased to every dormitory student.

After discussing the implications of the curfew, a committee consisting of the executive officers of both the Y.S.A. and Yuhashi Student organizations was appointed to open negotiations with the deans and present the students’ case to the administration.

The following Sunday, negotiations were formally opened. Student leaders held a late-night discussion with the deans in the course of which all student proposals were rejected. The result was a deadlock.

Undaunted by this impasse, student leaders called for a general meeting of the student body for Monday night.

**Text of Resolution**

**November 16, 1943.**

We, the students of Yuhashi and Yuhashi College, in special assembly, hereby express our unalterable opposition to the general attitude of the administration toward student problems and to the ruling of the deans. Our action is in accordance with the natural sense of personal responsibility and individual conduct inherent in the Yuhashi and Yuhashi College student.

We strongly urge that negotiation be resumed immediately when the students be re-sponsored immediately.

**Hold Dr. Revel Convocation**

Prominent Rabbis Eulogize Late Leader

"Dr. Bernard Revel, of famed meritoriousness, received the benediction of the Rabbin Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yuhashi College, still lives in the spirit of the institution he created." This statement by Rabbi Aaron D. Buxton, announcing the convocation held last Wednesday, Armistice Day, in the Harry Fielder Synagogue at 12 noon.

Rabbi Buxton emphasized the fact that Dr. Revel had struggled penetratingly towards the establishment of an institution which would disseminate the lofty ideals of Torah throughout the American Jewish community. In spite of his personal sacrifice, he was 24 at his death.

Dr. Revel realized the aim of his life by demonstrating that Torah can be transplanted to the American Continent. In conclusion, he added.

Rabbi Samuel K. Haskel elaborated on Dr. Revel's sincere desire to prove "That Torah is not a product of political subjugation but is capable of thriving in democracy as it did under tyranny." 

Dr. Revel presented America as the future home of Torah and his hardwork, the Yuhashi, signifies the union of Judaism, he added.

Representing the student body was a delegation of three members of the Students' Organization of Yuhashi, who portrayed Dr. Revel as the modern Rabbi Abihu, "leader and spokesperson of his nation," he added.

The convocation was at the conclusion of the outline the steps taken by student leaders and their rebuttal by the administration. He related the story of the reign of Turkey and the insufficient detail to indicate clearly that it represents a complete reversal of the part of the administation.

**Council Appoints New War Board Organizations Granted Charters**

At a recent meeting on the evening of November 15, the Student Council appointed Harold Kanakepsky '43 and Sidney Steinman '43 as the student representatives on the projected Faculty-Student War Board. The latter will coordinate all student activities with relation to the war effort. Kanakepsky and Steinman will function as a sort of liaison committee composed of representatives from the separate war councils of every college; their mission, it is stated, is to effect to be effected through the work of this new group.

Dr. Revel was chartered at this same meeting. However, no political clubs were granted franchises. They will, nevertheless, be subject to Clearing-House regulations.

Before Council adjourned, unanimous approval was voted to the engagement of Dr. Bernard Brandeis as varsity basketball coach.
The COMMON DENOMINATOR

This business of the dormitory curbies boils itself down to one fundamental question: What are the rights and privileges of the student body of this institution? Is it the academic freedom which the students enjoy, and violated so seldom, truly a freedom, carried over from generation to generation, grown secure with use, or merely a legal fiction subject to the whims of whoever had the power to revoke it?

To quote from a pamphlet issued by the Civil Liberties Union, "Protest is a right that lies sometimes in deliberate abuse by some students. But... the protest lies in cleaving to the standard of responsible leeway for students to grow, by doing and discussing, into responsible citizenship, to develop themselves and their fellows by responsible means. To do this, principle, not around repression, regulation should be built.

We students truly prided ourselves, and the administration, on the rights we enjoyed. While students in the other schools are often subject to one type of pressure or another, we, here, have been treated as free students—and what is more important, as free, responsible human beings.

We feel that somewhere along the line the common denominator of Yeshiva still stands for is now being relegated to a subaltern position.

In discussion of the curbies itself, the mass meeting held last Monday night in the synagogue proves conclusively enough that it is objected to universally. The unanimous objection of all present resolved itself into two main points: 1) the general policy of the administration, and 2) the curbies as a solution.

DISCUSSION — NO REPRESSION

We notice that the trend is towards the exclusion of student representatives even from the discussion of measures which affect the students. In this case there was not even any attempt made for negotiations with the student leaders, let alone a consultation beforehand to discuss the merits or demerits of the curbies. It was categorically set down by the administration that this was only a matter of "administrative policy", and that we, the students, are "not to be consulted", but accepted. To "go back to the dormitory" and forget about it, was the answer to the student representatives.

Is this the proper method of handling disputes? Do not the students, through their leaders, possess the right to talk over with the administration of problems vitaly affecting them? Is democracy just this right?

Is not the relation of the administration to the student equivalent to the relation of the government to the citizen — and cannot the citizen discuss and object to measures which he feels are unfair? We repeat, around the principle of doing and discussion, not around repression, regulation should be built.

It was argued by the administration, that as things stand now, it is no formal responsibility governing the student body, that freedom as such which might prove to the outsider, for example, that the student knows how to live away from home. The unanimous opinion of the student body is that this is no argument; on the contrary, they are the proud of the fact that with the proper regulations to govern them, conditions in the dormitory have been better than average. The freedom hitherto vested in the student living in the dormitory has never been abused to an extent warranting such action, and if it has been abused, the individuals involved should be dealt with individually, and barred. But the general rights of the students should remain intact.

The meeting of the students expresses their viewpoint. The least that the administration can do, is to agree to reopen negotiations with the student representatives and trash this thing out in the manner to which the students have been accustomed.

OF WAR AND STUDENTS

In conjunction with a nation-wide appeal to college students to interest themselves more in civilian defense while they are in college, thus to prepare a real student body. While we are still able to enjoy the luxury of education, we should not ignore the duties "around the house" which are of great importance. It is incumbent upon those who have not already done so to engage in anything and everything which will do them good, and do good to others. Students had nothing more to do with it looks "all clear" on the horizon of international events is no answer. It is the wounded animal which is the dangerous one; likewise, it is the nation which is suffering many defeats that will stave everything one last chance — and for this last chance of our enemies we must be prepared. So kick in, fellows, and do your duty.

In The Editor's Mail Box

Editor, "Commentator", Yeshiva College, New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I am a word from a group who wish to thank you for sending them the "Commentator". I don't skip a word in the paper and make it my business to read every line. However, I didn't write this letter just to praise you for your effort. The purpose was to offer a suggestion.

In three issues of Commentator, I have seen no articles of any sort about war bonds but I have yet to see a single mention of Ye- shiva students and the importance of saving. I know of two '41 men who are certificating their normal exist- ence with a ration of 1/4. I am sure, I imagine that there are many many more that I don't know about.

You, now, ask, what can "Commode" do to help make life better for the student? Here are just a few suggestions:

1. Prepare a list of friends of the Yeshiva in every state so that Yeshiva boys away from home will always have a place to go where the "Welcome" mail is at hand.
2. Encourage correspondence to boys in the army by publishing their letters.
3. Make sure that a copy of "Commentator" is sent to them whenever possible.

Let's give our Yeshiva boys in khaki the treatment they de- serve.

Sincerely,

Meir Heller '41.

Editor's Note: We've taken your suggestion. See page three for home mail. Future Commentators will con- tain more.

American Orthodoxy in Review

"Shimush" Plan Proposed By Rabbi Jung

Looking over the course of Jewish history, one almost con- cludes that the state and the behavior of Israel were com- plementary upon the caliber of its leaders. From the reigns of healthy Judaisms; weak and dis- integrated leaders, a falling Jud- aism. What has this to do with the communi- fication line in America? Is the existence of a great leadership necessary or is the state of those who are able, initi- ative, idealistic leaders essential? In his series of articles, the writer's premise has constantly been that leadership manifests itself only in the rabbinate, but also is it in leadership. It is hoped that two groups have not been too successful in fulfilling their duties, and it must be added, to the Jewish community, now, above all time, is there a crying need for the leaders to understand the duty to the community, the supre- macy of the Torah. Which brings us to the Yeshiva schools. It is a pity that the advisability of seminar courses was discussed, and it was sug- gested that the administrations of students under the guidance of the Rabbinical Council of America. The discussion will be taken up at the next meeting of the Council, and we may see action.

Close up on the heels of his historic "Century of the Com- mon Man" speech, our remark- able Senator Robert F. Kennedy, has again given utterance to a penetrating analysis of pres- ent national priorities. In a speech, delivered at the New Cor- nwall stands out in a speech rich in content and sound in print- ing both. The Senator said, "a few lines will not prove serviceable."

Said the Vice President: "Some in the United States believe that we have overemphasized what might be called political or Bill- of-Rights democracy. Carried to this extreme form it leads to construed individualism, exploita- tion, impractical emphasis on ethical rights, and even to anarchy."

"Rusia, perceiving some of the abuses of excessive political democracy, has placed strong emphasis on economic demo- cracy. This, carried to an extreme form, too, might be centered in one man and his bureaucratic helpers."

"There is but one fact for the speaker happens to be a man in command in the world's greatest political state who would surely be labeled a Com- munist on the basis of these words. Unknown to us all are Mar- rable Martin Dies and Represent- atives of the American Far Right while Anglo-Saxons of the South are already preparing to do so. It is the combination of the pres- ent writer, however, that the above quoted statements of Mr. Wallace do not constitute truths for anybody nothing more of creed or shades of opinion.

What about the layman? A type of "shimush" for him is also presented by Rabbi Emeritus of Yeshiva, Rabbi George Morris. Every graduate should be offered the opportunity to ac- quaint himself with the spiritual- ly more successful synagogues and use them as "laboratories". He should feel free to ask the rabbi any question which may confront him, as a future lay leader, and should also have the opportuni- ty to go "behind the scenes" of the workings of the synagogue, and receive a better understanding of the meaning of the shul. He should read the works of George W. Morris! At any rate, the matter is well worth think- ing into, and it is intended to develop the ideas further in a subsequent article.

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The Commentator, November 2, 1943
A Modest Proposal

For preventing dormitory residents of Yeshiva College from coming and going unrestricted and unguarded.

By DEAN JONATHAN RAPID

Of late it has become apparent to some people that residents of the Rabbi Isaac Elhanan Theological Seminary Dormitory are wont to keep unusually late hours and to come and go without supervision. These people feel that this procedure is indecent and unbecoming. I have proposed various devices with which to end this disturbing state of affairs. I shall therefore propose my own thoughts on the subject and hope that they will be found adequate.

I have been sung to by many people who are in a position to be fully acquainted with the matter, and have gathered from books written on the subject, that the best type of supervision is to be found in a country called Utopia, and I humbly suggest that we adapt their method with modifications required by our conditions.

The first step is the acquisition of rope, no thicker than the ordinary ship's hawser. Chains were used by the Romans, but due to the stress of the naval emergency, and because we are all primarily interested in the preservation of our democracy, we shall use rope as an adequate substitute. Then a length of rope, no longer than four feet be tied to the four corners of each bed. There will only be 250 beds in the entire dormitory, and the rope used will be 100 feet of rope for the entire operation. At 10 o'clock every night, each president of the dormitory will be tied to his bed by the four lengths of hawser, by each of his hands and each of his feet. It will require but two porters on every floor to handle the matter efficiently, making a total of eight porters, which I think we can hire if we are ingenious enough.

The second step is to acquire 10 lengths of the same kind of rope of approximately 100 feet each, two for each floor of the dormitory. Each morning each student will be required to stand at attention in front of his door and the length of rope will be passed through his wrists, which shall be tied by a small length of blue rope, which is so small a matter that I need not go into the expense involved, and in this manner be taken to the humbler classes dining room and so on.

Since it is not my intention of depriving the dormitory residents of freedom of movement, I would deem it advisable to allow them to freely occupy their rooms for one hour each evening. Between 9:00 and 10:00 it would be best. Furthermore, since I wish to allow the student all possible liberty, permission should be granted to read blue-blooded books or a morbid friend if accompanied by a spartan porter, a vigilance committee shall be appointed for this very reason.

I profess, in all sincerity, that I have given this matter much thought, and believe that the above outlined plan will give adequate supervision. To sum it may be said that these precautions filled with an unassuming confidence in my fellow creature and in the deep sense of responsibility which moves him.

Quints Shaping Up Nicely

Kalb and Doppelt Spearhead Team's Offenses

Thus far this season, the Quints have definite three position men under the supervision, of Coach Bernard Sargent. To say that they looked good would be deliberately misrepresenting the facts. To state, however, that their chances of developing into a smoothly-working contingent are promising, would be factually correct, with the truth. In Barczak's opinion, the boys have definite possibilities through a number of fresh men and veterans, and can be brought to the fore and made to pay off in the form of a projected victory column.

Of course there is a great deal of technical labor ahead of the Blue and White if they are to shave off the numerous rough edges which mar their defensive play, and equally as much effort must be expected to iron out their defensive difficulties. The front men seem to have no trouble. They can't throw accurately to save their souls. On the other hand, the line behind is not as effective in their shooting. But ball handling is an integral part of any man's operation, and unless the boys improve in this respect, they will run into an abundance of unnecessary troubles. Needing to say, the only possible remedy is practice—as much of it as possible—and then some.

The first five as they appear up at this writing, will have Stan Doppelt and Red Kalb at the forwards, Bidnyk Pertok and Jack Green at the guards, and either Marshall Friedman or Jack Green at center. Some old familiar faces may be seen cavorting in the Blue and White uniform this year, provided we are able to maintain the Seminary Team proves fruitful. In such cases there would be certain reliable characters left as personnel of the starting team.

Worthy of special mention is coach Bernard Sargent. Strong, fast, steady, and possessed of a reliable shot, he lacks only the polish and experience necessary to earn a starting berth. These should not be long in coming.

The only word of caution is that Y.M. is a very valuable man to keep in reserve.

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**Speechless Winer Speechifies In Pantomime; Dumb-Show**

**Club Notes**

Dr. Hugo Bengtson, professor of German at Yeshiva College, will address the annual Beer and Pretzel Party sponsored by the Deutscher Verein on Sunday evening, Dec. 29, in the Dormitory Social Hall. He will speak on "Beet and David—Interpretations in German Drama."

The first of a series of lectures by German-speaking scholars was delivered by Mr. J. L. Wohlan last night at 8:30 o'clock in the Dormitory Social Hall under the auspices of the Hebrew Club of Yeshiva College.

All musical inclined students having instruments are requested to come to the Lecture Hall at 8 o'clock Sunday night, Nov. 22, to cooperate in the organization of the Y. C. Band.

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**Students Protest Curfew**

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The students were called to attention toward student problems. The speaker also reported that the Deans of the college entered in their opinions that the liberty of the student body is definitely limited even in matters affecting its welfare. Walker concluded his speech by calling on the assembly to express their opinions on the curfew in a free, democratic way so that student leaders will be enabled to act with perfect confidence in the knowledge that the students are solidly behind them.

Abraham Zutzel '45, president of the O. O. Y., was the next speaker. He took as his main thesis the fact that the curfew regulation is but a manifestation of a general attitude on the part of administrative officials, leading to disfavor and disruption among the various organizations comprising the body of the institution.

After the resolution was unanimously adopted, student leaders emphasized the fact that domitory students should cooperate in the enforcement of the regulation until the matter will have been satisfactorily settled.

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**Yeshiva News**

With the slogan "Make Every Monday Bursa Torah Day," an extensive Ezra Touro Fund drive with a goal of $100,000 is under way for the current year under the di-rection of Simon Bieden 47, chair-man, and Joseph Eisenberg 48. All Yeshiva and Teachers Insti-tutes are cooperating in making this year's campaign a mem-orable success. School and class charts reporting periodic progress as well as F. F. T. campaign ma-terial have been posted throughout the building.

On the basis of the first collections held last week, Rabbi Shum-men's class took the lead for the largest class contribution in the school.

To Mr. Stuart Weiss we offer our condolences and extend our sympathy to the loss of his mother. She had given her best energies to us, and she has left a void that can be filled only by our fond memories of her.

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