Norman Thomas Presents Plan For Disarmament at Assembly

"The one antidote to our own failure is disarmament," said Mr. Norman Thomas, founder of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Council of the Socialist Party for the Presidency. Mr. Thomas spoke on "Universally Compulsory Disarmament" at an assembly sponsored by the International Relations Society in Lampert Auditorium on Wednesday, March 8.

In his address, the socialist leader proposed a plan for universal disarmament and the elimination of arms bases and armed waterways and the cessation of universal military conscription.

Mr. Thomas criticized the present American policy stating: "The real issue today is not just the question of atomic weapons and their reduction to atomic weapons so that it will not be unnecessary for a war to be fought by the enemy. Taking issue with this policy on two counts, he noted that instead of using the law of custom and penalizing nations for criminal practices, we are diverting them to "that which is most economically wasteful." And, he said, "When we are creating an atmosphere of peace which not only cannot serve as a deterrent to atomic peace but even precipitate a war in which the victors will envy the dead."

Plan Feasible

Quoting from history, Mr. Thomas supported his contention that supervised disarmament was feasible and there are communities such as communism. He pointed out that despite the research of millions, there is no single war in the past three years, while the weakness of the Treaty of Westphalia, which has held since 1648. "That the Russian people won't agree to disarmament is impossible," he declared. "It is the Communist rulers who won't agree, and even dictators like Stalin have had to give themselves the side of peace in order to maintain their power."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower received the speaker's praise as being far ahead of most Americans in his thinking."

In closing, Mr. Thomas voiced his hope that the world's "common interest in the survival of man" would bring about world peace.

The speaker was introduced by Neil Hecht, '54, president of the I.R.S.

Co-op Stores Announce New Canteen Service

The Yeshiva College Cooperative Store, operated from a twenty-four-hour basis, Friday, March 5. George Biskin, manager of the Cooperatives, announced that the Co-op Store, located on the 4th floor where the candy store was previously situated, will feature an ice-cream, soda, juice, candy and vending machines.

The Commentator Commenes Twentieth Year

The historian of Yeshiva (if there is one) may not consider it to be of great importance, but with this issue the Commentator enters its twentieth year of publication. We felt it was an occasion that should be noted, so in the last hours of press night, we gazed anew upon the hallowed, butted, voluted, and indented masthead (though the second issue was remarked as "Commentator", Volume I, Number I, March 1, 1935).

In the presidential election, Mr. Hershenov defeated Gershon Blank, '56, on the second ballot by 111-1. Eli Laster '56, polled one write-in vote.

Write-in Seymour Greenfield, '55, defeated Gerald Styrn, '57, on the second ballot.

Phiha. Salutes YU President

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, was honored by the Philadelphia Jewish Community at its annual anniversary as president of the University with a testimonial dinner held at the Hotel Broadwood. The dinner was tendered by the Philadelphia alumni of the University and by rabbis, congregants and other friends of the University.

Y. U. Drive behine Schedule—Kramer

"The 1954 Yeshiva University Drive has fallen behind schedule," declared Abe Kramer, '34, chairman of the Drive. He claimed that the Yeshiva Department was doing only fairly well with improvement still possible, and the "main burden of guilt can be laid at the feet of the Teachers Institute, which has lagged behind its quota from the start."

The Drive is having mild successes in the Brooklyn branches where local chairmen are working ar­dently to push the campaign. These chairmen are: A. Steinberg of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy; Frank Bing of Central High School; and Helene Gartenberg of the Teachers Institute for Women.

Committee Receives Cleanup Campaign

The work of March 29-31 has been designated as "Campus Improvement Week," announced Mr. Robert Laffin, chairman of the Student Repairs Committee. The Committee, in conjunction with the administration, intends to put forth activities to create within the student body an awareness of the ex­isting lassitude on the part of the students toward matters of cleanliness and general appearance throughout the college buildings. In this manner they hope to effect improvements through student understanding and cooperation and so create a "new sense of responsibility within the ranks."

"Refuse and unnecessary damage do not add to the appearance of the college buildings and halls though they frequently add to the atmosphere," remarked Mr. Jaffe, while noting that "this is our home away-from-home and as such, should be treated with due respect."

The Commentator Commences Twenty Year

The total Yeshiva College registration for the Spring Semester of 1955 is 1,689, announced Assistant Professor Morris Silverman, registrar. Twenty students have enrolled in the Yeshiva, and a similar number left the institution. This June seventy-eight senior class, respectively, and his Ph.D. from N.Y.U. in 1945.
Let's Talk About

**Guidance: A Book And a Program**

By Joel Balsham

A good example of student imagination achieving results is the Student Guidebook which at present is being completed by the Student Activities Committee under the direction of Leon Wildes. For years the need for such a book has been desperately felt as one Freshman class after another, spent months before it acquired what the experienced student considers a minimum knowledge of the facilities and the responsibilities of our Institute. Similar difficulties in recent years did not pass the embryonic stage; the difficulty in securing the necessary labor was matched by difficulty in raising funds to finance it.

This year, without any definite idea from where the funds would come, SAC adopted the Guidebook as its major project. By May the basic plan was completed and arrangements were considered whereby Student Council would absorb the expense of a number of years. The Student Guidebook was shown to the model guidebook. Dr. Klin was sufficiently impressed to decide to use it in an expanded form as a University guidebook covering not only the College but the entire University. The full cooperation of the Public Relations Office was promised and all costs will be paid by the administration. SAC is busy at present revising some of its original material and working on the additions. Its goal is an vivid pictoral representation of Yeshiva that will serve as a guide to new students. More important, it will serve as a recruiting advertisement to attract our institution graduates of Yeshiva high schools. According to present plans the Guidebook will go to press within several weeks. . . .

Another step, as yet in the rudimentary stage, being taken this year by SAC is the Student Guidance Program under which volunteers from the Senior class will act as advisors to incoming freshmen. Within the framework of its task, the program affords an incomparable wanning of the personal, the need for an adequate guidance program has become imperative.

The administration is fully aware of the situation and has attempted to solve the problem by augmenting the undertaken Guidance Department with counselors selected out of the ranks of the faculty. The Student Guidance Program under which volunteers from the Senior class will act as advisors to incoming freshmen affords an incomparable wanning of the personal, the need for an adequate guidance program has become imperative.

In Retrospect

This issue marks the beginning of the, twentieth year publication for The Commentator. Though some may say that “anniversaries are too much with us,” that for once we might keep our evaluations to ourselves, still the occasion to reframe and clarify our goals is highly relevant to some basic misconceptions about the official undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva.

The Commentator has always attempted to faithfully report, in its news columns, the events pertinent to Yeshiva and its students; on its editorial page, it has voiced student reaction to and reflections on these events in terms of the aims of Yeshiva and the ideals of free and vigorous student government.

Viewing this as its basic function, The Commentator, has, during the twenty years in which it has grown up with the institution, taken cognizance of progress and praised those responsible; perhaps more often, it has criticized measures and attitudes which it felt were inconsistent with Yeshiva’s goals and in violation of the rights of a student body.

This statement of The Commentator’s task and function is consistent both with the principle of free student government and with identification with Yeshiva as a university with a mission. Nevertheless, it seems that the clarification and explanation of the above function is never finished for there are some who do not understand what unuttered student opinion is and the right to express it. Moreover, there is the danger of criticism and censure in well-intentioned and honest criticism. These people fail to understand our goals and objectives and thus misinterpret, our motives. It is for them that we clarify.

We hope that the fourtieth anniversary of The Commentator will see a student newspaper still faithful to these ideals and gratified in its partial fulfillment. For our part, we would like to thank those in the past who have transmitted these ideals to us.

Happy Birthday, Commentator.

**Competition from the Chen Dep’t**

Rather than reflect on the words of speakers at student assemblies, our unfortunate omission of such a report, as the saying goes, tends to make the other report of the meeting of the Student Assembly that takes place on Thursday. The Student Assembly, which had welcomed us six months before.

The feeling has been described so often that it has become trite, and yet it is indescribable. The flag is that of the Jewish State and it was flying majestically over the heads of scores of Jewish officials and Jewish students who were scurrying about, welcoming a Jewish flagship home into a Jewish harbor. And I was a Jew.

We filed off the “Jerusalem,” passed the deck where our passports were stamped with the seal of the State, and entered upon a new chapter in our lives. For the first time in our lives, Haifa is a city of the past and of Israel’s future.

The same day, we motored out of the city and began our trip to the mountains. We were all played out, in which farmers could be seen methodically working the land. To the right lay the royal blue waters of the sea and to the left the beautiful and historic city of Haifa. Wherever we went, the survivors of Gush Eitzon, we saw our first sights of what Israel was to become. Nevertheless, this sight of it all was a sight to see.

How clear today is the feeling of walking through the streets of the old city, the port city, the bustling harbor. Prior to the War of Independence, Haifa was a Jewish harbor. And I was a Jew.

We worked our way out of the city, and entered upon the Kishl Tel-Aviv-Yerushalayim. Numerous parades were taking place, in which residents of both camps were parading. This is a sight not often seen at Yeshiva.

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Maritime Scuttled As Able and Abbey Set New Records

Playing before a disappointingly small crowd, a determined Yeshiva University five ended its home season Saturday by easily defeating New York State Maritime College, 85-36, Saturday, February 21. The contest, played in front of an empty stand of Needle Trades, saw the Blue and White finish at home with a successful 14-3-1 record, and "probably," as rabbi Jacob Sodden put it, "beating the best of them, too!"

At the very outset of the tilt, victory was evident for the Mites as "Abe" Gewirtz, Abe Sodden, Marvin Teicher and Jay Cipon displayed the finest and most spirited of those about whom this series is written.

A graduate of Brooklyn Technical Academy, "Abe's" interest in building up school spirit stems from his activity as high school athletic manager. Entering Yeshiva in 1951, Mr. Hukower became treasurer of the Y.U.A.A. and of the Metropolitan Jewish High School Athletic League, and has further promoted Yeshiva school athletics.

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was in the same area, between  
Tzora and Eshtoal that Samson  
ventured forth to throw back the Phil­  
istine oppressor.   
Bab-el-Wad  
We turned right at Bab-el-Wad,  
"the gate to the valley." Continu­  
ing to our left, was the old road  
leading towards Latrun, now in  
Arab hands. A few hundred meters  
behind us, almost covered by vege­  
tation, lay the Kish Hagyara, the  
named for the Arab chieftain, who  
hundreds of years ago, founded this  
Israel-Burma Road, which saved  
belaeguered Jerusalem from siege.  
Flanking the road, ascending the  
slopes of the mountains, were the  
remnants of the great forests which  
one spread over the large area.  
"Bab-el-Wad, lanestach zchor na  
et shemotain, Bab-el-Wad buderech  
el hareh!" These words ran through  
our minds as we saw the burned  
vehicles and armored caravailing  
the road. It was these cars that strove  
to bring food and help to Jerusa­  
lem. The road now skirted past the  
famous Arab village of Abu Gosh,  
village on the main road to the  
capital of the world and extracted  
taxes from pilgrims who traveled en  
route to the city.  
"Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim,  
ha'erep panayich liomach." It seemed  
as if these words were being ful­  
filled as we saw the first buildings  
of the city appear over the crest of  
the next hill. The city of our  
fathers . . . "Hair Ba David Hana",  
the city where David encamped . . .  
We had arrived.

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