Latin American Jewry Facing Trying Times
Arab Propaganda Heightens Anti-Semitism

Jews in Latin America have been confronted with escalating problems within the last decade. These problems have created a sense of uncertainty and fear within the Jewish community. Due to political, economic and social changes, Jewish institutions and Jewish life have suffered.

1933 Again
Argentina has the greatest problem of anti-semitism. Anti-semitic activity in Argentina has reached a level "which exceeds all that's previously known" according to the Committee Against Racism and Other Forms of Colonialism, based in Buenos Aires. In early September, two Buenos Aires synagogues and a drugstore were bombed. A group entitled the Argentine Socialist Front has circulated an article in Buenos Aires claiming responsibility. The letter proclaimed an all-out war against a "Jewish Bolshevist Plotocracy" which blamed the Jewish community for the country's growing economic problems.

Equally as threatening to Argentine Jews is the rise of an anti-Zionist propaganda campaign. One main claim of the propagandists is that the Jews plan to establish a Jewish State called "Andinium" in the interior of the country was banned because it was labeled pro-Palestinian "vik Plutocracy" which blamed the Argentine government for the growth of Israeli power. The Mexican government committed to signify its importance which they accorded each of these objectives, as the Committee's report on each one.

Trustees’ Selection Of Lamm Ends Search Committee Role
The naming of Dr. Norman Lamm as the third President of Yeshiva University culminated a long and difficult process of selection by the Presidential Search Committee, headed by EMC Dean Jacob Rabinowitz. During the eight-month search, the fifty-member committee of the university, and outsiders chosen to present perspectives on the needs of the university in the area of communal services. A smaller fifteen member work committee, chosen from the full Search Committee, undertook the difficult task of advising and setting guidelines for the main committee.

Dean Rabinowitz said that the work committee provided a "forum for the thinking and articulation of Yeshiva's goals and objectives," as the Committee's selection of a president had to be compatible with its view of the commitment and philosophy of the University. Dean Rabinowitz stressed that this articulation of ideas and ideals drew the committee members closer together and lightened the bonds between the University's components.

To profile the president Yeshiva University Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Norman Lamm as the third President of Yeshiva University culminating an exhaustive search. Lamm's powerful and significant address last week in Lamport Auditorium fulfilled the high expectations of the student body audience.

Rick Elfman, President of the Yeshiva College Student Council introduced Dr. Lamm. President Elfman drew attention to the fact that after a worldwide search for a new president, the answer was found in "Yeshiva's own backyard." Yeshiva University had last completed the cycle of self-perpetuation: producing its own leadership. With these words of praise. Dr. Lamm was enthusiastically welcomed with a standing ovation.

Carrying On
At the outset of his remarks, Dr. Lamm, family spoke of his predecessor Dr. Samuel Belkin, declaring that "the greatest tribute we could pay to Dr. Belkin is to carry on the Brady important work which he began." Although beset with many problems "this school is going to be greater than ever," said Dr. Lamm. His positive attitude prompted much applause.

The theme of "working together" ran throughout Dr. Lamm's speech, as he offered a single promise, "we are in for exciting times; we are going to have to work hard, have to stick it out on our own.

AED Innovations Employed In YC Admissions
By SOL LIEBERMAN
In its intensive study of YC admissions, undertaken by the Academy of Educational Development (AED) last spring, Yeshiva College's admissions program was found to be only partially productive and mostly inadequate. Enrollment was down as compared to the previous year, even with City University's imposition of tuition for the first time. Many of the members of the AED felt that a "recruitment blitz" and other innovations in the admissions office would be effective in boosting enrollment.

A blitz campaign was begun by mailing 50,000 "Yeshivahgrams" to leaders of various Jewish organizations and selected alumni and friends. Several hundred prospective YC students about the programs YC has to offer.

Admissions is coming!
YU Undergraduate Scholarship Program was instituted to give deserving students financial aid. Ads in major newspapers and radio commercials were utilized as well. The blitz also brought the offices of Public Relations, Student Finances, Admissions and YC Credit Union all under one roof.

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Welcome One

WITH BATED BREATH, Yeshiva University anxiously awaited the long-in-com­ming decision of the Presidential Search Commit­tee. The search revolved not only around the inter­est of the Yeshiva family, but that of the Jewish community at large—a reflection of YU's position of leadership in America.

The selection of Dr. Lamm is character­ized by the Board of Trustees' and three goa­l synthesis' like his predecessors, Dr. Revel and Belkin, Dr. Lamm embodies both the religious and secular worlds and has achieved a distinctive synthesis. Those among us who have learned under him can attest to his eminent scholarship. His pledge to get closer to the college students gives us hope that he will reverse the administra­tion's efforts to ease the University's financial situa­tion at too great a cost to our under­graduate programs. The various colleges and its ideals brings a sense of security to the students much success in their studies. The Governing Board welcomes back the entire Yeshiva College community with warm greetings to all incoming freshmen and transfer students. We trust that every­one has had a fine summer and is now prepared for the challenges of the new school year.

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Congratulations, is not a com­pletion. It is a Shiur and a lab, a readiness to try innovations. The former teacher assured the students of our desire to make Yeshiva better and to provide them with the basis of a career marked by in­depth and critical sensitivity. Those who have attended Rabinowitz' classes know the necessity of developing a more positive attitude on the part of the students. Dr. Lamm's successful tenure at Yeshiva University was an aspect not overlooked by the new president.

middle age

By RICKIE EISENBERG

On the verge of its fiftieth birthday, Yeshiva College, the oldest school among those that today comprise Yeshiva University, is turning saddle­back. The unusual symptoms of middle age—a depression stemming from the sudden realization of eventual demise, has also been evidenced throughout our university in recent years. The days of YU's growth and vitality, expressed in terms of expansion, are over, and the "blueprint of the Sixties" has become the red ink of the Seventies.

The late Dr. Belkin, an idealist and visionary, was the driving force behind the rapid transformation of a small college into a respectable, multi-faceted university. With personality and charisma, Dr. Belkin marshalled his powerful drive into an unstoppable force, one of ca­rless expansion and diversification. The vibrancy of the university in its ever­increasing number of programs, and schools evidenced the realization of Dr. Belkin's aspiration. We, so, at least, it seemed.

The youthful idealism of the Sixties, however, was shattered by the harsh realities of the Seventies. With the poor financial and economic situation, the University suddenly awakened to the fact that it was living far beyond its means. The glorious diversification of the naive Sixties was now seen as rash overexpansion. The health of our leader, our visionary, began failing, and the University was suddenly uncapacitated, and adrift in a sea of financial and educational woes. The University began ex­periencing middle-age depression.

Unlike the late Dr. Belkin who was idealistic and revolutionary throughout his tenure as President, Dr. Norman Lamm brings to Yeshiva University moderation and pragmatism. Without the brash idealist, YC may never have become YU; without a fiscally conscious reality today, YU may not be able to survive.

Dr. Lamm has said that he is running for Presidency with no illusions. His task is to con­solidate and fortify—to preserve that which Dr. Belkin had the vision to create. This unsolvable task is probably more difficult and just as important; it is the challenge and responsibility of the Board of Trustees and the secular community. Although Dr. Lamm cannot afford to be an idealist, he believes that the ideal of Yeshiva University is the major recommendation to Its presidency, and the only explanation for his acceptance of that difficult position. Like the late Dr. Belkin, Dr. Lamm will bring his powerful personality and charisma to the task of restoring the University to its former heights. This unenviable task is probably more difficult and just as important: Dr. Belkin's successor must blend the religious and secular with the secular which results in the edification of both ideals; a product of Yeshiva University, he is the evidence of the realization of Dr. Belkin's dream.

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To Terry, a person whom I came to know and respect through our work on THE COMMENTATOR, I wish all the best with a fellow Long Beach, Larry, who has been printer shopper of our paper. Terry, you're a lucky fellow.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PROFESSOR DONALD DEITCH, Director of Libraries, has announced a book amnesty period until October 22, 1976. All overdue books from Pollack Library from previous years may be returned free of charge during this period. All students and faculty members are urged to take ad­vantage of this opportunity to return overdue books.

DR. RUTH BEVAN, Associate Professor of Political Science and chairman of the department, has been granted tenure at YC. Dr. Bevan, who was awarded a National Fellowship at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University for this academic year, is working on her research project "Democracy and Class—Problems of a Contemporary Problem in Theory and in Practice."

A TURKEY RAFFLE FUNDRAISING PROJECT has been announced by the Yeshiva College Student Council. Fifty winners will re­ceive certificates entitling them to pick up an Embirleer Turkey in any part of the country. All funds raised will be used for student group's purposes.

A LUNCHEON HONORING students on the Yeshiva College Dean's List will be held on Wednesday, November 14th. This year's Ben­jamin Gottesman Lecturer, Yaacov Talman, Professor of Modern History at the Hebrew University, will deliver the first of three lectures following the luncheon. All Dean's List students are invited to attend, and students and faculty members are urged to immediately determine whether they deserve Dean's List placement.

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Presidential Search Committee Concludes Difficult Task
Expresses Satisfaction With The Choice of Rabbi Lamm

(Continued from Page 1) represented those of no importance.

Although the thirty-five-item list had criteria as scholarship, academic position, and contacts in the Jewish and secular world, over ninety percent of the committee’s members designated dedication to academic excellence, concern for the religious centrality and tradition in the University, leadership qualities, and sensitivity to moral issues as either absolutely necessary or extremely important qualifications. Fund raising, interestingly, was not considered to be of major significance.

Rabbi Rabinowitz stressed the fact that the Board of Trustees took no part in the selection until they received the committee’s recommendations on June 30. He said that, “At no time did they interfere in any manner, shape or form” with the selection system that narrowed down fifty-seven nominees to the eight with whom the committee held discussions, thereby, displaying great confidence in the committee.”

Dean Rabinowitz expressed gratitude to the committee, which he termed the hardest working committee on which he had ever served. He said that “everyone” was satisfied with the selection of Dr. Lamm, who the Board determined to be the best possible president for Yeshiva today.

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR with to express a hearty Mazel Tov to Glenn Hirch, YC ’75, ACEOM ’78, former Station Manager of WYUR 1475, upon his engagement to Eva Eisenberg, sister of former YCSC President Larry Eisenberg, YC ’75, and Editor-in-Chief Ricky Eisenberg.
Losing all Jewish identity. The results and have taken much abuse. Not only has our team been quagmired by the presence of the New York Yankees are leading their division, but the hated New York Mets have intensified matters as well. Last year, I could recall no Yankee fan to be the outspoken one in a baseball discussion. Yet of all, for the fans who have faithfully remained with the Yankees during these trying times, there is an antagonism towards the Jewish establishment. Thus, there is an antagonism towards the Jewish establishment.

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