Speiser Talks On Toynbee In Bible Research Lecture

by Richard F. Katz

"Toynbee has a distorted view of preclassical societies" was the opinion of Dr. Ephraim A. Speiser, chairman of the Department of Oriental Studies at the University, speaking at the annual Chanukah Hillel Foundation lecture on Bible translations. Dr. Speiser began the discussion with a humorous anecdote.

When Toynbee, in a Soviet book, made a comment about "preclassical" opinion of the Egyptians, Dr. Ephraim A. Speiser, chairman of the Department of Oriental Studies at the University, took him to task.

"I know nothing about the field of preclassical society," said Dr. Speiser, "but I know enough about the Egyptians to be able to correct Toynbee."

Dr. Speiser then went on to talk about the history of Bible translations, beginning with the King James translation. He commented on the uniqueness of the Old Testament and its role in modern times.

The President's visit seems to have already had a far greater effect than the most optimistic or even hoped for by Washington, he has seen not just an arm of American prestige—perhaps "face"—a deeper and broader base in India and the rest of the Afro-American bloc. These reasons are mutual.

First, there is the peculiar position of Sino-Indian relations with the resulting Indian disentanglement with the so-called Sino-American bloc. India has been more hesitant to be friendly to the Sino-American bloc than to the United Nations in a leader of the Afro-American bloc.

It is not founded on military might, but on India's stance between East and West and on the peculiar structure of Indian society and culture.
The Library Progress
The new 4,000,000 University Library will soon be rising on its designated site, south of Walnut Street just west of 34th Street. Two years ago last September came the announcement that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was making available the necessary funds to commence the building; as is the case with nearly every project undertaken by both the University and the Commonwealth jointly or separately, things have been delayed by lack of speed. A brief glance at the building site will convince anyone of this.

The new Library's design will be in accordance with the University's proud architectural tradition of making new buildings harmonize with their older surrounding edifices. In fact, the new building will do more than merely conform in style to the Horà and Hardart Restaurant immediately adjacent to it. University officials have decided to leave the restaurant building standing so as to incorporate it into the new Library structure itself. This will also save the University considerable money. The former restaurant building will serve admirably as the main lobby for the new Library. Books can there be dispensed to students in the same cafeteria fashion as Horà and Hardart's food was formerly.

The Library's planners have used similar ingenuity in their selection of building materials. At the outset they were faced with a serious problem: the construction of such essential University buildings as the new Squash Courts, the Faculty Club, the Men's Dormitory Lounge and the Wharton School Hanging Gardens had resulted in a dire shortage of bricks. The University was then forced to search for alternative materials and the result of their quest can be seen by anyone who passes the site today. Hands of cast-iron boxes and cast-iron bars and collections of wooden beams have been collected and they will be the major structural substance of the new building.

Of course, the new Library will fall just a short while of its intended purpose when it is finally completed. Due to the general shortage of funds available to academic areas under a University-wide deficit, this sort of thing, the new Library building will have no space for books. Despite this initial drawback, we can point with pride to the site of the new Library as a sign of our University's continuing progress.
The Christmas Spirit

by Charles E. Honsing

Giving is nothing new to the University Boy's Club and the APhi Service Fraternity, and last Saturday afternoon they gave their annual Christmas party for underprivileged boys from the University area. The boys were treated to a movie, punch and a Santa with presents. Each boy was presented with a number of small toys, but they seemed to enjoy the rabbits' feet most and even attempted to wear them while at the University pool the next day.

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Beat St. Joe's
Scarlet Quintet Tops Quakers

by Alfred Hafer

New Brunswick - December 16. Scoring in only 23 percent of its field goal attempts, Princeton's women's basketball squad struggled through its second straight defeat at the hands of the powerful Yale team this afternoon.

Despite an outstanding overall performance by the Scarlet and the capable defense by the Red and Blue, which was equal to or better than Princeton's but just not enough for victory, the Scarlet fell to the Yale Quakers by a score of 62-59.

Near the end of the second half, the Scarlet was faced with a 25-point lead by the Yale team. However, Princeton fought back and with 5 minutes left on the clock, the Scarlet was down by only 12 points. With only 2 minutes left on the clock, the Scarlet pulled to within 3 points of the victorious Yale team and then came within 1 point of victory with 1 minute remaining.

In the final minute of the game, Princeton's Wilhelmina Kiefer scored the winning basket, which gave the Scarlet a 62-59 victory over the Yale team. This victory was Princeton's second of the season and its third in as many games.

The Scarlet's next game is scheduled for January 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Princeton College Gymnasium. The Scarlet will be facing off against the Yale team again, looking to continue their winning streak.

Squash Team Opposes ST

The Pennsylvania squash team will attempt to even its season record at 2-2 when it plays against the Lafayette College squash team at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16th at the squash facility at the Wooden Boathouse. The Leopard's expected to provide less strenuous competition than either West Chester or Yale, both of whom have knocked over the Scarlet in previous matches.

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**Camp Counsellors**

Attention students who are interested in doing summer camp counseling work.

Mr. Nick Morris from the professional and commercial office of the Pennsylvania State Employment Service will visit the campus on December 16, 1959.

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tour of the UN, and in a military crisis it disintegrates.

Another reason is that the Presi-
dent's exchange of visits with Khrushchev appears to many In-
dians as a basic change in the usu-
ally war-skeptical American atti-
dute. Most Indians, like many
others abroad, were unenthusiastic
about it. For many, they felt his policies were intrinsically and a
barrier to peace. After his death
they expected the policies of the
"Khrushchev" to be followed, as they be-
lieved to have been dominated by
Dulles, to emerge.

This exchange, then, represents
its influence, the new Eisenhower. It
portion marks off for the U.S. in its
Indian eye, at least, closer to that
of Fatima Minister Nehru, who is
and will continue for some years
to come to be the biggest man in
India. The fact that K has been
trying to forge a softer Chinese
posture in the dispute with India
has given the exchange the look
of immediate significant accom-
plishment.

For these reasons Eisenhower's
trip has substantially increased
American prestige in India and the
other Afro-Asian nations. The
President is using this greatest
assets—his prestige as a war hero
and his smile—to conduct a tre-
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