STRIKE ON TODAY
AT CITY COLLEGE

Students Plan a Two-Hour
Protest Against Expulsion
of 21 by Faculty.

HOLD A TORCHLIGHT RALLY

Dean Denies That the Board of
Higher Education Ordered
Drastic Punishment.

Preparations for a two-hour
strike at City College today in pro-
test against the recent dismissal of
twenty-one students for participa-
tion in an anti-fascist demonstra-
tion were completed on the campus
last night. The walkout is sched-
uled to last from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.
Several hundred students joined
last night in a torchlight parade
about the college grounds and a
forty-five-minute rally at the base
of the flagpole on the campus.
Brandishing flares, the sympa-
thizers with the ousted students
marched in double ranks up and
down Convent Avenue between
138th and 140th Streets, many of
them shouting for the reinsta-
tement of their classmates and the
resignation of Dr. Frederick B.
Robinson, president of the college.
Others carried placards.

During today's strike, which its
leaders say will call out between
1,000 and 2,000 undergraduates,
appeals will be made for the re-
instatement of the students, the re-
establishment of the student coun-
cil and the removal of Dr. Robin-
son. It was announced that Hey-
wood Broun and Roger Baldwin of
the American Civil Liberties Union
would be among those to address
the strikers.

Meanwhile Dr. Morton Gottschall,
dean of the School of Liberal Arts
and Sciences, discredited allegations
that the expulsion of the twenty-
one students by the faculty had re-
sulted from orders issued by per-
sons higher in authority.

In a letter to Henry R. Linville,
President of the Teachers Union,
Dean Gottschall declared that he
was not aware of any intervention
by the Board of Higher Education.
"A majority of the faculty in my
opinion acted from sincere convic-
tion, not uncharged with emotion," he said. "They felt that the ex-
cesses of the students had been
such that it was necessary to take
drastic action."

At a meeting of student leaders,
called earlier in the day by Elliott
Hechtman, editor of The Student,
a resolution was adopted asking
Dr. Robinson to have the faculty
reconsider the expulsion order.
The strike was voted at a mass
meeting of more than 500 students
last Thursday and the demonstra-
tion last night was arranged to lend
impetus to the cause. At the
start of the parade two police radio
cars and an emergency crew from
the West 152d Street station rushed
to the scene. The parade was
orderly, however, and the crowd
dispersed peacefully shortly before
10 o'clock.