La Calle, Lin, Quill, Laidler, Reissig to Address United Peace Rally in Great Hall Today at Noon

UNITY FOR PEACE
An Editorial

Today at noon, despite threats to break the unity of peace action in the past week, there will be a huge united Armistice Day rally in the Great Hall.

The weirdest machinations and vacillations in years had bid fair, for a while, to create a bewildering and confusing situation for the student body.

Day after day, the program for the celebration was revised, reversed, rescinded, amended and revised. A group of irrevocables bolted and planned a counter meeting. The Student Council committee itself hesitated and wavered, thus giving aid and comfort to the reactionaries who relish the disunity of the progressives.

The manikinism of the disrupters and of some misguided ones who followed their lead served almost to wreck all hope for peace unity. These are the few who still have not learned that the fight against war is not the sole property of a few slogan-shouting sects. Their "militant" vagaries will not obliterate the reality that anti-war activity is the fight of the broad progressive mass of the people and of the student body, against the imperialists and the fascists, domestic and foreign.

If students have learned anything this week, they have learned who the splitters of the American student movement are and what ruinous deception they practise in the name of ultra-leftism.

The important thing of the moment, however, is a united, solidified, determined, positive Peace Action today. Two decades after a crippling world war, the fascist aggressors already have broken the peace of the peoples of Spain and China.

The rally in the Great Hall will be a concrete indication of the determination of College students to stop war and stop fascism, and to solidify the struggle of the Spanish and Chinese people against the fascist invaders.

College authorities have given assurance that no penalty will be imposed upon those who cut classes to attend the demonstration.

Every sincere friend of peace and democracy must attend the Great Hall meeting today at noon.

Spain, China to be Keynote Of Anti-War Program

Speakers List Thrice Changed

Only one Armistice Day peace demonstration will be held today as the Student Council reversed itself for the third time in three days. The meeting will be held in the Great Hall between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m.

Representatives of the S.C. arrangements committee of five and of the inter-club committee dissolved by the S.C. last Friday, conferred in Dean Turner's office Wednesday night and compromised on one meeting.

The counter-demonstration on the campus planned by the officially dissolved club committee, was called off when Max Schachtman '26 was included among the speakers to address the Great Hall rally.

Second Charge Opposed

Taking upon himself the responsibility to change the peace demonstration program for the second time, Joseph Jassywsky '38, president of the S.C., explained that he acted for the S.C. executive committee which may act in such emergencies.

George Lenchner '39, member of the S.C. committee, who was present at the meeting in Dean Turner's office, objected to changing the program again without the approval of the S.C. arrangements committee.

Late yesterday, however, the S.C. arrangements committee of five decided to delete Schachtman from the list of speakers.

Prominent Speakers

A group of prominent men have accepted the invitations of the S.C. arrangements committee to address the anti-war rally. Headed by J. Moreno-LaCalle, instructor of Modern Languages at the College, and Dr. M. Hsi-chin Lin of the China Institute, the list of speakers includes Harry W. Laidler of the League for Industrial Democracy, Michael J. Quill, head of the Transport Workers' Union and Janovsky, who will act as chairman. The Rev. Herman F. Reissig, of the North American Committee to Aid Spain were also invited, but no answer has been received. The Campus was sent to the press Wednesday night. Messages from President Roosevelt and B. Chauncey Vladeck, American Labor Party candidate for City Councilman in Manhatthans, will also be read at the gathering.

Two resolutions will be offered at the meeting. These resolutions call for the consideration of the Oxford pledge and abolition of the ROTC. The keynote of the meeting, according to Janovsky, will be aid to the Spanish and Chinese people and a student boycott of Japan.
Hunger: Two Kinds

Education in the United States is a lie. It is a facade for the education of the masses, for the benefit of the few. It is a means to an end, to control the minds and thoughts of the people.

There may be more dirt in the lunchroom than meets the eye. And we’re not referring to the soup-splotted tables or the paper-strewn floors.

Last week the lunchroom workers entered into collective bargaining negotiations with the Lunchroom Committee. Organized one hundred percent into their union, they are seeking to ease the burden of a sixty-five hour week, an inadequate wage scale, and a day-killing split shift that keeps employees in college hours over their regular limit.

There should be no hesitancy on the part of the committee as to recognizing the union and giving immediate consideration to the demands of the workers. The cafeteria field is one which has been merciless in the exploitation of its workers. Our lunchroom must not be another Automat. The committee must realize that the students, who form the bulk of the clientele of the lunchroom, will be vitally interested in seeing that the inalienable rights of collective bargaining are assured in the lunchroom—They will not permit sweatshop exploitation in the College. The committee must know that the threat of united support of the students body is not to be ignored.

Perhaps that fear led them to the old “one-two,” otherwise known as “passing the buck” to the Board of Higher Education. The Board has an overcrowded schedule; it may take weeks before the lunchroom situation comes up. The Lunchroom Committee has original jurisdiction. It passes on such matters as salaries. Its shifting of the responsibility, therefore, must be looked upon with the greatest apprehension.

Whoever passes on recognition, however, ought to know that there is a solid union front at City College. Teachers Union, American Student Union, the Association of Custodial Employees, and Soda Dispensers and Luncheonette Workers Union. Whoever passes on recognition ought to know that the methods of Tom Girdler or Hilliam G—never break this solidarity.

No Mayonnaise for Them

THERE MAY BE MORE DIRT IN the lunchroom than meets the eye. And we’re not referring to the soup-splotted tables or the paper-strewn floors.

The arrival of the club on the college scene will be greeted with the most widespread support possible. Students who are now receiving the meager NYA allotments and those who are not able to secure jobs although they showed dire need will find the club a vital force in championing their grievances. There are over 1,500 such students. The club, with the active participation of even a small minority of these, can be built into a union for 1,500 students.

The NYA Club is fighting for decent, adequate allocations. It wants the absurd “C” requirement removed. It asks student representation on administrative commissions. And as a long-range perspective it is rallying the student body in support of the American Youth Act, the only proposal thus far which can be called an intelligent attempt to solve the problems of youth.

If you are an NYA worker or hope to be one, your place is in the club. To stay out is cooking your own goose.

The Power to Destroy

WHEN JUSTINE SEEMAN of Hun- ter was removed from the Student Council, a minor hubbub arose throughout the City Colleges. Her dismissal seemed a somewhat odd exercise of unsuspected power, an act which had little precedent or legal justification.

But the fault that made it possible for a dean to overthrow the wishes of an entire student electorate lies partly at the door of the dictatorial administrator, Dean Egan was using powers held by the faculty, but to hand such authority back to that body will not solve the problem. A grant of extraordinary power to the faculty is hardly less dangerous than delegating the identical authority to any individual.

Section seven of the Board of Higher Education’s by-laws gives the faculty the “full power to regulate, suspend, or discontinue the extra-curricular activities of any student or group.” Full implies a complete lack of qualification.

At the College ago that the entire student body was suspended when thought expanded the most intelligent any form of strike. The council has the weapons, but the weapon of its existence is not.

If it can be mature enough for its own purposes should be in expulsion. It is to demonstrate striking with the support of its own people.

Student Council Antics Humorous

Set ‘em Up

By Albert Suseman

Whenever my pulse returns itself to a normal beat I shall sit down to write a book on organizing student demonstrations for peace. It shall be the history of Student Council’s deliberations in preparation for Armistice Day activity. I’ve decided to call the book, How to Win Friends and Allover Peace.

I remember that as a member of Student Council some short time ago, and as a keen observer of its activities at all times. I was always impressed by the magical qualities to its deliberations. The antics of Student Council members was always more entertaining than the first act of a vaudeville show. The manner in which student self-government has expressed its authority on many times in recent years would have been envied by Houdini. I could never understand how the boys did it. I watched closely this past week. I think I have the answer. When the Student Council Peace Committee had rested from artistic exhibitions and drawn a rabbit from the hat, I walked up close. I’m prepared to report that the rabbit is actually a ‘whack’ rat. I guess I should expose the trick as a fake, but the problem is much more fundamental one. It’s almost impossible to recount the history of the preparations for today’s Armistice Day celebration. There have been at least five separate decisions that the Council Committee to Prepare the Demonstration announced within the last week. At one time the group agreed on a united student meeting to consider concrete methods for prevention of war. Later they decided on a forum at which all representative viewpoints might be heard. Still later the committee decided that Max Schachtman, America’s Leon Trotsky, represent a viewpoint that is inimical to the interests of student action for peace; it therefore decided to withdraw its invitation to him to address the Great Hall meeting. Still, still later the President of the Student Council, agreeing with Dean Turner’s argument that student unity must be maintained at all costs, decided to invite Max Schachtman to speak. Still, still later the Student Council arrangement committee became convinced that Schachtman should not

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Life of Maxim

It was William Dieterle, the outstanding Hollywood director of Paster and Zola, who, on his return from Russia, heralded a new era in Soviet cinema. The Russians, he claimed, were surpassing themselves in the new season’s film production. Last week, the first of these Akimyo photoplays carrying his advance accolade moved into the Cameo. It is The Return of Maxim, the long-awaited sequel to The Youth of Maxim. And it is a justification of eloquence and pictorial beauty. I saw The Return last Saturday evening immediately after the SSL showing of The Youth, and it was only a short walk from there to the theater.