The College community knows that the enactment of a satisfactory salary-promotion by-law, the passage of adequate tenure legislation, the democratization of faculty and departments, and the sweeping away of a college administration marked by favoritism and repression depend upon the kind of municipal administration which is elected this November. A reactionary mayor and council at City Hall pledged to serve special privilege would make it extremely difficult to carry forward the campaigns for reform which the staffs have begun in the last four years. All this is generally understood. What some of our colleagues still hesitate over is the party which can win decisive influence in the election and at the same time has a platform in conformity with college needs.

A year ago the Teachers Union made up its mind on this question by affiliating with the American Labor Party, after the membership had voted for such action by a ratio of 30 to 1. The union membership was convinced that a party whose solid base is the trade union movement would be the one most likely to carry out a broad program for social betterment and would support progressive legislation for education. While affiliation pledges the union to full organizational support of the platform and candidates of the AIP, it in no wise binds the individual members of the Union. Each member is free both in and outside of union meetings to advocate whatever political creed he finds consistent with loyalty to the Union.

Political Forum at the College - October 28th

In order to clarify the issue in the present campaign, the City College Chapter of the Union and the IFA are jointly sponsoring a forum at the College on October 28th, at 12:15 P.M. Candidates for the City Council representing the principal points of view now before the public will address the meeting.

Correction of the Co-Op Story

Since the publication of our last item on the Co-Op Store we have had a lengthy interview with Professor Allen. He has provided us with information that considerably modified our judgement of his and the Committee's part in that situation in certain important respects. Lack of space compels us to offer a complete account of these changes to a later issue. But we should state at once that we have never questioned the Committee's honesty or its eagerness to serve the College conscientiously; our interview (besides correcting inaccuracies) has only confirmed us in this opinion.