

WED.

# The OBSERVATION POST WED.

Vol. V—No. 11

AN UNDERGRADUATE NEWSPAPER OF CITY COLLEGE

April 13, 1949

## Strike Continues Effective for Second Day; Confident of Final Victory—Strike Committee

### LATE FLASHES

The Strike Committee announced late last night that registration for "on-campus" classes to start next Tuesday conducted by upper classmen and instructors, will take place at 10:00 a.m. today at the flagpole.

A statement concerning the presence of police on campus was released last night by the Strike Committee. In it, the Committee said that President Wright had assured them early yesterday, that the police would be removed.

They condemned President Wright for giving the police the use of Dean Crawley's office as their strike headquarters. They said that Wright's "hospitality" is an uneducational act, of the type that the president had condemned yesterday.

### Strike Notes

A group of Juilliard (school of music) students met yesterday and voted unanimously to support the strike at CCNY... In the late afternoon a small group of Juilliard musicians rallied around the flagpole... Police were reported to be checking classrooms to determine whether the noise below was disturbing classes.

Bill Fortunato, in an early morning press conference, blasted local papers for their lack of objectivity in reporting yesterday's "riot"... Later, the SC prexy said, "We will leave no stone unturned in order to have Knickerbocker and Davis pay, and pay dearly, for their statements made to the press yesterday." He suggested a libel suit as one possibility.

The administration has granted the police department the use of Student Life Office for their strike headquarters... Arrangements are being made for A-grade upper classmen to conduct classes on the campus for the students not attending scheduled recitations... Several S.C. reps, incensed at the quotes attributed to George Gazetas in the Journal-American, threaten to move for his impeachment from S.C.

Letters of support from the Teachers Union, the NAACP, the ICGWU, and the Women's Division of the Bronx American Jewish Congress were read to the student rallies... Lester M. Nichols of the Public Relations Office, in a statement released to the press, announced that there was an overall attendance figure of 53% in class at 12 noon yesterday... The Strike Committee put it at 40%... A "funeral march," organized by Al Ettinger and Arnie Kaufman, took place at 12 and 2 P.M. yesterday afternoon. The sign preceding the procession, reading "Join our Quiet 'Riot'", was the subject of enthusiastic photographic study.

The PA system was set up at 8 P.M. and shut off by police a few moments later. The operators were presented with summonses. Before the official "closing" Shirley Lay of SC denounced the new procedure of securing police permission for on-campus PA systems.

An SC bulletin announced that a lawyer in Commissioner Spaulding's office promised to announce a date later this month for a new Knickerbocker trial... Fortunato termed the Downtown SC an "aberrant group" who had refused to allow the 11,000 downtown students the right to vote in a referendum, and subsequently condemned the strike.

## Fortunato Lauds Determination of Students; Classes to Be Conducted on the Campus

Student striking to bring about suspension and open trial of faculty members Davis and Knickerbocker, completed its second day with Strike Committee leaders confident of final victory. Although the metropolitan press claimed the strike was breaking, a check by the Strike Committee revealed that the strike was 65% effective. The Committee announced that the strike would continue today, resuming after the holidays, if necessary, until the demands of the students were met.

### "Violence," Despite Police Protection



A CCNY student is "escorted" into the police wagon early yesterday morning.

The day's activities were featured by a mock funeral, march, band concerts, student rallies, and a quick opening by students and closing by police, of a public address system at the College flagpole.

Bill Fortunato, S. C. President, began the morning with a verbal blast to the representatives of the N.Y. press on their "inobjective reporting". He reported charges to students rallying about the flagpole at the conclusion of the "funeral services". Calling for continued support, Fortunato commended students for their determination to stick by the referendum and the SC decision. The S.C. President warned, "Unless the strike is successful and our demands are realized, our chances for freeing City College from discrimination will be dead for a long time to come."

An interim report of the Committee of the Associate Alumni to Investigate Discrimination at C.C. N.Y. released today, scored the uptown center for their strike decision. "The committee believes that the presence of police on the campus serves only to aggravate a purely intramural College matter... it regrets that the proper college authorities did not take necessary steps to prevent conflict between students and police."

A survey of the Tech school disclosed that 90% of the students were in attendance. Their return to classes was expected since TIIC had originally called for a one day walkout. Although TIIC agrees with the demands of the strikers, and have petitioned the administration to that effect, they had thought that a one day walkout would bring action.

At a closing rally, the Strike Committee announced to assembled students that they were making arrangements to have classes held out of doors. They appealed to the students to remain out of scheduled classes in order to insure success of the strike.

## Opinion

### No Diversions...

THE NEWSPAPERS HAD NO "RIOTS" to sensationalize yesterday, so they took a new tack. They proceeded from false reports of "riots" at City College to false reports of the strike being broken. The strike is not broken. You are on the campus and you can see this for yourselves. No elaboration is necessary.

Although we feel wronged and indignant about the misleading newspaper coverage given the strike, we must not divert too much energy to this injustice. Newspaper stories, police action, and doubletalk are side issues. We are on strike to put teeth into our demand that Mr. Davis and Professor Knickerbocker be suspended until given a fair, open trial before the Board of Higher Education. Let us never lose sight of this main objective. It, and it alone is the reason for this strike.

CONTINUE THE STRIKE — WE WILL WIN!

## Met. Press Distorts Strike's Effectiveness; Calls Fight Against Bigotry "Spring Fever"

OP

OBSERVATION POST is an undergraduate newspaper published by OP Staff Association with Editorial and Business Offices in Room 16A, Main Building, 130th Street and Convent Avenue, New York 27, New York, College Box 37.

All opinions expressed in the official release are determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Metropolitan evening press covered the second day of the student walkout by continuing its playing down of the strike's effectiveness.

### Undermined Strike

Words such as "crumbled", "cracked", "lax", "Journal-American"; "waned", World Telegram; "losing ground", Sun; were used to undermine the strike, as did the exaggerated estimates of class attendance.

Among other techniques employed was the picturing of student efforts to fight Jim Crow and anti-Semitism as "spring fever... taking over at CCNY", Sun; "The playing hooky", World Telegram; "holiday appearance" Journal-American; "carnival air on campus", Post. The worst of the press dispatchers was the Journal-American, which attempted Communist smearing of the Student Council-led walkout.

George Gazetas, SDA, was quoted by a Journal reporter as "leaving the Strike Committee." Over sixty Student Council representatives last Friday witnessed Gazetas' denial to membership in that Committee since he refused to uphold the strike in sworn oath.

### "Communist Maneuvering"

The Journal had him resigning from the committee because of "Communist maneuvering" behind the scenes.

### OP to Publish Strike Bulletin

In order to keep the students of the College informed of the latest developments of the strike, Observation Post will print a Strike Bulletin. The Bulletin will be mimeographed and distributed to all students at regular intervals during the day. The Bulletin will be published from OP's strike headquarters, located at the main entrance to Main Building.

Paid Advertisement

Paid Advertisement

Paid Advertisement

Paid Advertisement

Paid Advertisement

# The Strike Will Continue Come Tuesday

The Strike Committee is preparing to continue the strike if no action has been taken by the Administration.

We are now arranging for classes to be held out of doors.

It is important that there be a strong showing if our efforts are not to be wasted.

**THERE HAS BEEN NO BREAK IN THIS PROTEST. 70% OF THE SCHOOL WAS WITH US YESTERDAY, DESPITE ADMINISTRATION REPORTS.**

*We Can Continue!*

*We Will Continue!*

STRIKE COMMITTEE

**FURNISHED ROOM**  
with private washroom. Subway.  
Bus. Elevator. Bath. \$7. Berle-  
with. 601 W. 127th St. AD 4-6628.

Join the  
**BASKERVILLE  
Chemical  
SOCIETY**

**'OP' ADVERTISERS**  
are the finest . . .  
**PATRONIZE THEM**

**STRIKE  
OR NO STRIKE**  
WE FULLY SYMPATHIZE  
WITH YOUR DEMANDS.  
WE WISH YOU SUCCESS.  
**VELVET HAND  
LAUNDRY  
and CLEANERS**  
1616 Amsterdam Ave.  
Opposite Tech. Building

**FRATERNITY HOUSE**  
AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES  
511 West 13th Street  
Contact Al Pastor  
170 W. 89 St. TR 3-1298

Wadsworth 6-6886  
**CHRISTY'S FLOWER  
SHOP**  
The Cheapest Cut Flowers Daily  
Member F. T. D.  
2525 B'WAY, bet. 144 & 145 St.

Application Photos  
Ready in 24 Hours  
**LUCIANO  
PHOTO STUDIO**  
Opp. Tech Bldg.

*Rumba King*  
**NORO  
MORALES**  
MUSIC SHOP  
● Records  
● Albums  
● Radios  
● Television  
SOLD — REPAIRED  
By "Jackie the Radio Bug"  
2450 Broadway & 146th Street

**Brooklyn Law School**  
48th Consecutive Year  
Non-Profit Educational Institution  
Approved by American Bar Association  
Three-year Day and Four-year Evening U.L.B. Course.  
Modified accelerated program available.  
**TERMS COMMENCE JUNE 13th and SEPT. 20th, 1945**  
Early Inquiry and Enrollment Advisable  
**375 PEARL ST., BROOKLYN 1, N. Y.**  
Near Borough Hall Telephone: MAin 5-2200

**FAR AWAY PLACES...**  
SEE THEM AT  
**ARMY HALL CAFETERIA**  
WHILE ENJOYING YOUR LUNCH  
  
**ARMY HALL  
CAFETERIA**