Judge Delany Quits Alumni Anti-Bias Body; Blasts Administration Inaction

Excerpts of Letters

The following quotations are from Judge Delany's letters to the Alumni Board and to Prof. Mead, announcing his resignation from the Board of Regents to investigate the Davis and Knickerbocker cases and any other cases of discrimination at the College.

...I hope that both you (Prof. Mead) and he (Pres. Wright) will realize that I am not at odds with the President of a person — nor do I charge him with being prejudiced. As a person, I like Pres. Wright. I do, however, disagree with his failure to take an aggressive posture which I have taken in the Knickerbocker and Davis cases.

You will recall that at my conference with you and the President last June, it was clearly indicated that Mr. Davis did not have tenure. At no time during this conference did the President indicate that Mr. Davis did not have tenure, and that he could have summarily removed him on the basis of findings of the Faculty Committee. At no time did the President indicate that when Davis returned to the Economics Dept., his salary would be increased to the maximum for staff of the instructional rank.

You must agree with me that the action of the President in increasing the salary of one so recently found guilty of segregation and discrimination by the Faculty Committee, above the salary he received when he left his rank in the Economics Dept., amounts to a reward and the placing of a stamp of approval upon a member of the staff guilty of violating what should be a no-return concept.

...I believe that Davis had no tenure, and any other case of discrimination at the College, has resigned his post and sharply criticized the administration. The letter of resignation was accompanied by a previous letter to Prof. Mead and a memorandum to the "President and editor of the Alumni Association." In the latter letter Judge Delany said, "There is really no satisfactory answer to the question we are asking today. If there is no discrimination at the College, why should anybody be afraid of any investigation into a matter which is non-existent?" It is because I know that the action of the administration in dealing with the Knickerbocker and Davis cases was not justified and will create great strife in the future unless dealt with in a forthright manner. I think that those who are interested in the future of the College, decide that right action in these cases is necessary, and now.

One of the major issues raised by Judge Delany in his letters was that of the tenure of Davis. Judge Delany has said that Pres. Wright had led him to believe that Davis had tenure, during a conference in June, 1946. East, Delany points out, had informed him that Davis had tenure at the time he was dismissed. The Judge further says that Pres. Wright had led him to believe that Davis had tenure, during a conference in June, 1946. East, Delany points out, had informed him that Davis had tenure at the time he was dismissed. The Judge further says that Pres. Wright had led him to believe that Davis had tenure, during a conference in June, 1946. East, Delany points out, had informed him that Davis had tenure at the time he was dismissed.
We Demand an Answer

WHAT STARTED AS A pure and simple series of charges of discrimination against two members of the faculty is now taking on implications that are much more serious.

Judge Hubert T. Delany's resignation from the Alumni investigating committee has brought to light an ugly situation in which the College administration is indicted as the active instigator of bigotry.

No longer can they pose as disinterested observers, searching for the truth — they are now accused of being the real culprits, guilty not only of hiding the truth from the students, faculty and alumni of the College, but also of subverting the ideals upon which the College was built and supported by the community.

Judge Delany's charges support the accusations that have previously been brought against the administration, and lend credence to the hitherto-whispered rumors of official complicity with bigotry.

The situation now calls for immediate, strong action from all parties concerned.

We call upon the administration:

To dismiss Mr. Davis unconditionally;

To suspend Prof. Knickerbocker from his chairman-ship, and suspend formal action is brought immediately to settle the case satisfactorily.

We call upon the Student Council:

To instruct its newly-elected committee to investigate the charges brought against the administration, and to expend to the hitherto-whispered rumors of official complicity with bigotry.

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Excerpts of Letters (Cont.)

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be looked upon as the sacred ideals of the College.

...The Alumni Committee has not itself accomplished as much as most of our members have been concerned with long and irrelevant arguments on procedure and continual statements by members, who ask that they be shown the proof that Professor Knickerbocker is guilty, instead of permitting us to go to work and do the investigating work which we are appointed to do, in order to arrive at a 'air conclusion.'

While some may think it questionable as to whether Jews are discriminated against in their dealings with the teaching staff and in their efforts to advance... no one can say that the policy of Negros on the staff indicates that there is not and has not been widespread discrimination in admitting qualified Negroes to the teaching staff... No one would now say that Professor Knickerbocker has the full confidence of the faculty in his department, but the Alumni Committee recommended: Why attempt to stand by the head of a department who has not been able to obtain sufficient confidence of the faculty of his own department or of the student body to enable him to function effectively? To stand by Prof. Knickerbocker permits people to draw the same inference that is being drawn from the action of the President in standing by Mr. Davis... This inference to get it identify, indicates that there is no real determination on the part of the President to say in no uncertain terms that the City College means it when it says it has an ideal no discrimination on account of sex, race, color, or national origin. —-

Those who are interesting in purifying the atmosphere at the College are not too worried about men like Mr. Davis... While it is difficult to prove an attitude of mind, one's actions and attitude if one is prejudiced can be determined. The people at the College who are more dangerous in a way are those people who know that prejudice exists... who are willing to look at prejudices and deal with prejudice as not so serious an issue... that the City College means it when it says it has an ideal no discrimination on account of sex, race, color, or national origin.

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Alan E. Goldberg

It is amazing how much a fresh spirit can serve as a substitute for dross comedy technique and drollery, as we were entertained by Gershwin's 'Lady Be Good', which was presented last weekend on stage at the I. U. Edward's Theatre.

The principal characters in the cast were played by Miss Muriel Brown, Miss Lillian Johnson, and Miss Helen Sharp. The program was arranged in such a way that the audience thoroughly enjoyed it, and was thoroughly entertained.

The memorable scene was the one where the center of attention was Mr. Arthur Uicher '49. His interpretation of the role of the principal character was masterful, and he brought tears to the eyes of the audience with his pathos-laden delivery.

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