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"We are 10,000 years nearer to permanent peace than were the cave men 10,000 years ago."—Mrs. Carrie C. Catt.

"Maybe we Germans do not enjoy too much love in the world."—Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister.

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## Dr. Addam Buys German-Made Geology Goods

### Boycott Does Not Change Decision of Geology Department Head

By the C.C.N.Y. Press Association

#### BULLETIN

Scalpels and magnets made in Germany were purchased last week by the Geology Department for its rock laboratory. Dr. Addam stated that while he was "not aware that the goods were German-made and that he did not purchase them because they were German-made, this fact would not have made any difference."

When informed of the student boycott of German goods he stated that he was unconcerned and intended to do nothing about it.

In view of oft-repeated charges that the store's prices have been excessive, the Cooperative Store Committee will launch an investigation of its operations. Joel Weinberg '37, student member of the committee announced last Monday. The committee plans to engage a financial and business authority to analyze the business operations of the store and determine where economies could be effected.

Professor Joseph A. Allen, chairman of the Faculty Committee in charge of the Cooperative store, stated last Monday, "we cannot compete with outside organizations" in answer to charges that the store is higher priced than private merchants.

#### Deficit Covered

Weinberg further stated that the \$1600 deficit was more than covered by the fact that the store had made a \$1700 profit on another part of its business. The Cooperative has what is practically a copyright on syllabi and handbooks used in several courses.

Citing an agreement with a drafting firm, Professor Allen said that the store could not sell its supplies at less than a ten per cent discount. Textbooks must be bought at regular prices through publishers.

As to student financial participation, Professor Allen declared that it had been tried in the past and had led to many abuses.

## Gottschall Attends Tea For Freshmen

More than two hundred students attended a freshmen tea sponsored by Weir House at the House Plan Center yesterday. This was the second affair that purported to introduce the freshmen to the purpose, tradition, and building proper of the House Plan. Dean Morton Gottschall was guest of honor and Mrs. Ralph Wardlaw acted as hostess for the afternoon.

Two new '41 houses have been formed with Mr. Frank Brescia '31 and Mr. Sidney Eisenberger '29, both of the Chemistry Department acting as faculty advisers.

A new venture in parties will be undertaken tomorrow evening. This party will be the first to supersede individual house and class lines. Tickets will be limited to five to each house to insure a varied group.

## M. U. Schappes, in Open Letter, Attacks Trotskyist Supporters

### Condemns Meyer for Support of Trotsky Committee; Asks Russian Stand Trial in USSR

In an open letter to Ernest L. Meyer, *New York Post* columnist, Morris U. Schappes of the English Department yesterday expressed disappointment at learning that the columnist, "a practical, realistic man" had joined the American Committee in Defense of Leon Trotsky. Mr. Schappes suggests that Trotsky stand trial in the Soviet Union and clear his name in the country where he was accused.

The letter had been written before Mr. Meyer explained his stand in his daily column, "As the Crow Flies," last Friday. Mr. Schappes explained, and is not a reply to it.

#### Meyer Unconvinced

In his column, Mr. Meyer said he found himself somewhat unconvinced by the recent Soviet trials. He has joined the committee, he said, in his desire to have the entire truth brought to light and to let Trotsky have his day in court.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Your column has been of special interest to me because the justice and freedom, which you have so frequently defended from reactionary aggression, you have defended from the point of view of a practical, realistic man. It is clear vision and not merely sentimental concern for a seeming "underdog" that led you, I think, to distinguish between the cases of Professor Jerome Davis and President Glenn Frank. In this respect your liberalism has been far-sighted.

I write all this by way of introduction to suggest the depth of my disappointment when I heard your name announced, Tues-

day, February 9th, at the Hippodrome meeting called by the "American Committee in Defense of Leon Trotsky," as having joined that committee. Et tu, Ernest Meyer! It was one of "the most unkindest cuts"!

Since I have seen no signed statement of yours explaining your stand, I can only assume that you joined the committee because you subscribed to the ideas emblazoned on two banners displayed at the Hippodrome: "Let the Truth Be Known" and "For the Creation of an Impartial Commission." May I say with earnestness that I too want the whole truth to be known, that I too want Trotsky to have his hearing, his day in court? But in opposing the activities of this committee, now your committee, I should like to submit to your reflection two matters of fact and one proposed line of conduct for Trotsky.

#### Piatkow Visits Trotsky

In the speech read for him by Mr. Max Schachtman last Tuesday, Trotsky cited the assertions of his secretary, of his Norwegian host, and of an Oslo aerodrome official to "disprove" the statement made by Piatkow at the Moscow trial, that he had visited Trotsky in Oslo by coming in a plane from Berlin in December 1935. Counterposed, the following statement from *The Daily Worker* of January 30th is relevant:

"OSLO, Jan. 29.—The 'Tidans Tegu,' Norwegian newspaper published here in this issue of day before yesterday confirmed that Gregory Piatkow had visited

## WPA PRESENTS SHOW

### Project in Hall of Patriots Sponsored by Bd. of Ed.

Project number 6022 of the WPA is now presenting an exhibit in Lincoln Corridor under the sponsorship of the Board of Education. The exhibit is designed to show the development of technical and objective teaching devices for use in public schools. Included are working models of scientific and industrial applications, maps and charts, and dolls dressed in the native costumes of several European countries. The exhibit, which was previously shown at Teacher's College, Columbia University, will remain here for two weeks.

## Dr. Conterno, Composer, Conductor, Bandmaster Divulges Life History To Campus In Interview

By Leopold Lippman

Hidden away in a secluded corner of the third floor of Townsend Harris Hall is the office of Dr. Giovanni E. Conterno, composer, conductor, and College bandmaster. A tall, robust-looking man with a mild manner of speaking that belies his fierce appearance, Dr. Conterno can be found in his cubby-hole at all hours of the day, generally preparing orchestrations for the band.

He was thus engaged when we visited him the other day, but he was willing to lay aside his beloved music and give us a few minutes of his time.

Dr. Conterno's career—of which he is justly proud—has been a long and honorable one. A noted musician and the son of a noted musician, he has conducted in all parts of the United States and in

## Faculty Body Starts Drive To Aid Spain

### Asks Staff for Money to Buy Clothes, Medicine, Food for Loyalists

The Faculty Committee to Aid the Spanish People launched its campaign last Wednesday when it mailed appeals for funds to each member of the staff.

The letter, signed by Professor Harry Allen Overstreet, chairman, and Clifford T. McAvoy, secretary, asks for contributions as a practical testimony of sympathy with the cause of Spanish democracy and in the belief that a victory for General Franco would strengthen the anti-democratic forces in the United States.

The money will be used to purchase food, clothing and medical supplies for the Loyalists in Spain. The committee asks that checks be made payable to Mr. McAvoy, 17 Lexington Avenue.

The text of the letter follows:

"The Spanish people are engaged in a life or death struggle to defend their freedom and their legally elected democratic government from the tyranny of fascism. They are in vital need of food, clothing, and medical supplies.

#### Democracy Defeat Tragic

"We believe that the overthrow of democracy in Spain would be a tragic blow to culture, and to political and economic freedom. We believe a victory for General Franco would strengthen the forces of international fascism and the anti-democratic tendencies in our own country. No American can be passive when democracy is threatened. Franco, aided by Hitler and Mussolini, is endeavoring by force to fasten a form of government on the Spanish people against which they gave a clear mandate at the elections of February 1936.

"We believe that in order to preserve our own American heritage of democracy, we must defend democracy in Spain. The Spanish people need more than the moral support of their sympathizers abroad. We appeal to the staff of the College for generous contributions for the purchase of food, clothing and medical supplies as a practical testimony of sympathy with the cause of Spanish democracy."

A basketball "game for Spain" will be played this evening at the Hippodrome.

### Dr. Giovanni E. Conterno



As a Youthful Conductor

most of the capitals of Europe, and he has documents to prove it.

"I'm honest with you. I want you to see the originals," he told us. "I don't want you to print anything for which you haven't proof." From the bottoms of drawers and the backs of closets he

## College Delegates Join Pilgrimage to Capital

### Dean Turner Blames Columbia Students

Dean John R. Turner intimated last Tuesday evening that Columbia undergraduates were responsible for student disturbances at the College, according to an article in the Long Island "Daily Press." The dean's alleged remarks were made in a speech before the Jamaica High School Parent-Teachers Association.

The "Daily Press" quotes Dean Turner as describing recent student disturbances as a "hot couple of hours" caused by students "who came down from Columbia."

## McNaboe Scores Mayor on Probe

### Claims LaGuardia Spiked Committee Probing Red Activities

Reaccusing Mayor LaGuardia of killing his committee for investigating communism in schools and colleges, Senator John J. McNaboe made another attempt, last Thursday, to revive the committee of which he was chairman.

In spite of Senator McNaboe's charges from the floor of the Senate, the resolution which would have extended the life of his investigating group remains buried in the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly.

Senator Livingston insisted that Mayor LaGuardia had nothing to do with killing the investigation. He charged further that the McNaboe committee had brought "nothing but ridicule and shame" on its members and the Senate.

Senator McNaboe's charges against Mayor LaGuardia were reiterated after a previous statement by Assemblyman Abbot Low Moffat, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, who flatly denied that anyone had asked him to kill the resolution. Nevertheless, Mr. McNaboe again accused the mayor and Mr. Moffat, this time including Commissioner of Accounts Paul Blanshard, with the statement "they're all peas in the same pod."

## Student Council, A S U, 'Campus' to Send Representatives

### DELEGATION TO HEAR ROOSEVELT SATURDAY

Converging from all points of the United States, more than four thousand young men and women are expected to arrive in Washington this week-end, representing American youth's demand for passage of the American Youth Act. At least fifteen delegates from the College, will join in the pilgrimage, representing the Student Council, the '37, '38, and '39 Class Councils, *The Campus*, *Microcosm*, the American Student Union chapter and various other organizations.

Before a meeting of the ASU last Wednesday, George Watts, New York State organizer of the Student Union, outlined the plans of the pilgrimage sponsored by the American Youth Congress. President Franklin D. Roosevelt will address the assembled delegates on the White House lawn from a balcony Saturday afternoon.

Delegates will contact their senators and representatives to urge passage of the bill introduced by Senator Ernest Lundeen and Representative Maury Maverick. These interviews will climax in a hearing to be conducted by the National Council of the AYC Saturday afternoon. That evening a dance and theatre-party will be held. On Sunday the group will lay a wreath at the Washington Monument.

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## Eisner Praises Teachers Union

Praising the activities of the Teachers Union and similar organizations, Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, declared that academic freedom and security of tenure are absolutely essential to the continuance of the American ideal of democracy in education, at an open meeting of the College chapter yesterday.

The teacher, Mr. Eisner held, owes it to his profession to perpetuate the democratic system, keeping it free from "insidious" censorship. "Unfortunately, in some colleges the teacher is not free," he pointed out. "In such cases the only recourse is in organizations such as yours here."

The TU will publish Mr. Eisner's address, it was decided at the meeting. A resolution protesting against the suppression of academic freedom in Spain was passed unanimously.

A meeting devoted to discussion of "Academic Freedom and the Jerome Davis Case" will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the Textile High School on 18 Street. Speakers will include Alfred Bingham, editor of *Common Sense*, James Waterman Wise, Professor Robert K. Speer of New York University, and Arnold Shukotoff, a member of the College chapter of the TU. The chairman of the meeting will be Professor Harry Slochower of Brooklyn College.

## MERC MOVIE REVIVAL

Lon Chaney, William S. Hart, and Charlie Chaplin as well as "Teddy" Roosevelt as a rough rider will appear once more on the screen when *Mercury* holds its movie revival at the Pauline Edwards Theatre next Saturday night. Tickets are priced at twenty-five cents.

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## THE ROAD FOR YOUTH

Thumbs will wag vigorously, car tires will go flat, and buses will jostle over bumpy roads with unusual fervor today, as four thousand young men and women make their various ways to Washington. The purpose of this novel and, in this case, essential activity is known to millions of youth: pass the American Youth Act, give jobs to youth, end the insecurity that the present NYA has so half-heartedly and inadequately tackled.

Fifteen of the four-thousand go to Washington as representatives of various groups at the College. While others of the youth delegates may possibly have had more complete experience with poverty, these fifteen are fully equipped to speak of the woeful efforts of the NYA to compete half-heartedly with whole-hearted insecurity.

The American Youth Act stands today as the compendium in specific terms of the complaints of youth at the College and elsewhere. This rightful dissatisfaction is directed against the gradual closing of the employment rolls, the rejection of applications for jobs, that Mr. Aubrey Williams, director of the NYA, so dejectedly stated last week was all the NYA had to offer.

Fifteen delegates at the College and four thousand throughout America are going without deception, with enthusiasm and hope, to urge their cause in person. Eight thousand students here wish them luck and vitally-needed success.

## THE GOOSE STEP AGAIN

It would seem from the steady progression of ROTC events this term, that Colonel Oliver Prescott Robinson is determined to immortalize his glorious creed of "Democracy has no place in the army."

Having been so recently repulsed by the rank and file of the ROTC Band in preliminary skirmishes, the Colonel now attempts to clamp down upon progressivism in the highest organization of the advanced course, the Officers Club.

Yesterday, even the most elementary rules of democratic parliamentary procedure were subverted in order to prevent consideration of the Officer's Club's representation at the pilgrimage for the American Youth Act in Washington this weekend.

And it is certainly not because sympathy for the principles of the youth act was lacking among the members of the club, for no expression of opinion was even tolerated. After a representative of the Student Council presented the council's invitation to participate to the Officers Club and suggested open discussion, he was ushered out without debate by Major Ridgway Pancoast Smith, faculty "adviser," amid the bewildered gaze of the membership.

And before you could say "Democracy has no place in the army," Major Herbert Miles Holton, Military Property Custodian, had the floor and the subject was changed. It is safe to say that neither of the majors had read the act or were aware of the nature of its contents, but these questions did not concern them. It was the medieval concept of "where unknown, there ascribe terrors" that bolstered up their reactionary case. So it was that the question was buried arbitrarily in the executive committee, without a vote.

Despite what is commonly believed, *The Campus* is by no means hostile to the Officers Club,

nor to its membership—although our policy has been and will remain one of opposition to the ROTC and militarism.

*The Campus* urges the membership of the Officers Club to take over their own club—to run it democratically as an active, alert, vitally functioning organization—to resist the dictatorship of room 3.

## PROFESSOR QUIBBLE

Professor John Dyneley Prince's assiduous endeavor at last week's Pushkin centenary to demonstrate that the Russian poet is not a Negro smacks of the reasoning we have been accustomed to associate with concentration-camp-theoreticians.

Professor Prince contends that, although the skin of Pushkin's great grandfather, General Hannibal was black, he was probably of Arabic or Mohammedan origin. He was knighted by the great Catherine, we are told. And the implication is deftly placed that no nobleman could be a Negro. Pushkin says the good professor is not a Negro—it would be accurate to say that he was Negroid.

At best, Professor Prince can be said to be wading in tall, intellectual quibble.

Here, in America, we have been accustomed to hear the label "Negro," and its epithetical derivatives, associated with any person who bears the faintest trace of black in his skin. Such persons have been subjected to the myriad ignominies, tortures, and discriminations devised with bestial acumen by the ruling caste in American society.

White rule and white superiority are doctrines advantageous to the position held by the Bourbon rulers. But that they are opposed to the genuine culture and scientific learning of our day is our driving concern.

For us there are the studies made by scientific and scholarly psychologists and anthropologists.

To harbor illusions of white superiority, no matter how slight, is to condone and encourage the viciousness and sadism of Southern autocracy.

In denying the racial origin of Russia's great national poet, Professor Prince is denying that so great a man could have derived from the Negro race. To press the point is to lend academic authority to the untenable Nazi concepts of Nordic supremacy.

If Pushkin was a Negro, our reaction can only be—all the more glory to him as a poet and as a Negro.

## PARADOX

It is an ironic paradox that presented itself in the Great Hall last week. One of the world's great poets had been singled out for academic honor by a foreign institution which has refused to recognize similar institutions of learning in his native country.

Of the university flags which grace the balconies of the Great Hall not one is that of a Russian university. Apparently, our College feels itself to be at war with Russia's colleges.

Leyden, Berlin, Heidelberg and Strassburg, universities now propaganda mills in Hitler's barbaric waste-land, are still recognized here. Mr. Mark Eisner in an address last year suggested that America culture today finds itself at war with Nazi culture. Therefore, it might be advisable to place black borders around the flags of those universities in which culture has died.

It might also be advisable, it seems, to consummate our recognition of Pushkin's greatness by extending recognition to the native universities, where his greatness is being nurtured and fondled with academic enthusiasm.

## RECOMMENDED

**Five Captains**—A triple-header basketball show to aid Spanish democracy will feature a quintet of the College's most illustrious court luminaries like Spahn, Spindell, Trupin, Berenson, Goldman et al. At the Hippodrome tonight.

**Nine Old Men**—The magnificently shocking expose of the economic, political and social backgrounds of the corporation lawyers who make up the Supreme Court, deftly told by muck-rakers Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen. Doubleday, Doran at two-fifty or now running serially in *New York Post*.

## M. U. Schappes, in Open Letter, Attacks Trotskyist Supporters

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Oslo in December, 1935.

"The paper states that the American Spector visited Norway in February and had an interview with Trotsky at that time, as a representative of American Trotskyites. Simultaneously, the American Paine also visited Trotsky, the paper declared.

"A large number of other persons visited Trotsky, it was further stated, until the moment he was interned . . .

"The publication of these facts in the Norwegian newspaper will be of especial interest to the readers of the Daily Worker, as it confirms the statement of Arnold Johnson as to the Spector-Paine visit, published in our issue of January 19.

"The 'Tidans Tegu' is a leading conservative newspaper in Oslo, we have been advised by the Norwegian consulate . . .

Does this dispose of that Trotskyian "refutation?"

## Bristol Hotel

Secondly, Trotsky in his speech maintained that the accused Holtzman could not have visited him in Copenhagen in the Bristol Hotel in 1932 because the Bristol Hotel had been burned down in 1917! Counterposed to this is the following item from the *Daily Worker* of February 11, which reports an article in the *Arbejderbladet*, Danish Communist paper, by Martin Nielsen, editor-in-chief:

"COPENHAGEN, Feb. 10. . . . The 'Bristol' is a Viennese cafe, situated directly next to the 'Grand Hotel Kobenhavn.' At the time Holtzman declared he had his rendezvous with Sedov, there was a common entrance for both the Cafe Bristol and the Grand Hotel Kobenhavn.

"As a matter of fact, the name 'Bristol' is still blazoned in neon lights above the entrance to the Hotel Kobenhavn, as in 1932. There is hence no difficulty in understanding why Holtzman stated that he went across the street to the Hotel Bristol . . .

The news item contains more material of interest, but does not the quoted part alone mean much? In short, in such hearings as Trotsky is having in the public press, his counter-evidence seems to be unreliable.

## Preposterous?

But now to come to the main point. If Trotsky wants a hearing (and you and I both want him to have it) WHY DOES HE NOT GO TO THE SOVIET UNION TO STAND TRIAL IN THE SOVIET COURT? Am I preposterous in proposing this? Consider: Why does not Angelo Herndon, a young American Bolshevik being persecuted in a thoroughly prejudiced Georgia Court, jump his \$8,000 bail (as Schuyler of the *Pittsburgh Courier* suggested he should do), flee to Canada or to Mexico, and there clamor for an impartial commission to investigate his case, with the additional prize offer that he will give himself up to Georgia justice if this commission finds him guilty? Instead, this boy goes again and again to the Georgia court to denounce his accuser and to clear his party's name, thus winning hundreds of thousands of supporters.

Consider again: Tom Mooney, not a Party Bolshevik at all, has been found innocent by an impartial commission (the Wickersham), and yet REFUSES A PARDON because a pardon would imply his guilt. He prefers to indict California capitalist justice from prison, and from prison organizes masses to fight not for pardon but for complete exoneration.

## Thaelmann

Consider still further: when the Nazi radio blared forth the slander that Communists had fired the Reichstag, did not the Communists Thaelmann and Torgler themselves go to the NAZI police to demand they stand trial in order to clear their Party's name of the charge of arson? Hitler, after four years, still does not dare bring Thaelmann to trial, possibly because he knows that old Bolsheviks would indict Nazism in the courtroom.

Consider lastly: when Dimitroff in Leipzig was putting Hitler on trial by his vigorous, unquenchable denunciation of Nazi justice, Goering in his raving

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called Dimitroff a "Bulgarian traitor." Did not Dimitroff, in reply, offer to allow himself to be deported to Bulgaria (terrorized Bulgaria!) to stand trial there to prove that the Bulgarian Communist Party was not a party of traitors, but a mass, political, revolutionary Party?

In view of all these considerations, why doesn't Trotsky go to the Soviet Union "to try the Soviet Union" as he would put it? Surely Trotsky has everything to gain. Think of the sensation that would be caused if he were to announce that he is going to defy the "Stalinist terror" in his native land. Why, the whole of world public opinion would rush to his support. All liberal opinion would be aghast at "such heroism" just as it gasped at the mighty Dimitroff. *The Herald Tribune*, which would like to see Trotsky come to the United States to tell us about "Blackest Russia," would be thrilled to have him denounce Blackest Russia in Blackest Russia. The Hearst press would continue its espousal of world-revolutions. The *Manchester Guardian* would continue to be the Cerberus of Justice.

## Why Not?

Really, why doesn't Trotsky go? HE wouldn't confess! HE wouldn't plead guilty! He would bring his archives and documents to court (making sure that photostatic copies are left outside Russia with his friends so that if the GPU steals them and destroys them he will be able to denounce that too). And isn't his bringing his archives to Russia more sensible than his asking a Government of 170,000,000 to send its documents to Mexico or the United States? And then he would out-Dimitroff Dimitroff. He would stand up in court, and instead of cringingly relating a "rehearsed tale in a monotonous voice" he would let the truth be known in his mighty forensic manner. The world press would be there at this public trial. The entire diplomatic corps would attend to check up on Soviet justice.

But the brute Vyshinsky might not let him talk, let him give his evidence? Well, here a little "impartial commission" might help. These friends with whom Trotsky would be so careful to leave authentic copies of all documents would be prepared on an hour's notice to publish in the world press any document that the Soviet Court prevented him from using.

## USSR Innocent

To conclude: this is not a taunt, nor a dare. It is a simple thing which any professed old Bolshevik should not hesitate to do. He would have his days in court, and the truth would be known to the listening world. And the truth would free us.

In the meantime, until the Soviet Government is proved guilty, I shall accept the evidence that it is innocent. Not merely innocent: we should be very grateful that the Soviet Government by exposing the plotting of Germany and Japan, has probably thwarted the plans that were to mature in 1937 for world war. This is not the first time the Soviet Union has made peace more enduring for the whole world.

Will you think it impertinent if I suggest that you could do more to get Trotsky his hearing and the truth an outlet by resigning from the American Committee to Defend Leon Trotsky, and by joining with those who urge him to stand trial on his indictment in the Soviet Union?

Sincerely yours,  
Morris U. Schappes

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Trotsky Defended in Letter

To the Editor of *The Campus*:

An editorial in *The Campus* of February 8 asks us to accept as genuine the amazing confession made at the recent Moscow trials. The "authoritative" Walter Duranty, we are told, thinks them genuine: what further proof is needed?

Duranty recently wrote in *The New York Times* that he has sided with Stalin against Trotsky since 1923. Does this make him impartial? In an article in *The Sunday Times Magazine* section of February 7, Duranty achieves Herculean feats of dishonesty. Jacques Doriot, always a bitter enemy of the Trotskyists, (see *Whither France* by L. Trotsky) becomes, under the spell of Duranty's pen, "Trotsky's chief lieutenant in Paris."

### No Evidence at Trials

In order to find out the truth about the Moscow trials, we must put aside the "authoritative" reports of Duranty and critically examine the evidence.

We find that there was absolutely no evidence at the trials except the fantastic "confessions" of the defendants. What value have such "confessions?"

In 1931, there was held a trial in Moscow of thirteen Mensheviks, all of whom "confessed" that on a specific day in August, 1928, Rafael Abramovitch was in Russia plotting counter-revolution with them. Unfortunately for the prosecution, on that day Abramovitch was participating in an International Socialist Congress in Brussels. This was testified to by hundreds of witnesses and by a photograph showing Abramovitch at the Congress. Who today will claim that those confessions were true?

In the first trial the defendant Holy-mann declared that he had met Trotsky's son, Sedov, in Copenhagen in December 1932 in the Hotel Bristol. But Sedov can prove by his passport and by the corroboration of the Danish government that he was never in Copenhagen. Moreover the Hotel Bristol had been torn down in 1917 and was not rebuilt until 1936.

### No Airplane at Oslo

In the last trial Piatakov "confessed" that he had gone by airplane from Berlin to Oslo in December 1935 to conspire with Trotsky. A Norwegian government official investigated and found that no airplane had arrived from Berlin at Oslo in December, 1935.

It is the duty of all progressive students, in the face of falsehood and contradiction, to support the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky in its fight for an impartial committee of inquiry into the charges against Trotsky. Only those who fear the truth will oppose this demand.

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Glick '38

(In referring to the authority of Mr. Duranty, "*The Campus*" has assumed that as a first-hand observer, the *Times* Moscow correspondent bears greater responsibility and reliability than do those self-appointed judicial omniscients who from a vantage point some six thousand miles away, can discern Stalinist butchery running rampant over the prostrated and maligned figure of Trotsky. We, in this country, have as the only evidence on which we can base our judgments the reports of the foreign correspondents of American newspapers. So far as we have determined all of them—not only Mr. Duranty—have been unanimous in vouching for the authenticity of the trials.

Cries of "fantastic" and "weird" have greeted the testimony, but to those who would refer to the Constitution of the United States, we recommend that article which reads that treason may be established either by a confession in open court or the testimony of two witnesses. The Moscow trials on that basis at least surely ring true. Not only have there been confessions in open court in Moscow, but there also have been at least fifteen witnesses to implicate each of the accused.

The evidence offered by the writer to prove that the confessions are fabricated should be considered by the reader together with that offered in Mr. Schappes' letter, printed elsewhere in this issue.—Editor's Note).



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### 'Fess Up, Boys; And Beavers Do Before Fordham Game

By Phil Minoff

Confession may be good for the soul, but as a therapeutic agent for deteriorated and demoralized basketball teams, its value is practically nil. You know the device employed by some public speaking instructors when they ask you to criticize your own forensic masterpiece? Well, Nat Holman varied the theme a bit when, on Monday afternoon, he held a "true confessions" session in a corner of the Hygiene gym, a little experiment aimed to take the College quintet apart and see not what made it go, but what made it stop.

### Miserable

Two evenings before, the Beavers had given a rather miserable performance in winning over Union at Schenectady. Holman and the squad were now plainly perturbed, Nat being the type of coach who doesn't let a victory blind him to the fact that his club hasn't been playing the kind of ball it has been taught to play. The first to offer his criticism was Bernie Fiegel. It was about time, Bernie said, that the boys woke up. They weren't even handling the ball well, and to think that one or two sports writers had lampooned the squad at the start of the season for spending too much time in fancy passwork!

Dave Cohen took the stand. He walked solemnly up to the chair in front, and sat down, elbows on knees, hands clasped, and eyes glued to the floor. We had the feeling as we watched, that Red felt like the defendant in a murder trial, and was getting a tremendous kick out of the experience. He mentioned a few errors he committed Saturday night, and went on to say, "There's something wrong with us, Nat. We aren't clicking, I don't know—" Recondite observation.

### No Sleep

At this point Iz Katz strode into the gym all dressed up, but not for practice. Holman glared at him for a few seconds. "You sit in the chair, Whitey." Iz muttered something about not getting enough sleep over the week-end because of the trip from up-state and company in the house Sunday afternoon. Whereupon, Nat reflected aloud, "That's the trouble with you boys. When I was young and wanted sleep, I used to tell the company to take their bridge game into the next room." Iz was asked to cite his mistakes against Union; too many long throws, he admitted, faulty defensive work, and a failure to follow up shots.

### Futile

So, a few evenings later, the Beavers got themselves trimmed by Fordham, 31-17—. All of which has led us to the conclusion that an investigation of this type falls short of its purpose for two reasons. Firstly, an athlete in criticizing his own play, will by nature, shy away from mentioning his most serious deficiency. Secondly, errors in basketball invariably involve other players on the team, and any complete confession must have names. As far as basketball is concerned, the self-criticism method and McNaboe investigation are rivals in futility. Only, we suppose, the latter was a helluva lot more fun while it lasted.

### Sports Candidates

Candidates for the sports staff of The Campus, who took the sports examination, will be required to meet in room 8 on the mezzanine at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Clurman, Campus sports editor, announced yesterday.

Attendance of all is compulsory and prompt arrival desirable, Clurman warned.

## Villanova Five, Five Former College Captains To Appear in Game for Spain

### St. Nicks Seek Redemption In Philadelphia Game; Face F & M Next

A thoroughly chastened college five, that stubbed its toe on a little bump,—St. Joseph's,—tripped up on mediocre Western Reserve, was enmeshed by Manhattan's green fog, and battered by Fordham's awkward Ram, will have a chance to preserve the shattered remnants of its once mighty reputation when it meets Villanova at Philadelphia tonight, and then returns to New York for a Saturday tussle against Franklin and Marshall in the College gym.

### Face-saving Contest

Several weeks ago, a trip to the hinterlands to meet Villanova would have attracted the undivided interest and attention of the College fans, but since the Fordham debacle, a victory for the Holmen is more of a face-saving process than anything else. Manhattan gave the "all New York" championship hopes a severe push in the pan and Fordham buried them.

In view of the above, the chief point of interest tonight, will be centered around the question of whether or not Harry McNally of Villanova is as good as his older brother Jim of Manhattan, who was the big hogan man against the College two weeks ago. Jim and Harry freshmanned together at Manhattan and while Jim stayed on to plague the Beavers on February 3, Harry shifted to Villanova to do God-knows-what, on February 19.

### F. & M. Tough

Against Franklin and Marshall tomorrow, the Lavender will also be up against a tough customer in the personage of one Woody Sponangle, a six-foot-three-inch pivot man whose sensational play in the bucket has been a great factor in his team's victory parade. In addition, the Diplomats use a fast-breaking zone, which enables them to maintain a six-foot-one-inch average under the backboard. The Beavers seem to have their work cut out for them.

In anticipation of the weekend's activity, Holman has been shifting combinations about in an effort to find one which can show a driving offense rather than mere slick back-court passing.

### MATMEN ENCOUNTER TEMPLE TOMORROW

The College matmen march on Philadelphia Saturday in an attempt to down Temple University for their fourth consecutive victory. Coach Al Chaiken has done a fine job with a rookie team. After just losing out to Franklin and Marshall, a squad that ranks with the best in the country, the wrestlers took Columbia, Springfield, and MIT in quick order. Temple, a top-flight crew, figures to make plenty of trouble for the Beavers.

Ralph Hirschtritt, the only undefeated man on the squad, will do his stuff at 118 lbs. Captain Benny "Bull" Taublieb who last week wrestled at 145 lbs. will be there again. Abe Emmer, will wrestle at 135 lbs.

At 155 lbs. there is dependable Hal Sklar, and his co-worker at 165 lbs. will be Henry Wittenberg. Stan Graze gets a chance to strut his stuff at his own weight, 195 lbs., for the first time this season. He will be replaced in the heavyweight class by Charley Wilford, a varsity football player, who will wrestle for the first time Saturday in inter-collegiate competition.

HOLDERS OF College A.A. books will be admitted free at the De Witt Clinton gym, where the Beaver jayvee will meet the Red and Black this afternoon.

Moe Spahn, whose picture appears at the right, may be a very familiar gent to College basketball fans, but in the "Game for Spain" tonight at the Hippodrome, he will be merely one of a bewildering galaxy of court stars that will shine in the feature game of a triple-header.

The roster of "ex-collegiate" pros vs. "non-collegiate" pros that will meet tonight, reads like a who's who of court players. Five former City College captains, Moe Goldman, Moe Spahn, Lou Spindell, Pete Berenson and Milt Trupin are included among the "ex-collegiate" pros together with Rip Kaplinsky, former St. John's All-American.

The "ignoramous" or "non-collegiate" pros will be composed of Red Wolfe, A.L. Kellett, Sunny Gluck, Harry Davis and the greatest one-handed shot in basketball annals, Herb Cohen. It is a little like naming Red Grange, Ernie Nevers, George Gipp and Jim Thorpe—all in their prime—as the starting backfield of an all-star football game.

Inasmuch as the audience will be composed of three kinds of people namely, 1. Those who hate Fascism;

Moe Spahn



As Lavender Captain

2. Those who like the best basketball; 3. Those who hate Fascism and like basketball, there should be quite a mob at tonight's game.

Prices start at \$.35 and climb upward—slowly.

### J V MEETS CLINTON

#### Beaver Cubs to Play Five Opponents in Week

After a week's rest since its victory over Fordham's yearlings, the College jayvee meets five opponents in eight days, starting with the De Witt Clinton championship quintet this afternoon in the Moshulu Parkway gym. Tomorrow night the Beaver cubs furnish the prelude to the College-F. and M. game, by playing the Diplomat's freshman squad.

The Red and Black's standout squad, with a full complement of efficient six-footers, lost its only game by one point to NYU's cub team. But the Lavender cubs do not appear to be awed.

### MERMEN TO MEET NYU

#### Hope for Success Against Violet Swimmers

With their record this season standing at two victories and two defeats, the College swimmers return to their home pool Friday night, hopeful of a good showing against NYU's natators to compensate for their performance in Franklin and Marshall's tank last week. The bad beating at the hands of the Diplomats may be forgotten as one of those things.

Although chances of victory are not too high, Coach Radford McCormick expects the St. Nicks to put up a tussle which may result in Lavender victory.

## College Boxers Open at Philly

### Undefeated Team Expects Clean Sweep Against Temple Pugilists

The College boxing team, undefeated in three years of varsity competition, will open its brief but hectic season tomorrow night against Temple at Philadelphia. In their last year's encounter with the Owls, the Beavers won seven of the eight bouts, and are pointing for a clean sweep this time.

The St. Nick boxers, led by Captain Bill Silverman who, it is reputed never let an opponent stay the limit with him in an intercollegiate bout. Right behind him is 175 pound Sy Zamos, undefeated in three years of college boxing, and a semi-finalist in the Golden Gloves.

Continuing the "iron-man" tradition is Johnny Nemeth, 165, who was victorious in his last five bouts via the knockout route. The middleweight division is the dynamite storehouse of the team. Tony Caserta, 135, is both Bronx County and Catholic Youth Association champ, while Co-captain Jack Siegel, who does his stuff in the 145 pound class, has been undefeated in three years of college competition.

Amadio Rea, a two year veteran has the 155 pound spot clinched, while the lightweight berths are manned by Joe Lubansky and Paul Traziano, 115 and 125 pounds respectively.

### RIFLE TEAM TRIUMPHS

The College rifle squad, which shattered the record in capturing the National Tyro Prone championship last year, opened the season's competition Wednesday with a conclusive victory over St. John's, 1332 to 1204, in the first Metropolitan Inter-collegiate League match. John Newkirk led the Beavers with 274.

The Beaver sharpshooters' second match of the year's competition will send them against Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute tomorrow at the College range.

## BASEBALL SEASON GETS UNDER WAY

Coach Irv Spanier issued a general call for candidates yesterday. All men regardless of any previous experience are invited to come out. Practice sessions will be held, this Saturday at 11 a.m., Monday (Washington's Birthday) at 11 a.m., and Tuesday at 4 p.m. All practices will be held in the Tech gym.

All freshmen and sophomores desiring positions as junior assistant managers were also urged to appear.

The past two weeks have been devoted to bringing the pitchers' arms into shape. Working out were veterans Johnny Morris, Jerry Horne, and Gabe Mauro. Arky Soltes and Bernie Beder, recruits from last year's jayvee, showed plenty of stuff.

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## Dram Soc Calls New Peep Show 'Don't Look Now'

Don't look now, but the Dramatic Society's new satirical revue will be known as *Don't Look Now*. The authors, in the most approved dramatic tradition, have made a feeble attempt at continuity—all the action centers about the adventures of wandering candid cameramen.

Heading a long list of songs in the revue are two which have already been published: *Long Live Love* by Dave Spitz '37 and *Danny Barkin* '37, and *Put a Penny in the Slot* by Jack Gould (nee Goldstein) '37, Maurice Werner, and Sid Oakan.

The society's plans for the revue are on so grand a scale as to make Billy Rose look like a pebble on the beach. A monster quartet (with eight singers) is being groomed by Mr. J. Bailey Harvey and Mr. Frank Davidson of the Public Speaking Department. Impersonators, boats, colossal dance scenes directed by Mr. Edward Sinclair of the Albertina Rasch School, and beautiful girls will be features of the production, which will positively be more super-super than any have yet been.

The greater part of the skits in the revue have been written by Elliott Blum '37, Emanuel Grobin '37, Daniel Pines '37, Mortimer Cohen '38, and Edward Goldberger '37.

## THOUSANDS ON WAY TO NATION'S CAPITAL

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More than one thousand youth will represent New York on the pilgrimage. The Heights and Washington Square divisions of New York University, the Columbia Student Board, the Hunter and Brooklyn College Student Councils have all endorsed the NYA and are sending delegates to Washington.

Part of the New York division left yesterday and the rest will leave tonight from the ASU headquarters. Arrangements may still be made through the ASU for transportation, food and lodging.

The American Youth Act is designed to provide more adequately than the NYA for the needs of the country's young men and women. It provides for aid to students and democratic administration of the provisions of the legislation.

## Tech Attendant Hurt

William Ryan, attendant in the Tech building who was seriously injured last Saturday when a row of lockers in the tunnel fell on him, is recovering slowly, it was reported at Knickerbocker Hospital yesterday. Mr. Ryan was attempting to remove a piece of paper from beneath the locker when they fell, fracturing his hips and two shoulders.

## CAMPUS CLUBS

**Obsessions**—"An obsession is a mixture of emotional primitivism and hyper-sensitive intellectualism," Dr. Emil Gutheil, practicing psychiatrist and psycho-analyst, stated in a discussion of compulsion neuroses before the Psychology Society yesterday. Dr. Gutheil's contention is that a person with an inner conflict symbolizes the struggle in some concrete terms and then tries to remove the physical objects, imagining he is removing the conflict. The Viennese psychologist declared that obsessions, as a disease, were growing more widespread in our world of shattered authorities.

**Wanted**—If you're a freshman, with a loud voice and selling ability, the Dramatic Society is after you. The group needs several freshmen to sell Varsity Show tickets in Townsend Harris Hall. Rewards consist of a position on the Dramatic Society business staff and some Annie Oakleys. Applicants are asked by Gilbert Cohn '39 to drop notes giving the students' free hours into Locker B-75, Hygiene Building.

**Hebrew Classes**—More than 100 students and faculty members have registered in the Hebrew and Yiddish classes conducted by the Menorah-Avukah. Information concerning the classes, which will start next week can be had in room 2, mezzanine.

**Communism and Catholicism**—The recent declaration by Hilaire Belloc, eminent English Catholic author and historian, that the forces of Communism and Catholicism must eventually clash, has stirred up interest in a series of discussions of Catholic principles by the College Newman Club. The discussion group meets every Thursday at 4 p.m. in room 19 with Father Dwyer, S. J. of Fordham University as moderator. An introductory smoker for freshmen will be held tonight at 8 by the club at the Knights of Columbus, 334 Convent Avenue.

## GERMAN DEPARTMENT DISPROVES CHARGES

Charges that the German Department is "one of Goebbels' branches in America," occasioned by the discovery of a piece of newspaper wrapping, were denied by members of the department early this week.

The accusations were brought by a student of German in a letter to *The Campus*. The student, who requested that his name be withheld, enclosed the wrapper, which bore the return address of the *Berliner Lokal Anzeiger*, a Nazi publication.

Members of the German Department stated that the *New York Staatszeitung*, a newspaper published in this city, is used in the German classes. Professor Edwin F. Roedder, chairman of the department, expressed the opinion that the paper had been sent to the College as an advertisement.

## Puns, Pleadings, and Pu-leez Features S.C. Auction in Alcoves

"Two kopeks and a lead dime for the midnight blue fedora" cried an alcove bargainer. "I'll bid two fresh herrings and three cents." "I'll give you a pass to Minsky's Apollo for the cerise and aquamarine stocking." "Who'll give a quarter for the broken slide rule, fifteen cents, a dime, a nickel, anything?"

Thus with quips, puns, similes, and metaphors, the chief auctioneer commenced activities, when the Student Council converted the alcoves from a feeding place into a tumultuous auction block, Thursday afternoon. Some two hundred milling, pressing, shoving, and shrieking students were in attendance. The goods auctioned off were books, wallets, pens, scarfs, hats, and other unclaimed articles left in the Lost and Found room. The average prices were five cents for hats, fifteen cents for scarfs while wallets and notebooks brought anywhere from five cents to a dollar. One buyer, exhibiting the depths of pessimism, bid and paid one cent for a slightly used, left-handed leather glove, explaining that he anticipated losing his left glove in the future, and added "There is nothing like preparedness. Two ships

for one!" The ability and cunning of the auctioneer were demonstrated when he dexterously, with the aid of a couple of well-rehearsed stooges, manipulated the price of a fifteen cent table-tennis set up to a quarter, and a ten cent notebook up to twenty cents. The result of this was that cries of "gyp," "chisel," and "stuck" were hurled indiscriminately at both auctioneer and purchaser of all the following items. One speculator or profiteer bought three hats, size seven and a half, a torn paper notebook, and a Science Survey 1 Syllabus of 1928 entitled *Atomic Structure*, for five cents, the twentieth part of a dollar.

When all was over the net profit was found to be twelve dollars and twelve cents. While Irv Nachbar '37 was the auctioneer, Victor Axelroad '37 and Abraham Soltes '37 handled all the money.

Near the end of the sale, Axelroad announced that anyone interested in purchasing a pair of women's stockings, full fashioned, all silk; a purse; and a motley assortment of ladies' gloves, should get in touch with him after the sale.

## MOODY TO REDUCE PRICE OF CHEM KITS

An attempt to reduce the price of chemical kits will be made by the Chemistry Department, it was announced by Professor Herbert R. Moody, director of the department, last Tuesday.

A number of Chemistry majors who have continually protested against the high prices of chemical kits, have often suggested the practice of having the students fill up their own bottles with chemicals provided by the department. A saving of about two dollars would result, it has been estimated.

## LAGUARDIA PLANS CITY TECH SCHOOL

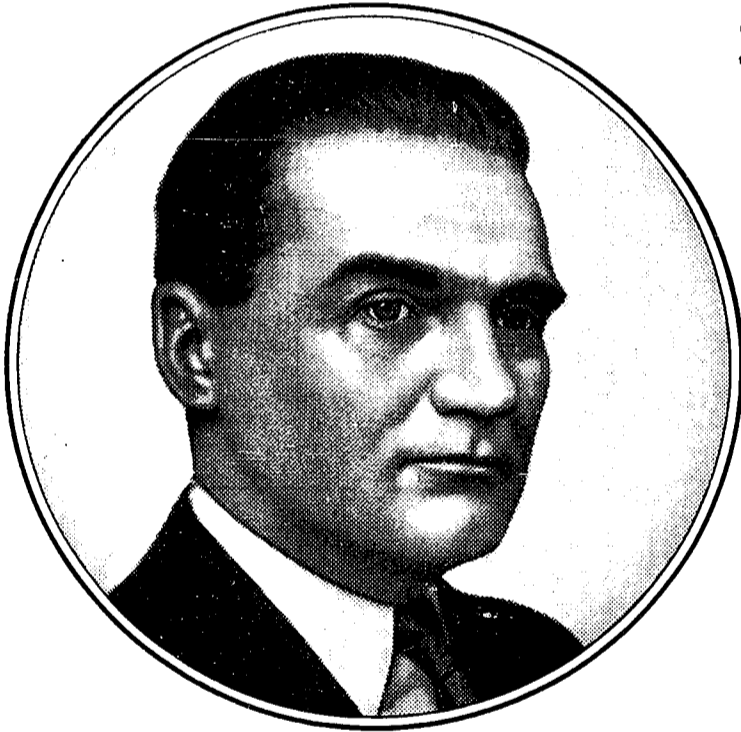
Mayor LaGuardia disclosed last week a plan whereby one of the free higher educational institutions would become a school of technology and at least part of another a school of government.

"I would like to have one of our city colleges specialized as a school of technology," Mayor LaGuardia stated, "perhaps called the New York School of Technology. They tell me that the College of the City of New York is admirably equipped for this and could be utilized. Its mechanical equipment is adequate now, but it is short on laboratory equipment."

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