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All Out In Great Hall Tomorrow 11 A. M.

The Case Against Robinson

Teachers to Him Are Bought Like "Sacks of Coal"

By Bernard S. Rothenberg
(This is the twelfth in a series of articles.)

"Perhaps nowhere on earth, outside of Italy or Germany, is a college of similar prestige so ridden with fear, so diseased with coercion, so corrupted in its proper functions by one man's influence. The truth is sometimes spoken at the College, but only in a whisper." This is what an instructor at our College, the College of the City of New York, said in June, 1936 after resigning his position.

This was at the time of the dismissal of Morris U. Schappes. It may be taken as indicative of the morale of the staff under Dr. Robinson.

Alan Marshall, the writer, was a Public Speaking instructor who had taught at Lafayette College and at Columbia University before he came to City College. His experience therefore was not narrowly grounded.

Of Dr. Robinson's reign he also said, "There are toadies everywhere, of course; but in the College a willingness to toady pays dividends in cash. The pension system, itself a fine thing, in the hands of an administrator like Robinson becomes a vicious weapon. Men of long service in the College, being near the retirement age, are all the more submissive in order to realize their hopes of old-age security."

Loyalty's the Word

"When pressure for Robinson's dismissal began to squeeze the president, he called the staff into his office, department by department. In a series of shameful speeches Robinson demanded loyalty from his staff, individual and collective, undivided and unquestioning. Not loyalty to conscience or loyalty to truth or loyalty to honesty but loyalty to Robinson, which is another matter."

These were the conferences which Dr. Robinson held with departments, at which he pleaded that the staff should "let me alone," warned that "there is no room" for people who consistently opposed him and suggested subtle methods of conducting propaganda against *The Campus*. At the Romance Languages Department conference, for instance, two reactionary professors were so inflamed that they followed the President's talk with an angry suggestion that *The Campus* should be completely suppressed, "like Hitler does in Germany", and the college be patrolled by the ROTC.

The President's oft-aroused ire emerged in March, 1936 at a special meeting in the Great Hall of the entire staff of the College, called to hear the President discuss matters of salary, tenure and promotion. In a leaflet published by the College unit of the Communist Party, composed of teachers and non-instructional employees of the College, he had been charged with calling the meeting "in order to intimidate and divide his opponents."

After Dr. Robinson read the leaflet, the staff was shocked at the undignified outburst on the part of the President which followed, in which he assailed the Communists as "a slimy group," "skunks" and "liars." Without attempting to pass on the statements of the Communist Party, one must feel revolted and ashamed at such lack of restraint on the part of a man who holds the office of President of the College we are proud to call our own.

"Sacks of Coal"

The President's relations with the staff have seldom been wholly cordial. This follows from the record we have cited. But even more, the President's policy of "rotation" or "cheap labor" as it was termed by the Teachers Union, his policies with respect to salary,

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DODD TO ADDRESS STRIKERS

Peace Strike To Emphasize Aid to Spain

Lift Spanish Embargo Keynote of Fifth Annual Walkout

More than one million students in colleges and high schools throughout the United States are expected to leave their 11 a. m. classes tomorrow to participate in the fifth annual student peace strike, sponsored by the United Student Peace Committee.

"Lift the embargo on Spain" will be the keynote of the demonstration, although the USPC has formulated no official program.

A "Day of Sacrifice for Spain" will also be observed as part of the demonstration. Students will go without food, shaves, hair-waves and other such services. Money thus saved will be donated to the Loyalist cause. Similar observances will be conducted in France and England.

Labor will also demonstrate for peace tomorrow. Mass meetings will be held in factories and industrial centers at noon and 5 p. m.

Mercury Theatre Cooperates

In the afternoon the Mercury Theater will present a special preview for students of its production of *Heartbreak House*, George Bernard Shaw's anti-war play, as its part in tomorrow's demonstration.

The following organizations, through the USPC, are sponsoring tomorrow's strike:

American League for Peace and Democracy, Youth Committee; American Student Union; American Youth Congress; Chinese Student Association of North America; Committee on Militarism in Education; Fellowship of Reconciliation, Youth Division; Interseminary Movement; International Student Service (Consultative); National Council of Methodist Youth; National Intercollegiate Christian Council (including the National Councils of the Student YMCA and YWCA); National Negro Congress, Youth Division; Student Peace Service of the American Friends Service Committee; United Christian Youth Movement; University Commission of the Council of Church Boards of Education; War Resisters League; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Youth Committee Against War.

Queens College Voids Ban on Ernst Toller

The ban of the Queens College faculty having been lifted, Ernst Toller, exiled German author and playwright, delivered his address on "Social Drama" there Friday, April 8.

An invitation tendered to Mr. Toller had previously been retracted because many of the Queens College students being of first and second generation of German extraction, it was feared that his talk might alienate them.

The decision of the college faculty in retracting the invitation brought protests from several organizations including the American Society for Race Tolerance and the Teachers Union.

Commencement Date Announced

Commencement exercises will take place in Lewisohn Stadium Wednesday evening, June 22, Lionel Bloomfield '38, director of commencement activities, announced yesterday. All graduates must wear caps and gowns, and those receiving masters' degrees must also wear hoods, Bloomfield said.

Payment of a joint fee of three dollars will cover the cost of the bachelor's cap and gown, Commencement Week Activities and tickets for the exercises. A five-dollar fee is required for the master's outfit.

Flynn Urges Liberalization

Will Present Plan For Democratization Of Faculty

Charging that the present system of administration in the four city colleges tends to make "the president become a little tyrant and his faculty become yes-men dummies," John T. Flynn will present a plan to "democratize and liberalize" these institutions and a proposal to establish life tenure for their teachers at the meeting of the Board of Higher Education tonight.

Action on the two plans, which were formulated after hearings had been held, will be deferred until the meeting of May 16 in accordance with the by-laws of the board.

President's Power Curtailed

As a result of the new policies, according to Mr. Flynn, who is chairman of the special grievance committee of the board, the president's powers would be curtailed, the instructors would be permitted to enter the faculty councils, the heads of departments deprived of much of their power and all members of the instructional staffs will have life positions.

Striking at the "autocratic" control of the presidents, Mr. Flynn's changes would take away their powers of promotion and appointment. Most of these duties will be transferred to a faculty council. This council would be chosen to represent all levels of the teaching profession. At present instructors are not permitted to enter the faculty meetings.

Faculty Votes Weighted

To prevent the instructors from gaining control, the plan provides that the men of professional rank outnumber them in voting power by about two to one.

BOATRIDE DATE SET

The date for the all-City College, co-ed Boatride and Moonlight Sail has been set for Sunday, May 22, according to Bernard Walpin '39, chairman of the SC boatride committee. The all-day outing will leave the Battery at 10 a. m. and return at 12 midnight.

Tickets are selling at eighty-five cents. A ten cent discount will be allowed with class, SC and HP cards, but only two tickets may be bought on such cards. Tickets and further information may be secured at the SC office, room 5 mezzanine, Walpin stated.

Committees Unite For Peace Action

ONE STRIKE

AN EDITORIAL

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE PEACE STRIKE TOMORROW. Tomorrow the student body of the College will turn out in the Great Hall for the largest peace strike in its history and one million other students throughout the land will be acting simultaneously for peace.

The central emphasis of the demonstration, here as elsewhere, will be a slogan upon which the largest possible front of the peace fighters can unite—the lifting of the embargo on Spain. The Student Council, official representative body of the undergraduates, the Tech Peace Committee (marking the first time that the School of Technology will turn out en masse for the Peace Strike), and the American Student Union are sponsoring the united demonstration in the Great Hall. This unity on a meaningful program is unprecedented in its breadth of scope.

Yet, withal, a unique situation exists. Strange to say, the student walking up to school from the subway in the morning is bewildered to find two sets of leaflets, one urging him to support the strike in the Great Hall and one urging him to come to Lewisohn Stadium, the latter put out by a small group of students with no official or unofficial standing whatever, who have assumed the name of "Student Anti-War Committee."

The story behind this is a fairly clear one: Two weeks ago, before Spring Recess, the Student Council, representing every organization in the College, after free discussion and debate, democratically approved a program for the Peace Strike including the passage of the O'Connell Peace Act and collective action for peace. This program was supported by the Tech Peace Committee and the American Student Union. That it is enthusiastically endorsed by a large majority of the student body is evident from the huge turnout of 3,500 for the emergency stoppage last month against Hitler's seizure of Austria, which

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'Spokesman' Charter Day Probe Ended Posts Sought

The members of the *Spokesman* staff are not believed to be in "accord with the liberal ideas of the student body" and "this will be reflected in their policy," the Minority Rights Committee stated in its report to the Student Council on Thursday, April 14.

The Committee concluded its one-week investigation of *The Spokesman* with the report, arriving at the conclusion that "there is no proof that the newspaper will be anti-Semitic in character."

Term Derogatory

Although "the Committee feels that the term 'White Jews' is not a common one and is a derogatory term similar to 'White Man's Nigger' or 'Good Nigger'," the report said that the Committee was forced to accept the interpretation of the term applied by the writer, Roger Damio '39, that he did not consciously mean the term to be derogatory.

On the same day as the Committee submitted its report, *The Spokesman* held its first open organizational meet-

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Lock and Key, College honor society, at its last meeting voted unanimously to offer its services as color bearers and ushers in the Charter Day exercises to be held May 12, according to Harold Roth '39, scribe.

Letters offering the society's services have been sent to the Charter Day Committee which comprises President Robinson, Professor Frederick G. Reynolds of the Mathematics Department and Dr. Frederick G. Woll of the Hygiene Department.

In the last few years, the use of ROTC color guards has caused the Student Council to boycott the Charter Day exercises.

'40 PLANS SMOKER

Fifteen pence for members and two-bits for non-members will be the sole barrier to keep College men from this Friday's '40 class smoker, William Raftsky, co-chairman of the smoker committee revealed yesterday.

To be held in the Armory, the smoker will feature all sorts of tobacco stuffs free, films, Bingo and Faculty entertainment.

"Did you ever see an unhappy horse? Did you ever see a bird that had the blues?"—Dale Carnegie, in the "Mirror."

Aid to China, Spain, Urged In Program

William E. Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, will address the Peace Strike in the Great Hall, tomorrow at 11 a. m. An estimated 4,000 students will leave their classes and will also hear James Waterman Wise, editor of *Opinion*, Captain Steve Nelson of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, Stanley Rich '38, President of Tech Council, and Jack Fernbach '39, president of the College chapter of the ASU.

A representative of the Faculty will speak. Professor William Bradley Ois has been invited to address the meeting. James Wechsler, former editor of the *Student Advocate* will also speak.

Jack London '38, president of the Student Council, will be chairman of the meeting, which is being sponsored by the SC, the Tech Peace Committee and the ASU.

Three Point Program

The program on which the strike is being conducted includes the following three points:

- 1—Lift the Embargo on Loyalist Spain.
- 2—Material to aid China and Spain—Boycott Japanese Goods
- 3—Defeat the Vinson "Big Navy" Bill and the "M-Day" Bills; Abolish ROTC.

The program was offered by the SC Peace Committee in an effort to secure "the widest unity and support of the student body behind the Peace Strike."

Originally, the program adopted by the SC Peace Committee and by the SC itself had included support of the O'Connell Peace Resolution and an embargo of the "fascist aggressors."

Dean Morton D. Gottschall, who had been invited by a group calling themselves the "Anti-War Committee" to speak at its planned demonstration, appeared before the SC at its last meeting and declared that he did not feel

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MCNA Supports Peace Activity

Asking for the passage of the O'Connell Peace Act, fifteen college newspaper editors, representing the Metropolitan College Newspaper Association, pledged themselves, in a joint editorial, to support the April 27 Peace Strike. The Newspaper Association, as a body, went on record in support of the walkout.

The joint editorial approving the Peace Action, advocated concerted action on the part of students throughout the country "if freedom and equality under which we live are not to be destroyed."

Students were also urged by the MCNA to propose definite resolutions, in working constructively for peace.

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One Strike

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had the same program. There is no doubt that the overwhelming majority of the student body of the College supports a program of practicality and realism, collective action.

In the face of the undeniable sentiments of the student body, a microscopically small group of students turns out leaflets in the name of the "Student Anti-War Committee," masquerades under the guise of having some support amongst the student body and secures from the administration permission to call a "counter-strike" in Lewisohn Stadium.

To say that even the name of the committee is forthright deception is only the smallest of our criticisms. The so-called "Student Anti-War Committee" has no recognized standing with either the student body or the faculty. Legally, it does not exist. The group which "created" it is the same group which has consistently opposed the approved actions of the student body, the Student Council, the Peace Committee, and the American Student Union. It is the same group which disrupted the peace stoppage last month and which held the blackmail threat of a "counter-strike" and a "counter-demonstration" over the heads of the Council in an attempt to force the adoption of its own program.

It is difficult to take another view but that this "Student Anti-War Committee" has been created for disruptive purposes by disgruntled members of the Anti-War Club, the Philosophy Club and the Politics Club. It is well-known that this group represents approximately 38 out of the 6,000 students at the College.

This "Student Anti-War Committee" in the past has been crying "no democracy" to secure its disruptive ends. It is very noticeable that it refrains from crying "democracy" today, for the excellent reason that it has exposed itself as an enemy of student democracy.

The Student Council Strike Committee, despite the fact that it knew its approved full program to have the support of the student body, in the interests of an even wider unity, proposed a unity program

to include 1) lifting of the embargo on Spain, 2) Aid to Spain and China and the boycott of Japanese goods, 3) Opposition to armaments and M-Day Plans. This compromise program is one upon which even many isolationists can agree. Also the Peace Committee offered to include an isolationist speaker on the program.

THIS OFFER WAS FLATLY REFUSED BY THE "STUDENT ANTI-WAR COMMITTEE."

There can therefore be no misunderstanding as to who believes in democracy, as to who believes in unity. Dean Gottschall, who made a plea for unity at the last Student Council meeting, expressed himself as disappointed at the intransigent attitude of those who refused to participate in a unified meeting on terms which were "certainly reasonable."

We regret to have had to consume so much space to clear up the air of confusion which a few have attempted to create. But it was necessary, for it is as true that it takes thousands to construct a sturdy bridge, but one or two men can blow that bridge up with a bomb.

There will be only one Peace Strike tomorrow. That strike will be in the Great Hall. All friends of peace will rally there when the clock strikes eleven.

Strike For Peace

WITH THE SPREAD OF AGGRESSION and the revival of force in the international sphere, peace has been replaced by discord and unrest. If the students of today are to work constructively for peace, it is time for them to formulate a definite body of resolutions on which to base continuous year-round efforts.

The conflicts raging in Spain and in the far East, the accomplishment of Anschluss with a speed and violence which left the world stunned, and the ever-mounting rearmament budgets of the powers make it strikingly apparent that peace is no longer an academic question. Modern warfare, as illustrated by the bombing of civilian populations, the tremendous toll of human life and the devastation of city and countryside indicates that another world struggle would cause incalculable waste.

What can students do in the face of world crisis? They can work for nationwide union of students behind a practical peace program, and they can influence the foreign policy of our country by urging passage of effective legislation against aggressors.

The passage of the O'Connell amendment to the present Neutrality Act should be the immediate objective of realistic pacifists. This amendment will empower the President to discriminate between an aggressor nation and one which has been the victim of aggression, to quarantine the warmaker and to allow economic and financial aid for the violated nation. The United States cannot afford to ignore the world scene, for if America becomes entangled in conflict a fatal blow may be dealt to our fundamental ideals.

We should pledge our support for the April 27th Peace Action, through which students in colleges, universities and high schools throughout the states will express their common desire for peace. An articulate and timely plea will reach our statesmen. We must move now if our democratic form of government is not to be threatened, if freedom and equality under which we study and live are not to be destroyed.

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SCREEN:

Life Is Real, Life Is Earnest

Yet 'Un Carnet de Bal' Invests It
With Drama and Thrills

Life is hard and real and earnest. It never really dances on in adventurous idyll. It is never really invested with the drama and thrill of Julien Duvivier's motion-picture. Yet I do feel that there is in every life *un carnet de bal*, a prompting, a significant pivot on which one turns back and examines the past, idealized in memory, against the backdrop of the present, brutal in frank reality. It is at once a tragic and a splendid and enriching experience. And one, I fear, with which the individual consciousness is never quite clearly impressed. That, too, is part of the brutality of the present. But where the individual experience falls short, art may succeed. And in Duvivier's *Life Dances On* (at the Belmont) it has succeeded brilliantly, in a film of dignity and distinction, and one with an air of authentic greatness.

Crocodile Tears

Too many of our efforts at emotion are really only surface crying, cheeky sadness,—dry behind their tears. Duvivier has gone deeper, has gone deep to the heart of an extraordinarily vivid theme. A sensitive intelligent woman, of considerable charm and beauty, tries to pick up the threads of her old associations, unravelled some twenty years. What has happened to those men, handsome, promising, talented, who pledged their love to her, *toute la vie*, at her first ball? Fascinated by the memories that a yellowed dance program, *un carnet de bal*, conjures up, she is determined to see what life has done to the hopes that they shared a long time ago; and breathless, foolishly expectant, she sets out. What she finds, is M. Duvivier's film, and a full, rich and intense emotional experience.

Philosophically it is a message of pessimism and tragic prospects. One has committed suicide, another has become a crook, a third a monk, a fourth a blustering comic-opera politician, a fifth is a half-blinded epileptic, racked by disease, tortured by lingering memories. Christine picks up her threads. But nowhere is there the spool of a full, happy, orderly existence. It is a tragedy,—but one thing has been overlooked: it is an incomplete view. We look through the eyes of Christine, as if she were a spectator. Yet she had played the vital role; she had been the tragedienne. And one-sided must be the tragedy where the tragedienne looks on aloof and apart from the drama about her.

Richly Veined Theme

The theme, clearly, is one richly veined with striking dramatic values. The characters come on the screen one

by one, and they are in turn quickly introduced and unerringly drawn in a series of remarkable vignettes. There is here, it has been suggested, a certain note of contrivance. True; but, more important, there is here an amazing richness of texture, and a wealth of subtly shaded acting—the fascination and awe of Françoise Rosay's madness, the nervous burning intensity of Pierre Blanchard, the cold incisive intensity of Louis Jovet, the depth and suggestion of Harry Baur, the wonderful charm of Marie Bell. There may be a slightly disproportionate effect between the whole and the character of the several parts. That has always been the limitation of Duvivier's direction, and here, too, is the limitation of the theme. But he has enshrouded the film with a warm emotional haze that gives it a unity of mood; and his entire touch has given it a tone of deeply moved sensibility. *Life Dances On* aspires to the stature of art, and it carries its justification in every light and shadow, in its every stress and impulse, in its every camera movement. A mood of life is there—in a moment of vision, a burn of anguish, a sigh, a smile. Its magic has been unforgettably caught, and has been given a quality of depth and poetic implication. *Life Dances On* is a work of passion and of art.

MELVIN J. LASKY

Screen Snap-Shorts

The Adventures of Marco Polo are still going strong at the Music Hall. It is now completing its third week. Gary Cooper is the gent who has the adventures of Marco Polo (from the picture of the same name), and Sigrid (B'klyn) Gurie is the love-interest. This is a romantic adventure story. . . . *There's Always A Woman* opens Thursday.

At the Continental Theater, an unpretentious and beautiful (so acclaimed) picture is holding forth, *To the Victor*. The film has been made from *Bob, Son of Battle*, and the dogs are really the heart of it,—and it is art.

Lenin in October is still at the Cameo. *Dark Eyes*, which is English for *oicha chornya* (more or less), is now at the 55 St. Playhouse. Harry Bauer and Simone Simon star. The theme song, by the way, is *o. c.*

The Strand is now showing *Accidents Will Happen* (which, rest assured, Mrs. Grundy, has nothing to do with *Life's Birth of a Baby*), starring Gloria Blondell, who we'll say off-hand is Joan's sister. And off-hand we'll say, too, that the Strand is still in a rut.

The Disc

With the first volume of the English Music Society, (set no. 315), Columbia gives general release to another collection that has not hitherto been available in this country—music that is of the first rank, yet rarely heard, the music of Henry Purcell. On the vocal side are three songs, interpreted by Keith Faulkner, and two catches by the Purcell Singers.

The meat of the collection consists of the nine four-part fantasias played by the International String Quartet and the superb five-part fantasia on one note, in which Beatrice Huckell takes the extra viola part. The general layout of each fantasia is much the same: an alternation of slow (or moderate) and quick movements. A semi-fugal start with either one theme, or two themes simultaneously presented; and sometimes polyphony giving way to a homophony, which embodies the most striking harmony. In addition there is the fine "Golden" *Sonata in F* for two violins and figured bass.

The quality of performance throughout the album, both musically and interpretatively is extremely high. The recording of the strings, moreover, is excellent and the surfaces are unusually quiet. For their efforts toward correcting the situation where a composer is "so buried under the weight of his

fame that scarcely a note of his music can be heard," the society and Columbia are entitled to grateful thanks.

Columbia has set a considerable standard for future recordings of the Mozart *Symphony No. 40 in G Minor* with a splendid new recording by Sir Thomas Beecham, the most famous Mozart interpreter of our day, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra (set no. 316). The interpretation is particularly impressive for its lack of superficial effects, a complete avoidance of flippancy or of efforts to inflate the dimensions of the music beyond their inherent scope. It is a finely shaded and vigorous reading that has been excellent ly recorded.

Joseph Szigeti is joined by his compatriot Carl Flesch and an anonymous string orchestra under Walter Goehr in the Bach *Concerto in D Minor* for two violins and orchestra in a splendid new recording from the studios of Columbia (set no. X-90). The interpretation is characterized by an unflinching exactness of technical manipulation on the part of Messrs Szigeti and Flesch and an admirably maintained balance between orchestra and soloists.

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 (Queries on records, needles, machines, etc., are welcomed.—EDITORS NOTE.)

No More Rattling of Sabers

General Webb Came
He Sword,
And Was Conquered

By Alvin L. Schorr

There will be no more rattling of sabers on the College Campus. As a matter of fact there will be no more sabers to rattle. Eight years ago, when the only sword our statues sported—the sword of General Webb—disappeared, it was soon replaced. When it disappeared again, a little later, there was some hesitation, but it was replaced once more. However this time the General will have to breast the storms of New York minus the sword he carried from the Civil War to the City College Presidency and to his death (the general died with his boots on too.)

There was a matter of a Peace Rally called in front of General Webb's statue. That is neither unusual nor funny. Everybody knows that a Brigadier General is a pacifist and never does any fighting anyway. But then the Peace Rallyers saw the sword. It seems they hadn't known he was that sword of a general (pun); and the Rally degenerated into a Piece Tally, with everybody counting his pieces of General Webb's sword. However, the General looked on calmly, disregarding the students rallying about him. He was used to that sort of thing.

Varied Hues

He probably recalls with some amusement the Saint Patrick's Day that he woke up in the morning to find his bronze painted a bright green. And to be sure, when he found himself painted a bright red he knew somebody was trying to indicate General trends, but after all . . . And oh, the time when some Freshmen decided to make him sartorially perfect, perched a top hat atop his noble head, and later ended by making him resplendent with various colored ties.

The General probably looked on calmly, expecting to be returned to his former state and his sword. But it doesn't seem he's getting it, at least not unless some generous student donates one (donates a life-saber, so to speak). The General, we'll bet, probably never intended to engage in a posthumous Pun-ic War.

Birds Will Be Birds

And so the General looks a pathetic spectacle today. Water streams down his jacket and his boots and swordless hand. And the sculptor doesn't seem to have made any provision for protecting that noble forehead and aggressive jaw when he stuck them out so far. And the General looks back and blushes when he remembers what he said to his officers that day at Gettysburg, "There are but few of you I am able to recognize as officers, for you have no ensign of office except your swords."

So, for lack of one kind student with a sword, a sad and beaten spectacle, swordless, the General dies forlorn.

The Press

Photo-History No. 4—China Reborn (25 cents) is the inspired subject of this graphic photo-masterpiece. Beginning with a pictorial representation of Old China, a world resisting change, the editors portray China's struggle against Japanese invasion in terms of its economic development. Based upon the toil of the peasant, with taxes and landlords taking 60% of the farmer's produce from the start, China's old civilization crumbles before the march of the machine and the onslaught of the west. Thousands come from the farms to work the machines, owned for the most part by foreign imperialists.

After 1920, China is weakened by mis-rule of quarrelling warlords, puppets of Foreign Powers; the smoldering grievances of peasants and workers flare into open revolt against landlords, warlords, Foreign Powers. Japan strikes at a new China, a united China, an awakened China.

This, briefly, is "China Reborn," but a summary cannot convey its scope. Our only regret is that *Photo-History* doesn't stress the effect of a boycott on aggressor Japan.

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Sport Sparks



Some Say Nine Is Good and Bad, Others, Just Bad

By Philip Minoff

There is a wide difference of opinion regarding the College baseball team. On the one side there are those who maintain that the squad will not win one game this season. On the other side we have those who are confident that the club will win at least one game, which goes to show how a team can create two diametrically opposed impressions. But the two factions do agree on one point, that Sam Winograd's bunch is positively not "one of the best aggregations in the annals of Lavender baseball." You have to draw the line somewhere.

Baseball, no matter how well it is played, has always been one of the duller collegiate sports. There is a mighty long time between pitches, comparatively little movement, and two intermissions every inning. You don't have the electrifying goal a minute that you have in basketball, nor the smashing bodily contact and maneuvering of football. In most other sports, a team plays against its rival and the clock. In baseball there is no time element although it is sometimes necessary to play against nine men and an umpire. But at its best, baseball here at the College has always played second fiddle to the sun in bringing fans out to Lewisohn Stadium. Ample proof of this is the fact that in the closing innings of the ball games the left field corner of the stands is always crowded because the sun hits it at that time. This, despite the fact that they are the worst seats in the arena.

Popularity Has Dwindled

This year the popularity of the sport has dwindled considerably, because the weather has been raw and the players poor, and vice-versa. The Beavers' record has been, to put it euphemistically, unenviable. They have played half a dozen games and won none. A little twist and turn of the slide rule will tell you that that is a percentage of .000 which looks more like Eddie Cantor than a baseball average. That figure will, I trust, be changed before the campaign is over! The squad is not as bad as all that. But I will be more than surprised if it wins more than two of the remaining games.

I felt that we might have beaten Manhattan two weeks ago. The score 6-3, was the closest of all the six contests played. But the Beavers' batting punch was all orangeade with no kick in it. Three days later the boys were trounced 14-0 with Bernie Beder taking a licking on the mound. The team had nothing that day. Nine men struck out, two hits were made and six errors committed in the field. Then came the loss to Panzer (of all things!) in which our side made four runs on five hits and the Jerseyites made ten runs. The St. Nicks started hitting against NYU, banging out eleven safeties to the Violets' ten, but we lost just the same 10-4.

Almost An Upset

For a while it looked as if we were going to pull an upset and beat Providence on Saturday. In the first inning the Friars pounded Harry Schwartz all over the lot and before the session was over the visitors had piled up five runs. Things looked very black. But suddenly the whole Lavender team found its batting eye and before long was out in front with nine big runs. The lead did not last though, because the visitors were plainly irked at the impudence of the home team, and began to bounce balls off the fences with reckless abandon. In no time at all they amassed a total of sixteen runs and once again victory was transformed into defeat.

Coach Winograd probably finds solace in reassuring himself that this squad is merely a foundation for a corking good ball team next year. But meanwhile there are a dozen more games this season that must be played. If the boys lose to Upsala tomorrow and if the sun isn't shining on Saturday, they're going to be terribly lonesome on Saturday when they meet St. John's in the Stadium.

Bukantz Finishes Fine Season By Winning National Foils Title

The Saturday before last, to the brilliant ballroom of the Hotel Astor, came Dan Bukantz, captain of the College fencers, to do what he could when he could. He did it. That night saw Bukantz the first College fencer ever to win an individual championship. He won ten of his eleven bouts, losing only to Milton Soroka, number one man of NYU's three left handed aces.

Team championships were awarded thusly: foils—Yale; epee—Navy; saber—NYU; three weapon—NYU. Individual championships were taken by Daniel Bukantz of the College, in the foils; John F. P. Foley, Jr. of Navy, in the epee; Donald W. Thackery of Army, in the saber.

Pleasant Surprise

Looking at his record all this season, Bukantz's victory was a fine possibility, but his final attaining of the championships was a very pleasant surprise calling for a celebration.

What the celebration was can be imagined, but we do know that after

the championships in the grand ballroom of the Astor, there took place a formal ball, featuring Lou Lang and his orchestra.

Yale finished the tournament with a total of twenty-six victories in thirty-three bouts, finishing on the last day with ten victories in twelve bouts. NYU placed second with twenty-five bouts on foils, trailed by Army with twenty-three, Navy with twenty-two and the College fifth in the twelve college tournament with twenty-one victories.

Bukantz a Southpaw

Bukantz like the other two stars, Maurice Grasson, Yale captain, and Soroka of NYU is a southpaw. When a southpaw fences the righthander perhaps has an advantage, but since almost all the stars at the tournament were left-handed each man was on his own, among his own with no advantages.

It is in this competition that Bukantz won his championship. The College didn't beat NYU, but then neither did Harvard, Princeton, Army and Navy.

Beavers Try To Conclude Loss Streak

Seek Season's First Win In Eight Tries Against Upsala

By Irving Gellis

The College baseball team will try for the seventh time this season to break into the winning column when it meets Upsala tomorrow on the latter's diamond. Although the Beavers won last season by the fat score of 10-1, the College record of six consecutive losses puts a different complexion on the game this year.

Arky Soltes, who hasn't finished a game yet, will probably be Coach Sam Winograd's choice to start on the mound against the New Jerseyites. Mound trouble, the chief cause of the Beavers' deplorable record thus far, is the factor that will be responsible for any possible further Lavender embarrassment tomorrow.

Soupios Hitting Safely

The front half of the College batting order has been doing fairly well at the plate, but the second-half, with the exception of Hi Friedman has been woefully weak. There have been altogether too many men left on bases. Al Soupios, lanky first baseman, is the only Beaver who has hit safely at least once in every game. Mike Grieco, who has beaten out Mike Weisbrod for third base position, Milt Weintraub, and Julie Janowitz are the only others who have hit with some consistency.

Despite their string of losses, the Beavers, who are practically last season's jayvee team intact, have had the sort of baptism under fire that will stand them in good stead during the second third of the season. There is still everything to look forward to, is the general attitude of the squad.

True Easter Spirit

In true Easter spirit the Lavenders saw to it that Manhattan, Villanova, Panzer, NYU, and Providence had their holidays unspoiled by politely dropping five straight games to the above teams in that order.

A three-and-a-half-hour batting spree, during which Providence collected no less than nineteen hits off three Lavender pitchers, saw the Beavers turned back Saturday for the sixth time this season by the score of 16-11. The College had an 11-9 lead at the start of the eighth inning, but the Friars rallied with a seven run attack that destroyed any Lavender hopes of winning.

Lose to NYU

On Thursday, April 21, the St. Nick aggregation fell heavily, 10-4, in an eight inning game with NYU up at Ohio Field. The Lavenders gathered eleven hits to the Violets' ten, but three

Sports Writer Gets Runaround

The College Jayvee nine lost to Lincoln High, 6-2, last Saturday, and 8-3, the Saturday before. The players ought to know why they lost, so one was asked how come.

"Well, we got the same number of hits that they got in the last game, so it couldn't be the pitching. The fielding wasn't bad; it must be that we're a weak hitting team," he diagnosed. Two heads are better than one, and another player was cross-examined.

Hitting O. K.

"I guess it was the errors we made. The hitting was O.K., and the pitching showed promise. It's really that our fielding is bad," he concluded mournfully.

This was getting interesting. Before it was only weak hitting, now the fielding isn't up to par. Maybe a third enquiry would settle the issue.

"The pitchers looked good, for green kids, but of course they were wild. I suppose they'll steady up with more experience, but meanwhile our weakness is our pitching."

All of which just goes to show.

New Talent Wanted By Fuehrer Minoff

Because of the general low tone of sports stories this term i.e. this one and the general inefficiency of the sports staff, Fuehrer Phil Minoff has issued a call for new fodder for his ruthless machine.

Aspirants should report to room 8 or 10 mezzanine this week and ask for Herr Minoff. All who show some ability will be retained for a trial period, and then be appointed to the regular staff, thus pushing out some aging veteran.

untimely errors spelled disaster to the College nine. Milt Weintraub got three out of five and Hi Friedman three out of three hits to account for more than half of the Lavender safeties.

The day before, at East Orange, Panzer College triumphed over the Lavenders by the same score, 10-4. Harry Schwartz, Bernie Beder, Gil Singer, and Steve Auerbach all took turns on the mound, with little effect.

Villanova Holds Beavers

On Saturday, April 16, at Villanova, the Wildcats held the College aggregation to two hits in winning easily 14-0.

The best played game the Beavers turned in this season was against Manhattan in Lewisohn Stadium on Wednesday, April 13, when the Lavenders threw away a 3-1 lead in the fifth inning to allow the visitors to tie the score. The deadlock was broken in the eighth when Arky Soltes tired and was reached for three runs. Pat Brescia finished on the mound.

Indians Beat Palisades Club Rutgers Swamps Millermen

Referee Scores For New Jerseyites

Playing two games during the Easter vacation, the College lacrosse team started slowly but finished in a shower of goals. On Saturday, April 17, the Beaver stickmen traveled to New Brunswick to lose a heartbreaker to the Rutgers scored three quick goals while swamped Palisades by a score of 16-8.

Chief Miller of the Rutgers game. Rutgers scored three quick goals while Leon Garbarsky was out on one of the five penalties called against him. Coach Freddy Fitch of Rutgers recognized the raw deal the referees were handing the Lavender by putting in his second and third teams until the New Yorkers got back in the game. Co-captain Normy Black led the College defense men in the best game they've played this year. He received three penalties for his troubles.

Against the Palisades club, unofficial NYU team, the St. Nicks waited until the middle of the second half when their opponents led 8-6 before scoring nine goals in five minutes while holding their opponents scoreless. Co-captain George Lenchner led the way with seven markers.

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Freshman Tracksters Scheduled To Face Townsend Harris Friday

Team Lacks Field and Hurdle Specialists

Tryouts for the freshman track team will be held this Thursday at 1 p. m., Stan Stein, manager, announced. Entries for all events are open.

Men are especially wanted for field events where there is a sparsity of candidates. With a few good men in the hurdles and field events to balance a flock of promising runners the team would shape up very well.

Freshman Meet Friday

The first Freshman meet with Townsend Harris takes place this Friday, the day after the tryouts and coach Orlando expects to use as many people as he can.

The horizon is also brighter for the varsity with Leo Silverblatt, captain of the team and one of the College's best high jumpers in years, back in action. The mile relay team for the Penn Relays is as yet undetermined and will not be definitely decided upon until Thursday's time trials.

Not Top: Yet

The best time recorded thus far in any event was Cy Abrams 0:54:9 for the quarter.

Most of the fellows have not yet reached their peak for various reasons.

The hurdles were out for the first time yesterday and Coach Orlando was instructing a few young hopefuls in the intricacies of getting over a hurdle without knocking it down.

Lavender Netmen Bow to St. John's

The College tennis team opened up its season by losing to St. John's April 16, 5-4.

The Brooklyn men, led by Joe Fishbach and Joe Merkle were particularly strong at the top of the line-up winning the first three singles and first doubles with little difficulty. Then Bill Farley, "Gabby" Gershen and Herb Auerbach won the last three singles matches. The third doubles team of Auerbach and Gershen tied up the score at four matches all, but the second doubles team of Farley and "Dude" Goshen after a drawn-out match came out second best, giving St. John's the match by one point.

On the preceding Thursday, the College freshman team, displaying considerable, well-balanced power, overwhelmed the St. John's freshmen 7-0.

The varsity match with LIU which was scheduled for this past Saturday was called off due to a misunderstanding. The College team showed up at the Utica Courts in Brooklyn at 2 p. m. while the LIU men showed up at the Park Plaza courts 10 o'clock in the morning.

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The Case Against Robinson

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tenure and promotion have aroused the deep animosity of the staff organizations.

What other attitude but repugnance can scholars take toward a man who told members of the Instructional Staff Association interviewing him on tenure that teachers are a commodity as readily purchasable as sacks of coal?

Rotation means simply this: Teachers usually receive annual salary increments. When they have taught three years, they at least theoretically are presumed to have tenure, although this is by no means guaranteed. Their increments might therefore continue, their salaries growing larger each year (up to a certain point of course). If before the three years expire, they are fired, however, new men can be added to the staff starting at the lowest salary bracket, which in some cases has been \$500 per year. This manipulation, of course, looks fine on the books. It is commercial efficiency, "economy plus." But whether it is sane educational policy does not seem to matter.

"All Right" by Him

Yet this is the policy that the President described to the author as "perfectly all right." This is the policy that fired John Kraus, and that almost fired Albert Vreeland and several others.

The Teachers Union *Bulletin* of June 3, 1936 reports that Vreeland was told by Professor Woll that his dismissal was "a part of the policy of the administration."

Seven days later the *Bulletin* reported proposals suggested by President Robinson, and signed also by Presidents Boylan and Colligan, on tenure. These included suggestions that the Presidents be authorized to report to the Board on qualifications of all "probationary" teachers, be empowered to make all recommendations and be allowed to suspend any member of the permanent staff. This was a blueprint for dictatorship within the city colleges. It was never publicly advanced afterwards.

(The thirteenth in this series of articles, to appear next issue, will relate how the President sought to get a teacher to sign away all his rights as a teacher for "a mess of pottage," and will discuss other staff-Robinson relations.)

Dram Soc Musical Rings Gong With Snappy Gags and Dawson

By Sol Kunis

For half a century Dram Soc has been grooving them in one way or another. Sometimes they cut the plate for a perfect strike and then again there have been times when they haven't. Last semester they ushered in a bad year with *Peace on Earth*. But last weekend they rang the bell, rather resoundingly too, with the purported sequel to *Boy Meets Girl*, known far and wide as *In the Groove*.

At the risk of appearing subtle we might explain that last week's thespic offering at the Pauline Edwards Theater, was the Dram Soc's Golden Jubilee production. And while this may be very largely a matter of opinion we're personally inclined to the belief that the show was worth waiting for.

Finishes Up Swell

Slow in getting started, pretty hammy and raw in its opening night dance numbers, the College's latest musical review finished up with plenty of bangs to spare and put itself in runner-up position with such all-time hits as *Don't Look Now* and *Plastered Cast*.

Dram Soc's spring musicals are traditionally zany, nearly always hilarious yet with plenty of vitriol tacked onto the wise-cracks. *In the Groove* follows this generally successful pattern, this time predating tomorrow's Peace Action with generous applications to the backsides of Hitler, Mussolini and company.

Honors to Dawson

Individual honors go to Dave Dawson '38. His medicine man and his 99.44 percent vote getter of the London-Berlin axis rocked the opening night audience which came within four or five empty seats of being a sell-out.

A left-handed reference to umbrellas on colleges campuses rivalled "Trial by

Correspondence

The Cadet Club Answers

To the Editor:

Upon your request the Cadet Club wishes to state its attitude toward the proposed Peace Strike. It is our firm belief that Peace is a necessary prerequisite for the prosperity and well-being of America and its people. As Col. Robinson has said time and time again: "We realize what war is; we'll be in the front lines. We, more than anyone else, desire peace."

We sincerely believe with President Roosevelt in the cooperation of all peace-loving people and democratic nations for the maintenance of world peace. We heartily endorse all steps taken by our government in that direction. We, therefore, fully support all planks in the Peace Strike which are in conformity with the furthering of peace and progress.

Our main objection to the peace platform offered at the Student Council is the call for the abolition of the ROTC. We see no need for abolishing a department for teaching Military Training and Science. We believe that military training does not interfere in any way with our studies, and we are taking the course voluntarily.

Military Science is not inconsistent with a true program for peace. On the contrary we believe that the American people should know how to defend themselves against the enemies of democracy. The early history of America is a history of the defense of American democratic ideals by an armed people. They lacked military training before they entered into warfare. Moreover, it is necessary only to glance at the world in order to learn that democratic nations cannot maintain their integrity by mere words. Today, we must not only be ready and willing, we must be able to defend our democratic form of government.

The majority of the Corps is not reactionary. We do not deny that there are many conservatives and a few extreme reactionaries in it, but that is no reason to seek the abolition of the ROTC. Just as these people are members of the Corps, so are they part of the student body. But would anybody advise the abolition of the Student Body because it includes some reactionaries?

We endorse the stand of our representative to the Student Council and hope that the attitude of the school at large will change as regards the ROTC.

Fraternally yours,

The Cadet Club

William E. Dodd to Speak At Great Hall Peace Rally

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it right to address one meeting when there were two being held. He went on to say that two meetings would represent different shades of opinion and that its effort could not but be ineffectual. The dean made a plea for a single meeting and said he could see no harm in a compromise so that one meeting might be held.

In accordance with the dean's proposal, the SC Peace Committee began negotiations with the so-called "Anti-War Committee" in an effort to reach an agreement on a minimum program upon which a single meeting could be held. The Peace Committee also offered to allow Dean Gottschall and another speaker to be chosen by the "Anti-War Committee" to address the strike, according to Fernbach, a member of the Peace Committee.

Refused to Participate

After considering these proposals, the "Anti-War Committee" refused to participate in the Great Hall meeting unless they be given complete equality with the SC in sponsoring the meeting, the right to present their full program and inclusion of the speakers they had already invited to speak at their meeting. The "Anti-War" group had no objection to the inclusion of collective security resolutions.

The Peace Committee, however, refused to accept these demands on the grounds that they would cause confusion, boozing and any disturbing actions. The "Anti-War Committee" will hold its meeting in Lewisohn Stadium tomorrow at 11 a. m. No speakers have been officially announced as yet.

Dean Gottschall Comments

After hearing of the "Anti-War Committee's" refusal to participate in a single meeting, Dean Gottschall declared, "I regard it as distinctly unfortunate that there should be two peace meetings held simultaneously, as this cannot but diminish their effectiveness. I regret very much that efforts to bring about a single meeting in a unified program on terms which I regard as reasonable, did not succeed."

The Tech Peace Committee, which had endorsed the original program for the Strike (also endorsed by the Tech

'Spokesman' Probe

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ing, at which objections to *The Campus* and suggestions on the running of the paper were made.

The objections consisted mainly in that *The Campus* did not have sufficient club and sports news on its front page. However, it was conceded by the persons present that the news which *The Campus* does have on its front page is of utmost importance to the student body, and that there is very little room remaining for club and sports news there.

At the meeting Damio repeated the promise of Gerald B. Tracy '39, that *The Spokesman* would definitely appear.

Newman Club Stand

The Newsmanc, official publication of the College chapter of the Newman Club, in its issue of April 14 stated in an editorial that it "will not support any paper that is either anti- or pro-administration without concern for truth and reason."

"However," the editorial continued, "if it is possible to have a paper that strikes a medium between the two, it is better to have both existing than one alone."

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Council), met yesterday and gave its approval to the unity program. The committee sent out a call urging all engineering students to join in the Strike.

The call reads as follows: "Every peace-loving student should recognize that such a program best serves his interests, and must therefore wholeheartedly support the united meeting in the Great Hall this Wednesday."

Resolutions on the program only will be presented at the Strike Rally in the Great Hall."

Grady Retracts Becker Charge

A retraction of his charge that Dr. Miriam F. Becker was "squeezed out of Hunter College" for "racial" reasons has been made by William E. Grady, associate superintendent of the Board of Education, according to Hunter College, president of Hunter College, as quoted in the *Hunter Bulletin* of April 11.

Mr. Grady "admitted that his statements were incorrect and did not represent the truth," President Colligan stated. The superintendent's admission was embodied in a letter sent by him to the Hunter College president.

Original Letter

In his original letter commenting on Dr. Becker's dismissal, Mr. Grady said, "I have already sent you a memorandum about Miss Becker."

"I understand she is an exceptionally competent mathematician and was squeezed out of Hunter. The reasons were probably racial rather than ones bearing on competency to teach."

This letter was sent to an unidentified professor at the College. Photostatic copies were reprinted in several papers, including the *CCNY Teacher Worker*.

ASU Peace Ball

Featuring the appearance of Orson Welles, Tamiris and two bands, the American Student Union Peace Ball comes off this Friday at 8:30 p. m. in the Mecca Temple, 133 West 55 Street. The dance, subscriptions to which are sixty cents per person, celebrates this week's strike.

Ralph Hayes and his Radio Orchestra and Duke and his Swing Masters are scheduled to provide continuous dancing for the city-wide ASU get-together, according to Martin Schwartz '39, Social Function chairman of the College Chapter. Copies of the organization's peace journal will be given away free at the ball, he announced.

News In Brief

Elective cards should be returned before 5 p. m. today, according to the Recorder's Office . . .

Dr. Herman Borchard, a refugee from a Nazi concentration camp, will describe his experiences as a teacher of German in Russia, before the Deutscher Verein, Thursday, at 12:45 p. m., 308 Main . . . The College division of the American Labor Party will meet Thursday at 3 p. m., 204 Main . . . The Social Research Seminar has decided to participate in the May Day Parade.

Five new bulletin boards to be used for club and personal notices have been set up in the concourse by the Student Council . . . Clubs which want listing must apply to Harold Faber '40, Chairman of the SC Alcove Committee, in Box 22, Faculty Mailroom. Applications for personal notices must go to Faber, Howard Grossman '39 or Alan Otten '40.

Mercury received honorable mention in the contest to determine the best collegiate humor magazines in the country, last week. Judged by the editors of the *New Yorker* and *Judge*, the contest was sponsored by the American Association of College Comics. The awards were announced at the annual convention, held at the Hotel Lincoln Friday and Saturday.

Constructive project work by young boys will be on view throughout this week in 206, Main, according to an announcement by Professor Samuel Joseph of the Sociology Department. The pieces are products of the group guidance program now being conducted by members of the Social Research Laboratory in conjunction with the New York City Board of Education.

Oswald Garrison Villard, former editor of *The Nation* discussed the "Outlook for War" before the Anti-War Club Thursday, April 14. He said that "a determined drift towards war in and out of government" was forming. He believes however that Japan and the United States cannot go to war at the present time because their navies are inadequate. "If we go into war," he warned, "we will come out fascist."

Clyde Miller, professor at Teachers' College and director of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, spoke on pro-

paganda methods before the journalism class, yesterday morning. He emphasized the conflict between the authoritarian and democratic types of organization. In the authoritarian state, he said, there is one source of propaganda which holds a monopoly, while the democratic state offers many institutions of propaganda. He concluded that man's most difficult problem in handling propaganda is in understanding his own mind.

Gano Dunn '89, chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, will address the Engineering Alumni of the College next Tuesday evening in 4N, Commerce Building on "Some Engineering Aspects of the Public Utilities Situation." A. H. Rapport, secretary of the organization, has invited all interested to attend the meeting.

Mr. Dunn, who was recently elected to his present post at the head of RCA, has been awarded a medal by the Associate Alumni. He is at present a trustee of Cooper Union.

The Radio Club will hold its regular class in receiving and sending in the North Tower Thursday at 1. The club owns and operates its own radio

AD STAFF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the advertising staff of *The Campus* on Thursday, April 28, 1938, at 12:15 p. m. in 8, Mezzanine, according to Max Kern '39, Advertising Manager. Attendance is compulsory, he said.

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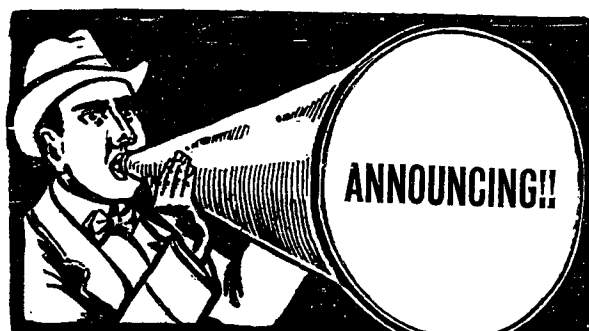
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