

# The Case Against Robinson

## President and 'Troubles' Are They Guttersnipes? A Matter of Tact

By Bernard S. Rothenberg

(This is the second in a series of articles)

"Most of our troubles," said President Frederick B. Robinson, "came from 1925 and 1926 on." This statement was made at a meeting, May 23, 1935, of the Associate Alumni Special Committee. This is the period coinciding with the administration of Robinson as acting president and then as president.

In the seventy-five years before the advent of Dr. Robinson, only two students were expelled from City College for what might have been construed as political opinions. In the eleven years of his reign, the total stands at forty-two expulsions, to say nothing of suspensions.

These "troubles", of course, did not relate to the indecorous classroom conduct of students, nor any lack of respect for their teachers, nor any untoward frosh-soph monkeyshines (Alumni Report). They have arisen out of student grievances with respect to the exercise of disciplinary power, student self-government, student publications, the activities of student societies, student meetings for the discussion of socio-economic issues and peace movements.

### Emily Post and City College

Can it be that City College students are rowdies, rioters, and "guttersnipes"?

The City College student is, by and large, a gentleman. His scholarship and character are of the finest. "No more serious young men are to be found anywhere." (Alumni Report) His deep love for the right of education is made deeper by the continual inroads he sees being made on this right. He has been taught to cherish democracy, and there is more chance that he will fight to defend democracy than abandon it to the vultures of reaction who would cripple or destroy it.

He is not typically a radical, unless to be a believer in peace, freedom, security and equality is to be a radical. The Communist and Socialist organizations at the College, Main Center Day Session, today number only three per cent of the total registration. But two-thirds of the College will turn out to protest an unjustified expulsion or to condemn fascism at home and abroad.

Yet, with a student body that is alert and perceptive in its mental attitudes, that is groping sincerely toward a solution of its manifold difficulties, Frederick Bertrand Robinson strikes out with the umbrella of intolerance, raises the cry of "conspiracy", and advocates that "subversive" activities (to be defined by whom?) be declared criminal (See N. Y. American, November 16, 1934).

### Tact and Dr. Robinson

"The President's lack of tact in his personal relations with students is revealed in small incidents of no intrinsic importance in themselves, but which serve to widen the breach between him and his students. Thus when the Student Council ordered a boycott of a College function (Charter Day, 1935. Because of a military color-guard—B.S.R.), the President invited the boys to lunch and 'permitted them the greatest freedom of expression.' I gave them a fine luncheon and complemented the critic on my left (Julian Lavitt, then secretary of the Student Council—B.S.R.) on his new skill at shaving and commended the way he kept his face clean." (May 23, 1935, reported in Alumni Report, page 66.)

Insight into the President's personality may be gained through a perusal of a "Tintype" in the *New Yorker*, November 16, 1933, which is especially timely today after the retirement of the distinguished Professor Morris Raphael Cohen. It is noteworthy that this article is more or less friendly to Dr. Robinson.

"Shortly after Robinson's installation as president, a dinner was arranged in honor of the Professor's (Morris R. Cohen's) twenty-fifth anniversary at the College. Approached by the committee in charge, President Robinson declined to serve on the honorary committee for the affair and also refused to speak on the occasion. Two days before the dinner, which was attended by several hundred people, he sent an emissary to the committee in charge, asking if he might speak after all. Scarcely mentioning the guest of honor, except to call attention to the fact that he was born in Minsk, Russia, he delivered a lecture on the duties of a professor of philosophy, stressing loyalty and denouncing skepticism. Cohen is known as a skeptic, and the guests were visibly embarrassed by the President's remarks. One of them, the late Louis Marshall, was so pained that he went home and wrote Robinson what is said to have been one of the century's most scathing letters."

### Robinson Himself Expels No One

Much has been said by careless and irresponsible individuals of the President's expulsion of students. This is, of course, not legally true. The President has firmly stated that he has never expelled a student. He is legally safe in that assertion, for he, personally, has not the power to expel a student. The President, personally, does not legally or technically expel any student. This power now rests with the Faculty and the Board of Higher Education.

At one time, previous to September, 1933, the President held the power to suspend. Today that power is in the hands of Dean Turner. The President has, on certain occasions, exercised his power to suspend, as illustrated in the "incidents" which we shall soon describe, but he would contend that any action he took was *mandatory* under the law.

Furthermore—and extremely important—there can be no doubt that certain of the actions of the President previous to disorders and expulsions were contributory toward the subsequent events, as we shall see.

The President presides at Faculty meetings, where his will and opinion is not always kept secret. It is inconceivable, with the power, influence and prestige that the President wields as head of the institution, that his influence was not felt on disciplinary actions.

The beginning of a long line of "troubles" for Frederick B. Robinson came with Felix S. Cohen, son of the Emeritus Professor Morris R. Cohen and in 1925 editor of *The Campus*. His tale, we leave for the next installment.

# The Campus

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
Official Undergraduate Newspaper of The City College

Vol. 62.—No. 9.

NEW YORK, N. Y., FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1938.

PRICE TWO CENTS

## Delegates At Washington Urge Senate To Pass AYA

Urging passage of the American Youth Act, industrial and agricultural, Negro and white workers, students, and unemployed youths have testified this week before the U. S. Senate's committee on education and employment. Several delegations left the College yesterday afternoon and evening. The representatives will interview their Congressmen today and tomorrow.

Clinton Oliver '40, representative of the Douglass Society, told the Senatorial investigators yesterday that passage of the American Youth Act would help the Negroes in industrial centers. A parade through the streets of the capital tomorrow will culminate the week's campaign.

Other witnesses at the Senate committee's hearings this week included Joseph Cadden, chairman of the American committee of the World Youth Congress; Milton Fisher, legislative representative of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians; Vivian Liebman, editor-in-chief of the *Vassar Miscellany News*; R. J. Thomas, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers of America, and representatives of YMCA, YWCA and other groups.

A senior at Vassar College, Miss Liebman disclaimed any intention of seeking to describe scenes of "starvation on the Vassar campus." Claiming that Vassar students are drawn from the wealthier ten per cent of the nation's families, she pleaded for "the other ninety per cent." Vassar students support the American Youth Act, she declared.

Inadequate educational facilities, especially in southern states, were described by a high school student who traveled from West Virginia to testify at the hearings.

## Tenure Act Unconstitutional, State Appeals Court Rules

### Student Council Defers Meeting

There will be no Student Council Meeting today, Jack London '38, president, announced. Instead the SC Peace Committee will meet at 3 p. m., in the SC office, 5, Mezzanine, Main, he added.

The Student Council Alceve Committee will recommend that all club bulletin boards in the Student Concourse be reassigned at the next meeting of the council, according to Harold Faber '40, chairman. He asked club delegates to bring the keys of their present boards to the council meeting "in order to facilitate redistribution."

## Moore's Aide States 'Monthly' Affair Is Closed

Dean Justin H. Moore did not read the "ungentlemanly and scurrilous" *City College Monthly* but banned its sale downtown solely on information he received in reading news accounts from the metropolitan press, Miss Carolyn D. Roth assistant to the Dean, affirmed last week, according to a news account in *The Ticker*. In a statement to *The Campus*, Miss Roth said that the dean had instructed her to say nothing and that the matter was closed.

Irving Friedman '38, present editor of the *Monthly* wrote *The Campus* that Charles Neider '38, resigned not because of the attacks on the magazine, but to have more time for his fight for a free press.

## Upholds Board's Right to Refuse Reappointment of Dr. Becker As Hunter College Tutor

The State Court of Appeals declared the Feld-McGrath Act, granting tenure to teachers in the city colleges, unconstitutional Tuesday and upheld the right of the Board of Higher Education to refuse re-

## Placement Head Named

Millar H. Gibson, consulting engineer and former head of Ohio State University's Alumni Association, was appointed yesterday to head the recently organized Placement Division of the Personnel Bureau. President Robinson announced.

A \$4,500 appropriation for this position was included in this year's budget following a campaign for a placement bureau undertaken largely by Tech School students and alumni. The new position is not intended to compete with or displace A. L. Rose's employment bureau operated mainly for undergraduates seeking part time work.

The division will begin interviewing this term's graduates for possible placement around May 1, Mr. Gibson announced. In the meantime a survey will be made under his direction of the number of College alumni in various industries, the number of graduates expected in the next few years and their chances of being absorbed by private business.

After his graduation from Ohio State Mr. Gibson was successively a mining engineer, vice-president of the National Fireproofing Company, and a consultant prominent in the engineering field.

## Varsity Show Casting

Casting for *In the Groove*, the Dram Soc's "musical extravaganza on the World's Fair," has not yet been completed.

To date 183 persons have applied for roles. Owing to the record turnout, there will be sixteen Hunter girls in the chorus, instead of the usual eight, Schwartz said.

## House Plan to Go Boating

### Eight Piece Band and Swing Trio to Make Good Ship Swing and Sway

Movies of the College-Stanford basketball game taken by Coach Nat Holman will be shown free of charge in one of the smaller Hygiene gyms when the S. S. House Plan steams into the Exercise Hall tomorrow at 8:30 p. m.

The show on board ship has been enlarged to include Syd Rappaport and his eight piece orchestra, featuring the City Swing Trio. This is the same group which made such a hit at the recent ASU "Victory" Dance. Also on tap for the entertainment of the voyagers are five Big Apple couples supplied by the Dramatic Society, a singer from Hunter College named Annette, and a surprise entertainer from station WOR, name still unknown.

Because of the numerous requests by people who are susceptible to seasickness, the skippers of the ship have decided to dock the liner during the dance. The dance, of course, is the Third Spring Dance of the House Plan. Passage for the cruise, from 292 Convent Ave. to the port of call, and for the dance is twenty-five cents for House Plan members and thirty-five cents for non-members.

### SSL Film

*We Are From Kronstadt*, the Soviet prize film of 1936, will be the feature motion picture of a program to be presented by the Society for Student Liberties at the Commerce Center Saturday March 19. On the same program will be Bob Benchley's short on *The Sex Life of a Polyp* and a Silly Symphony in color.

## School Heads Fail to Agree On McGoldrick Resolution

The Board of Higher Education passed the McGoldrick resolution last January 18. The resolution provided that any student organization submitting its name, the names of its officers and a statement of its purpose may meet in its college. But the by-law which the resolution amended, says that the faculty shall have power to "establish rules of conduct and regulations in greater detail" than those above. And then the fun began.

The Faculty Committee on Student Activities ruled that organizations desiring recognition would be legalized after they had furnished Dean Turner's office with a complete membership roll. Dr. Paul A. Linehan, the Director of the Evening Session, stated that he believed the resolution made the College a neutral body in relation to extracurricular activities. Such an interpretation might change the status of already existing extra-curricular organizations and student self governing bodies.

In the Commerce Center, Dean Justin H. Moore of the Day Session halted an ASU meeting on the grounds that that group was not a legal organization, since it had never been given

a charter and the Faculty Committee on Student Relations had not yet passed on its application. Yet the Faculty had ruled that, excepting teams and publications, no organization needs a charter. Professor Horne of the Commerce Center Evening Session interprets the resolution in an altogether different manner. He sees the amendment as intended to legalize the ASU, and any attempts to read further meanings into it as ill advised.

At Hunter, Dean Hannah M. Egan invited the Student Council to cooperate with the administration in drawing up new regulations to comply with the amended board by-laws. A similar arrangement was made at Brooklyn College.

Despite this action, difficulties have arisen at Hunter. The dean refused to permit the ASU there to engage outside speakers on the premise that the ASU was not a chartered organization, although the resolution made no mention of "chartering." Shortly afterward, however, the dean reversed herself.

So you figure out what the McGoldrick Resolution means.

## Francis Franklin Scores Trotsky

Denouncing Trotskyists as "disrupters condemned by their actions in Spain, China, and even in the ASU and AYC" and pointing out that the followers of Leon Trotsky were attempting to overthrow the Soviet regime in order to further their personal ends, Francis Franklin, National Educational Director of the Young Communist League spoke before a large audience yesterday on Trotsky and the Moscow Trials.

After giving a brief history of Trotsky, Stalin and the achievements made by the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, Mr. Franklin showed by historical and Biblical references that treachery in the high ranks of many movements were not uncommon, and that therefore it was not inconceivable that such a thing could happen in Russia. The traitors have not been apprehended sooner because of the depth of the plot and the fact that they have occupied such important posts in the government, he added.

Mr. Franklin declared that the trials are fair as they are being conducted openly, and that no one "could speak so voluminously and without slips from their imagination."

Justice Isidore Wasservogel of the Supreme Court ruled against the board. His decision stated that the Feld-McGrath law does not violate the state constitution, as the board had claimed in the first point of its brief. Regarding the second contention, he said that the civil service provision of the constitution had no application here and did not prevent the Legislature from protecting persons lawfully appointed.

Justice Wasservogel also ordered the board to reinstate Dr. Becker to her former position.

## Summer Ed Classes

Students planning to take Education 41, 42, 43 or 44 during the fall or summer terms should file applications before March 16, in 410, Main, according to an announcement by Harry N. Rivlin, Chairman, Committee on Admission and Selection.

# The Campus

Founded 1907

Official Undergraduate Newspaper of the



College of the City of New York  
College Office: Mezzanine, Main Building  
Room 8, Managing Board; Room 10, Copy Room  
Telephone: AUdubon 3-8574

1937 Member 1938  
Associated Collegiate Press  
Distributor of  
Collegiate Digest

Vol. 62—No. 9. Friday, March 11, 1938.

## MANAGING BOARD

Bernard S. Rothenberg '38	Editor-in-Chief
Gunther A. Leineweber '38	Business Manager
Solomon Kunis '38	Managing Editor
Leopold Lippman '39	News Editor
Philip Minoff '39	Sports Editor
Bert R. Brilller '40	Features Editor
William Rafsky '40	Copy Editor
Harold Faber '40	Copy Editor

ASSOCIATE BOARD—Kaufman '39, Lasly '39, Rapkin '39, Goldzweig '40, Nissenson '40, Shair '40.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS BOARD—Kern '39, Advertising Manager; Shaloun '38, Jacobowitz '39, Marcus '39, Cherry '40.

NEWS BOARD—Edelstein '39, Gellis '39, Levy '39, Mendelsohn '39, Stolnitz '39, Darwin '40, Gordon '40, Rosenbloom '40, Rosenthal '40, Alpert '41, Friedlander '41, Hchberg '41, Hrnichter '41, Jennings '41, Karlikow '41, Margulios '41.

Issue Editors: Nissenson '40, Gellis '39.  
Night Staff: Kunis '38, Karlikow '41, Denber '41, Lichtenberg '41.

Printed by COCCE BROS., 9 Barrow St., New York, N.Y.  
345

## Nobody Is Safe

**BY ONE HUGE SWEEP, THE COURT** of Appeals has placed every Professor, Instructor, Tutor, Fellow and Non-instructional employee at the mercy of paternalism incorporated.

The Appeals decision, declaring the Feld-McGrath law unconstitutional and reversing the Wasservogel decision which had ordered the reinstatement of Dr. Miriam Becker of Hunter College, is almost frightful in its potentialities. For, by this token, no College teacher is safe from administrative guillotine. No one has a shred of tenure, legally speaking.

It is no doubt true that, after the ill-fated attempt to fire Morris U. Schappes a few years ago, the Board of Higher Education did resolve that it would be the future policy to give tenure to teachers who had been here three years, "unless strong and compelling reasons based on teacher qualifications" existed. But the Board nonchalantly proceeded to ignore its ruling last year by okaying the firing of John Kraus.

Ominous is the fact that the court decision was delivered after committee work in the State Legislature had been completed, thus making it more difficult to entertain consideration of a new law.

However, the Teachers Union is now at work on the passage of a new tenure law. And while the Union still functions, faculty members have every reason to trust that their interests will be protected.

Which leads us to—

## Why Is It Our Business

**TAKE A LOOK AT THE CITY RECORD** some time when the horses aren't running at Hialeah:

Tutor . . . 65 at 2400 . . . \$156,000

Thus, in wholesale terms, does the New York City budget estimate the dollars-and-cents value of a large segment of the College teaching staff.

This is not the lowest evaluation accorded the men who teach us. Others, less "fortunate," receive munificent sums ranging from \$1800 down to the incredible figure of \$500 annually. Not quite peaches

and cream.

On such amounts are scholars of recognized intellectual achievements expected to live, pursue research and advance their knowledge, the better to pass it on to us.

When even these pittance are in jeopardy while instructors conduct their classes, their work suffers. With hundreds periled by insecurity, many swept out systematically in the annual "rotation," decreased educational efficiency is inevitable. The fear of dismissal may keep the less courageous from teaching certain truths which are odious in certain quarters.

So, it's not self-interest on the part of the instructor that makes him unite for tenure. It's not self-interest that makes him want democratization of the entire teaching staff.

The student realizes that. And the student therefore fights for teachers' rights. They are his rights, too.

## A Burning Qesution

**THERE IS THAT OLD FOLK TALE** about locking the garage door after the V-8 has been stolen. The equation, quantitatively stated, reads: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Take the matter of fires. Some extinguishers at the College have not been inspected for well over a year. They are scant protection at the crucial moment, as many a cafeteria waste-can blaze put out with cherry flips and bean soups will testify.

There is the example of the Brooklyn Polytech fire last week: the fire signal rang, and students quickly evacuated the burning building. Polytech has regular fire drills.

Drills in the Hygiene and Chemistry Buildings at the College come on the average once a term. Some perennial students inform us that the Main Building has not witnessed a fire drill in at least five years. Picture: Six thousand students rushing through a bottleneck exit.

The matter of instituting frequent fire-drills should be easy enough. Arrangements need only be made once a month or so for ringing the signal at fifteen minutes to the hour.

The "fireproof" schist walls of the College may not be the tinderbox hulk of the Morro Castle, but anything can happen.

## Only a Coincidence

**IT'S ONLY A COINCIDENCE, BUT** the day after *The Campus'* editorial and article on unsanitary conditions in the College lavatories were published, deodorants appeared in every urinal and repair work was begun on a whole row of toilets.

## Recommended

**Basso**—Emanuel List, one of the Metropolitan Opera Association's deeper-voiced gents, spouts forth with some of the best in Verdi and Schubert, and a few more works of a few more of the old-timers. The walls from which the notes uttered by Mr. List will rebound are part of none other than the old Town Hall. To catch the rebounds, the audience will have to be there on Sunday, after noon.

**Feds**—Please do not confuse this with the fellows who chase moonshiners. What it really stands for is the Federal Writers Project of that noted institution, the W.P.A. This time, the men who compiled the *Almanac for New Yorkers* have gotten together a few things to make *American Stuff*. The Viking Press did the stuffing and it is procurable at almost anyplace, possible including your neighborhood drugstore.

**Women**—This title is not meant in the way almost every one of you think it is. It simply represents the New York Women's Symphony Orchestra, which is conducted by Antonia Brico. The women will take the stage fifteen minutes before the clock strikes nine on the evening of the day after the day after the day after tomorrow, which is Tuesday, if you are still not quite certain.

# SET THEM UP

## Housing Commission Director Decries Slum Conditions

(The following article has been written for THE CAMPUS and the Metropolitan College Newspaper Association by Helen Alfred, executive director of the Nation Public Housing Commission. As students, we are vitally affected by slum conditions. Indeed, one has only to take a fifteen-minute walk in the neighborhood of the College to understand the need of housing. (Editor's NOTE.)

There is perhaps no greater challenge to the American student today than abolition of the slums. The slum is not merely a housing problem. It is the pest-house in which a thousand dangers incubate to spread throughout the national life. The health, safety and general well-being of those who are obliged to exist in sub-standard housing conditions are daily menaced. Jacob Riis pointed that out many years ago. "The most pitiful victim of city life is not the slum child who dies, but the slum child who lives," he said. "Every time a child dies, the nation loses a prospective citizen, but in every slum child the nation has a probable consumptive and a possible criminal."

The cost of disease-free clinics and free charity hospitalization for the treatment of slum tenants, of large police forces to deal with crime and juvenile delinquency on a large scale, of a vast system of courts overcrowded with cases, comes out of the taxpayer. In some of our larger cities surveys have disclosed that the servicing of slum areas costs Mr. John Q. Citizen more than seven times as much as that of other residential areas.

The provision of modern dwellings at rents sufficiently low to meet the needs of low income wage workers cannot be achieved by private enterprise. Recognizing the impossibility of commercial builders and other elements of the building industry to operate except on a profit basis, housing reformers have for many years urged support of a public housing program, nation-wide in scope and localized in character. Government, wise or strong as its leader-

ship may be, ordinarily does not travel ahead of public opinion. The area of responsibility for pushing such a program, therefore, is the organized community. Progress made thus far in securing governmental sponsorship of slum clearance and low-rent housing projects has been due in large part to the demands of students of the housing problem and those persons interested in this question from a social standpoint—labor, the church, civic, educational, and social-work organizations.

The work of such organizations must be carried on vigorously and persistently. Now that a public housing program has been incorporated into Federal law, a permanent housing agency created in the Department of the Interior, and subsidies for housing purposes made available to local housing authorities, a new and permanent channel of activity has been opened up. An important aspect of this program is its application. It is at this period in progress that the student can play an especially important part.

Housing is a new field of productive enterprise, a new vocational field. General knowledge of community problems, a sympathetic and understanding attitude, and specific training are immediate needs if a successful program is to be developed. Technicians are required—city planners, architects, engineers, landscape designers, as well as administrators and community organizers, social case-workers and recreation directors.

Public housing projects will provide new neighborhood units, miniature new communities in which are involved all aspects of social relationships and technical services. No more interesting professional field has been opened up for, lo, these many years. The housing student-specialist is the key to its cultivation.

## The Press

MARK TWAIN: A PORTRAIT, by Edgar Lee Masters; Charles Scribner's Sons; \$2.75.

Edgar Lee Masters has written a work that is little more than a casual portrait. Sketching the events of Twain's life in only the barest of details, it is essentially an inquiry into the reasons why Mark Twain never attained the stature of a genius.

In his youth, Samuel Clemens was plagued by imagined sins, in part the product of a Calvinistic training, which taught the doctrine of the evil of man. Like Tom Sawyer, he grew up with the ambition to be somebody dramatic and conspicuous, to be a clown, to get into the big money. He became an irresolute player in the game of prospecting and a foppishly-greased Mississippi pilot, finally forced to quit by the outbreak of the Civil War. Yet Twain took no side on the question—writing characteristic vacillation. From writing humorous letters and tales for newspapers, he advanced to publishing his own paper. The "Salutatory" article announced that he was not going to advocate reforms, that he was not going to "meddle with politics." Having achieved some measure of affluence, Twain grew accustomed to hobnobbing with the wealthy and the conservative.

This seems a drastic account of an empty life. But Masters' examination of Twain and his writings is a sympathetic one, in the sense that it proceeds to an understanding of the man. It was Twain's mechanistic materialism, his pessimistic belief that man could in no way extricate himself from conditions, which was at the heart of his indifference. And when America needed a satirist to portray the madscramble for wealth after the Civil War, the scandals and the misery, it was indifference which prevented Mark Twain from rising above his poking fun at the little meanness of "human nature."

Masters has not written the definitive biography. He has merely given us an extended essay on why a writer who overlooks the reality of his time can hardly succeed except in a monetary sense.

BERT R. BRILLER

# Theater

## Concerning Who's Who And Other Topics

Burlesque came back to the stage last Tuesday night when Leo Stillman's *Who's Who* opened at the Hudson Theater. Not a Minsky strip-tease nor the emaculated girlie shows which have crept back since Billy was banished from Broadway, Elsa Maxwell's production is the real thing, a throw back to the old days when burlesque really burlesqued.

That's what this fast stepping, swingy revue starring Imogene Coca, of *New Faces* fame, and Rags (Eltine) Ragland very delightfully does. It satirizes the swells, pokes fun at the proletariat, lampoons the Lunts, and whistles the White House. Last and best it burlesques the burlesque, which every one will admit is going some.

This second show of the season to brave the current recession in revues goes over where others fail by the introduction of meaningful satire and poking fun at real people and real situations. Not that the music and the dances, staples of this skit-ish entertainment are bad. In fact they approach excellence especially in *I Dance Alone* and in the take off on THE DANCE.

## Black Consul

*In Haiti*. The Federal Theater apparently has another hit. Excellently acted and well-directed, it is a fine and thrilling production of William Du Bois' drama of the Black Napoleon, Henri Christophe. The story of the black men's struggle for an autonomous Haiti, free of the tyranny of France, is impressively told, to put it mildly. It builds up a tremendous excitement, which in the climax (Christophe's victory) just knocks you down and carries you out. The acting of Bernard Paté is excellent, and Rex Ingram is good, too, in the not-very-big role of Christophe.

The Lafayette Theater, which is housing *Haiti*, is at 131 St. and Seventh Avenue.

G. F. N.

A bunch of clever kids make war look ridiculous and silly in the intriguing Gallic farce, *The General Without Buttons*, which had its premiere at the Filmarte Monday.

Based on the French novel *La Guerre des Boutons* by Louis Pergaud,, the film portrays the youngsters of two enemy villages at war.

Satire is brilliantly achieved by having the children assume the responsibilities of adults. Everything is forgotten in the hysteria of a state of war. The "men" devise new military strategies while the "women" pick flowers for the heroes or wonder if the "men" at the front realize how great the strain is worrying behind the lines.

The children's constant overemphasis of the seriousness of the struggle keeps the laughs going.

The photography is greatly enhanced by the beautiful mountain background. The English titles are good.

R. K.

## Houpla

Owing to the throngs standing on line for hours, waiting for the doors of dancing pleasure to open,—there are now two dancing classes at the Plan. One is conducted by Ken Brium every Friday from 2 to 4; the other is conducted by Jerome Bienenstock every Friday from 2 to 5. Take your choice.

Weir '39 went to Brooklyn to see a couple of babes! They held a theater party Saturday afternoon to *Babes In Arms* at the Werba. Remson is planning to see *The Cradle Will Rock* on April 20. Tickets are four bits plus tax. Deadline for fix is right now.

You can leave your girl friend at 292 if you are going to the dance Saturday. On the ticket it says, "Baggage accepted at pier two days before steamer's departure." Also it demands that baggage be delivered 3 hours before sailing time, which is 8:30 p. m.

The Dean houses held their tea-dance Sunday. They had a swell time and had some darn pretty dames there. The latter are more important to the boys.

Will wonders never cease? The card room has been rather devoid of gamblers lately. It took Jimmy Peace practically all last semester to accomplish this.

# The Campus Sports

NEW YORK, N. Y., FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1938.

3

## Sport Sparks



### That National Tourney; Who's Bradley Tech? That Boy Stofen

By Philip Minoff

There were three thousand empty seats at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night as four teams opened the basketball writers' tournament to determine national championship honors, and it occurs to me that the College quintet didn't play before a Garden crowd that small all season. The fact is that it's no easy task to palm off names like Bradley Tech, LIU, NYU and Temple as the country's best court talent to a basketball-wise public. You may be sure that many stayed away because they had seen La Salle beat the Blackbirds, Minnesota trounce NYU and Villanova knock off Temple. Others never heard of Bradley Tech before last week and recognized the publicity for the thing that it was, a high-pressure build up for a purely commercial venture.

Temple won its game by thirteen points from Bradley Tech. NYU nosed out LIU. Snow White? I mean, so what? As a result it is very probable that at the end of the tournament the Violets will get that gorgeous silver cup that is on display in the Garden lobby and be crowned champs of the nation. Then, perhaps, the Garden will hold a dinner in the middle of the floor for the NYU team on another night and pack the house with customers who are just dying to see how top-notch basketball players eat. How Ned Irish does hate to let go of that basketball season! Jerry Tarlow wasn't too crazy for refusing to play against LIU sans pay. He had paid in full for his scholarship. Anything else was extra!

### Too Bad About Beavers

Lest this be interpreted as sour grapes let me say that I would have been tickled to see the Beavers in this championship business. It would have meant added prestige for the College, and if they had won, that huge cup could dazzle visitors in the AA office. But that's all. A victory in the finals would not have meant national supremacy by a long shot and I don't think that the team itself would labor under any such delusion. For various reasons the Garden couldn't get certain truly outstanding quintets. All of which accounts for the presence of a team like Bradley Tech, whom this department wishes a very pleasant trip back to Peoria.

Concluding its season with a record of thirteen wins and three defeats, the team was a good one but not a great one. Before the year it was felt that Nat Holman had a wonder team, with four men of the starting five back for the third year. But even in the opening victories it was apparent that it lacked poise and rhythm, qualities which, strangely enough, last year's squad had in abundance. Moreover, the team was exceedingly lucky as far as physical condition was concerned, with Captain Bernie Fliegel's injured foot in the Stanford game the only significant injury.

### Team Good, But Not Great

The only contest that was intelligently played basketball throughout was the victory over St. Joseph's. The most exciting game of course, was the Stanford drama which will be remembered for many years to come. The sloppiest exhibition came against St. John's. The biggest surprise was the childishly easy win over Villanova. The most bitter disappointment was the loss to NYU. The best refereeing job was done in the Fordham game. The worst came in the NYU contest. Public enemy number one was Art Stofen. Running a close second was Gerry Bush who picked the second half of the College-St. John's battle to play his only good basketball of the year.

You can't explain away that NYU thriller. That night the Violets were superb, playing their best defensive game all year. The Beavers, showing occasional flashes of greatness, had one of their bad nights. Fliegel was playing under par all evening. Ace Goldstein, despite the fact that he scored twelve points, was watching the game rather than participating in it. Manny Jarmon was nervous and showed it. Iz Katz and Red Paris were the only two who were in the play and fighting all the time. But the rally fell short and it looks as if I'll have to see the College beat NYU as an alumnus.

## Sport Slants

The College football as well as the baseball team starts preparation for the 1938 season today. Among other things Al Toth weighs about 220 pounds. Nothing short of thirty pounds over playing weight. Al Weiner has left school and changed his name to Hal Gray. All to lead a "sing, swing orchestra". Not only does HalAl wave a baton and sing, he's also a press agent and business manager. Before the boys were on guard they were roped into tickets for a dance featuring the music of Hal Gray, "the youngest swing maestro".

Bernie Fliegel seems to be the real college boy they always talk about. Instead of harking to the crass commercialism in the form of a contract with the Celtics, Bernie will retain his amateur status so that he can do his stuff for the College baseball team. The Celtics were all set to feature the College all-city center in last Sunday's game but it seems as though Sam

Winograd, newly appointed diamond coach, got in a few convincers and made sure of at least one good outfielder for the coming season. The Dram Soc's musical *In the Groove* will probably feature Gori Bruno, captain of the swimming team and sure thing for the Intercollegiate, in the chorus. George Lenchner, co-captain of the lacrosse team is doing music for the show. Charlie Wilford's Marie will finish the season with a perfect record. In fact she hasn't missed a College wrestling match in the last two years. But Charlie and Marie have plenty of competition. Henry Wittenberg's and Stan Graze's fathers also have perfect scores. Joe Warren '34, one of the greatest 135 pounders in College mat history, gave an exhibition of holds as a prelude to last Friday night's meet against Brooklyn. Then he proceeded to referee the matches. And believe it or not there were no complaints.

Jon Mong

## Intramurals Feature Wild Court Frays

### Basketball Managers, Shep '39, Jaracks Chalk Up Wins

An even dozen games which featured a rough, tough, and classy brand of basketball indicated that the courtmen's intramural tourney is traveling on all sixty-five cylinders yesterday.

A reorganization of the tourney necessitated by the great number of teams entered, has made competition all the keener. The teams are now organized into a number of sub-divisions within the main Independent, Frat, and House groups, and the loss of two games now results in elimination from the tournament.

It was this dire fate which staled the Basketball Managers in the face when they took the court against the Gym Group. But led by Norman Tandy and Harold Padow, respectively, the black shirts came through with a 14-11 victory and potent evidence that association with Holman's Hoopsters means something after all.

### Briggs '40, Garnets Drop Out

Two other outfits, Briggs '40 and the Garnets, were not as lucky as the Managers. Briggs dropped a 17-9 decision to Shep '39 Reds, the Garnets lost 13-5 to CDA Italian Club and both dropped out of the tournament. Marvin Schneiderman, the Flushing Flash, was Shep's fair haired boy while Carmine Perrotta paced CDA to victory.

The big upset of the day saw the Jaracks blot the Incas 21-18 in a hard fought fracas which needed only Madison Square Garden for background. Herb Israel was outstanding for the Jaracks. Other results in the Independent and House divisions ran true to form as the Newman Club shellacked the Foo-Chans 11-5, Bowker '41 shaded Shep '41 8-4, Abbe '39 trimmed Bowker '39 13-6, Dean '38 steam-rolled Shep '40 25-7, and Weir '40 trounced Weir '41 16-12 in a weird contest. Among the fraternities, Delta Beta Phi outraced Sigma Alpha Nu's dark horses 10-5, Tau Delta Phi beat Delta Kappa Epsilon 17-9, and eta Beta Tau baked in Phi Delta Pi, 10-8. Varsity griddler Yale Laiten led TDFP to victory while Cy Gurlitz and Marty Brown performed nobly for the beaten Sammies.

## Batsmen Hold First Session

Sam Winograd inaugurated his first season as varsity baseball coach yesterday afternoon when thirty-three specially invited veterans reported for the first indoor practice of the College 1938 campaign.

A general call for candidates was also issued asking those interested to report in the Tech Gym today at 4:15 p. m. equipped with the regulation gym outfit and sweat shirt. Aspirants for managerial positions are also urged to appear. Tryouts for the junior varsity baseball team will take place tomorrow at noon in the Tech Gym.

Until the weather permits outdoor practice, the squad will use the Tech Gym to get in shape for the opener with the Princeton Tigers on April 4. It appeared until recently that the new coach would have exceptionally talented material to work with, but subsequent events have depleted the best of the material.

Danny Frank, co-captain elect, passed the firemen's examination and left school. Dave Novack, the other co-captain elect, went into his father's business firm. Slugger Lenny Hubschman went to law school, and Bernie Fliegel may yet make himself ineligible by playing pro basketball. In addition, the three veterans, Lou Haneles, Johnny Morris, and Mel Edelstein were graduated.

"We may not be too tough in our first few games," Winograd warned, "but this'll be a progressively stronger outfit as the season passes by."

## Swimming Captains In Intercollegiates

Representing the College at the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association meets this Saturday in Pittsburg will be two swimmers, the likes of which have never been together on the swimming team before, Co-captains Gori Bruno and "Ace" Thomas.

Bruno, who could have also gone last year, has a chance to place in his specialty, the 150 yard backstroke. "Ace", whose enthusiastic devotion to training has got him doing twenty-four seconds flat for the fifty, and fifty-five seconds flat for the hundred, is a possible winner, as the best times of the competition are in that vicinity.

## Beaver Fencers Seek Fifth In Row

With four victories and one defeat for the season, the College fencing team comes up against the MIT swordsmen tomorrow at Boston. The Engineers have had a mediocre season thus far, and on the basis of this, the College team is favored to win by a small margin. Nine men plus managers and coaches will make the trip in an effort to take the match by storm.

The MIT meet is not so important in itself, but it is the only one remaining before the fencers come up against the two toughest teams on their schedule, NYU and Columbia. Success or failure against the Engineers will be taken as an indication of what can be expected when the local teams are met. The only other remaining event of the season is the National Intercollegiate championships which will be held at the Hotel Astor, April 15 and 16. The team will enter several men in an effort to place in the tournament.

## Beaver Boxers, Wrestlers Meet Temple Owls Tonight

Although quarts of blood may not flow, the spirit will be there when the College boxing and wrestling teams meet Temple tonight at the Commerce Center. Temple has one of the leading boxing and wrestling teams of the East and recently its ringmen defeated an all-star Bucknell outfit.

The meet with the Philadelphians will wind up a fair season for both College teams. The matmen have a record of four victories in five tries, with a lone loss to Franklin and Marshall, usually the league champions. The boxing team did not fare so well, tying with Villanova, and losing to Lock Haven State Teachers.

Hampered by injuries, the grapplers will be without the services of Hank Wittenberg and Hal Sklar, both certain point winners, when they face the Owls. Leo Wisnitzer will replace Hank Wittenberg, who is out with a pulled chest tendon, in the 175 lb. class. Chuck Wilford will hold down the heavy-

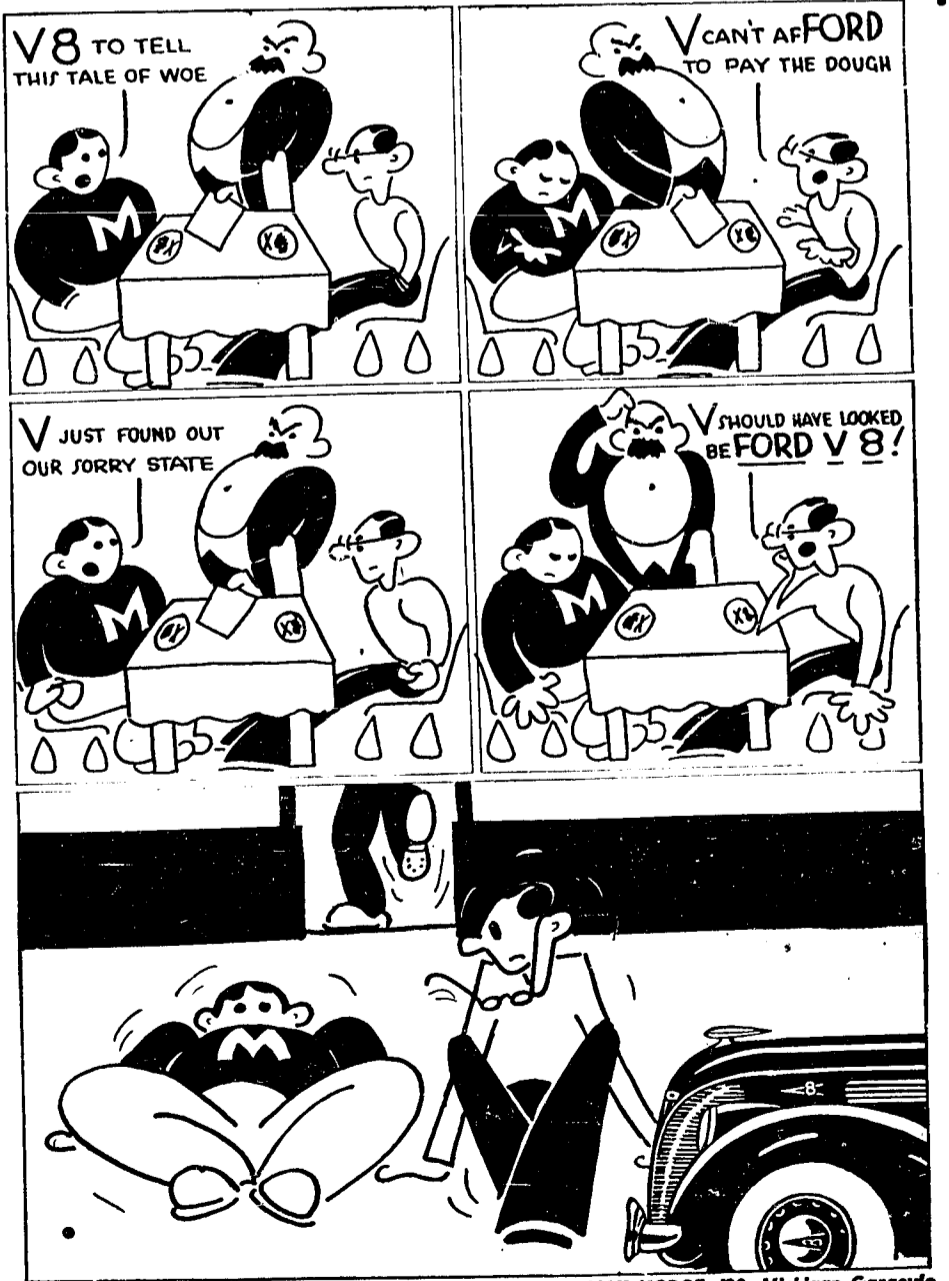
weight spot, while Herb Ginsberg, Al Scherer, and Stan Graze will be in the 118, 145, and 175 lb. posts respectively.

Coach Wagner, of the ringmen, is putting in the regular lineup against Temple. In Henry Grojensky and Johnny Nemeth, boxing at 165 and 175 lbs., he is sure of at least two bouts. Grojensky is the famous man who earned the only win for St. Nicks in the now famous Lock Haven larceny.

Last year, the Beavers humbled the Owls in both sports, at Philadelphia, and the Templars, with greatly improved teams are set to avenge the only loss on their otherwise perfect records.

FOR BEST FOOD  
AT LOWEST PRICES  
**HAMILTON FOOD SHOP**  
539 West 138th Street  
(RIGHT DOWN THE HILL.)

**TYPEWRITERS RENTED**  
LOWEST RATES! LATE MODELS!  
FREE RENTAL IF PURCHASED!  
NEW PORTABLES AS LOW AS \$19.45 WEEKLY WITH CARRYING CASE  
BUYS ANY MAKE 1938 PORTABLE FREE HOME DEMONSTRATION  
STANDARD FROM \$24 FULLY GUARANTEED  
**Battin & Horowitz**  
LARGEST BRONX TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE  
2800 - 3rd Ave. (148th St.) MELROSE 5-7273



by MAX HODGE, '39, Michigan Gargoyle

## Ackley, Copstein, Bridge Speak for Loyalist Cause

### Travelling Carry-all Exhibited at College

"The cause of Spanish democracy" was defended on the campus Tuesday by Recorder John K. Ackley, Dr. Seymour Copstein and Professor John Bridge in short addresses delivered in conjunction with the visit to the College of a carry-all containing full medical supplies.

Purchased by the Federation of Faculty Committees, for Aid to Spain and the American Student Union, the carry-all visited the College to raise funds for ambulances, medical supplies and traveling libraries for Loyalist Spain.

Recorder Ackley stressed the money problem in acquiring ambulances for the Loyalist cause because "it will repay us by its endeavors to stop fascism," he said a new type of democracy is being built.

Discussing the nomination of the week of March 14 at Spain Week, Dr. Copstein said that "Spain Week has as its main task the raising of funds for a traveling library." This will greatly aid the Spanish people to "heighten their cultural development" for a more effective "struggle against fascism."

Professor Bridge quoted from an open letter signed by 115 educators citing the progress of education in Loyalist Spain. Despite the exigencies of war, it stated, the educational program in Spain has been accelerated. "Many new schools have been opened and free school centers have been established. The insurgents, on the other hand, have been indifferent to popular education. They have not hesitated to destroy museums and cathedrals and to murder the leading library and cultural lights of Spain." In closing it declared, "We think it can no longer be denied that the cause of Spanish democracy is becoming the cause of American democracy. We call for the active support of the Spanish government lest our own traditions of education for democracy become imperiled."

Among the signers were five members of the College faculty: Morris R. Cohen, Ephraim Cross, Morton D. Gottschall, Clifford T. McAvoy and Harry L. Overstreet.

### McGill Daily Lauds 'Campus' Attitude

John H. McDonald, editor-in-chief of the *McGill Daily*, in a letter last week expressed appreciation of *The Campus* support of the stand taken by the *Daily* opposing the Canadian "Padlock Law." The managing board of *The Campus* sent a letter to Mr. McDonald commending his position on the law. The "Padlock Law" has been used by Premier Duplessis of Canada in suppressing newspapers which he has characterized as communist and subversive.

### Dr. Snyder Starts Series of Speeches On Recent Events

Dr. Louis L. Snyder, of the History Department, began, in chapel yesterday, a series of radio addresses on post-war history. He will speak during Thursday chapel hours over WNYC. Each speech will be followed by a forum in which students of Dr. Snyder will cross-examine him.

The series will include ten topics: The Heritage of the World War and the Peace Settlements; the League of Nations; the World Court and the International Labor Organization; Reparations, Disarmament and Security; Great Britain and the British Empire; France; Italy; Germany and Russia. The World War was discussed by Dr. Snyder in yesterday's speech.

"The mistakes which were made at Versailles," Dr. Snyder declared, "were tragic. The rise of Hitler may be traced directly to what Germany considered impossible conditions."

Describing the causes for the rise of dictatorships, which Dr. Snyder called "a revolt against democracy," he declared, "Democracy and liberalism now face the heavy onslaught of dictatorship, but they continue to exist as the most vital forces in contemporary society."

## Tech Magazine Vastly Improved, Review Claims

By Victor H. Rosenbloom

Despite a new and interesting format, a snappy cover, and a marked improvement over its predecessor, the *Tech Journal, Vector*, the new 32-page book, is not worth the half-dollar charged, according to the opinion in *Tech*.

The lead article, "The Third Brush Generator," is a highly technical dissertation on an important topic; its comprehensibility is, however, increased through the use of frequent diagrams and graphs. According to the authors, the article is a detailed explanation of a topic which is treated in a perfunctory manner by most texts. The theories and equations are backed by hard facts gathered by a year's hard work of experimenting with the generator by the authors.

A great number of the articles deal with the conventional engineering subjects, having as their only merit the fact that they give detailed information and go one step further than the texts in explaining the topics.

By far the best articles, which even men who have studied in *Tech* for less than four years can understand, are Prof. Goodwin's account of the history of Civil Engineering at the College, one on Surface Hardening and another on Art in Engineering.

While it is true that the magazine may be too expensive, when one knows the circumstances, mercy must temper justice. The boys have printed over 1500 copies, but only expect to sell 500.

## Correspondence

To the Editor:

Buried away on a page and a half of the current *City College Monthly*, and buried away in the last little paragraph of a *Campus* review lies an article that is of the utmost importance to all students. I refer to Professor Harold S. Tuttle's article "Scholarship for Action."

Our main interest at the College is in what we are learning. Professor Tuttle maintains that we are not learning the vital things in life. He states, "Of the many and persistent criticisms directed against the modern liberal arts college one of the most serious is that its training is unrelated to life. So effective has become the policy of aloofness that many assume as an evidence of culture the secluded life of the scholar."

As a matter of fact, most of us have felt that something was wrong. It is time, however, that we take some action to remedy the situation rather than content ourselves with purposeless beefing. Professor Tuttle gives an outline of the principles on which to proceed. He wants to bring the student face to face with life situations on the campus. The burning question for us is, "What are the specific steps needed to apply this principle to City College?"

Abraham Dubin '38  
Member SC Curriculum Committee

CLASSIFIED

LOST—Z.B.T. Fraternity Pin; Reward —Return to Room 8, Mezz., Main.

To the Editor:

Please do not include me in the "millions" of Catholics who do not share the very Reverend McCann's views on the banning of the *Monthly*. Freedom does not include liberty to distort and basely ridicule sacred things. Fairness and truth yes, but bigotry, intolerance and crude coarseness should not be protected under the guise of "freedom."

It is my personal opinion that many City College "literary" publications contain more sex element than literary content.

The protests against the first issue should have made the editor wary of a further offense. Yours for decency and truth!

J. S. Butler

### CIRCULO FUENTES

At the last meeting of El Circulo Fuentes, Rosario Castagnaro '39, was elected president, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of James Kovel '38.

535 WEST 151st STREET  
SOVEREIGN COURT  
Now Furnishing Newly 1, 2, 3 Room Studios—Full Hotel Service Elevator, Switchboard. We also have Kitchenette Apts. with Refrigerator. Single Rooms \$5 up. 10% discount to students and faculty of City College.

### APOLLO THEATRE

125th Street and 8th Avenue HARLEM'S HOT SPOT

FULL WEEK BEGINNING TODAY

WILLIE BRYANT & BAND and BIG COLORED REVUE

GALA MIDNIGHT SHOW TOMORROW  
Reserved Seats Phone UN 4-4490

MERCURY PRODUCTIONS

"YOU CAN'T LOSE WHICHEVER YOU HIT"

—ROBERT BENCHLEY, *New Yorker*

JULIUS CAESAR SHOEMAKERS' HOLIDAY } NATIONAL THEATRE

CRADLE WILL ROCK } MERCURY THEATRE



NOTE—Student discount cards honored at Box office or mail at Mercury Theatre and through MAIL ONLY at National Theatre.

## News in Brief

The Theatron, Dramatic Society of Commerce Center will present *Boy Meets Girl* on March 12, at the Pauline Edwards Theatre, Commerce Center. Shirley Yarfitz, who was House Plan Queen at the carnival last term will play the leading role of Suzie. Tickets may be purchased by writing to Sy Geffen, of the Theatron.

The International Staff Association at its meeting, yesterday, heard Clifford T. McAvoy report on the tenure situation. A rough draft of a new bill on tenure was proposed.

The Dam Club, a society of civil engineering graduates of the College, will present a prize to the writer of the paper on some phase of civil engineering judged best by four prominent practicing engineers at a meeting which will be held in the Webb Room this evening at 8:30 p. m.

The prize will be the initiation fee for entrance into the Junior Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Table seating arrangements for the "CCNY Frolics" sponsored by the '41 Class, will be made the day before the affair, Thursday at 12:15 in the '41 Alcove. The affair will be held March 18, at George's Tavern and Cabaret, in Greenwich Village.

### FEDERAL THEATRE

"... one-third of a nation ..."  
A LIVING NEWSPAPER ABOUT HOUSING  
ADELPHI THEATRE, 54th Street, East of 7th Avenue  
Tickets 83, 55, and 40c

HAITI A DRAMA OF THE BLACK NAPOLEON  
LAFAYETTE THEATRE, 131 Street and 7th Avenue  
Tickets 25 to 55c

### WE ARE FROM KRONSTADT

SOVIET RUSSIA'S ALL-TALKING PICTURE  
(ENGLISH DIALOGUE TITLES)

Presented by  
SOCIETY FOR STUDENT LIBERTIES  
at the

PAULINE EDWARDS THEATRE

Saturday, March 19th Tickets: 25c  
Showings: 8 & 10:30 p. m.

## Over the Seas Let's Go Men!

TO THE

# 3rd Spring Dance

ON THE GOOD SHIP

## S. S. House Plan



A Pretty Girl at Every Port,

BUT Hundreds at the

## Exercise Hall

Tomorrow Night, March 12

LEAVING AT

8:30 P. M.

GET YOUR TICKETS AT  
292



Passage per couple

MEMBERS . . . . . 25c

NON-MEMBERS 35c

DOOR . . . . . 50c