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Film and Sprockets

In cooperation with Cercle Jusserand, Film and Sprockets will present another in its series of documentary films, *Razumov*, based upon a novel by Joseph Conrad, this Thursday in 306 Main. Admission is ten cents. The F and S Society is also sponsoring the exhibit located in Lincoln Corridor, "Motion Pictures as an Art Form," tracing the development of the industry.

'40 Class

The '40 Class is sponsoring a ping-pong tournament with a pair of tickets to the May 12 dance as prizes. Entries are being accepted in Alcove 5, according to Alfred Goldman '40, vice-president of the class.

All applicants for the vacant positions of historian and upper SC representative should submit applications to any member of the '40 Council or leave application in the SC office, 5, Mezzanine. The Council will elect the men at 12:15 Thursday.

AAUP

Professors Harry Baum and Alfred D. Compton (English Dept.) addressed the American Association of University Professors on qualifications for faculty appointments and promotions at MIT and Harvard, according to Professor George Nelson (Library Dept.).

YMCA

The College YMCA has instituted a sports program among its members, including track, swimming, indoor baseball and handball, according to the *eYe*, YMCA organ. The organization is also campaigning for an official "Y" sweater.

Tech Trifles

A Tech seminar class in Physics for the Federal Junior Professional Assistant Civil Service exam was addressed by Dr. Edgar Murphy (Physics Dept.) yesterday in 24, Harris.

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Literary Leavings

Ralph Thompson, *New York Times* book reviewer, addressed an audience of over 100 students on the "Problems of Reviewing" in 306 Main yesterday at 10 a.m. Mr. Thompson declared that reviewers "read those books."

Joseph on Anti-Semitism

Professor Samuel Joseph (Chairman, Sociology section of the Government Dept.) spoke at an open forum on anti-Semitism Saturday afternoon at the tenth annual convention of the Eastern Sociological Society at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

'NY Times' Sales Stopped

Dean Turner has prohibited sales of the *Times* on the campus, under a ruling of the Board of Higher Education prohibiting the sale of outside publications on the campus. Beginning Thursday, the *Times* will be distributed in both the House Plan and Schiffer's Book Store. Arthur Ginsburg '40 remains in charge of sales.

Psychology Society

The College Psychology Society will present a World's Fair Dance at the Hotel Hamilton, 30 Hamilton Place, on Saturday, April 29, 1939 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is thirty-five cents per person. Tickets are on sale in Alcove 3.

Correspondence

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To 'The Campus':

Here at the College there is no need to expand on the plight of the victims of Nazi persecution. We should all like to do something for these unfortunates and not merely shed a sentimental tear of sympathy; yet many of us have no idea that there is much else we can do. There are, however, certain very definite and simple steps which we can all take to aid the most innocent and most pitiful victims of this persecution—the children.

We can support the Wagner-Rogers bill, which is under consideration in Congress at this moment. The bill is a non-partisan measure to permit 10,000 German refugee children of all creeds to enter this country in both 1939 and 1940. Once they are admitted, homes await them, homes freely offered by thousands of Americans in every state. The bill has the backing of both branches of the labor movement, of prominent Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish leaders, and of the Federal Council of Churches.

Personal letters to your two senators and your congressman will do much to further this important humanitarian measure. Suggestions for such letters are given below.

(1) Senator Robert F. Wagner
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Wagner:
I am writing to give my most hearty endorsement of your bill to aid German refugee children. I trust that you will continue your praise-worthy efforts.

Yours truly,

(2) Senator James Mead
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Mead:

I am writing to urge your support of the Wagner-Rogers bill, SJ RES 64, for the following reasons: (1) There are at present some 90,000 children under 14 years of age, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, who have been forced to seek refuge from the Nazi persecution. England, France, Holland, Norway, and Sweden have already opened their doors to many in similar plight. The bill provides that this country take in 10,000 of these unfortunates this year and next. (2) Provision has already been made for caring for these children in approved homes throughout the country. (3) Provision has already been made for transporting them to this country and the guarantees of financial security required by our laws have already been arranged for. (4) It is hoped that many of these children will ultimately rejoin their families.

I will appreciate your efforts in behalf of this worthy measure.

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(3) Form of Address to Your Congressman:

Hon. PDQ
House Office Building
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My dear Mr. Q:
(NOTE: in this case refer to bill as HJR 168.)

These letters should be written at once before the hearings end, if they are to be most effective. Every interested person should not only write

himself, but should work on at least two friends until they do likewise.

G. MILTON SMITH
(Psychology Dept.)

To 'The Campus':

Allow me to take exception to a statement in the article entitled "Department to Drop Gold," which appeared in the edition of April 21 of *The Campus*. No one knows definitely what the action of the departmental Committee on Appointments will be. It is, consequently, impossible to state, as you do, that "The Romance Languages Department will take no action to change its former recommendation that tutor Hyman Gold be dropped from the staff." Incidentally, the department never made such a recommendation; what it did was to fail to recommend reappointment. The matter of deciding whether or not the former resolution is to be changed will be taken up next week.

I suggest that misstatements concerning our department can be avoided by your asking the chairman for confirmation of reports before publication of them.

WILLIAM E. KNICKERBOCKER,
(Chairman, Romance Language Dept.)

(We accept Professor Knickerbocker's correction in phraseology, and apologise for our error. Our source of information ranks so high in the Romance Languages Department that we accepted his statements without verification.—EDITOR'S NOTE.)

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Hope for the material improvement of the College plant, structure and facilities becomes remote, but not impossible, with the passage of the 1939-40 budget.

Library plans now under consideration, for example, were appropriated for under the capital outlay budget, and the final architectural blueprints will come before the City College Administrative Committee Tuesday with the probabilities strong that actual construction work will begin soon.

Lunchroom Conditions Remain

The College lunchroom is not affected at all by the present fiscal allotment, inasmuch as the administration feels at present that to improve the cafeteria would be a waste of money before the completion of the library building. Although the library plans do not include room for a lunchroom, it is felt that the increase in space made available by the building would enable the tearing down of the mezzanine and the consequent installation of an up-to-date new lunchroom occupying the whole concourse.

Work on the Townsend Harris wings, also, will probably be concluded, since appropriations for them were made last year. The new Chemistry Building addition should not be affected, either, because the greater part of the money needed for its construction is coming from the WPA which had appropriated the necessary sum.

Doors on toilet partitions in the main lavatory will not be installed. Last December, it was announced by the Curator that plans for installation of the doors had been made, and that construction awaited a budgetary appropriation.

'Campus' Extra
Protests Cuts

The *Campus* yesterday decided to print an eleventh hour issue of the paper to inform the College of the two million dollar budget decrease and to rally them behind the fight being waged against those who have let the axe fall on 139 Street and Convent Ave.

Students and faculty members have contributed to help finance the issue, and *Campus* staff members quickly volunteered to put out the extra.

Economy Drives Often Aimed
At System of Free Education

Townsend Harris was President of the Board of Education in 1846. One summer day he took pride in relinquishing the chair, because "what I have to say now is my most important announcement." He stood on the floor of the old Board of Education building and said, "Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of the resolution creating a Free Academy in the City of New York."

On May 7, 1847, the State Legislature provided for a city referendum on the question, and the citizens of New York promptly voted for the establishment of the Free Academy.

The issue of free education at the College had been fought for many years even before the twentieth century opened, and in times of depression the cry of "economy" has always been directed at the educational system.

During the depression that began

Evening Students
Protest at Rally

Evening Session students packed the Great Hall last night protesting the "economy budget" adopted by the Board of Estimate late yesterday afternoon.

The rally heard Jerry Johnson, Negro member of the National Committee of the ASU, and Bernard Stepensky, editor of *Main Events*, flay the slashes in appropriations.

Both appealed to the students to attend the protest demonstration in front of City Hall today at 2 p.m.

TU to Discuss
Retrenchment

The College Chapter of the New York College Teachers Union will discuss the budget reductions at a meeting in 105 Mait at 1:30 p.m. today. Acting President Nelson P. Mead and Dean Morton Gottschall have been asked to attend the meeting, to which all members of the instructional and non-instructional staff are invited, Professor John Bridge (Classical Languages Dept.), president of the chapter, said yesterday.

At 4 p.m. today, a mass protest against the cuts in the educational budget will be staged by Locals 537 (the CTU) and 5 of the American Federation of Teachers. The AFT has issued a call for all city educational employees to gather at City Hall.

The nature of the cuts and methods of fighting them will be taken up at the meeting of the CTU's College chapter.

Great Hall Rally

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College may also lose its standing as an accredited school if teaching hours are lengthened due to this 'economy.' A dangerous precedent for further 'economy' has been set."

A request for a student picket line before the Mayor's office for today has also been made by the Anti-War Club, Avukah, Politics Club and the Philosophy Club.

Students, Faculty Members Protest

Faculty and student leaders joined in the protests against the budget cuts accepted yesterday by the Board of Estimate.

The following are statements given to *The Campus* yesterday.

JOHN K. ACKLEY, Recorder of the College: "I feel that every one interested in public higher education should be alarmed by the cuts in the City budget. Education, hospitals, relief and other socially necessary services are being curtailed. We must impress both City Hall and the State Legislature with the fact that there is also a human budget."

BERNARD WALPIN, president '39 Class: "We thought when we elected a Fusion Board of Estimate that we would have liberal government in New York City, but some of the Fusion appointees to the Board of Higher Education and part of the Board of Estimate seem to believe that liberalism does not extend to the realm of public higher education."

WILLIAM BRADLEY OTIS, Professor of English: "I think it is a very unfortunate state of affairs. Things like bridges, tunnels and the like are secondary when compared with public education. Public education is second only to public health."

GEORGE SCHECHTER, for the Anti-War, Politics and Philosophy Clubs: "This budget cut is LaGuardia's answer to the growing need for expanded College facilities for more library room and enlarged faculty. Why doesn't the Mayor cut down on the 150 millions subsidy for the World's Fair and interest rates paid the banks on city bonds? Picket City Hall at 2."

STANLEY LOWENBRAUN, editor *Microcosm*: "It seems unfortunate that near-sighted budget-makers must always hit the education system first in their frantic effort to cut, cut, cut!"

ROBERT KLEIN, SC representative '41 Class: "The proposal for a tuition fee is a threat to educational democracy and must be met by unified student opposition."

VICTOR TCHERTKOFF, president House Plan: "I certainly feel City College shouldn't be left in the cold."

MALCOLM WOLFSY, president Marxist Cultural Society: "The working class and its progressive allies were responsible for the establishment of a free City College. The working class and progressives will mobilize to fight budget cuts and retrenchment in education."

IRVIN GLAZER, editor *Mercury*: "I am in favor of the budget cuts because it will put many capable teachers out of work, deprive many students of the right to further their education, and send them back to the sweatshops. Next week I am sailing back to my beloved Germany."

JOSEPH ENGEL, vice-president Dramatic Society: "This measure is of imminent danger to our democracy and it must be protested."

EDWIN HOFFMAN, president College Chapter ASU: "To follow labor's example—to prevent retrenchment—join the ASU."

CLINTON OLIVER, president Douglass Society: "Free education in CCNY has long served the nation with a real example of the spirit of democracy in education. Retrenchment must be met with a united student, faculty and community protest. As students we must strongly support the action of the ASU Thursday at 12."

MARTIN STECHER, president Avukah Society: "The Menorah-Avukah conference views with alarm retrenchment in the College, or change of the principle of free education on which the College is based."

"It is obvious that our endeavors to add Hebrew to the curriculum of the College will be for naught if the policy of contraction of curriculum is carried out."

EPHRAIM CROSS (Romance Languages Dept.): "We are now, after nearly 100 years of the existence of the College, going through the worst crisis we have ever faced. This means both culturally and economically; and one of the reasons is the world situation, the national situation, and the local situation, all of which are adverse."

FRANK TENENBAUM '39, editor *Vector*: "I feel that the cuts in the budget of the City Colleges seriously hamper the efforts of the colleges to educate men and women for democracy."

"Elimination of the summer session will make it impossible for Tech students to complete the requirements for the Bachelor's degree in four years."

FRANCIS L. D. GOODRICH, Librar-

ian: "The library will adapt itself to any decisions the Board will make. If there is no summer session the library will be open daily except Saturday from nine to five, on a reduced staff."

DAVID I. SHAIR, editor *Lavender Handbook*: "The students of the College must awaken to the seriousness of the present situation. The future of the College is at stake. Our protest must be unanimous."

JACK FERNBACH, president SC: "If there is one issue the student body can unite around as one, it is the threatened existence of City College as an institution of higher learning. Every student must cooperate, must fight to the finish—a finish that can only end in a victory for the students."

WILLIAM RAFSKY, for the BCC party: "The Build City College program was formulated to improve City College. But without any money to carry out reforms, it becomes a farce. How can we get free books, when a tuition fee is proposed; how can we get a decent lunchroom, when the budget is cut two million dollars; how can we improve the curriculum, if teachers salaries are cut. If we can't build City College, we will fight to save City College."

Other students who voiced their protests are: FRANK FREIMAN, president of class of 1940; ALAN OTTEN, secretary of Student Council; MARTIN SCHWARTZ, president of Dramatic Society; GEORGE LENCINER, co-captain of lacrosse team.

Others are JACK STIEBER, executive committee SC, BILL TOMSHINSKY, business manager *Microcosm*, and JULIUS STERN.

ECONOMY? — An Editorial


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Chemistry and technology fees remain; perhaps they will be increased. Free textbooks glimmer and vanish.

The Board of Higher Education realized the financial difficulties of the city. Accordingly, the twenty-one men and women—public spirited citizens interested in the welfare of the entire city—reduced requests to a point where funds were inadequate for many necessary improvements. Ignoring this cooperative attitude, the Budget Director's office slashed as though the requests had been padded as much as those of less considerate city departments.

The City of New York received a blow yesterday which can cripple it for generations. Every College man—as a student and as a citizen—belongs at the protest meeting in the Great Hall today at 12:30.

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