

STRIKE ON TODAY AT CITY COLLEGE

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Students Plan a Two-Hour
Protest Against Expulsion
of 21 by Faculty.

HOLD A TORCHLIGHT RALLY

Dean Denies That the Board of
Higher Education Ordered
Drastic Punishment.

Preparations for a two-hour strike at City College today in protest against the recent dismissal of twenty-one students for participation in an anti-fascist demonstration were completed on the campus last night. The walkout is scheduled to last from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M. Several hundred students joined last night in a torchlight parade about the college grounds and a forty-five-minute rally at the base of the flagpole on the campus. Brandishing flares, the sympathizers with the ousted students marched in double ranks up and down Convent Avenue between 138th and 140th Streets, many of them shouting for the reinstatement of their classmates and the resignation of Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, president of the college. Others carried placards.

During today's strike, which its leaders say will call out between 1,000 and 2,000 undergraduates, appeals will be made for the reinstatement of the students, the re-establishment of the student council and the removal of Dr. Robinson. It was announced that Heywood Broun and Roger Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union would be among those to address the strikers.

Meanwhile Dr. Morton Gottschall,

dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, discredited allegations that the expulsion of the twenty-one students by the faculty had resulted from orders issued by persons higher in authority.

In a letter to Henry R. Linville, president of the Teachers Union, Dean Gottschall declared that he was not aware of any intervention by the Board of Higher Education.

"A majority of the faculty in my opinion acted from sincere conviction, not uncharged with emotion," he said. "They felt that the excesses of the students had been such that it was necessary to take drastic action."

At a meeting of student leaders, called earlier in the day by Elliott Hechtman, editor of The Student, a resolution was adopted asking Dr. Robinson to have the faculty reconsider the expulsion order.

The strike was voted at a mass meeting of more than 500 students last Thursday and the demonstration last night was arranged to lend impetus to the cause. At the start of the parade two police radio cars and an emergency crew from the West 152d Street station rushed to the scene. The parade was orderly, however, and the crowd dispersed peacefully shortly before 10 o'clock.