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## A. A. to Stage Gymnast Show Saturday Eve

### Versatile Sokol Squad Features Varied Program in Commerce Gym

A full and varied evening's entertainment has been planned by the Inter-Class Athletic Council for its third and final Gymnastic Show and Dance, of the present semester, to be held in the Commerce Gym this Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

Heading the list of performers is the Sokol Squad, a five-man gym squad which specializes in performances on gym apparatus. Most of its feature acts will be performed on the side horse, where Albert Braesch, their captain and best man, will thrill the crowd with his stunts. The men will also work on the horizontal bars and flying rings. They have prepared a free hand drill that requires excellent precision and co-ordination.

#### Gym Squad to Perform

The second half of the show places the spotlight on the Eberhardt Gym Squad, student performers of high caliber. The boys have perfected their acts for the big evening. Gerry Schoen promoter. (Continued on page two)

## Frosh Win Debate Over Sophomores

For the first time in history, a freshman debating team defeated a sophomore team at the semi-annual frosh-soph debate, held last Thursday in Frosh Chapel. The class of '40 defeated '39 by a score of 2 to 1.

The topic for the debate was "Resolved that the Dean's list be established in the College of the City of New York." The winning team, upholding the affirmative, included Irwin Hirshkowitz, Fred Weiss, Jack Freeman, Bernard Garn and Jack Brown. The sophomores, defending the negative, were represented by Seymour Messite, David Stern, Sidney Gottlieb, Charles Cohen and Jerome Dukoff.

The judges for the debate were F. Thornton of the economics department, L. E. Studley of the public speaking department, and A. Sherwin of the English department.

### Newman Club, Hunter Girls To Sponsor Spring Dance

The annual Spring Dance of the Newman Club will be sponsored in the near future in conjunction with the Newman Chapter at Hunter College, it was decided last Thursday at the meeting of the club.

The Capitol Hotel has tentatively been selected as the location of the dance, and the "Penn Staters" will probably provide the music. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

### Seniors to Meet Thursday On Graduation Routine

A special meeting of the senior class will be held at noon, Thursday, April 30, in room 1420. At this time, important information and instruction concerning commencement procedure will be given by Prof. Fred B. Wahl, Chief Marshal. It is important that all prospective June graduates attend this meeting.

## Council to Probe Schappes Ouster; YCL Quiz Halted

Tabling a motion until its next meeting, to send a letter to Dr. Horne, requesting that Morris U. Schappes be reinstated, the Student Council voted to investigate Mr. Schappes' dismissal.

Mr. Schappes, a tutor in English at the main center for over eight years, received a notice last Wednesday that he would not be reappointed next fall.

The investigating committee consists of Jack Kalish, '37, Richard Sloane, '37, Louis O'Neil, '37, and Leon Cornfeld, '38.

A committee, set up last week to investigate and expel from extra-curricular activities, the members of the Young Communist League for distributing a leaflet with the name Y.C.L.—C.C.N.Y., 23rd Street, was dissolved.

A committee, consisting of Stanley Kornheiser, '37, and Lou Scher, '36, was appointed to question the Inter-Class Athletic Council on the choice of May 2, for the date of their dance.

Jack Kalish was appointed to the Insignia Committee. Dr. Damon, Student Council faculty adviser, suggested the committee modernize its methods of giving awards.

## Supper, Dance, Amateur Class Night Feature Graduation Week, June 12-17

Final plans for Commencement Week functions have been decided upon, according to an announcement by the commencement committee. In line with the new policy of holding independent affairs for all School of Business graduates, events will be held during the week of June 12-17, 1936.

On Friday evening, June 12, a buffet supper and sport dance will be held in the college gymnasium. A Class Farewell Dance will be sponsored the following night, Saturday, June 13, at a prominent downtown hotel. Couple tickets will be allotted to each graduate who pays the \$2.50 fee.

An innovation is being attempted by the Committee this year, when it will stage an amateur class night in the Pauline Ed-

# Morris Schappes, Uptown Tutor, Discharged for 'Incompetency'; Faculty Groups Assail Dismissal

## 1500 Here In Peace Rally As 700,000 Strike In Nation

### Cohen, Wechsler Urge Resistance to War in Madison Sq. Park

In one of the largest anti-war rallies in the country, fifteen hundred School of Business students joined eleven hundred Hunter College co-eds at Madison Square Park, Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More than 700,000 college youth throughout the nation raised their voices in eloquent protest against war in the most dramatic peace demonstration of the student Anti-War movement.

In New York, 90,000 young men and women pledged themselves to combat militancy and the war mongers, and many of the members promised not to "support any war which the government of the United States may undertake."

So vigorously was the Oxford Oath taken by the students gathered at Madison Square Park, that James Wechsler, who administered the Pledge, declared, "That was loud enough to be heard in Washington."

Mr. Wechsler, editor of the organ of the American Student Union, the Student Advocate, called for a student movement so powerful that the war-makers would "tremble at the force of such a group."

"Such a movement is already making rapid headway under the" (Continued on page two)

## Strike Sidelights

By Geo. Weissman

The setting for the "Strike" last Wednesday presented a strange contrast. On one side of the crowd of protesting students rose the lofty spires of the Metropolitan Life Insurance building behind which sit some of the wealthiest and most influential men in America. We wonder how they felt when they saw their supposedly future cannonfodder register such a decisive protest against the war-mongering.

On the west side of the demonstration stood the Eternal Light, dedicated to the Dead of the last war and to Peace of the Future.

It was a heterogeneous crowd composed not only of students, but also of faculty members, and workers from nearby office buildings. Not all were unanimous in their opposition to war, however. One drunkard staggered through the crowd shouting, "We need a Hitler here. He'd shut them reds up. If war comes, they will have to fight anyway."

Some students, quick to take up the challenge, replied, "Too bad we haven't got him here. We'd show him something!"

As the "doves" of peace, better known as the pigeons of Madison Square, flew overhead, a cry went up in several sections, "Don't look up now, but there are pigeons overhead." Many a head was bowed. The Times reported the students prayed for peace. However, the pigeons may have had something to do with their lowering their heads.

### Comedy Written by Student Staged Over Station WNYC

Acclaimed by authorities of Station WNYC, "Royal Disorder," a one-act comedy, written by Arthur Pincus, a junior at the college, was presented over the air by Theatron on Sunday evening, April 26.

The play, which tells of the domestic troubles of a royal family, will again be produced by Theatron at the Junior Week Show in the auditorium on May 15th.

## Students Rally to Defend Of Tutor Active in Teachers' Union

The attempted dismissal of Morris U. Schappes, tutor at the Main Center for over eight years, on grounds of incompetency, is being hotly fought on all student fronts this week.

Mr. Schappes received a communication last Wednesday from Professor Charles Horne, Chairman of the English Department, stating in part:

"... your efficiency as a teacher has not been sufficient notable to justify me in asking your appointment as a permanent member of the College staff. I have been somewhat in doubt as to how to make this clear to you, being unwilling that should connect this with political beliefs. I am sure you have not had any such beliefs and that you are active in the Teachers' Union."

At a meeting called at Campus and the ASU on Friday, over 200 former students of Mr. Schappes denied Professor Horne's charges of incompetency, and insisted that the dismissal was directed against a reported Communist affiliation. A Schappes Defense Committee, consisting of nine prominent" (Continued on page two)

## A.S.U. Committee To Defend Tutor

A resolution condemning the dismissal of Morris U. Schappes of the English Department, an ill-disguised repudiation of freedom of opinion, was passed by the executive committee of the ASU at a meeting last Friday.

An all-City College committee composed of clubs, student class councils, and college papers to co-operate in fighting the dismissal of Mr. Schappes will be set up by the ASU. ASU committee members are Fred M. Stein, Isadore and Milton Grusmark.

The members of the ASU decide whether they will march with labor on May Day, a meeting called for tomorrow 1 p.m. at 44 East 21st Street.

### Personnel Manager to

Lewis R. Gwyn, Vice-President in charge of Personnel of the Railway Express Company, will address the Senior Class Seminar tomorrow in room 1420.

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Chappes, Dismissed Tutor, Backed by Faculty Groups

Students Rally to Defense of Tutor Active in Teachers' Union... (Continued from page one)

Persons condemning Professor Horne's action are being circulated all over the Uptown campus...

Two hundred students attended an open air rally earlier in the afternoon...

The consensus of opinion among staff members, contrary to Professor Horne's statement...

The incident which came with national publicity was a result of the fact that Schappes is a member of the faculty...

Members of the Music Society and visitors at the group's meeting tomorrow will hear a "surprise" program of recorded music...

1500 Here Join Third Anti-War Rally As 700,000 Students Strike in Nation

(Continued from page one) Leadership of the American Student Union, which is consolidating sentiment for peace by its day to day fight against war and reaction...

Expressing similar sentiments, Gus Tyler of the Young People's Socialist League, voiced a plea for a "world of peace, resting on labor."

Although lack of facilities prevented presentation of a scene from the play, "Bury the Dead,"

Seniors Have 'Petticoat Fever' '38 Class Invites Outside Students To Junior Week

The seniors have "Petticoat Fever." At least, that is the impression gained by the reviewer upon wading through the current issue of the Phoenix...

The Phoenix, composed largely of statements and pledges concerning the future "freshwomen," seems unduly interested in the subject...

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Representing the various branches of Hunter College, Rose Luttan, co-chairman of the strike, Lillian Palenius, and Marion Noble delivered brief messages of greeting.

Joseph Cadden, of the National Student Federation of America, denounced the McSwain military bill and urged his hearers to support the American Youth Act.

President Robinson Invited To "Chick-Chuck-Chuck Show"

The Class of 1938 has extended an invitation to President Frederick B. Robinson to be present as its guest on Friday, May 15th...

The Junior Class has also extended invitations to the students of Hunter College, Brooklyn College, and New York University...

Classes Compete In Ad Contest

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Law Soc. Hears Talk by H. Ameli

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The Sport Round-Up

I HAVE yet to see City College win a baseball game this season. I missed the Providence game in which the Beavers finally reached the 500 mark...

BABY BEAVERS

THE intramural spotlight turned last Thursday to the blue waters of the college pool, displaying the capabilities of the baby beavers...

Sammy Jacobson Scores

Sammy Jacobson, '39 hit the 40-yard free-style tape barely nosing out Bill Grady...

Artie Breathes Easier

City College scored a run in the third inning and friend Artie relaxed a bit. Manhattan evened the count in their stanza...

Deutscher Verein Has Party

Beer, pretzels, and sandwiches will mix with music at a beer party to be given by the Deutscher Verein on May 8...

Beavers Trounce St. John's, 12-6

Boxers, Wrestlers, Fencers Prepare For Intra-murals Finals of School Championships to Be Run Off Thursday

This Thursday, the tri-ring circus is continued while the boxers, wrestlers and fencers vie for honors and numerals in their respective sports...

Cymnasts Feature AA Show Saturday

(Continued from page one) The rest of the squad do flying turns on the rings, turret spins on the horses, flips on the horizontals, and "tiger leaping" from the bars...

Committee to Sell Excursion Tickets

Tickets for the boat ride on May 24th are being sold by a committee composed of members from every class. The English library will also sell the tickets...

Lavender Riflemen Win National Championship

Competing with teams from all over the country, the City College Rifle Club, captained by Joseph A. Hoehlein, won the National Tyro Team Championship for 1936...

Lavender Attack Led by Lou Hall And Rosenblum

Aided no end by 7 St. John's miseries, Spanier's sluggers rolled up an 11-4 lead through the first four innings. With Moe "Pop" Siegel, 39-year-old Beaver hurler, who had relieved Jerry Horns...

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Schappes' Case

THE "strong-arm" methods of Professor Charles F. Horne in his attempt to force Mr. Morris U. Schappes out of the College, are being answered emphatically by progressive forces.

Mr. Schappes, coincidentally, voted by students of this term's senior class the most respected and most popular member of the faculty, has been tutoring at Main Center for eight years. He has been intimately connected with the Anti-Fascist Association, the Teachers' Union and the Instructional Staff Association.

The apparent reason given for Mr. Schappes' dismissal is his lack of efficiency as a teacher of English. Very incidentally, Professor Horne refers to Mr. Schappes' political beliefs, but assures him that they did not influence the decision. Former pupils of Mr. Schappes attest to the man's worth and hotly deny his alleged inefficiency. Consensus of student comment is that he is one of the most brilliant men on the faculty.

It is evident that this cause celebre will become a test case to be taken up by Mr. Schappes' staff organizations. Under the provisions of the Feld-McGrath Bill, passed last year by the State Legislature, any teacher in the city higher educational system obtains tenure after three years.

Mr. Schappes can rest assured that students and teachers who have resisted the reactionary administration at the College, will rally to his support. Concretely, it is prophesied that Mr. Schappes will stay, and a bigger and better trade union movement will be built among the teachers, as a result.

United Strike Front

THE anti-war strike has proved, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the efficacy of a united front of mass protest. To skeptics who believed that the war issue was too sectarian for group action, one need only point out the diverse political polemics existing at every strike rally.

Students assembled at Madison Square Park heard the communist position on war, heard the socialist position on war, noted the differences between them, listened to other aspects of the war question, and then thundered their oath of allegiance to peace in the form of the Oxford Pledge.

The strike has expressed a maturity of political thought seldom recognized at any other time. In an effort to embrace the most adequate peace proposal, students are listening tolerantly to the details of viewpoints that are opposed to each other. The shell-torn road of peace for the individual student may now lie in the direction of a synthesis of "leftist" and "rightist" views. This is in harmony with the fundamental postulate of the American Student Union, the sponsor of the anti-war strike. The A.S.U. is a battleground upon which differing political opinions fight for acceptance. The unaffiliated student should logically place his anti-war sentiment under the aegis of the A.S.U. in order to build mass recognition.

At the College, the Strike Committee should not be dissolved. The anti-war strike is merely the prologue to more permanent peace activity. The Strike Committee should sponsor forums, symposiums and seminars dealing with the historical and current phases of war. Students should join the College chapter of the American Student Union and take active part in its program.

The anti-war strike points the way. Hold now for peace!

... This is Theatre ...

By Richard Sloane

DEAD men just don't stand up in their graves!

Yet, last Wednesday, the day of our anti-war strike, six corpses in the war that is to be, put on a strike of their own, and refused to be buried! It happens in *Bury the Dead*, by Irwin Shaw.

Just as a priest and a rabbi are chanting their prayers for the dead, a muffled groan rises from the grave. A soldier grave-digger screams, "Stop your prayers! These men are alive!" More groans . . . and then the first corpse rises from the grave. One by one the other corpses stand up. They refuse to be buried . . .

Omission at West Point . . .

And the six corpses mean business . . . they will not lie down! The sergeant in charge of the burial squad orders them down. The captain then summons the generals. "Huff, ha, ha!", more or less say the generals, "You've been drinking, Captain." But when a doctor's certificate convinces them that the corpses are dead and refuse to be buried, the generals talk it over.

"Think if it gets back to Congress . . . what will they make of it?" "They never said anything about this at West Point," one complains.

It must be their conviction of right that keeps the corpses immobile. They are too young to be hidden away from green things that grow. This is not a war in their interest, they don't want the burrowing rats to get at them even before the last shovelful of mud covers their faces.

Generals Risk . . .

Considering that the grave is about seven miles behind the front, the generals consent to venture forth to it . . . at the risk of their lives . . . "if the roads are carefully screened." On his arrival, the first general summons up all his martial dignity, and commands the corpses, "Lie down!" They don't budge. He calls on their sense of duty, on their patriotism, on their love for a native land that is appealing them to lie down and be buried. They don't budge. But a general never admits defeat. This one has a brilliant idea. He will summon the corpses' widows and sweethearts and mothers to persuade their loved ones to lie down peaceably in their graves and be buried.

Callis go out for the mothers and widows of Privates Schelling, Morgan, Levi. With patriotic fervor the women answer the calls.

Bury the Living! . . .

Ridiculous, so far? I hope you think so, for there is another equally ridiculous situation suggested, but not portrayed in the play. This is it. Live men just don't lie down in their graves, and allow themselves to be buried! Get it? *Live men just don't lie down in their graves, and allow themselves to be buried!* If *Bury the Dead* has any message for us who are alive, this is it.

"War is useless, war is absurd, war is insane," declares *Bury the Dead*. "You \$18.50 bastards, do something about it!" Don't lie down in your graves! Well, one rather portly gentleman complained that *Bury the Dead* is "exaggerated," the generals "overdone." Finally, he gave up in despair and suggested to his female companion, "Let's have cocktails." And off they went down the street.

Wake Up! . . .

Did he say, "Gee, let's kill this next war before it starts." No; rather he panned this brilliantly conceived play because he could not admit to himself that "War is Hell!" Apparently, peace truly is one luxury the rich cannot afford. And they pan *Bury the Dead* because *Bury the Dead* pans war.

Strong language? Well, maybe it takes strong language to bury the flag-wavers, and raise from their graves the "\$18.50 bastards" who have died of indifference!

Correspondence

To the Editor:

Students at the college may be interested in the Youth Research Bureau which has been formed recently by graduates of Harvard, Columbia, Barnard, New York University and C. C. N. Y. The purpose of this bureau is to do research in those fields within the social sciences which have not been covered adequately by others. If the material handed in is worthwhile we shall try to place it with some magazine, newspaper, or publishing house (free of charge). Prior experience is not essential to do this sort of work. We would be only too glad to help those who are interested.

At present, for example, the bureau (membership to which is open to all), is working on a study of conditions of Youth in the United States today. We expect to publish our findings in pamphlet form by the end of May.

If any student has already written a report on some subject which pertains to any problem of Youth, we would be glad to examine it.

All communications should be addressed to the writer, care of the Youth Research Bureau at 799 Broadway, room 423.

Sincerely yours,

MORRIS ENGEL, Jan. '36,  
Executive Committee of Youth  
Research Bureau.

To the Editor:

I was a student in Mr. Schappes' English class two years ago. I should like to add my voice to those already risen in his favor. The charge of inefficiency is sheer nonsense. None of his students would ever believe it. He never came late to class nor was he ever absent. His teaching was dynamic and inspiring. There are few classes I have enjoyed as much as his. But I write not merely to praise Mr. Schappes but to point out a little known fact.

Mr. Schappes was a tutor for some eight years. During that period, a two-months' notice was all that was necessary to dismiss him. But Mr. Schappes' case is only an extreme form of one of the worst evils of teaching at this college, lack of security of tenure. The large number of tutors, fellows, and instructors are in no way certain of their jobs. They can be dropped on the slightest grounds or none at all. This is made from the experience of this section.

We, as students, should be interested in our instructors' welfare because of the effect on their teaching. It is indeed a surprise that the instructional staff bears up as well as it does considering the precariousness of their positions. Teachers at the City College have stood behind students whenever they were on the verge of expulsion for political opinions. The Anti-Fascist Association especially has been helpful to students. Recently it endorsed the American Youth Act.

The Schappes case must be made a rallying ground in which students will back their instructors in their fight for decent working conditions at the college. We need not go too far afield to find a course requiring the endeavors of students interested in greater social justice.

Yours,

E. RADEK, JR.

Best Seller Books Available in Library

The following books may be obtained at the Library for general reading:

1. Graphic Design, by Leon Friend and Joseph Heffer, Ph.D. (Comprehensive survey of the graphic Arts.)
2. American Goes to Press—(The News of Yesterday.)
3. Let Freedom Ring—Arthur Garfield Hays — class struggle.
4. When Southern Labor Stirs—Textile Strikes in the South. Thomas Tippet.
5. Insurgent America — Alfred M. Bingham — revolt of the Middle Class.
6. The Last Puritan — George Santayana — Philosophical novel.

.. Bonnett on Books ..

FOR quite some time I have been looking forward to the day when a really worthwhile book dealing with Fascism and National Socialism would be published. Not a book dealing merely with the hashed-over accounts of the rise to power of these dictatorships, but an investigation into the tactics employed to seize control.

So many "studies" tell you that "the Hitler movement in Germany was dealt a crushing blow by the "Beer Hall Putsch" of 1924. Informed commentators felt sure that Hitler would be effectively laughed out of the political picture. However, "the increasing burden to meet reparations payments, the rising discontent of the Versailles treaty, topped off by the depression and a crying employment problem, provided fertile soil for the aggressive program of the National Socialist Party." And that would sum up the period of development of the party of the totalitarian fanatics in Germany. Italy would be given the same scanty treatment.

How Did They Do It? . . .

But just how these expert gardeners went about planting the seed, how they watered and nurtured it, no one has yet taken the trouble to find out. There have been innumerable generalizations, but no one has tied himself down to the specific. What I was hoping for, then, when I picked up Michael T. Florinsky's new book, "Fascism and National Socialism," was more or less of a study into the methods and means employed by the proponents of the totalitarian state to seize power.

And I was sadly disappointed.

For Mr. Florinsky makes no radically new or novel departure from the established treatment of the subject. There is the customary brief, historical development, explanation of the theory and working of the government and party, and survey of present problems.

And his analysis of many of these current problems is done rather badly. The section on Italy and Abyssinia is a case in point.

Colonial Expansion . . .

He points out that "Italy has a territory which only at a considerable sacrifice can produce sufficient foodstuffs to feed a prolific and rapidly increasing population. . . . The economic difficulties of Italy have been greatly intensified in the course of the last years." Unemployment has increased tremendously, etc.

Therefore the need for Italian expansion. The Ethiopian empire was the most convenient and expedient territory to "civilize," and so the present campaign was begun.

This attempt to find an economic justification is an extreme example of his naivete. Expert observers agree that it will be many years before the wealth of the Lion of Juda can be extracted from his mountain vaults.

Nor can the conquest be justified with the old cry of the need for land. Italians have proved themselves to be lovers of their native soil, and refuse to migrate to a new home. Italian Somaliland, with a climate very similar to that of Ethiopia, has never attracted settlers from Italy.

On the plus side, he does make a commendable attempt to guess at the reactions of "the man in the street" toward his dictator. But while he is quite successful in describing some of these attitudes previous to the ascension to power, he bogs down terrifically when he tries to go into the present-day value of the dictatorial stocks.

The book is not particularly well written and I would not advise anyone to read it for pleasure. Let it repose on the library's shelf and gather dust. Maybe the dust will find the association beneficial.

"Fascism and National Socialism," by Michael T. Florinsky. Macmillan. \$2.50.