

# Dr. Robinson Burned in Effigy

## By Students Striking Over Ouster

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President Frederick B. Robinson of City College was burned in effigy on the campus yesterday after a student riot. Premier Mussolini shared the same fate.

A double-headed dummy of the two was soaked in oil and set afire under windows of the Administration building in protest against expulsion of 21 students.

Three demonstrators were arrested.

The flaming figure ended a futile attempt of scores of radical students to close down the college by a strike at noon. First overt act was the hoisting of a big blue flag bearing the word "Strike" on the campus flag staff.

Halyards were cut and grease smeared on the staff. Police battered through the crowd and vainly attempted to leg their way aloft. Finally, a ladder was stretched above the slippery surface.

Climber Ed Clough, recently retained to paint buildings, ascended with a boatswain chair. Amid cheers and jeers, he cut the blue flag free and set the Stars and Stripes fluttering.

Of the 8,000 enrolled students about 1,000 inactively observed the demonstration, in which fewer than 200 participated. Only about 150 answered the strike call.

President Robinson, ill in Mt.

Sinal Hospital, sent a message to the faculty expressing regret at inability to be present. He urged liberality in considering any petition from students in good standing and authorized students meeting at noon tomorrow to discuss grievances.

Mark Eisner, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, said last night that radical students "won't succeed" in their drive to oust Robinson. Eisner termed the ouster movement "futile and ill-advised." He described the strike as "nothing to get excited about" and said it was "just some students cutting classes."

The 21 expelled students went to their classes after the strike. They did so on advice of their attorneys, who declared in a letter addressed to the faculty that the expulsion "is without effect since it was not ordered by the majority of your faculty." Eisner, however, said the expulsions were valid.

*(Photo on Picture Page.)*

Number of shares sold on New York Stock Exchange yesterday, 870,000; amount of bond sales, \$10,780,000; United States Treasury balance—general fund, \$1,670,298,621; previous day, \$1,673,757,995.