Defends Peace Strike.

Editor Brooklyn Daily Eagle:

Your correspondent who says that the students of Brooklyn College who participated in a strike against war are silly could not have investigated the matter very deeply. The majority of students going to Brooklyn College work in order to be able to attend school. That does not seem very silly to me, a student at the college. I am not a communist, yet I sympathize with the Spanish loyalists, who are fighting to maintain a democratically elected government, whether it be communist or not. We refuse to support any war our country may conduct because we love our country and do not want to see the same occurrences as in 1916. We feel that there is nothing to gain from war and history proves that an economic reason lies behind every war ever fought by the United States. Why should our young men give their lives to protect the investments of big business? The munition makers are wealthy enough. Instead of that ironic slogan "War to end war" we had a "Strike to end war."

A. COBERT.

Brooklyn, April 26.

All Students Are Not Communists.

Editor Brooklyn Daily Eagle:

I should like to correct the impression that I am sure many of your readers must have gathered from Miss Gertrude McAllister's article "The Voice of Youth" on Saturday. Miss McAllister states in referring to Brooklyn College: "But speaking of that borough institution reminds one that unless one is a thoroughgoing communist there isn't much sense in going there. It's gotten to the point where even if one isn't on the red side one is branded in such a manner."

This is not true. There are a great many of us students at Brooklyn College who are American enough to appreciate the advantages being given to us by the taxpayers of this city and who are willing to fight tooth and nail the scourge that communism is rapidly becoming. It is true that a great many of our fellow students are reds of various shades, but those of us who are not would rather that the general public, through whose generosity we are being educated, not accept the idea that all of us are selfish ingrates who would bite the hand that feeds us.

It seems that the communist group can recognize only two strains, despite their much self-heralded "broad-mindedness." These two strains are those who are within their group and those who are not. Those who are not are immediately branded fascists. There is, in their manner of thinking, no such thing as a decent, God-fearing, patriotic, self-respecting American. But thank heaven there are a few of us left.

It is not that we do not see faults in the present system. Undoubtedly they are there, but we do not believe that communism is the correct way or the American way to solve the problems they present.

Brooklyn, May 2. ARTHUR WELLS.

Anti-War Demonstrations Upheld.

Editor Brooklyn Daily Eagle:

Borough President Harvey of Queens will no doubt enjoy the usual jingoist support for his rebuke of the recent anti-war demonstration staged by the students of Brooklyn College.

In asserting that the "fault" lies not so much with the students as with the teachers, he leaves himself open to the question, "What is the patriotic duty and what is the sacred duty of an educator?" In one sense I should agree with President Harvey that the teacher's patriotic duty is to shout about the national honor in terms of bullets, battleships and poison gas; but I cannot escape the conviction that the teacher has a transcending sacred duty, which is to teach love and brotherhood and pacifism of the most uncompromising variety. It is at once significant and refreshing that the rising generation has abandoned patriotic sentimentalism in favor of a very real kind of idealism.

Young people and their teachers who are responsible for anti-war demonstrations are the hope of the world, and the fact that people in positions of political influence such as that held by Mr. Harvey don't see it that way is, to say the least, highly regrettable.

Brooklyn, May 1. EDWARD H. DARE.