

U.S. students protest speaker ban

NEW YORK (CUP/UPS)—Students at New York's City College have expressed their disapproval of the recent ban on Communist speakers by staging massive demonstrations which included boycotting classes and picketing at three of the colleges.

The protests following the decision by New York City University that it would be breaking the law if it allowed known Communists to speak on campus.

According to the Hunter Arrow (a campus paper) picket lines at the two campuses of Hunter College, in the Bronx and in Manhattan, and at City College included approximately 1,000 students. An estimated 1,200 students boycotted classes at Hunter's Bronx campus, and it was reported that some classes at the other two colleges were dismissed because of the light attendance.

Faculty members and other non-

students have joined in the chorus of protest against the banning. Communist Party secretary, Ben Davis, the first speaker banned under a temporary policy which gave rise to the present permanent ban, gave a speech which was recorded for delivery at City College. In his speech, Davis warned that if the ban remains "academic freedom will go out the window."

In a speech at Columbia University, Davis also thanked the

municipal colleges for "more publicity than all the gold in Moscow could have paid for." He also said that since the ban, the Communist Party "telephones are ringing constantly."

Prof. Robert Hirschfield, a constitutional lawyer and member of the political science department at Hunter, discussed the legal aspects of the ban.

Hirschfield charged that the anonymous legal advice on which the ban is based is not objective and is not founded on federal or state law or judicial opinions. He pointed out that "the Communist Party is not outlawed, nor denied the right of speech." In conclusion, Hirschfield blasted the administrative council decision because "there is no legal compulsion to impose such a restriction."

Another political scientist, Michael Jaworskyj, stated rumors are circulating that the council's action was taken with a view toward the forthcoming municipal elections in New York. He charged there are similarities between Nazi, Soviet, and New York City University's political attitudes toward colleges.

Prof. Bernard Bellush of the History Department of City College, said he has obtained three independent legal opinions refuting the legal opinions supporting the ban.

The administrative council statement on the ban said the council decided that allowing a known Communist to appear on one of the City University's campuses would be in violation of the laws of the state and the nation.

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 uary to continue his post-graduate studies in mathematics.
 His departure will represent a "great loss," according to those connected with the orchestra, as Lawrence has played an active role both the musically and in the orchestra's administration. He has held the positions of librarian, vice-president, and president during the past five years and is currently assistant conductor.



An example of Lawrence's fine flute playing will be heard with the orchestra's performance of selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and the first movement from Mozart's Jupiter Symphony.

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Johns gets out of town

University President Dr. Walter Johns and Assistant to the President B. McDonald will attend a meeting of presidents of the four western Canadian universities Dec. 1 and 2 in Saskatoon. The conference was held at the U of A last year.

Conference members will "discuss prominent problems and the possibility of co-operation between the universities with respect to projects that might be carried out jointly," said President Johns.

"We will discuss each other's plans," explained Dr. Johns. For example, he pointed out a library school was needed in western Canada and that UBC opened one this fall. Another topic due for discussion is the necessity of a school for veterinary medicine.

CUP climbs off the floor

OTTAWA (CUP)—Canadian University Press appeared to be back on the road to prosperity this week when the first term payment of debt was made to the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

CUP President Ted Johnston, in making the payment which retired the first half of the debt, said the organization appears to be on a definite climb to recovery.

Canadian University Press still owes \$666, said Johnston, but "I am confident that this will be retired in short order."

At the NFCUS Congress this year, a resolution was passed urging that CUP pay its back debt off within a set time, or be asked to leave the federation's secretariat office.

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