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COLLEGE NOTES

The following is a copy of a letter sent out by President Colligan:

To the Students and Staff of Hunter College:—

It is natural and fitting that the young women of Hunter College and their teachers should play an important part in a program of world peace.

In his inaugural address the President of the College said: "Our Student Forum might well promote the wise solution of a paramount problem—the maintenance of world peace—and thus help that 'world which is powerless to be born.'" There should be and there will be at Hunter College a serious, sustained, and fruitful program of peace activities. These will include mature unbiased study of peace agencies and problems and impartial discussions dissociated from any partisan propaganda. Ample opportunity to attest one's zeal for the maintenance of peace will be given through participation in assemblies held within the building on a plane of dignity and maturity worthy of the cause.

A few of our students seem to believe that the best way of encouraging peace in the world is by disturbing the peace in their college. The method they advocate is called by them a strike and provides that students shall absent themselves without leave from their classes and attend meetings held on street corners. On March 26th, 1935, such students introduced into Student Council a motion favoring a "Strike against Imperialist War and Fascism" on Friday, April 12, at 11 A. M. This motion was defeated by a vote of Student Council for the stated reasons that such a strike would be ineffective, would be partisan, and would confuse the issue by the introduction of irrelevant material.

This vote made it clear that a majority of the members of Student Council, which is the legislative branch of the Student Self-Government Association, understand the real meaning of the proposal. They understand that a student who, wilfully disregarding her college duties, leaves the orderly intellectual activities of the classroom to participate in a street meeting is making one of the gestures of defiance which are the very seed and substance of war.

Some time ago the officers of Student Council, in response to the invitation of the President of the College, stated that they had set a day in May for a formal assembly devoted to the promotion of the cause of

world peace. The administrative authorities informed the officers of Student Council that they and the Faculty would cooperate with the students in this laudable enterprise.

The Faculty and Administration believe firmly in efforts for the encouragement of world peace. Such efforts, however, must be authorized, orderly, reasonable, tolerant, and peaceful, worthy of the fine tradition of Hunter College. Both Faculty and Administration insist that only the properly constituted College authority, and not any agency outside of the College, shall set the time and the place for the consideration in the College of those matters which should command the attention of the student body.

As Edmund Burke has said:—"The proposition is peace. . . . It is simple peace, sought in its natural course, in its ordinary haunts. It is Peace sought in the Spirit of Peace; and laid in principles purely pacific."

EUGENE A. COLLIGAN,
President of the College.

April 10, 1935.

Many members of the faculty of Hunter College, including most of the members of the Vocational Guidance Committee, attended the Conference of the Institute of Women's Professional Relations at the Hotel Astor on March 28, 29, 30. A number of student organizations sent representatives to participate in the round table discussions led by men and women outstanding in particular lines of work of interest to their group. Among the organizations represented were: Art, Biology, Home Economics, Journalism, Pasteur Physiology Clubs, Ottinger Debating Society, and *Bulletin*.

Professor Lao G. Simons, Head of the Department of Mathematics, was honored by her staff at a tea held in the Faculty Room on Tuesday, April 2. Many distinguished guests gathered to pay tribute to Professor Simons, who has been associated with the College since 1895.

Dean Hannah M. Egan entertained the Lower Seniors at an At Home tea in her office on Friday, April 5.

Professor Emma K. Temple, Faculty Adviser of the Journalism Club, conducted the round table discussion on Women's Colleges at the Conference of the American College Publicity Association held at New York University, on Saturday, April 13.

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