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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF HUNTER COLLEGE

It seems very simple to take a plant which has been used by the Navy for three years and divert it to the uses of still another government organization. If conditions were now still what they have been in wartime, we could have no objection which was more than an expression of sentiment. But conditions are not the same. On February 15, Governor Thomas E. Dewey addressed to the presidents of colleges in New York State a letter which summarizes the findings of the State Department of Education. This letter says in part: "In short, therefore, even if we should be able to fill to the limit every college in our State, there will still be at least 38,000 veterans or current high school graduates in our State who will be denied a college education because of the enormous accumulated demand caused by the sudden end of the war and the demobilization of the armed forces in a single year." The Governor then goes on to say that "our colleges need to expand the use of their educational facilities temporarily by at least 26%".

Meanwhile the American Council on Education, which represents all the major educational institutions of the United States, points out two additional facts. First, there are now enrolled in the special high schools of all states a very large number of discharged veterans and young armament factory workers who expect to be ready for college within the year. Second, the chances are that if selective service is terminated by Congress next spring, 200,000 additional students will seek to gain admission to the colleges. Already virtually every college is turning away more applicants than it can admit, and in most of the larger colleges for women the number of those who apply is five times as great as the number that can be accepted.

If, under the circumstances, the decision is still to close the Bronx unit of Hunter College, an estimated probable total of 5,000 students annually will not only be not admitted, but will be added to the already huge throng who cannot find admission. **GEORGE N. SHUSTER**

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FACULTY OF HUNTER COLLEGE

WHEREAS, recent studies of the educational situation made officially by the New York State Department of Education, and unofficially by other groups, indicate clearly that an unprecedented demand for college facilities will arise during the coming four years, and that existing space allotted to college teaching in this state will be far from adequate; and

WHEREAS, the release of the Bronx Buildings by the United States Navy makes it possible for the first time to plan adequately a post-war educational program for Hunter College students who have

been deprived during the war years of vitally needed facilities for instruction in Home Economics and Physical Education, as well as campus life opportunities indispensable to social guidance; and
WHEREAS, at the present moment over 1500 Hunter College students are receiving instruction in an abandoned primary school building long since declared obsolete; and
WHEREAS, in the immediate past many other sites in the City of New York have been held entirely suitable for the purposes of the United Nations Organization; and
WHEREAS, it has been the general assumption that control of educational properties in the City of New York and determination of educational policy have been lodged in the Board of Higher Education and not in the Board of Estimate, be it
RESOLVED, that the Instructional and Administrative Staffs of Hunter College convey to the members of the Board of Higher Education their earnest concern over suggestions made for the use of the Bronx campus by the United Nations Organization for a period longer than that required for the first meeting of the Security Council in the United States, and their conviction that curtailment of educational opportunities for the residents of the City of New York would be little short of disastrous.

STATEMENT BY THE ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE OF HUNTER COLLEGE

We, the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College, are gratified that part of the buildings and campus of Hunter College has been made available to the United Nations Organization for its first meeting in America. In the interests of higher education in New York, however, and particularly in the interests of the program of Hunter College, we respectfully submit the following facts:

1. Because of the needs of the national emergency at the outset of the war, Hunter College patriotically turned over the Bronx Buildings to the United States Navy for its war-time use.
 2. The curtailment of essential facilities for Hunter College necessitated temporary adjustments in the conduct of the College and its courses, which it is highly undesirable to continue.
 3. The Bronx site is the only campus available to the students for the development of a well-rounded college life.
 4. Unless the Bronx Buildings are restored and put in condition in time for occupancy by Hunter College in September, as planned, it will be necessary to deny admission to eligible applicants, at the very time when local and national policy favors increased opportunities for higher education.
- RUTH LEWINSON, President