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Reinstate BOB BURKE!

Keep Heidelberg Out of Columbia!

Bob Burke's appeal for reinstatement at Columbia University has been denied.

The fight for his reinstatement now lies in the hands of the progressive student body of America.

Burke, who was a leader of the Student Union at Columbia, president-elect of the junior class and an amateur boxing champion, was expelled last June for participating in a protest against Columbia's acceptance of an invitation to the Heidelberg anniversary ceremonies. The Trustees have delivered their decree. Will it go unanswered?

The issue is now crystal-clear: the right of students to organize and demonstrate on crucial social issues.

The "incident" in this case was the meeting of students in front of Dr. Butler's home after every other expression of student opinion had been ignored.

Columbia's refusal to reconsider this case has established the fundamental principle of the fight. If Burke's expulsion is not rescinded a smashing blow will have

been delivered at student freedom at Columbia. If Columbia is not compelled to alter its decision other administrations will hasten to imitate the loudest exponent of academic "liberalism": Nicholas Murray Butler.

Burke's dismissal is an attempt to crush the Columbia student union. Unless he is vindicated by irresistible popular support other attacks will follow.

Burke's reinstatement will be an affirmation of those principles—the right of students to think, speak and act—for which he stood.

Victory at Columbia will be a triumph echoed throughout American education. Students at Columbia have already spoken and demonstrated in Burke's behalf.

But this victory can be achieved only if the student body of New York City, located in the center of the fight, makes its voice heard now.

A GIGANTIC TORCH-LIGHT PARADE WILL BE HELD ON THE COLUMBIA CAMPUS, WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7.30. — — THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS MUST ASSEMBLE *at the* SUN DIAL, 116th STREET, BETWEEN BROADWAY AND AMSTERDAM AVE., TO JOIN WITH THE COLUMBIA STUDENT BODY IN A DEMAND FOR BURKE'S REINSTATEMENT.

WITHOUT YOUR HELP THIS FIGHT CANNOT BE WON. THE COLUMBIA STUDENT UNION HAS APPEALED FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

THE FUTURE OF STUDENT FREEDOM WILL BE PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED BY WHAT HAPPENS ON MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS.

THE ADVANCE OF REACTION CAN BE STOPPED ONLY IF WE SMASH EVERY THREAT TO FREEDOM.

RALLY AT COLUMBIA WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

GET YOUR CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, FRATERNITIES, STUDENT COUNCILS *and* NEWSPAPERS TO PASS RESOLUTIONS IN HIS BEHALF.

SUPPORT THE FIGHT FOR BURKE'S REINSTATEMENT!

Signed by AMERICAN STUDENT UNION—NEW YORK DIVISION

Rally at Columbia, Wednesday 7.30 P. M.