

You are Cordially Invited

to a *Breakfast and Forum*
on *Political Tests for Teachers*

at the ALDINE CLUB

200 Fifth Avenue (at 23rd Street)

Sunday, April 27, 1941 — 10 A.M.

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Brief talks by representative members of academic and civic life will introduce general discussion. Those already suspended or dismissed from positions at City College will be invited to contribute information and comment.

BASIS OF DISCUSSION

Tension and fear developing out of a war situation have enabled the Rapp-Coudert Legislative Committee and its supporters to make an unprecedented attack upon public education and academic freedom. Many within the academic world are meeting this threat with increasing effectiveness. The Board of Higher Education, however, has passed a resolution which sets up political qualifications for teachers:

“Resolved that it is the purpose of the Board of Higher Education not to retain as members of the collegiate staffs members of any Communist, Fascist or Nazi group or society, or to retain any individual who, or member of any group which, advocates, advises, teaches or practices subversive doctrines or activities.”

Notoriously, similar resolutions have been the bases for attack on all independent thought. Already teachers are being dismissed or suspended at City College. While it is not our purpose to defend any political philosophy whatsoever, we wish to affirm, and hope that you will join us in affirming, the rights of teachers to be judged for their private and public acts or opinions only by those means or standards used to judge all citizens.

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