



Student Protest: Students at City College yesterday afternoon heard Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of the Teachers Union Local 5, explain the issues involved and the meaning of the suspension of faculty members. Photo shows Dr. Dodd speaking at the school yesterday noon.

Coudert Victims Suffer Tragic Fate in Witch-Hunt

Illness, Poverty, Broken Homes, Evictions Follow City College Suspensions; Teachers Union Urges Funds, Support in Fight

Broken leases—and broken homes, poverty, persecution, illness, even an eviction—have been the fruit, for suspended City College teachers and their families, of the Rapp-Coudert inquisition.

Dr. Bella V. Dodd, Legislative Representative of the Teachers Union, Local 5, and member of the executive of the College Teachers Union, Local 537, told the Daily Worker the story of the tragedies in the lives of these progressive educators, who have been persecuted for their heroic fight to preserve democracy and civil rights in the educational system of New York City.

"A good deal has been said," Dr. Dodd stated, "about the harm to education accomplished through these suspensions, and about the professional injustice to individuals. But very little has been said about their personal sacrifices—and their personal tragedies.

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"In the first place," she went on, "these men were mostly the products of New York City's colleges. They came from the working people, and didn't have education given to them on a silver platter. To be sure, they got tuition free, but they have had to work for their keep, their equipment, and everything else.

"It should surprise no one that suspension without pay brings sudden confusion and want into the lives of these teachers. They work for so little in the first place—between \$600 and \$2,400 a year, and their expenses are so high. Many of them are still paying for their degrees. Three or four, who are suspended now, had to borrow money to get their Ph.D.'s because they were required to get them in order to continue with their jobs. Now they have the degrees, and the jobs are gone. They aren't likely to get others, either, since the blacklist system is widespread in American colleges. What a waste of training and of brilliant minds!"

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