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## UNIONS ARE FOR TEACHERS

Should college teachers join a union? Why not? Many of them already have. Organization helps everybody.

Higher Education in America is now going through its greatest period of expansion. Like it or not, higher education is now mass education - and it will become even more massive in the future.

Yet, a University has always been its teachers more than anything else. A university with teachers who are free - free to develop their talents and devote them to their students; free to speak the truth; free to live full and rich lives without undue worry about how to pay the bills; free to cooperate with their colleagues in helping build an institution dedicated to the expansion of human knowledge - a university with teachers who are truly free will be a great university.

Union organization helps make teachers free. It gives them a voice in the decisions which control the conditions under which they practice their profession. Through collective bargaining a teachers' union established the framework for freedom, democracy, and economic independence. This is what our struggle at St. John's University is all about, and this is what the union stands for on dozens of campuses - in California, Michigan, New York, Illinois, and elsewhere.

But more than this, the labor movement - the AFL-CIO needs organized college teachers, and teachers need the AFL-CIO. It isn't a matter of dues; AFL-CIO per capita is only 7¢ a member a month. Rather, the labor movement is the largest, most influential political and social organization in the nation. College teachers have an opportunity to participate in its decisions, just as they do in the labor movements of many European countries. And the teachers, in turn, will have a ready source of support when they need it.

Often it takes courage to form a college teachers union. Most college presidents and trustees tend to resist unionization of "their" teachers, in the same way that many an industrial tycoon fought the unions. But after all, unions are not for tycoons - or college presidents or trustees. A college teachers' union is for the teachers.

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