

## "PUBLIC BE DAMNED" ATTITUDE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES MUST BE STOPPED

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New York, July 14.—"The 'public-be-damned' attitude of the trustees of our American colleges has got to go!

"We have got to make them realize that our professors are not 'hired men' but men of consciences, who cannot be fired just because they dare to think, in the way by which Prof. Scott Nearing has just been fired from the University of Pennsylvania—because he allowed his mind to work in a way obnoxious to capitalism!

"We have got to make them know that a college, state or private, is public property—property as public as the postoffice, since it deals in men, and our young men belong, not to any particular economic group, but to our country!"

The most famous professor in the United States, "the greatest thinker in America since the death of William James," Prof. John Dewey of Columbia University, today threw this bomb into the ranks of those American millionaires who are attempting to control the education of our youths through wealthy boards of college trustees, by dropping "radical" professors from teaching rosters and substituting "safe and sane" ones.

"It is too late for capital to begin this fight, if we are to infer from the dismissal of Prof. Nearing that the first gun has indeed been fired in a war which aims to stamp freedom of thought out of our colleges," declared Prof. Dewey to me on his Long Island farm near Newport.

"If the governing boards of universities wish to drive from their institutions all men of ability and backbone and retain to teach the youth of the country only weaklings in mind and character they have only to endorse such a program.

"If the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania endorse it their endorsement is a warning to all schol-

ars who do not put the knowledge of their special subject on the level with that of an aggregation of business gentlemen, however worthy and however competent in their own affairs, to keep away from that institution."

Nearing, the teacher of economics, is a very young man and a very popular one. In the few years he has taught at the University of Pennsylvania he has become the great leader of the radical wing of the teaching force and has captured the popular fancy of the thousands of students as no other professor has.



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NEARING

Prof. Scott Nearing

### HOUSEHOLD HELPS

One or two sprouting onions planted in a large plant crock will provide seasoning or a little bit of green by clipping the young shoots when needed.

When removing gloves never begin at the tips of the fingers to pull them off, but turn back the wrist and draw the glove off wrong side out.

If the kitchen linoleum is given a coat of floor varnish it will last three times as long.