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Sommario/riassunto	The Depression era saw the first mass student movement in American history. The crusade, led in large part by young Communists, was both an anti-war campaign and a movement championing a broader and more egalitarian vision of the welfare state than that of the New Dealers. The movement arose from a massive political awakening on campus, caused by the economic crisis of the 1930's, the escalating international tensions, and threat of world war wrought by fascism. At its peak, in the late 1930's, the movement mobilized at least a half million collegians in annual strikes against war.