

CONTINUOUS REVISION—
The fortieth anniversary year
of Columbia College's Contem-
porary Civilization course is



Blackstone
Dr. Grayson Kirk, Columbia
University president.

continuing one of its strongest
traditions—revision. The two-
year course in the political cul-
ture of the West, which is re-
quired of all freshmen and
sophomores, has been constant-
ly updated since 1919.

The current re-evaluation in-
volves revision of the six vol-
umes of text used in the course
and consideration of general
problems involved in the pro-
gram's future.

The first revised volume of
readings, collected and edited by
Columbia staff and entitled "In-
troduction to Contemporary
Civilization in the West," will
be ready for use by next year's
freshmen. It will cover the pe-
riod from the late Middle Ages
to 1914. The second volume, to
be issued the following spring,
"may well include a survey of
the last fifty years," according
to Bernard Wishy, head of the
Revision Committee. Revision
of the other four volumes of
readings and background mate-
rials will be completed by the
fall of 1961.

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