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THE FORD HALL FORUM

ANNOUNCES
THE OPENING OF ITS
TWENTY-NINTH SEASON

Sunday Evening, October 18th

= 1936 =



*Advance
Announcement*

Ford Hall Forum — Season 1936-1937

OUR CHALLENGE TO THE GRAVE DIGGERS OF DEMOCRACY

WE OPEN OUR SEASON on Sunday evening, October 18th, with a brave man, one of the most interesting figures of the post-war period, Ernst Toller, author of "I Was a German" whose subject can well be the theme for the Forum season.

- Oct. 18 ERNST TOLLER—"Are You Responsible for Your Times?"
- 25 "Does the Constitution Function for the People?"
S. MILES BOUTON says "Yes".
JOHN SPIVAK says "No".
- Nov. 1 Lord BERTRAND RUSSELL—"Why I am Neither Fascist nor Communist".
- 8 Special Meeting to commemorate Mr. Justice Brandeis' eightieth birthday. (Program now being prepared)
- 15 NORMAN THOMAS—"The Roosevelt Program as a Socialist Sees It."
- 22 HERBERT AGAR—"The Need for Conservatism in Government."
JOHN T. FLYNN—"What's the Matter With Us Now?"
- 29 Hon. CONSTANTINE A. OUMANSKY, Counselor of Embassy, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, "The New Russian Constitution."
- Dec. 6 EMIL LUDWIG—"Living Makers of History."
- 13 The Rt. Honorable LORD MARLEY—"Fugitives from Fascism."
- 20 Senor SALVADOR DE MADARIAGA, formerly Spain's Ambassador to the U. S. A., "Outline of a Sensible Government for Sensible People."
- 27 Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO.
- Jan. 3 General SMEDLEY D. BUTLER.
- 10 Sir ARTHUR WILLERT—"Europe—1937."
- 17 DOROTHEA BRANDE—"Wake Up and Live!"
- Jan. 24 Abbe ERNEST DIMNET.
- 31 GERHART SEGAR.
- Feb. 7 JENNIE LEE.
- 14 ERSKINE CALDWELL—"Tobacco Road."
- 21 Dr. ALFRED ADLER, famous Viennese Psychologist.
- 28 Baroness SHIDZUE ISHIMOTO—"Internationalism and Nationalism in Japan."
- Mar. 7 Prof. HARRY A. OVERSTREET.
- 14 LANGSTON HUGHES, outstanding Negro writer in this country—"The Ways of White Folks."
- 21 Count RAOUL DE SALES—"France."
Dr. HELGO W. CULEMANN—"Germany."
- 28 To be announced.
- Apr. 4 JOHN HAYNES HOLMES.
- 11 Prof. HAROLD J. LASKI.
- 18 Dr. ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN—"Should Teachers Discuss Controversial Subjects?"

"**G**OD offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please,—you can never have both. Between these, as a pendulum, man oscillates. He in whom the love of repose predominates will accept the first creed, the first philosophy, the first political party he meets,—most likely his father's. He gets rest, commodity, and reputation; but he shuts the door to truth. He in whom the love of truth predominates will keep himself aloof from all moorings, and afloat. He will abstain from dogmatism, and recognize all the opposite negations, between which, as walls, his being is swung. He submits to the inconvenience of suspense and imperfect opinion, but he is a candidate for truth, as the other is not, and respects the highest law of his being."

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

OUR ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES will, of course, continue again this season.

Our Little Theatre with its workshop, The Barn, at 36 Joy Street, will present dramatic productions and Studio plays. The Forum Players, through the medium of the theatre, are attempting to carry on the purposes of the Sunday evening Forum meetings. Members of the Forum and their friends, who want to participate in acting, directing, playwriting or scenic designing or who wish to learn these things, are welcome to join.

The Dance Group, under the direction of Hans Wiener, will start October 13th at the Hotel Brunswick.

A Discussion Group in Individual Psychology, under Dr. Alexandra Adler, will begin on October 28th. This group will discuss problems arising out of your daily experiences. There will also be a private Clinic by appointment only.

We shall also have **Classes in English, German and Russian** beginning in October. If you are interested in joining, please register at once.

Our Youth Forum which was inaugurated last year will open its second season in November. We will send you more particulars later. A very active committee of young people is busy now planning the program.

The Ford Hall Forum Town Meetings will begin the first Sunday afternoon in November.

We are also planning, for this year, to revive the Ford Hall Forum magazine. More particulars later.

PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES

The Open Forum stands for:

1. The complete development of democracy in America.
2. A common meeting-ground for all the people in the interest of truth and mutual understanding, and for the cultivation of community spirit.
3. The fullest and freest open public discussion of all vital questions affecting human welfare.
4. Free participation from the forum floor either by questions or discussion.
5. The freedom of forum management from responsibility for utterances by speakers from the platform or the floor.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SEASON 1936-1937

Date.....

The Ford Hall Forum,
1242 Little Building,
Boston, Mass.

Please enroll me for a membership in the Ford Hall Forum, for which I enclose payment of \$3.

(Name) Mr.
Miss

(Address)

Please make checks payable to
THE FORD HALL FORUM, INC.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

SEASON 1936-1937

The Ford Hall Forum,
1242 Little Building,
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I would like to propose the following for membership in the Forum:

(Name).....

(Address).....

(Name).....

(Address).....

(Member's Name).....

(Address).....

The number of members is of necessity limited.
Early enrollment is suggested.

THE FORUM'S ONLY SUPPORT comes from voluntary subscriptions and contributions. Friends of this democratic adventure will translate their interest and approval in the form of a subscription, each according to his ability and understanding.

FROM THE BY-LAWS OF THE FORD HALL FORUM, INC.

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