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LESSONS  
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# "LESSONS FOR DEMOCRACY"

Youth of this country view with concern the precarious status of democratic institutions in Europe and Asia. As disturbing is the realization that youths, themselves, have in many of these countries been the tools with which democracy has been undermined.

With these thoughts in mind, the Ford Hall Youth Forum presents five young people, each a native of a country which has recently undergone a radical change of government. They will tell us how, in their opinions, it was possible for such changes to take place. How they believe they might have been averted. And, most important, what program of action they suggest for those American youth who desire to develop and maintain a vital democracy.

## *Our Speakers:*

MR. CHEN is from Shanghai, China, where he actively participated in the patriotic movements of his people and is now at Harvard University.

MR. DEUTSCH is from the Sudetenland and was reared in the traditions of the German Social-Democratic Party. A graduate of the University of Prague, he came to this

country in 1938 as the Czechoslovakian delegate to the World Youth Congress. The Munich Pact left him stranded here and he was the first recipient of a Harvard refugee fellowship.

MRS. MIKKOLA has returned to Finland, her native land, six times in the last few years and is in a position to speak authoritatively on that country's problems. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Institute and is Secretary of the International Relations Committee of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

MR. SONTHOFF left Germany 24 hours before Hitler's elite corps raced into Poland. A member of the Nazi Black Shirt Corps, he was on the staff of a German daily during the Reichstag fire and the blood purge. At various times he was a courier for the Nazi government, connected with a shortwave station, and attached to the Commercial Section of the American Consulate in Berlin.

MR. SORIA is a native of Spain and studied and travelled in the major European countries. He was connected with the Spanish General Electric Company and was assistant to the first Labor Minister in the Franco Peace-time Cabinet.

*There will be a question period as usual.*

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on: WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 21st, 1940, at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

at: TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB, 3 Joy Street, Boston.

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