

# SEASON 1933 - 1934 SOAP-BOX FORUM 7 TO 7:30 EVERY SUNDAY EVENING

# November 5

SCOTT NEARING—Foremost Radical "The Outlook for the American Middle Class"

CONCERT—HARRY DICKSON, Violinist
RUTH CULBERTSON, Accompanist

## November 12

SHERWOOD EDDY—Sociologist

"Russia Today: What the NRA can learn from the U. S. S. R."

Concert—Dorothy Richardson, Contralto Dorothy Wood, Accompanist

## November 19

DOROTHY THOMPSON (Mrs. Sinclair Lewis)
"The Author of 'I Saw Hitler' Evaluates 'My Battle'"

CONCERT—MAE TAYLOR, Soprano
SAMUEL GARDINER, Accompanist

## November 26

PROF. FRIEDRICH SCHOENEMANN

"Why I Believe in the Hitler Government"

CONCERT—UNIVERSITY DOUBLE QUARTETTE JOSEPH LAUTNER, Director

#### FORD HALL FOLKS MEETING

November 5—4:00 p.m. at Kingsley Hall Special Guest: ROGER W. BABSON "Plenty for Everybody: What Congress is Thinking"

#### SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 5

## "The Outlook for the American Middle Class"



COTT NEARING needs no introduction to a Ford Hall Forum audience. He is an economist and educator who believes that it is now possible for members of the human race to build a world in which the best things of life will be guaranteed to every child that is born. He has studied, investigated and traveled extensively in countries like Germany, Russia, China and Mexico where the struggle to rebuild the world is being most actively carried on. He is the author of "War", "The Twilight of Empire", "The American Empire", "Whither China?", "Education in Soviet Russia", "Where is Civilization Going?" and "Hard Times."

#### SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12

## "Russia Today: What the NRA can learn from the U. S. S. R."

HERWOOD EDDY, courageous sociologist who startled the world a few months ago by daring to assail the Nazis at a Berlin meeting, also needs no introduction to a Ford Hall Forum audience. May we quote from a letter from Paul Hutchinson to the "Christian Century" August 16th 1933:

"Christian Century" August 16th, 1933:

"Forgive a personal note in closing, but I had one experience in Berlin that I must tell about. Mrs. Hutchinson and I had so arranged our wanderings as to be present at the sessions of the Sherwood Eddy seminar there. One afternoon, we were invited to what was termed a tea, but turned out, in German fashion, to be a coffee, as guests of the Carl Schurz foundation. This is one of those organizations which is supposed to be promoting understanding between Germany and America, but which just at present seems to be putting in most of its time at propagandizing visiting Americans in favor of the Nazis. There were the usual wooden speeches, one of them by a Nazi state's secretary, and then Mr. Eddy was called on. What



happened for the next thirty minutes will never be forgotten by those who were there. Beginning with an outline of his credentials as a true friend of Germany, proceeding from that to his reasons for refusing to accept the finality of the communist regime in Russia (its denial of impartial justice, its denial of freedom, its resort to terrorism), Mr. Eddy wound up with a description of the Nazi state as it appears to a visiting American which sent the goosepimples chasing up the backs of most of the hundred or so who were listening.

"Of course, not a word of it appeared in the German press, although the full reportorial army was present, for nothing does appear in that press now except government propaganda. (And I could tell some interesting tales about that.) But the next morning I heard the correspondent of the Associated press, in greeting Mr. Eddy, congratulate him on being still at liberty, "since I fully expected to have to start hunting you up in some concentration camp." And that same night I heard the correspondent of a great American newspaper, in speaking before a meeting composed largely of American students, characterize Mr. Eddy's speech as "the most courageous, the most statesmanlike, the most truthful and the most Christian I have heard in years." But, when asked by his audience to tell what Mr. Eddy had said, the correspondent refused. He has to go on living in Berlin, and there were two Nazi party members taking notes on everything that went on."—Paul Hutchinson.

Dr. Eddy's speech in Berlin was no surprise to us who know him well. We know several instances in various parts of the world when Dr. Eddy, in the face of a hostile rule, had voiced his condemnation of suppression of liberty.

Dr. Eddy has headed twelve annual European seminars composed of representative American authors, educators, clergymen and statesmen in a study of existing conditions abroad. He was an eyewitness to what actually happened when Mukden, in Manchuria, was invaded by the Japanese. He has recently returned from his ninth visit to Russia, two of which were made to Czarist, and seven to Soviet Russia.

### SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 19

## "The Author of 'I Saw Hitler' Evaluates 'My Battle'"



HEN DOROTHY THOMPSON and Sinclair Lewis were married, people who were interested in them (and that included almost everybody in America) wondered if she would abandon her own literary career for the more humdrum routine of matrimony. Such a course of procedure was not considered by either of them and they have worked out a practical scheme for pursuing their careers.

Dorothy Thompson rightly holds her place as one of the most distinguished woman journalists of our time because of her success as foreign correspondent for some of the foremost American newspapers including the New York Evening Post, and the Philadelphia Public Ledger. She spent three years in Vienna as correspondent for the Curtis Newspapers

and three years in Berlin as chief of the Central European Bureau of the New York Evening Post, being the first woman ever to hold such a position for the American press. She spent several years on independent newspaper work in England, France, Italy and Russia and covered such important events as the revolts in Hungary, the Vienna and Bavarian Revolutions as well as the Pilsudski revolution in Poland. She also reported the World Economic Conference in Geneva.

# SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 26 "Why I Believe in the Hitler Government"

R. FRIEDRICH SCHOENEMANN, Head of the English Division of Seminars at the University of Berlin, arrived in the United States in September on a German Traveling Fellowship and is now touring the country. Dr. Schoenemann was instructor of German at Harvard University from 1913 to 1920 and was the only German citizen who taught here all through the years of the war. After his return to Germany, he introduced the study of American literature into the German University curriculum. Since 1926, he has been Professor of American Literature at the University of Berlin. He is the author of numerous essays on America, "Amerikakunde, eine Zeitgemaesse Forderung" (1921); "Die Kunst der Massenbeeinflussung in der Ver. Staaten von Amerika"



(1924, second edition 1926); "Mark Twain als literarische Persönlichkeit" (1925); "Die Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika" two volumes, I. "Von der Kolonie zum Weltreich", II. "Die Amerikan. Demokratie von heute" published in 1932 by Deutsche Verlags—Anstalt zu Stuttgart. He received the Ralph Beaver Strassburger Prize of 1932 for the best German book on America and because he is the best writer to further the friendship between the two countries.

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