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WHO ARE THE SPEAKERS?

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Of The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, Rabbi Silver has distinguished himself for his interest in and contributions to the solution of the problems of the day. Besides carrying on editorial duties and lecturing, he is vice-president of the Consumers' League of Ohio and a member of the National Citizens' Committee on Mobilization for Human Needs and the Ohio Commission on Unemployment Insurance.

JOHN T. FLYNN

Economist and journalist, Mr. Flynn has the ability to present with great simplicity problems that are usually shrouded in difficulties. He renders an outstanding service to the country in analyzing the history, status, and trends of our industry and finance and in hammering away at the evils that undermine our political and economic systems. His writings are known to many through the columns of *Harper's Magazine*, *Collier's*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Forum*, and *Scribner's*, and through the books, *Graft in Business*, *Investment Trusts Gone Wrong*, *God's Gold—John D. Rockefeller and His Times*, *Security Speculation—Its Economic Effects*. He was called on to act as adviser to the Senate Committee investigating munitions.

JAMES C. DRURY

Professor Drury has for the past five years taught the course in coöperative marketing in the New York University School of Commerce. Under the auspices of the Cooperative League of the United States he conducted

a tour for coöperative managers and executives in Europe in 1935. At present he is a director of the Consumers' Distribution Corporation, a project promoted by Mr. Edward A. Filene to develop consumer-owned department stores.

NORMAN THOMAS

Spokesman and several times presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, Norman Thomas has contributed a vein of healthy criticism to contemporary social thought in the United States. An able lecturer and author, he is well known through his books: *Human Exploitation in the United States*; *War: No Profit, No Need*; *Socialism of Our Times*; *After the New Deal, What?*

JOHN B. ANDREWS

Founder and editor of the *American Labor Legislation Review*, secretary of the American Association for Labor Legislation since 1909, Dr. Andrews's activities in behalf of labor since he ceased teaching college economics are far too numerous even to list in this space. He has served on several State and national commissions on unemployment, workmen's compensation, safety and public health, and also as assistant secretary to the first official International Labor Conference under the League of Nations in 1919. He is the author of *Labor Problems and Labor Legislation* and *Administrative Labor Legislation*, and joint author with John Commons of *Principles of Labor Legislation* and *History of Labor in the United States*. His reports written for the United States Government on occupational diseases resulted in abolition of the phosphorus match.

"THE AMERICAN WAY"

CONTINUED IN 1937

The public forum movement in America is more than a manifestation of intellectual interests. It is a movement for self-determination, an evidence of the survival of that spirit which in an earlier time found expression in the New England town meeting. Citizens have felt the necessity of acknowledging as their own the problems besetting their government, their industries, their schools, and other institutions. The first step indicated was a broad understanding of the factors involved.

The public forum is one technique for this purpose. Neither an end in itself nor having as an end the indoctrination of any one point of view, it aims to provide information and the opportunity for discussion on the questions confronting people generally. The speakers, of national and world reputation, deserve to be heard on their subjects. The views they express are their own and may quite properly be challenged, controverted, or endorsed by any member of the forum. The forum achieves its purpose in provoking thought, clarifying thought, and affording a meeting ground for the thinking people of the community.

Last year the Monmouth County Round Table brought to the participating communities men who are outstanding both as thinkers and speakers. Among them were Everett R. Clinchy, Harry A. Overstreet, Will Durant, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. Members of the forum have mastered the forum technique sufficiently to realize its benefits; that is, make them real within the group and attempt to carry them out in the duties of active citizenship.