Forum Committee Reveals Coming Speakers As Gen. Walker Vacillates

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The Forum Committee has announced its scheduled attractions for March and April, featuring one three-Forum week of outstanding speakers.

The featured week is the week of March 25-31, when the Forum Committee will host Professor Freidrich A. Hayek, Norman Thomas, and Professor Samuel F. Bemis.

Hayek, set for Monday, March 26, is an economist at the University of Chicago and the author of the well-known book “The Road to Serfdom,” one of the texts used to teach economic history at Rice. Professor Hayek is to speak on the subject, “Freedom Under the Law.”

NORMAN THOMAS, the perennial Socialist Party candidate for President, is to speak the next night, March 27.

Mr. Thomas, who has sought the presidency more times than any other man in history and polled over 900,000 votes in 1932, is a celebrated lecturer and author in conjunction with his political activities.

Two days later, on Thursday, March 30, the Forum Committee will present Professor Bemis, Sterling Professor of Diplomatic History and Inter-American Relations at Yale University and the President of the American Historical Association. He will discuss the “Doctrine of Non-intervention: Cuba and Our Treaty Obligations.”

ONE FORUM FOR March is still unsettled. General Edwin Walker, staunchly conservative candidate for Texas Governor, accepted a Forum bid, then withdrew his acceptance, and has alternated between acceptance and rejection since that time.

To date, his reasons for declining have ranged from a busy but apparently unsettled schedule, to “fear of liberal demonstrations.”

Should he decide to speak, he will be at Rice next Thursday, March 15.

For April, the Forum Committee has secured John Morely, a free-lance journalist and lecturer, who will have just returned from a tour of Berlin, Moscow, the Congo, and Laos. Morely has published articles in the Saturday Evening Post.

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The Ladies’ Home Journal, and
the Reader’s Digest.

Don Yarborough, candidate for
Texas Governor, and Michael
Blumenthal, Deputy-assistant
Secretary of State for Economic
Affairs, are also scheduled to
speak, though the dates of their
appearance have not been an-
ounced.