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Dr. Karl Polanyi, University Extension Lecturer at Oxford University and at the University of London, who is in this country under the auspices of the Institute of International Education, has been appointed as a resident **Lecturer** for the first semester at Bennington College. Dr. Polanyi was formerly a lecturer at the Peoples' College in Vienna, a member of the Budapest Bar, and an editor of Der Oesterreichische Volkswirt. He is at present joint editor of Christianity and the Social Revolution. He came to this country in 1935 to give a lecture tour throughout the colleges of the South, remaining at each institution for several days to conduct informal discussions with faculty and student groups. This visit, which was also under the auspices of the Institute of International Education, met with a great success. His analysis of American student opinion on war and on American foreign policy was of such interest that it was put into pamphlet form by the Institute.

Dr. Polanyi will give a series of <sup>five</sup> ~~six~~ public lectures during his stay at the College as well as holding informal conferences with students and faculty. The first lecture will take place tomorrow evening (Thursday) at 7.35 in the College Theatre. The main theme of the series will be the Present Age of Transformation. In defining this title, Dr. Polanyi says that "The main institutions of 19th century civilization were the Balance of Power and the Gold Standard in the international field, and liberal Capitalism and representative Democracy in the national field. Within a few years, actually in less than a decade, the international system has disappeared and the national institutions themselves have changed completely in most great countries." The series of lectures will analyse this transformation, taking the present war as a starting point.

The general public is cordially invited to come to all or

any of Dr. Polanyi's lectures, the dates <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ individual titles of which are listed below. All the lectures will be held at 7.35 in the College Theatre.

Thursday - September 19 - "The General Causes of the War."

Thursday - September 26 - "The Trend towards an Integrated Society".

Thursday - October 3 - "Nazism and the Rise of Autarchy".

Thursday - October 10 - "Marxism: the Inner History of the Russian Revolution".

Thursday - October 17 - "The Democratic Alternative".