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Mitchell Finds Community 'Rife With Excuses'

"America is not a democracy but a group of adolescent dictatorships."

Thus did John Langdon-Davies, British author and sociologist, characterize this country in a debate with V. F. Calverton, Baltimore writer, at the Baltimore Open Forum meeting in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon.

"None of these adolescent dictatorships can have its own way, because none of them has yet been able to 'bump off' the other dictatorships," Mr. Langdon-Davies said. "There is more freedom in England than in the United States for the reason that our various dictatorships are not so excited and determined as yours. Take, for example, organized religion."

One of Mr. Langdon-Davies' remarks, in which he compared the dictatorship of Russia and Italy as "alike in the amount of freedom they allow the individual," drew hisses and boos from a portion of the 1,500 people who attended the debate.

Mr. Langdon-Davies and Mr. Calverton argued on the question of whether a workers' dictatorship was the governmental road to freedom, with the British speaker taking the negative side of the question.