

Remarks of Ambassador Kenneth B. Keating

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation welcomes all of you to its first annual "Man of Conscience" Award Dinner. We not only hope you will have a delightful evening but we want you to know that by your presence you are charitably joining in its activities and promoting its purposes.

The Foundation was conceived with the idea of preserving and safeguarding the rights of all religious groups everywhere. Rabbi Schneier, as you know, is and was the main dynamo; the physician attending at its birth, the father guiding it in its infancy, and the paternal grandfather watching over its destiny. He met with Congressman Dorn and together the idea was crystalized so that under the ecumenical sponsorship of Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups they have sent interfaith missions to the Soviet Union, Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Spain both to observe the life of all religious groups there and to develop and maintain an ongoing association with the religious leadership of those countries.

DINNER REMARKS OF AMBASSADOR KENNETH B. KEATING

UNIQUE OCCASION - UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

1. First formal dinner of first public awards in its name.
2. First public call for attention to a unique venture:
 APEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION.
3. A wonder no such group ever existed before.

"THE APEAL" - SHORT FOR APEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION.

Truly an action organization.

Doesn't just talk or publish advertisements.

It goes where the action is.

It quietly, but effectively, makes the force of conscience felt.

It concerns itself with the lot of all believers in God everywhere;
it is concerned to learn how things are going with them all.

Jews, Protestants, Catholics, all men and women of faith.

Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Northern Ireland,

Spain, Poland, Hungary, Rumania.

It is really ecumenical in its structure.

President - Rabbi Schneier

Vice President - Rev. Dr. Harold A. Bosley (Methodist)

Vice President - Rev. Thurston N. Davis, S.J. (Catholic, A Jesuit)

Other board members and friends of all faiths.

TODAY NO POWER LIKE "CONSCIENCE POWER".

So many competing "powers" in today's world.

So urgent a need to make conscience felt above all other powers.

Happy to be here to approve of its past work, to wish it well in
its future efforts.