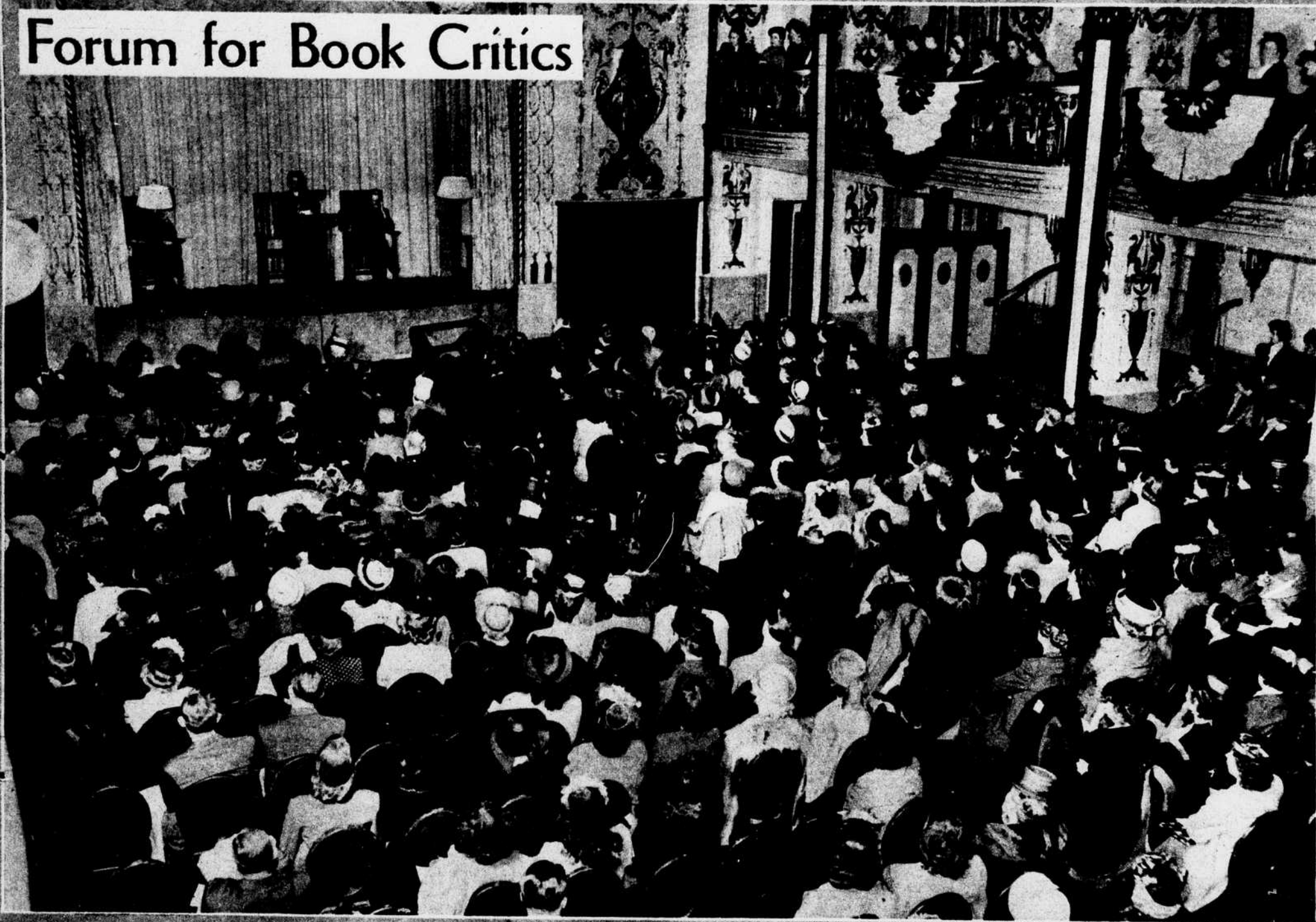


Forum for Book Critics



Between 750 and 1,000 persons attend monthly meetings of the Washington Critics' Forum, book review sessions which were founded in 1940. The guest speaker usually talks for about an hour, after which members of the audience may ask questions. Above, Jay Carmody, drama editor of The Star, addresses the group on screen adaptations of books. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor John K. Cartwright, director of the forum, is seated at the right on the stage.



Miss Doris Jones, 3611 Seventeenth street N.E., an usher, receives a question for Mr. Carmody from Mrs. Jerome Sessoucy, 3900 Thirteenth street N.E., as Mrs. Leo F. Stock, jr., 1201 Yarnum street N.E., views her query.



Robert F. Cartwright (left), chairman of the forum and a brother of Msgr. Cartwright, reads one of the questions for Mr. Carmody to answer.

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