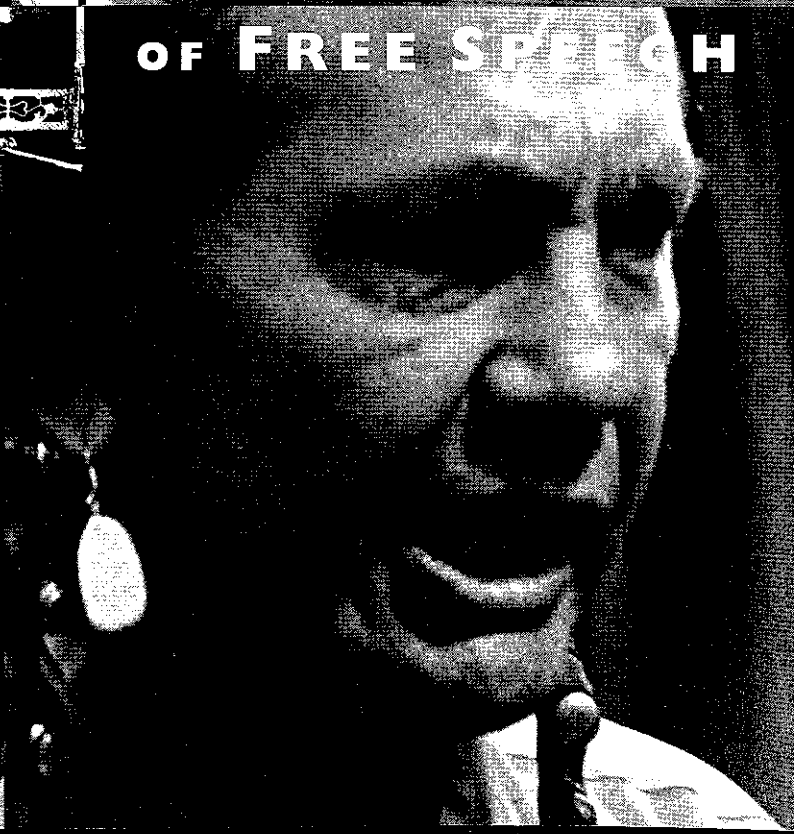


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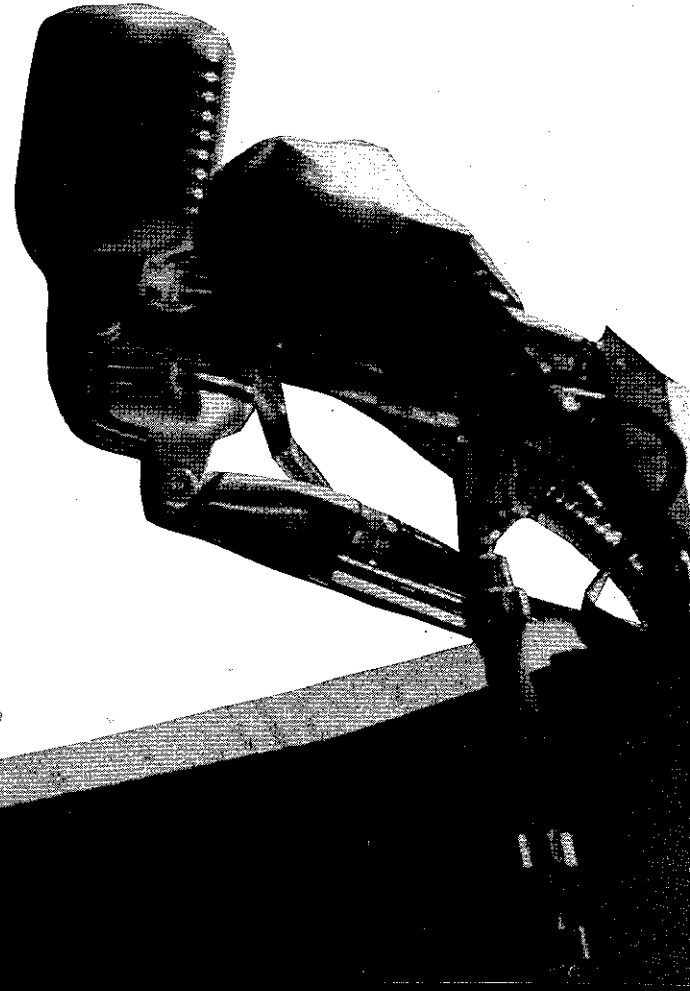
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Freedom's Ring has a Distinctive Sound.

For the better part of this century, the striking of a gong has heralded another Forum in what has become nationally known as the "Citadel of Free Speech"

—The City Club of Cleveland.

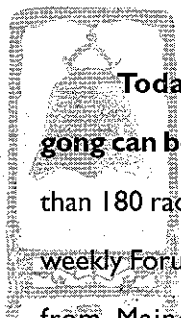




Established in 1912 to encourage new ideas and a free exchange of thought, The City Club is the longest uninterrupted forum series in the country, renowned for its tradition of debate and discussion. Most of the major issues that have affected American life have been considered here with vigor—and often with passion.

Presidents of the United States and other notables whose names are part of our history have appeared regularly:

Franklin D. Roosevelt, George Bush, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Theodore Roosevelt, Geraldine Ferraro, Richard Cheney, Robert Reich, Jane Fonda, Henry Louis Gates, Margaret Mead, Lester Thurow, Ross Perot, Madeleine Albright, Sandra Day O'Connor, W. E. B. Du Bois, Robert Kennedy, Douglas MacArthur, Clarence Darrow, Ramsey Clark, William Jennings Bryan, Gus Hall, Cesar Chavez, T. Boone Pickens, Roy Wilkins and thousands more.

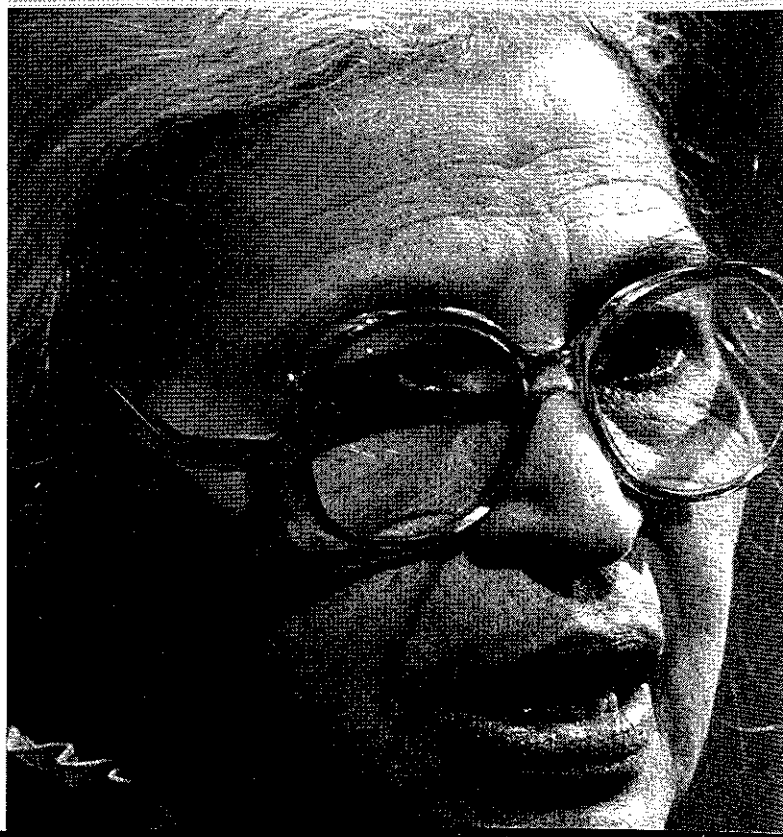


Today the distinctive sound of the gong can be heard across America over more than 180 radio stations that bring The City Club's weekly Forum to listeners in more than 40 states from Maine to Alaska. The Friday Forum is televised locally on Cleveland's public station and selected shows are nationally syndicated.

Even in an age of CNN, C-SPAN and cyberspace, The City Club continues to be in the vanguard of public debate. It offers to each new generation its rich tradition of inquiry. While the means of dissemination are thoroughly modern, The Club is grounded in the venerable belief that the finest human discourse is achieved through face-to-face meeting.

Each year more than 50 different speakers bring to The Club's podium an array of ideas and insights that form a mosaic of contemporary life. Whether the subject is education, politics, business or science, the speaker will be challenged

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by impromptu questions posed by The Club's members and guests. The result is an event filled with discovery and surprise unlike any other forum in the country.

Some of The Club's most memorable moments have come during the heat of political debate when the very nerve of an issue is exposed. Political careers have turned with the toll of the gong.

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Former U.S. Senator Howard Metzenbaum still recounts his City Club debate with John Glenn when they were vying for the primary nomination. He charged that Glenn, a former Marine Corps fighter pilot and astronaut, had never held a job. "Tell America's Gold Star Mothers that their sons didn't hold a job," responded Glenn, who went on to win the race. The Club has a rich history of such pivotal moments.



National figures respect The City Club because of its broad audience and because its format discourages the rhetoric and posturing common in American politics. Many on the campaign trail find the penetrating questions of City Club members refreshing in that they often touch the soul of an issue.



The Club seeks to develop leadership for the community through the exercise of free speech. Each year our special program series presents more than 30 programs that consider local issues central to the life and welfare of the city. A number of these programs address the interests of young members. "New Leaders," a group open to members age 40 and under, forms an active part of The Club.

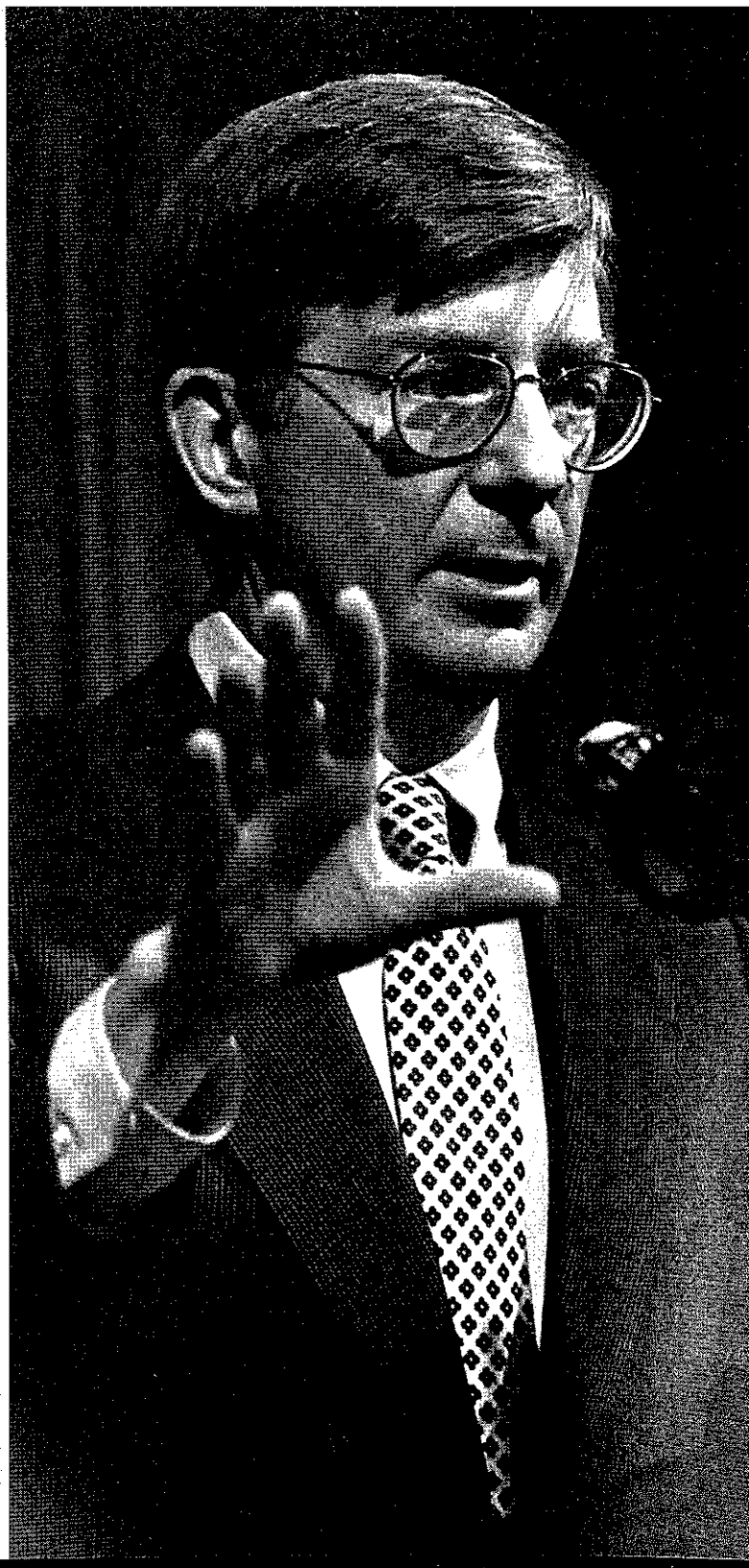
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Since its founding in 1912, The City Club has welcomed as members people of all races and religions, and our strength today is reflected in the rich texture of our membership. City Club members number more than one thousand, and are drawn from many walks of life and ways of thinking—yet all believe in the rewards that free speech can bring to the intellect and to the community.

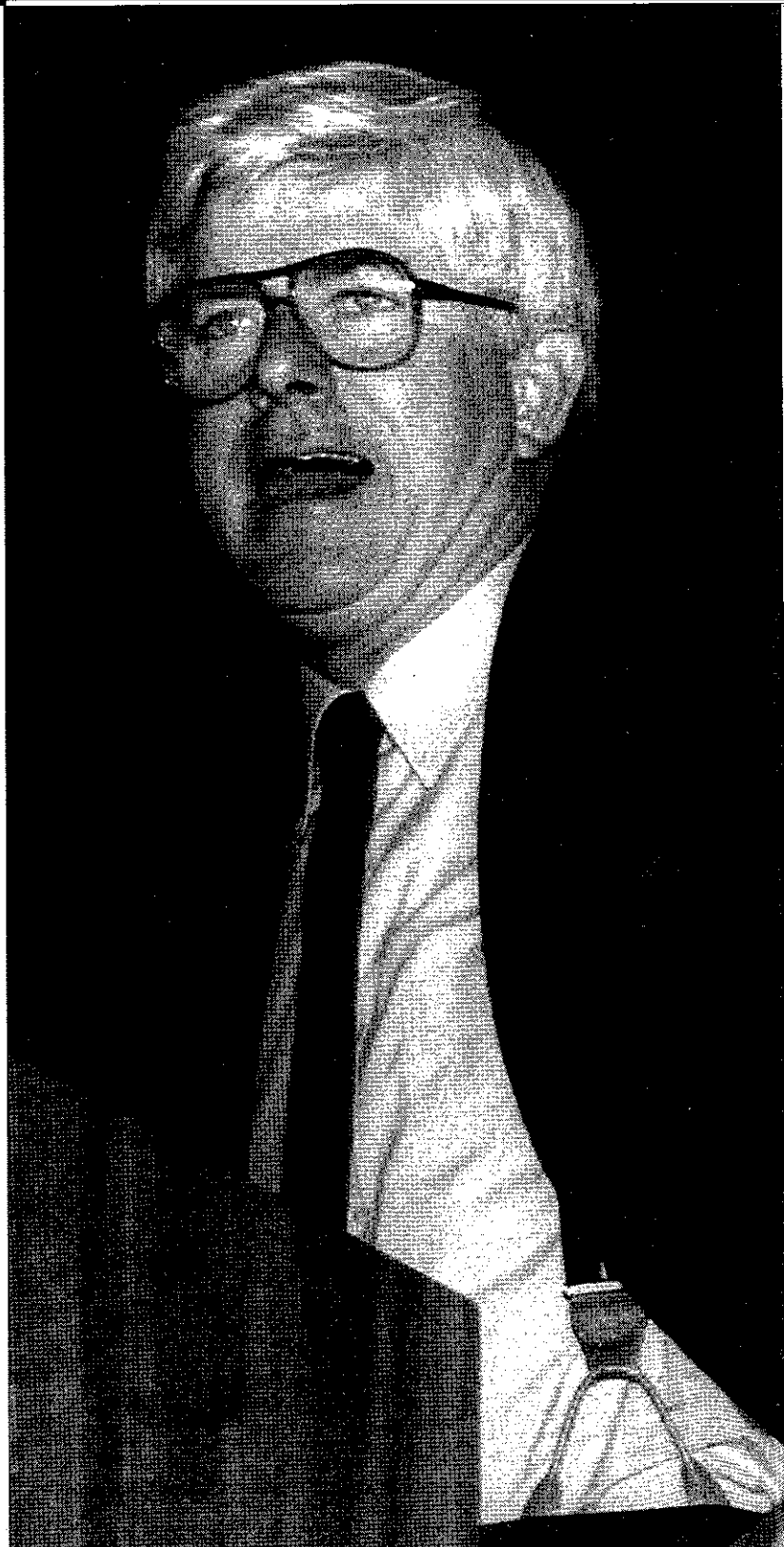
The City Club is well-situated in the Citizens Building in the heart of Cleveland. Parking is available in an attached garage. There are



comfortable lunch and meeting facilities in addition to the 280-seat main auditorium used for Friday Forums.

The Club provides a good lunch in its handsome dining room along with stimulating conversation and the air of anticipation that accompanies new ideas. Through The City Club, members can build a network of new acquaintances and friends—people who will make a difference in our world.

The City Club, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Ohio corporation, owes a debt of gratitude to the many individuals, companies, firms and foundations who have generously supported it over the years. These friends have made possible a wide array of programs that enable The Club to proudly carry into the 21st century its tradition as the **“Citadel of Free Speech”**—where the distinctive sound of the gong is freedom’s ring.



“Freedom of speech is
not only the boon but
the basis of democracy
– not only the gift but
the guarantee of liberty
and security
– not only the privilege
but the protection of
a free people.”

– William Randolph Hearst 1942

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