



An industry where the needs of man come first

Australian architect Gordon Brown pointing out features of the Panchgani construction to French architect André Gutton (centre) and Swiss builder Gottfried Anliker (left).
photo Maillefer

THE CHIEF GOVERNMENT architects of Switzerland and France said last Saturday that the responsibility of their profession went beyond just providing adequate housing. The building industry had to formulate the ideal environment for city and country life of the future.

Fritz Berger, head of the Swiss Government Housing Committee, said that as much forethought, research, finances and energy had to be put into housing as was already going into other branches of industry. 'The central aim in all our work must be to create a world in which the needs of man come first.'

He was speaking to a session of the MRA Assembly at Caux attended by architects, town planners, builders and professors of architecture from many countries.

An Australian architect, Gordon Brown, said that his firm had accepted to design the new MRA centre at

Panchgani, India. 'My firm provided free the equivalent of 18,000 Australian dollars (£7,850 sterling) worth of services, believing it was the most relevant thing we could do to meet the needs of India,' he said.

Swiss building contractor Gottfried Anliker announced that he was leaving shortly for India. 'Employers who think only of profit have little place in the future,' he said. Through finding a new motive he had decided against land speculation and his firm was able to produce good quality houses up to 20 per cent cheaper than other firms in the canton. He was going to India to pass on to building men there his experiences.

Professor André Gutton, the chief architect for the Public Buildings and National Monuments of France, said that Europe must solve her own housing problems, but also plan for mankind as a whole.

'By the year 2000, eight million

new houses will be needed in France,' he said. But as well as the creation of new cities architects had also to think for the men and women who lived in them.

'I have worked with the architects of France for forty years and represented them in the world for twelve years, and I want to say how much I agree with what men of the building industry have said at this conference.'

Trudes Voorhoeve, an architect from Holland, said that he was so impressed by Rajmohan Gandhi's work that he had decided to sell his car and send the money to Gandhi.

Mr. Voorhoeve, who lived 16 years in Indonesia and was four and a half years in a Japanese concentration camp, said he wanted to ask forgiveness for the superior attitude he and other Dutch had had towards the Indonesians. 'I feel this deep in my heart', he said. It made him want now to contribute to the unity of Asia.

TIME TO TALK AS EQUALS

Peter Everington

Mr. Everington speaks fluent Arabic, has worked for eight years in the Middle East as a teacher and training college lecturer, during which time he has stayed in five Arab countries including the United Arab Republic.

THERE HAS BEEN A TWO-WAY traffic of contempt between the British and Egyptian press. It is therefore remarkable that the Editor of a leading UAR newspaper should last Sunday have been offered the first feature article in a leading British newspaper, and should have chosen to accept it.

Sayed Mohammed Hassanein Heikal, Editor of the Cairo daily *El Ahrām* was writing in the *Sunday Times* under the headline 'Time to talk as equals'. His message is that it is time for our two countries to 'meet and discuss our differences as equals for the first time in our history.' The list of past inequalities in the article is one sided though factual, but the whole is a new approach by a man whose editorial columns are known to reflect top Government thinking.

Mr. Heikal said, 'Throughout the British occupation the two nations never mixed. There were Englishmen who devoted their lives to Egypt but their interest was in things rather than people.'

Welcome move

It would be a welcome move if *El Ahrām* were to respond by offering the editor of a London newspaper the hospitality of its columns for a reply in the same spirit.

On our side a generous start might be made by admitting that our interest in Egypt has altered little down the years since Lord Palmerston as Foreign Minister compared the relationship between Britain and Egypt as that of a man who journeyed often from the country to London and the inn he used on the way. He did not want to own the inn but merely to ensure it was clean and had fresh horses for his carriage.

A new start does not imply sentimentalising today where we snubbed yesterday. But it may call for a new



Ario Piereno

photo Strong

CONDEMNED—now fights for unity

'INDONESIA HAS MADE MANY mistakes in the last few years, but must now take up its role as a brother in South East Asia,' said Ario Piereno last week while visiting London and Europe to plan for the Moral Re-Armament of Indonesia.

'Acting President Suharto in his Independence Day speech called for human relations and international relations based on moral strength,' he said. 'In Indonesia now, every man must, by law, belong to a religion. MRA gives people a reason to live their religion.'

Piereno fought for five years in the jungles during the independence struggle. He was captured by the Dutch and imprisoned for seven months under sentence of death, and was saved only by the cease-fire. After independence he was chairman of the 4.5 million-strong National Youth Front, and also vice-chairman of the National Liberation Front for West Irian, where his job was to 'mobilise hate' in 'progressive hate activities', to get the Dutch out of West Irian. 'The Dutch

brand of statesmanship—in which the press could play a notable part—whereby mutual confidence with a country such as Egypt could be rebuilt and unfortunate legacies of the past forgotten.

occupied our country for 350 years, and our life was full of hate against them. It was a joy for us to kill the Dutch.'

In 1958, at an MRA conference at Baguio in the Philippines, he heard a Dutch MP apologise from the platform for the 'black pages of history' between Indonesia and Holland, and at that moment decided that it was 'no use living to cure hate with hate.' He says, 'A man has the right to fight for his country but not to harbour bitterness. There was no room in my heart for the Dutch and I want to ask forgiveness for my bitter feelings.'

He feels that Moral Re-Armament in Indonesia can begin as it began in himself—with the curing of hatred between Indonesia and Holland. 'Instead of being too proud to ask for help, or thinking I can do everything myself, I want to work with Dutchmen of MRA to eliminate hatred from my country,' he said. 'It must take a miracle to drive away hate. It is a task of God. The first principle of our constitution in Indonesia is belief in God. Indonesia must play a part in uniting not only all Muslims, but all religions.'

Piereno, who is now an Assistant Lecturer in International Relations at the Islam University, Djakarta, has taken on to bring the ideas of MRA to the 100 million of his country.

RICHARD THWAITES

SUDDEN SETTLEMENT OF TEN MONTHS STRIKE

Papers quest 'mysterious Mr Y'

'ONE of the most violent industrial disputes of recent years ended with unexpected suddenness yesterday when the management of Roberts-Arundel, the American-owned Stockport textile machinery manufacturers, gave up its attempt to establish a non-union shop.

'Twice this year there have been outbreaks of violence outside the Roberts-Arundel factory, the strikers being joined by many other Stockport workers.'

This was how *The Financial Times* opened its front-page report on September 15. There has been much conjecture in the press on what lay behind the 'unexpected suddenness' of the settlement.

The Sunday Times (Northern edition) on September 17 headlined its view: 'MRA helped end ten-month strike.' It wrote in part, 'Moral Re-Armament had a hand in the intervention by Mr John Boyd, Right-wing executive council member of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, in the violent 10-month dispute at the Stockport factory of Roberts-Arundel that led to last week's sudden solution.

'Mr Boyd, a dedicated Salvationist, is saying only that he was asked to step in by "a Christian friend", who had recommended him to the factory's American owner as a God-fearing, non-Communist trade unionist. In fact, the contact-man in England is a trade unionist who is an active MRA worker.

Contact made

'This contact took place at the Trades Union Congress in Brighton. The MRA man spoke to Mr Boyd and arranged for him to meet Mr Michael Harding, the Stockport-based financial director of Roberts-Arundel.

'They met in a room at the Royal Station Hotel, York, during meetings of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. Mr Harding went into the meeting with permission from Mr Pomeranz to agree fully to Mr Boyd's peace proposals—giving the unions virtually all they had been demanding.'

In Monday's *Morning Star* Jim Arnison quoted John Boyd as saying about the settlement, 'This is a result

of the superiority of Christian thinking over materialistic thinking.' Arnison in his article commented 'This sounds like one of the slogans of the Moral Re-Armament outfit.'

The Manchester *Evening News* on September 15 paid tribute to John Boyd who it said had succeeded where the Minister of Labour, the Mayor of Stockport, several MP's and the Trades Union Congress had failed. It said there were two intermediaries in the settlement—a 'Senator X in North Carolina and a 'mysterious British trade union leader, Mr. Y.'

Now we know

'Now we know' headlined *The Financial Times* in its 'Men and Matters' column of September 19. *Observer* wrote:

'The Roberts-Arundel strike came to a rather cryptic end last week. Mr John Boyd, of the AEU executive simply rounded it off by stating 'a Christian Senator in America telephoned a Christian friend in this

country who then asked me to step in.' Who were these mysterious Christians who, in such a short time, resolved an issue that has involved ten months of violence, protracted negotiations and even bedevilled thaumaturge of the Government Mr Ray Gunter?

'In America, it was Senator Charles Dean*, formerly a Congressman and now representing a North Carolina District. In Britain, it was Mr William Jaeger who says he is "responsible for labour matters" in the common link between them—Moral Re-Armament.' *Observer* then reported that Jaeger was asked to help. 'Jaeger then asked Dean ("an old friend") for information on Mr Robert Pomeranz, chairman of the North Carolina based group which owns Roberts-Arundel. Dean responded by seeing Pomeranz and cabling back a "can you help?" plea on his behalf. Jaeger then got back to Boyd, and the long-sought successful talks took place.'

* Mr. Charles Deane was a former Democratic Congressman.

NEW PLAY GIVES TRUE PICTURE OF SOCIALISM

HERO FOR TODAY, a play by Henry Macnicol on the life of Keir Hardie, founder of the Labour Party, had its world premiere last Saturday during the second annual theatre fortnight in Caux, Switzerland.

From gruelling pithead disaster scene to the cut and thrust of the floor of the House of Commons, from his first sacking at the age of ten to his founding of the Labour Party, the faith and fight of Keir Hardie is powerfully staged in thirteen scenes.

An audience drawn from 29 countries gave a standing ovation to what Irene Laure, former Secretary-General of the Socialist Women of France, described as 'fabulous—a play with a great destiny.'

Veteran Italian Socialist Teresita Miotti said, 'I have been fighting in the socialist party for sixty years. *Hero for Today* showed us the true picture of real socialism. If this play could be translated I would like to

take it to Italy and get Italian Socialists to understand how much Keir Hardie did for posterity. It is manna from heaven for Italy.'

She had with her in Caux fourteen other members of the Socialist Party of Bologna who presented a gift of rice and fruit to the Assembly on behalf of their farm co-operative.

African, Asian and European delegates representing government, management and labour at a Geneva world conference were among the audience. An Indian delegate said he wished the play could be shown at next year's plenary session of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Professor Theophil Spoerri, thirty years Professor of Literature of Zurich University, stressed the play's humanity. 'It deals with the most important problem of our time,' he said. 'How to save the essential human element in an age of increasing mechanisation and calculation.'

HERO FOR TODAY

ON the evening of the British Labour 1945 election victory Clement Attlee's first words to a huge audience assembled to greet him were, 'If only Keir Hardie were here tonight . . . '.

At the last Labour Party Conference in Blackpool delegates paid tribute to this pioneer and founder of the Independent Labour Party.

Last Saturday a new play about this revolutionary Socialist's life and work had its world premiere at the MRA Centre in Caux, Switzerland. Fittingly it has been written by a fellow Scot. The author of *Hero for Today*, Henry Macnicol, comes from Edinburgh. His work has frequently taken him to the new areas of industrial development of Bathgate-Grangemouth. There the author has got to know men in management and trade unions in whose hands much of Scotland's industrial recovery rests.

He shares with many of them a determination to offer Scotland a goal that will 'lift her out of the materialism of the affluent society and rekindle her spirit.'

Asked what Hardie had that many other Socialists lacked the author said: 'He had the secret that unites men. He never could conceive of a Socialism that didn't include everyone from Marxists to the Upper Classes. All had a part in what Hardie called, "a new Holy Crusade to rescue Humanity from the Brutalising Power of Mammon."

'Hardie lived what he talked about,' the author continued. 'In order to live and propagate a revolution of brotherhood he had to accept a cure to bitterness. The horror of conditions in the Glasgow slums and the Lanark-



Tom Kennedy as Keir Hardie and Frances Cameron as Mrs Keir Hardie photo Maillafei

shire coalmines gave him every reason to be bitter. Yet he joined battle against that force in his own life. This goes back to his study of New Testament and his loyalty to Jesus of Nazareth, a working carpenter of whom he said: "He belongs to us (the workers). My Socialism owes more to Him than to all other forces combined."

Why is Hardie still remembered today? Lenin said: 'Hardie is one of the few leaders of the Second International whose Socialism and Idealism survived the war (1914-1918).' G D H Cole writing in *Short History of the Working Class Movement*, said that Hardie 'made Socialism a moral crusade for human decency . . . on no other basis could British Socialism have grown so rapidly.'

Hero for Today makes clear that

Keir Hardie's conception of Socialism was much more than a means to political power or fighting the class war.

Mr. Attlee once said, 'It is not the theories so much as the lives of those who advocate them which really count in a great movement.' Hardie built on men and women that were 'neither shady or jerry-built' as he put it.

And he cared for the whole world. After his famous 1905 victory in the House of Commons he travelled to India and Africa where he saw even greater poverty and injustice than at home. He strove that his followers would bury their differences to end these wrongs beyond their own shores.

If Hardie were born today he would still have a life's work ahead of him. Who will be the Hardies of today?

DAVID PORTEOUS

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Socialist leaders (l. to r.) Madame Irene Laure of France and Senora Teresita Miotti of Italy talking in Caux with Mrs Solveig Roenn, member of Swedish Communist Party.

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POINTS OF VIEW CONVERGE

THREE WEEKLY PAPERS of widely differing opinions have each supported in the last three weeks the work of the Westminster Theatre.

THE UNIVERSE, (8 Sept.) a Catholic weekly, under an editorial page headline, 'Wanted; a theatre to build up the nation's character,' said of the Westminster Theatre: 'For years now, in a series of highly intelligent plays it has led a crusade to restore decency, morality and normality to the London stage.'

'Nowadays so many plays are devoid not only of decency but of ideas.'

'What we need is a theatre that will build the character of a country, not demoralise it.'

'The great themes of good and evil, right and wrong, life and death, power and weakness, freedom and slavery are the very stuff of the theatre.'

THE CHRISTIAN, (8 Sept.) evangelical weekly, published a review of Peter Howard's film *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill*. 'The situations are so life-like and the dialogue so relevant and devoid of cliches', it said, 'that it is easy to appreciate why viewers of the film throughout the world have said, "This is a Christ we can believe in".'

The review describes the film as a 'powerful modern presentation of the life of Christ—magnificently and effectively scripted and acted. Many viewers have found it at least a first

step to a personal faith, and this alone makes it a worthwhile production.'

The **FREETHINKER**, (25 Aug.) the secular humanist paper, in a review of the musical *Annie* summed up the story of Annie Jaeger's fight as a 'campaign to take the hate out of the class struggle'. The show was voted 'thoroughly delightful . . . tender and sharp, tuneful and lively, painlessly propagandist.'



Mr Brown in the pub—'a Christ we can believe in'.

CONCERTS at the WESTMINSTER THEATRE ARTS CENTRE

Sunday 1 October, 1967

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There is a cure to colour war says Hunte

'BRITAIN NEEDS the 1.4 million of us—blacks, browns and mixed from all over the world, who have the privilege of sharing your homeland with you,' said Conrad Hunte, Vice-Captain and opening bat of the West Indies Cricket Team this week in Coventry.

He was speaking at the beginning of a campaign to cure the causes of a possible colour war in the country and end it in the world through MRA. He continued, 'You also need our gaiety, colour, humour and heart as note your amazing response to our cricket team and to our Calypso steel bands. In the same way that we have brought a sparkle to the game of cricket which you and the world have admired, applauded and I trust will yet copy, we *could bring a sparkle* to life and living that would aid the will to work hard and the will to win, the battle to feed, house, clothe and educate everyone on earth.'

Root causes

'The other side of that coin is this—the world needs Britain.' Referring to David Wheeler's TV programme 'The Colour War' last week on BBC, he said, 'In my view it lacked the positive of a programme of action in which all of us can participate to answer the root causes of the colour war and every other type of war.' He went

on, 'There is a cure to the colour war, and it is already on wheels from city to city in this country. I truly hope that in the tradition of balance and fair play the BBC will give as much and as adequate a coverage to a programme of the answer as they have done for the Colour War programme.'

The hosts of this occasion were Lloyd Grant, General Secretary of the West Indian National Association, and Les Dennison, Chairman of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives in Coventry. Drawing attention to Coventry's links with other countries, particularly through her 'twinning' cities, of which Kingston, Jamaica is one, Grant said, 'What we decide to do tonight other people all over the world could adopt. We believe that a problem that causes so much destruction must be solved and solved quickly before it spreads.'

The multi-racial audience also saw the film of *Voice of the Hurricane* by Peter Howard and Alan Thornhill. Among people from Birmingham, Nuneaton, Nottingham, London and Rugby were Dr Prem, Member of the National Committee of Commonwealth Immigrants; Father Berry, specially responsible to the Bishop of Coventry for community relations; H Heginbotham and Mr Herbert, the Youth Employment Officers for Bir-



Conrad Hunte

mingham and Coventry; and Mr Turk, organiser of the Sparkbrook (Birmingham) Association.

The Secretary of Rugby's West Indian Association invited Hunte and the MRA force with him to Rugby. This mobile group are also invited to Sheffield, Birmingham, Nottingham and London.

SUPPORT FOR NIGERIAN PEACE MISSION

THE CRUEL WAR in Nigeria drags on. Both sides are buying arms, bombs, planes and no doubt hiring white mercenaries to operate them, in preparation for a major thrust at the end of the rains in five weeks' time. There have been victories and reverses on both sides which, since the seizure of the Mid-West by Biafran forces, are now much more evenly matched. It could drag on indefinitely with more killings and more hatred.

The world has been asking: who will intervene to bring the two sides together to start peace talks? The good news has come that the Organisation of African Unity, which earlier

had been reluctant to touch the furnace of Nigerian passions and appear to intervene in a domestic matter, has decided to make the attempt. *The Times* describes it as 'an important break-through.'

What is more, the six selected by the OAU include some of the most senior and respected Heads of States in Africa—Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, President Tubman of Liberia, General Ankrach of Ghana, President Ahidjo of Cameroun, President Mobutu of the Congo, and President Hamani Diori of Niger.

The following message went from the MRA Assembly at Caux, Switzer-

land, on September 18 to His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Ethiopia, who leads the mission.

'The nations of the world gathered here rejoice at the bold initiative of Africa's leaders to seek Nigeria's peace. In a situation where man's wisdom has failed, may the forgotten factor of the guidance of God set the tone and point the way to the solution on the basis of what is right, rather than who is right. All the delegates from 19 nations at the Moral Re-Armament World Assembly pray for God's spirit to lead you and your distinguished colleagues.'

HUGH ELLIOTT