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WORLD opinion has been shocked at the speed events have moved in the main centres of world conflict. New Russian proposals on all-German elections, the constant war of nerves in Berlin, the deadlock in the Korean truce negotiations and the very grave military situation in the Far East, cause concern on both sides of the Atlantic. Although world war may not be an immediate threat, civil strife may not be far off in some European countries.

It is significant that the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament should take place at this time. In a coast-

to-coast broadcast over CBS, *The Times* reports (11 June) Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman called for "something electric—a shock that brings men and nations to their senses before it is too late. Something powerful enough to weld unity out of the hardest elements."

"The purpose of Moral Re-Armament," he said, "is to cure the maelstrom of disorder and to have the answer to a panic throughout the lands." He spoke at the close of the twelve-days conference which had provided evidence from Europe, Asia and the Americas of how an ideology based on moral standards can answer crisis.

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT WORLD ASSEMBLY AT MACKINAC ISLAND

Representatives of 14 parliaments were among the 1379 delegates from 34 countries at the Assembly. The Japanese delegation of 29 included two former Cabinet Ministers. These and other Diet Members decided before they left the Assembly to convene an MRA session regularly in Tokyo. "We are pledging financial contributions from our salaries towards the support of MRA," they declared. In the same strain Herr Hellwege, Minister for Upper House Affairs in the German Federal Republic, called on every free nation "to give a portion of its budget for the work of Moral Re-Armament."

During the Assembly, management and labour representatives reported increased production and efficiency, as a result of a new relationship between individuals on both sides of the industrial set-up. 270 airlines personnel came from Eastern, National, Pan-American, Capital, California Eastern and Canadian Pacific Airlines, as well as management and labour delegations from industries from America, Canada and Europe. Delegates from Europe told of decreases in Communist strength as men long in the membership of the Party began to fight for the superior ideology of Moral Re-Armament. French and German representatives pled-

ged new unity between their countries and Herr Heinrich Hellwege, Dr. Adenauer's representative at the Assembly, stated: "I will do everything I can to build trust and understanding between France and Germany."

Professor Robert Moon, leading atomic physicist from Chicago University, told the Assembly of the urgent need for moral control of the atom bomb. Sketching the development of the release of atomic power since 1932 and the problem confronting scientists in the use of their discoveries, he said: "You in MRA have seen the great truth that the individual is the place to begin to build moral fibre for an atomic age."

GREAT BRITAIN

The British delegation was headed by Sir Douglas Savory, M.P., who spoke of "the glorious hope of MRA". With him came representatives from management and labour, civic and professional life. The Mayor of Folkestone, Mr. John Moncrieff, presented Dr. Buchman with a message of greeting from over 200 British mayors and civic leaders. Mr. Frank Smith, a member of the National Executive of the National Union of Mineworkers and Secretary of the Leicestershire miners

told the conference of his long fight for better conditions in the industry. "The 8,000 miners I lead in Leicestershire are grateful to Frank Buchman," he said. "They

have the highest output per man per shift in the country and the highest standard of living. I believe that MRA has made a large contribution to it."

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

This past fortnight has marked the return of the House of Commons to deal with some thorny questions. Inevitably the country's economic situation was uppermost in all minds. The Prime Minister himself sounded the alarm at a luncheon of the Press Association on June 11: "The dangers do not present themselves to the mass of the people in the same violent, acute manner as they did in days when London was being bombed. The crisis is different in form but it is scarcely less vital." The return of war-time unity of purpose was urgently necessary, he said.

To demonstrate the decisive contribution of MRA in national unity, a national assembly took place in the Royal Festival Hall on Sunday, June 8. The Hall was crowded, with hundreds standing, and 2,000 overflowed into a second meeting in a vast marquee in the Festival grounds. Undaunted by steady rain, queues hundreds of yards long formed outside, as *The Times* and the *Daily Herald* reported next day. "5,000 Gather for National Assembly," estimated the *Manchester Guardian*.

Britain's best and newest hall was an impressive sight—the boxes filled by the embassies of many countries, the body of the Hall packed with leaders of management and labour, miners, dockers, steel workers and factory workers. A massed platform of 400 arrested attention—at its centre a chorus of 100 in national dress were surrounded by 30 Mayors and past Mayors, dockers, miners and groups from Asia and Africa.

The *News Chronicle* next morning headlined the theme of the meeting, "We need ideas as well as weapons". The Chairman, Major General S. W. Kirby, formerly Deputy Chief of Staff, Control Commission for Germany, said: "We in Britain have a packet of trouble. I believe that if we are to find a way out of that into a new age of peace and prosperity, Britain must have ideas in her head and an answer in her heart as well as weapons in her hand."

MAKING THE SCHUMAN PLAN PRACTICAL

Tom Keep, former President of the Amalgamated Stevedores' and Dockers' Union, told how after 22 years in the Communist Party he had found in Moral Re-Armament a superior idea.

Hamilton Kerr, Conservative M.P. for Cambridge, followed him on to the platform and declared, "I learnt more from my friend Tom Keep in one evening than I learnt in 20 years in the House of Commons. Keep told me 'You cannot kill an idea with a bullet. You can only do that with a superior idea.' I have travelled through the Ruhr and industrial France and talked to

men and women who will make the Schuman Plan practical because they have overcome hatred and fear, the hangover of history."

Mr. Kerr was supported on the platform by Freiherr von Fritsch, who flew from Berlin and read the Assembly a message from the German Minister of the Interior, and by Robert Tilge, Secretary General of the Employers' Federation of Northern France. "In Berlin we seem threatened from outside and within. There lies the importance of Moral Re-Armament. This is the answer to fear," said Freiherr von Fritsch.

Veteran Socialist leader, the Hon. August Sävstrom, Speaker of the Swedish Lower House, told the Assembly: "Moral Re-Armament is the greatest people's movement in the world today."

The hero of the Warsaw uprising, General Bor-Komorowski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish underground during the Nazi Occupation, reminded the vast audience of the true nature of the ideological threat today. "There is no time to lose," he said, "It is our duty and urgent necessity to support Moral Re-Armament, which is the superior ideology."

"What better dynamic can we give to youth than MRA," urged Lord Baden Powell, son of the founder of the Scout movement. "This is a thing worth scrapping for," he said introducing a group of youth from Britain, America, Japan and Germany. One of them Brian Boobbyer, English Rugby International and Oxford Rugby and Cricket Blue, announced that he had decided to spend his whole time working with Moral Re-Armament when he left Oxford this week.

BISHOP OF RANGOON'S ADDRESS

The assembly was brought to a moving climax by the Rt. Rev. George West, Bishop of Rangoon. He said, "As a Bishop of the Anglican Church I am glad to be participating in the work of Moral Re-Armament. I have seen it at work over the years. It began with an experience of the Cross of Christ in the heart of one man. It is a leaven at work in a world growing cold and dispirited."

Bishop West said that the governments of seven Far Eastern nations had invited MRA task forces to their countries. He continued:

"And what of England? Might she not as a first-class spiritual power have a greater mission in the world than she has ever had? The Englishman armed with the spirit of MRA, finds that the East takes him to her heart. Britain armed with integrity and unselfishness and a new

regard for other peoples, would also win their hearts. East and West can always meet if they meet on equal terms. They can do far more together than apart. The

great uniting power of Moral Re-Armament may yet be in time, not only to give us one world, or a free world, but a new world."

RUHR PARLIAMENT BUILDING HAS MRA ASSEMBLY

The danger of a general strike hangs over German industry. Feelings are tense between the German Trades Union Congress, with its six million organised workers, and management and the Adenauer Government. Distrust and disunity may lead to deadlock.

On June 7, to plan how to bring the much-needed trust between the labour-management partners in industry, between political parties and between Germany and other nations, 700 men and women came together from all parts of Germany. They met in the Parliament Building of North Rhine Westphalia at Dusseldorf to celebrate the 14th anniversary of Moral Re-Armament and the 74th birthday of Dr. Buchman.

The 700 included shop stewards, former communists of 30 years or more in the Party, management from harbour and mine, and a delegation of 40 young Ruhr

miners. One, a miner won and trained for Communism when a prisoner-of-war in Russia, had found a greater idea in MRA, and left the Party four weeks ago. He and his fellow miners said that Dr. Buchman's Mackinac speech must go to every Ruhr miner.

Representatives of MRA cells and teams all over Germany decided as one result of the weekend to equip a centre for MRA at Bonn. A number came from Berlin. "Berlin can hardly be saved without Moral Re-Armament," said a spokesman from that city.

Delegates announced that the North West German Radio carried news of the Mackinac Conference nine times in ten days. A film of Dr. Buchman and the conference was shown on his birthday on television. Part of this was given in the newsreel shown by *Neue Deutsche Wochenschau* in over 1,000 cinemas.

"THE FORGOTTEN FACTOR" ON CLYDESIDE

The engineering and dock industries of Clydeside have become one of the key areas in Britain's defence programme. These industries, together with the Scottish coal industry, have for some time been under persistent Communist attack.

On May 26 the Scottish *Daily Mail* carried a front page article headed "Red Plan to Sabotage Scots Defence Work." It stated that a full-scale attempt to disrupt the defence programme and interrupt Scottish industry had been launched by the Communist Party. The following firms were mentioned as their specially picked targets: Yarrow's Engineering and Shipbuilding Yard; the Blythswood Shipyard; the Rolls Royce factory at Hillington; Barclay Curle's shipbuilding yard. In all these works they have powerful cells, as they have throughout the area traditionally known as "Red Clydeside," populated by 2,000,000 people.

The Communists also have a decisive influence on the policy of the Scottish miners where the chairman and the majority of the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers are members of the Party. In the docks, their influence has declined of recent months through the change in many of the dockers' leaders like Tom Christie, their former Chairman, Jim Maclaren, their Secretary, and other militant trade unionists who are working with Moral Re-Armament.

On the same day that the *Daily Mail* reported on the Communist strategy in Scottish industry, *The Forgotten Factor* opened its 10-day visit to Glasgow. Invitations to the play were sent by John S. Craig, Secretary of Colvilles, which produces one eighth of British steel, and

18 top trade union figures in Scotland.

12,000 people saw the play, while requests for tickets were received from more than double that number.

Eight hundred men and their families came from a dozen famous shipyards, including Alexander Stephen, Blythswood, Yarrow, Barclay Curle, John Brown, Fairfield, Denny, and Harland and Wolff. These included directors, yard managers, foremen and shop stewards.

Rolls Royce, a key point in defence production, employs approximately 7,000 people in the Glasgow area. Hundreds came from this firm to see the play—managers and workers and their families.

Members of the Scottish Transport and General Workers' Union Executive committee and all members the Dockers' Branch Committee saw the play. With them came hundreds of dockers. One of them the next day stopped a strike of four gangs in one of the largest docks in Glasgow by dealing with the dispute in the spirit of the play.

The Chairman of the Scottish Division of the National Coal Board and NUM officials saw the play.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr. Thomas Kerr, gave a civic reception for the cast and spoke at the opening performance of the first week. He said, "You are achieving something more tangible than any movement I have known in a life of 74 years."

The Moderator of the Church of Scotland invited all ministers to attend performances and described the play as "a vivid portrayal of the spirit of Christ at work in home and industry."

The Vice-President of the Republic of India, Professor Radhakrishnan, presided at a meeting of 100 Members of Parliament in honour of Dr. Buchman, in New Delhi. This was one of a series of events in the recent MRA week in New Delhi, which also included a reception by the Labour Welfare Advisor to the Government in India for representatives of the Trade Unions, a press conference, a meeting of students and a public meeting in Delhi Town Hall.

On the 4th June, Dr. Buchman's 74th birthday, a dinner was held in the Constitution Club for 95 distinguished Indian leaders, including members of the Cabinet, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, and Members of Parliament. The Director General of the All-India Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. Krishna Prasada, presided.

The Minister of Planning, Mr. G. L. Nanda, addressed

the guests. He spoke of his meeting with Dr. Buchman and of how much it meant to him, and he went on to evaluate the significance of Moral Re-Armament. He said: "When two ideologies are clashing in the world we must choose. All who are keen to preserve democracy must discover the power to make democracy more effective than it is now. On one side is the method of force. MRA is a force to match it: the force of transformed lives. To enable democracy to function we must adopt techniques more powerful than dictatorship. I am deeply convinced, having seen the evidence of MRA amongst employers and employees and in family situations, that MRA is something powerful and can extend indefinitely. The four absolute moral standards are not new but MRA makes them work. We need it. Let us confer and solve social and economic problems by recourse to the MRA way."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. G. B. Wilson—It is with great regret that we announce the death of George Wilson, who passed away peacefully on Saturday 7 June, at his home in London. He was 88. With members of his family, he had been closely associated with Moral Re-Armament, as *The Times* pointed out, for over twenty-three years. He was noted as a statistician and for his work during forty years with the United Kingdom Alliance. Dr. Frank Buchman cabled from the Assembly at Mackinac: "Yous loved father, Valiant-for-Truth, has reached his heavenly home. The historic meeting at the Royal Festival Hall tomorrow will be a living memorial to him. I had word of his home-going at the morning meeting. We shall honour his memory."

Egypt—A meeting of 400 to commemorate the 14th

Anniversary of MRA took place in Alexandria on 4 June. It was an all-Arabic event, Sayed Mahomed Saleh el Shangiti, the Speaker of the Sudan Parliament, who had come with a Sudanese delegation to Alexandria for negotiations with the Egyptian Government was present. Messages of greeting were received from H.E. Hassouna Pasha, the Foreign Minister, and Dr. Salah el Din Pasha, his predecessor.

France—On the eve of the intended general strike in protest at the arrest of the Communist leader, Jacques Duclos, a Moral Re-Armament meeting of 900 took place in the Salle de la Mutualité. Management and workers from the industrial areas of Paris and representatives from the textile industries of Northern France took part.

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