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Cuba, India crises show urgent need for ideology

THE CUBAN AND INDIAN crises are revealing—and shaking—preconceptions and attitudes all over the world.

The fearful in the West have seen with astonishment that Mr. Krushchev has drawn back when faced by firm resistance. President Kennedy has forced the removal of missiles, yet Krushchev may not be so dissatisfied to end up with Cuba as an assured ideological base, guaranteed from invasion.

Meanwhile, the Chinese sweep on into India. Mr. Nehru says he now sees that 'we were getting out of touch with reality', yet he still shields Krishna Menon from the consequences of his policies. The Russians are cancelling their promised supply of planes, while the West has stepped in with supplies of arms—a gesture which has drawn the censure of Dr. Nkrumah.

A veteran European statesman, M. Joseph Bech of Luxembourg, receiving a group of Africans this week, told them: 'The crisis which is focused in Cuba, India and Berlin will be decided on the ideological level. Too many people are resigning to Communism. What intrigues me is the success of the Moral Re-Armament ideology throughout the world.'

The Luxembourg Prime Minister, who was present, added: 'We in Luxembourg have witnessed what happened between France and Germany. If that was possible, any hate in the world can be overcome.'

President Kennedy must now be acutely conscious of what an understanding years ago of the force of ideology in Cuba would have saved his country and the world. It is equally clear that if Mr. Nehru had been ready to face earlier the ideological facts in the world and in his own entourage, he would not be facing a desperate decision today. As a leading journalist said this week: 'The aim has been to use Nehru's weakness. Time and again we have seen two crises launched at once. One which preoccupies the West—the other, the important one, under its cover. Cuba may have been a cover for India's north east frontier.'

M. Bech was right in his conviction that the crisis will not be fully solved, either in Asia or in the Caribbean, until democratic statesmen and governments learn how to take the ideological offensive. What European leaders say happened, largely through Moral Re-Armament, between France and Germany, can happen all over the world. Two ventures last week brought that reality nearer: the Prime Minister and other leaders of Japan sent out to all Asia a determined call to unity from the new Asian Assembly Centre of MRA at Odawara, and newspapers all over the world carried a full page entitled 'To Every Communist', which demonstrated a revolutionary concept big enough to include Krushchev and Mao Tse-tung as well as Kennedy and Macmillan.

New climate given to Japan-Korea talks

THE SIX-DAY WORLD ASSEMBLY at Odawara was attended by 6,500 people from 42 countries. This was announced at a press conference called by Mr. Saburo Chiba, M.P., on behalf of the invitation committee.

Japanese delegates included the Prime Minister, three former Prime Ministers, two Members of the Cabinet, Members of Parliament from Government and Opposition, the Governor of the Bank of Japan and senior business chiefs, as well as over one thousand workers.

Detailing the achievements and main trends of the assembly, Mr. Chiba, who is a former Minister of Labour, stated:

1. 'A new climate has been created to promote Korean-Japanese talks. Colonel Kim Chong Pil, director of Korea's Central Intelligence Agency, attended the assembly, as well as our own Prime Minister, Hayato Ikeda. Colonel Kim said he had never before been so inspired in his life. He was scheduled to meet the Prime Minister later for one hour. They met for two hours, and

half the time was spent talking about MRA.

2. 'Ideological unity was shown as the basis for an answer to Communism. Seven Members of Parliament from Kerala described how their divisions had split the vote at crucial elections, bringing about a Communist victory. They then gave evidence of how they were reunited through MRA, and were able to answer Communism.

3. 'Delegates planned the enlisting of Communist Asia in a greater revolution and the uniting of overseas Chinese. Representatives from Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya and Taiwan found unity on a basis that transcended political attitudes. The purpose of that unity was best expressed in the decision of General S. K. Yee of Hong Kong to use his newspapers to bring Moral Re-Armament to Taipei and Peking alike.

4. 'Over one thousand workers, including large industrial delegations, attended from Japan. Fifty housewives from Odawara alone helped in running the assembly. Workers from the Ishikawajima Shipyards presented a play showing the answer they had found to corruption and class war.

5. 'There was a large participation of youth from

every continent, from universities, sporting life, the entertainment world and the factories.'

One of Japan's most influential figures, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, M.P., who was for seven years Liberal Prime Minister of his country, said, 'I want to study Moral Re-Armament thoroughly so that I can make it my own and become part of this great movement. I hope that this force develops and that you continue your efforts for the sake of Japan and civilisation.'

On 28 October Mr. Yoshiteru Kogane, M.P., addressing the delegates, referred to the eight factions dividing his party, the Liberal Democrats. 'Millions of yen,' he said, 'are used to foster division. Our task is to clean up the politics of the country.' He is one of a group of parliamentarians, led by Saburo Chiba, working to abolish factional strife.

On 2 November *The Times* noted that former Prime Minister Kishi, who also attended the assembly, had decided to 'set an example to the faction-ridden governing Liberal Democratic Party by announcing the disbanding of his own faction, numbering 47 of the total of 295 conservative members of the Lower House of the Diet.'

'To every Communist'

IN THE CUBAN CRISIS WEEK, as millions were asking 'Will it be peace or war?' leading newspapers on three continents printed a full page entitled 'To Every Communist', which asked the same question and gave an answer, not for the crisis only, but for the future.

'There will be no war,' it said, 'if East and West, black and white, Communist and non-Communist accept a common revolutionary destiny. There can be no honest co-existence without a common commitment. Mankind's commitment must now become the rebuilding of the world. When the men of the Kremlin listen to God, He will speak to them as clearly as He would to the leaders of the non-Communist world if they were humble enough to listen—and sane enough to obey—instead of continuing to do efficiently and proudly what is not the way.'

In the United States and Canada the page was published in 39 major papers, including the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*, on the eve of the President's broadcast to his people. It was sent simultaneously for insertion to the editors of *Izvestia*, *Pravda* and principal newspapers of other Communist countries.

In Britain, the page appeared in the *Daily Express*,* whose estimated readership is 13 million. *Figaro* of Paris printed it, as did the equally influential *Le Monde*. It was in Germany's leading *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, while in Holland it reached 47 per cent of all Dutch families in nine national dailies. It has so far

appeared in twenty Swiss papers, in the principal papers of Scandinavia, in Kenya and in Cyprus.

Red China's leaders will be able to read it in the largest Chinese language magazine in the free world, published in Hong Kong by General S. K. Yee, who has given orders that his magazine and three newspapers are to carry this and similar full pages monthly for the next two years. General Yee told the Odawara assembly, 'A hundred copies of my magazine go twice a month to Peking. It is read by Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai and Chiang Kai-shek. It will make a good channel to bring Moral Re-Armament to Red China, Free China and the overseas Chinese. I see it as the alternative to Communism or a third world war.'

'The most important thing anyone has ever fought for'

From all over Britain people wrote in about the page. There was an eager response from youth. Many sent gifts of money. Two grammar school students of 16 and 17 wrote: 'We recently got caught by the idea of MRA and read your page in the *Daily Express*. We also heard it cost a fair amount, so we thought it would be helpful to contribute something.' They enclosed ten shillings.

Another letter, enclosing fifteen shillings, said, 'What you are fighting for is probably the most important thing anyone has ever fought for. I know that what I have contributed is a mere drop in the ocean, but perhaps if everyone contributed a drop, the world would be a little less corrupt.'

In one university, two leading Communists had the page pinned up on the back of their door.

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'Space is so Startling' has Tokyo première

COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS watched the stage. Western ambassadors did likewise. Then they watched each other.

It was the Tokyo première of *Space is so Startling*—a musical written by Peter Howard to show East and West a sane way for a space age.

Prince Yoshi, youngest son of the Emperor, headed a distinguished audience in the capital's finest musical hall.

Starting gun of this bid to present a new way for Washington and Moscow was the introduction by Mr. Shinji Sogo, Governor of the National Railways. 'Our task,' he said, 'is not to appease right or left but give a better way for both. We must create a revolution here. I pledge the rest of my life to that.'

Prolonged applause—from ambassadors, Supreme Court judges, Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, Government and Opposition, labour leaders and press barons—swept the Bunka Kaikan, drawing encores at the end of the performance.

'A plot filled with suspense and surprises. A conclusion as unexpected as it is convincing,' writes the *Mainichi Daily News*. 'Western lethargy and beatnik abandon, sporting enthusiasm and Communist drive are ably and effectively captured in the music. Solos, massive chorus numbers and expressive choreography lend variety and pace.'

'A new breed of American'

Speakers from every continent translated the vision of the play into the reality of an answer sweeping the world. Two sportsmen, who between them have won five gold medals for the United States, spoke for America. Rusty Wailes of Seattle called for 'a new breed of American—honest, humble and dedicated enough to win the hearts of the millions'. He said, 'We need men who will take to the world an idea more revolutionary than anything yet seen by East and West.'

The author, Mr. Peter Howard, declared, 'In this century we have divided the atom. You in Japan know what happened. We must, we can and we will unite humanity in this century. Hatred of America, of Russia and China, or of another colour, class or country is damnably cheap. It has got to end. The ordinary men and women of the world want to be shown how to get on together. The Communist world looks for hope from the free world and expects the free world to fight as passionately and resolutely to put right what is wrong, economically and socially, as they do.'

The national anthem closed the evening on *Space is so Startling*, of which the *Japan Times* writes: 'Twisters

and beatniks, sportsmen and spacemen, the hate-filled and the hungry join in an exciting story of modern men and women. Some 25 memorable songs are sung by a 17-nation 100-member cast and chorus.'

Astronauts versus Cosmonauts

Space is so Startling is the story of the modern world. In songs set to the sparkling music of Herbert Allen, Cecil Broadhurst and Frances Hadden of the United States, the astronaut and cosmonaut world compete with guile and humour in a race for space. At the centre of the drama is a family which, like the world it lives in, stands at breaking point. When the family does split up, the father, who is working on the astronaut space project, stays in the West. The mother goes East and the child is left stranded. The mother is played by Ilene Andersen, who has sung in star roles on Broadway, in London and Hollywood.

The choreography sweeping across the broad stage depicts the discipline and drive of the cosmonaut world and the nonchalance and brightness of the astronaut world.

Tension mounts as the cosmonauts beat the astronauts by a nostril in launching their rocket. Squatters and beatniks thrust the thinking or lack of thinking of the modern world into the midst of the race. The cosmonaut commissar moans, 'We have them here also'. At last the astronauts find the right man to send into space. He is played by Leland Holland, who has sung in lead parts through Europe and America as well as Asia.

The world waits for the capsule to return with the secrets of space. There is a spiral of suspense. Under the mask of friendship—even the mutual friendship created by sport, mountain climbing and co-existence—the world reveals its true features of hate.

Finding the key to unity

Finally, the cosmonaut capsule lands on stage. But the capsule has changed colour. Is this due to astral heat or is it the wrong capsule? Who is inside? What has he discovered in space? Has he found the secret up among the stars that can unite the broken family and bind up the wounds of the world? The conclusion is as unexpected as it is convincing.

Others in the cast include Kathe Green of Hollywood, daughter of Johnny Green, of *West Side Story* fame and the winner of four Oscars for music; Ann Buckles of *Pajama Game* and TV fame; Herbert Allen of Seattle, and Ted Colwell of Los Angeles.

'For half-hearted Christians and bitter Marxists, a complete revolution'

IN ITALY, skyscrapers, super highways and giant factories are eloquent of the booming prosperity of the north. But the great names of the industrial area—Fiat, Falck, Montecatini and many others—have until recently had no parallel in the south or in Sicily which have remained backward and impoverished, with a high percentage of illiteracy. The government have already invested more than £700 million in the southern area, and giant factories, like the steelworks at Tarranto and the E.N.I. petrochemical plant in Sicily, are under construction. But the full effects of these development plans have still to make themselves felt. Meanwhile, emigration to the north (one million in the last ten years) has denuded the south of many of its most energetic and resourceful elements.

Answer to despair

These factors have generated much despair and bitterness which need a moral and ideological answer as well as an economic one. The ideological offensive of the Latin Americans with their play, *El Condor*, exactly fits this need. Their conviction and the evidence of a force that changes men has been saturating the whole Naples area. Thousands have flocked to MRA plays and films. Many of these were arranged by Mr. Pino Lombardi, President of Domus Christiana, who told the Latin Americans, 'The Archbishop asked me to collaborate with you during your stay in Naples so that we could work together for the success of this great idea of MRA.'

While striking schoolchildren were on a sit-down demonstration in the city streets protesting against the bombings on the Italian-Austrian border and events in Cuba, the Latin American force, led by Pino Lombardi, marched through the streets of Vomero with flags and banners

inviting the population to see their play. The banners proclaimed: 'New Men, New Nations, a New World—MRA the Final Revolution'.

Hundreds of striking children were in that evening's enthusiastic audience for *El Condor*.

The students of one convent, Santa Dorotea, produced a play based on their experience after seeing *El Condor*, which they performed for the rest of the school.

Communists to study MRA

The Vicar-General of the diocese received members of the Moral Re-Armament force last week and expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the fruits of their work so far in Naples and his interest in further developments. A Communist professor in Naples summed up this work by saying, 'Moral Re-Armament takes half-hearted Christians and bitter Marxists and enlists them both in a complete revolution.' At the next meeting of the Naples Communist Party he will suggest that they study Moral Re-Armament.

In Monte Cassino on All Souls' Day the international force of Moral Re-Armament were present at a mass celebrated for the late Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order, Dom Bernardus Kaelin. Monte Cassino is the oldest monastery in Christendom, and the mass was said in the crypt, where St. Benedict, who founded the abbey in 529, is buried with his sister, St. Scholastica.

The Abbot of Monte Cassino, Dom Ildefonso Rea, received the international force in the sacristy of the monastery cathedral church following the mass.

After meeting and speaking with each one personally the Abbot said, 'I wish you all the best for your work and that the light which has illumined you so far will continue to do so. It is the light of peace and of Jesus Christ.'

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Bonn—Seven Members of the German Federal Parliament, including the Chairman of the Committee for Development Aid, conferred with a group of political and business leaders from Africa. Mr. Dedan Mugo, one of Jomo Kenyatta's close collaborators, challenged the M.P.s: 'Tell your government the wall in Berlin cannot be removed by a bomb, nor by money—but by an ideology, if Africa, Europe and Asia work together. We must together show Moscow, Peking and the whole world how to live.'

Berlin—Millions on both sides of the Iron Curtain heard last week a force of Africans committed to Moral Re-Armament broadcast over Radio Rias, Europe's most powerful station, which reaches as far as Moscow. The broadcast was recorded at a press and radio conference presided over by Dr. Hardting, head of the Press and Information Office for the German government in Berlin.

Odawara—An Australian who used his radio broadcasts to 'spoil the Japanese reputation' in his country has apologised to Japan. Sir Raphael Cilento, former World Director of Refugee and Social Affairs for the United Nations, said his future broadcasts would present a different picture. 'If you Japanese will accept me as a friend I would like to go forward shoulder to shoulder with you. Australia needs to look to the Asian countries for help. What Japan thinks today, Asia and the world will think tomorrow.'

Aarhus, Denmark—One hundred and ninety delegates from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany and Britain attended the Nordic conference for Moral Re-Armament. They decided to insert the full page 'To Every Communist' in the Social-Democratic paper in Aarhus, *Demokraten*, and in *Jyllandsposten*, principal national daily outside Copenhagen.