

Place of moral rearmament in military security

To the Editor of The Star

SIR.—I was interested in the article in The Star of October 3, giving an account of the World Assembly for Moral Rearmament at Caux. Over 40 South Africans attended the assembly this year, and I myself had the privilege of spending three weeks there during the summer.

Your correspondent did not mention the military conference on security and defence for officers of the armed forces, which was held within the General Assembly last month.

This was attended by one hundred officers, including 20 generals, from 14 nations, and among them were official representatives of the defence ministries of six of the Atlantic Powers.

As this may be of interest to your readers, I give below an extract from the account of this part of the world assembly in The Times, of London, on October 2.

Under the heading "Marxist Ideology: Moral Rearmament as an Alternative," the article reads:

"The military conference had under consideration the ideological aspects of national and inter-

national defence. It started from the principle that Powers at war to-day do not fight merely on a military front, but on an ideological front as well.

"It was pointed out by one French general that, apart from events in Korea and Indo-China, nine nations in Eastern Europe and almost the whole of China had been absorbed without the armies of Russia being militarily involved.

"Nations called upon to fight must have a cause to fight for and must know what it was—for this the moral rearmament of each country was as necessary as military rearmament."

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