

Transport Officials from Asia, North and South America and Europe meet at Caux

by Gordon Wise

FRED SMALL, dockers' official on the Brooklyn waterfront where 10,000 of New York's 30,000 dockers work, is a burly Negro whose size belies his name. His union, the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) recently ran a 57-day strike in New York Port.

Addressing the representatives of transport unions and management assembled for special sessions at the MRA world conference centre at Caux in Switzerland, Small gave a graphic account of the way that rapid modernisation of cargo handling methods is eroding the employment of dock labour.

Containerisation, for example, has meant that whereas it used to take 20 men two hours to unload a 25-ton trailer, now one man can do the same job in two minutes. Men are displaced faster than they can be re-employed. The employer also has his headaches, for whereas a cargo handling machine used to cost \$10,000, today's machines cost up to \$500,000.

'If there's an answer to our dilemma it will be found here in the spirit of what is right and just for all concerned,' said Small, 'because MRA has no axe to grind.'

'My conviction before coming,' said the Longshoremen's official, 'was to seek solutions to automation, but above all to man, who is about his worst enemy.'

Frank Materra, also an ILA delegate, who works with Small in the Port of New York, said that he was going back 'to live my religion on the waterfront.'

Another of the burning issues discussed by the transport men was that of 'participation' and 'co-partnership' in industry. An outstanding contribution was made by Hans Duby, Swiss



Otto Cadegg, Secretary of the Swiss Railway Workers' Union (left background), and Hans Duby, MP and President of the International Transport Workers' Federation (left foreground), listen to Rio docker Leonardo Lima. Daniel Mottu, Switzerland, and Claudio Falcao, Brazilian docker, are in the centre background *photo Strong*

Federal MP, President of the Swiss Railway Workers' Union and President of the 6½ million strong International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF).

Duby said that participation was only possible where a climate of trust between workers and management had been created. Participation not only meant that workers could sit down with their employers and discuss their problems, but could also take their responsibility in the running of the business.

The Swiss trade union head, who brought to the conference the greetings of the ITF and his Railway Union, said to his fellow trade union-

ists, 'Our task is not limited to social problems, national or international. We must also serve the cause of world peace in eliminating everywhere in the world the confusion which exists, particularly concerning questions of race and religion.'

A British Amalgamated Engineering and Foundrymen's Union (AEF) shop steward, Dick Cosens, from the Hawker Siddeley aircraft factory at Hatfield, said that there was no real participation without responsibility. He illustrated his point with an account of how he and a committee of rank and file men from the British, French and German aircraft industries had helped to restore the confidence of their

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governments in the future of the industry.

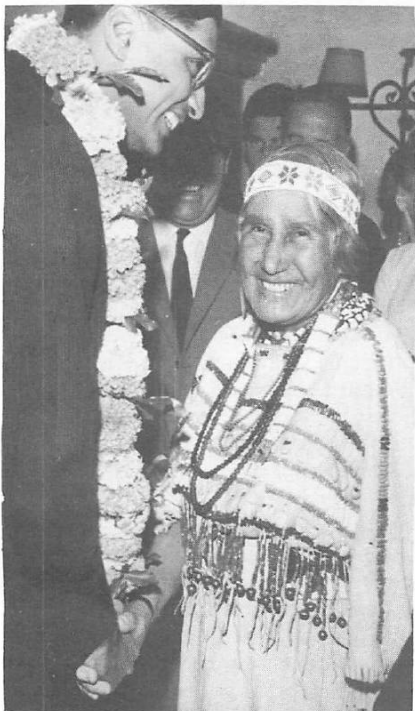
One result is that these three countries are going to co-operate in building the European air bus, he said. After one delegation from France had been to London for a weekend conference at the Westminster Theatre, the president of the company involved had written saying, 'This was a milestone in Anglo-French relations.'

Shop stewards from the American airlines spoke and had discussions with representatives of the US and Swiss airline companies.



Above: Henrik Schaeffer and Pierre Spoerri, members of the Caux Foundation, receive a gift from German miner Hubert Eggemann. It is a sign of gratitude from the Mayor of Gladbeck in the Ruhr for what Caux has done

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Rajmohan Gandhi greets Mrs Daisy Crowchild, American Indian from Canada, on his arrival at Caux

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Brazil portworkers brought messages from the President of their national union, the Federation of Portworkers, and told of the effect on the Brazilian economy of changes effected by the application of MRA in their ports.

Through changed men, corruption, demagoguery, laziness and subversion had been cured to such an extent that the state-owned ports of Rio and Recife had wiped off debts going back 20 years, and were now operating at a profit. The workers had shared in these benefits.

The sessions were chaired jointly by Jim Worthington, National Executive Member of the National Union of Seamen of Britain, and Otto Cadegg, Secretary of the Swiss Railway Workers' Union.

Worthington said that he knew of no other conference where people from both sides of industry could settle problems in this atmosphere of trust. 'MRA deals with fear,' he said, 'the fear of the employee who faces redundancy and of the employer who does not know the way the workers are going to jump.'

A Glasgow docker, Tom Stephen, said that the fact that his port 'had been free of major trouble for the last 23 years was partly due to the application of MRA' by men who work in the port.

The contributions to the discussion by employers, notably that of Frits Philips, President of Philips Electrical Industries, drew from an American trade unionist the comment, 'When I

heard that, I thought I must be dreaming. He reached the hearts of the working men as well as anyone who has spoken here this week.' Other employers' representatives included Maurice Guichard, Secretary of the Committee of Shipowners in France.

From Calcutta came Satya Banerjee, General Secretary of the Light Railwaymen's Staffs' Association and also President of the Hindustan Transport Drivers' Union. He had courageously applied his MRA training in the midst of recent riots in Calcutta.

On one occasion when a railway station was attacked by a stone-throwing mob of 500, his thought was, 'Go and meet the situation.' His next thought was, 'As I am responsible for labour, so I am responsible for the industry.'

He took the traffic superintendent who talked to the mob for three hours until the attitude of one section had changed and then they all calmed down and dispersed.

Unusually, the conference agenda included a section on family life when the wives of the industrial men spoke of the connection between the conference table and the breakfast table.

Regional conferences were planned. During the week participants moved beyond applying MRA philosophy in their industries to a commitment to industry's responsibility in the moral re-arming of the world. As a Canadian put it, 'To deal with your own situation, you first have to be committed to changing the world.'

India gains breathing space

RAJMOHAN GANDHI, Chief Editor of the Asian weekly *Himmat* and one of the men responsible for MRA in Asia, will be speaking at an assembly in the Westminster Theatre, London, on 14 September at 11am.

At a time of Indian political crisis he speaks with a first-hand knowledge of the situation. He has been participating in events which give hope for the sub-continent—a move for unity in Assam, the key North-East state of India, the initiation of world conferences at the MRA centre at Panchgani near Bombay and the raising of a new leadership in the colleges and universities.

A split in the Indian Congress Party over the Presidential election would have led to more bitterness, hate and a worsening situation, he said on arrival last week at the MRA world conference centre in Caux, Switzerland.

'I thank God the split has been

averted. It gives a breathing space to intensify our work of change and unity on the right basis,' he said.

'The world needs to understand what freedom is and how it can last,' said Gandhi. 'We made a grave mistake in India. We did not realise that freedom is the fruit of a tree. We plucked the apples of freedom. Some have been eaten up, some have soured and some have rotted.'

'We did not plant and nurture the tree that produces that fruit. You can call that tree the tree of character, the tree of unselfish teamwork, the tree of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love, or the tree of Moral Re-Armament. Our job is to plant that tree throughout the world so that millions can enjoy the fruits of freedom.'

Gandhi described MRA as 'a lake in a vast moral desert. Our job,' he concluded, 'is to irrigate the whole world with that lake.'

Emperor sends goodwill message to Caux

THE EMPEROR of Ethiopia last week sent a goodwill message to the World Moral Re-Armament Conference at Caux, Switzerland.

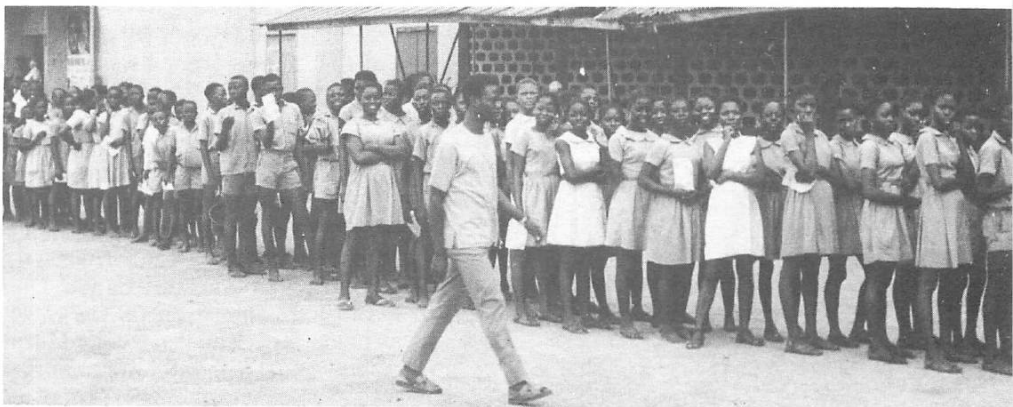
His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie's best wishes were given to 600 delegates from 41 countries by His Excellency Dedjazmatch Gebreyohannes Tesfemariam, a member of the Governor's Council of Eritrea.

His Excellency said that through the Conference he had found great hope that the problems of his country would be solved.

He had realised at the Conference that there were even greater problems in the world than those facing his own country.

And he had found that bigger problems had been solved by the application of the absolute standards of Moral Re-Armament.

Also present at the Conference are the Mayor of Massawa, Bhatta Umar Kadi, and Sheikh Mohammed Ahmed Surur, a Government official from Asmara.



Lagos schoolchildren queue to see 'Give A Dog A Bone'

photo Carpenter

7,000 Lagos children see film of 'Give A Dog A Bone'

BEHIND THE WAR HEADLINES the life of Lagos goes on, and a new generation in school is prepared for life in tomorrow's Nigeria. Almost every child in the city attends primary school, and most schools have to run morning and afternoon sections, some up to 2,000 each, to meet the demand.

The City Education Office arranged during August, with the active support of the Lagos State Commissioner for Education, showings of the film *Give a Dog a Bone* to schoolchildren. A preview of this film of Peter Howard's pantomime staged at London's Westminster Theatre was arranged for the 200 heads of schools. The Chief Education Officer summed up the evening when he said, 'This film will be of eternal benefit to our children.'

Teachers from 55 Lagos primary schools came to the showings in the

Plaza and Super cinemas, bringing a total of 7,000 children in two weeks.

One astonished teacher as she sat with the children of her school in the Plaza cinema, watching *Give a Dog a Bone*, said, 'I suddenly realised I was back in the Westminster Theatre!' She had been more than once to see plays at the Westminster Theatre when she had attended the post-graduate education course at London University.

The headmaster of one of the largest schools was enthusiastic that his children had this chance to see the film, which he himself had seen in Britain when he was in Cambridge for a special education course. Teachers here have reason to be grateful for the Westminster Theatre and its aim to inspire as well as to entertain, and for its world-wide purpose and outreach.

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PETER HOWARD's *Africa's Hour*, wrote Nigeria's largest newspaper the *Daily Times*, 'is of particular importance to all those who are concerned about the peaceful resolution of conflict.'

In a review published on 6 August the Lagos paper said:

'Although a white man, Peter Howard was cosmopolitan and his close association and friendship with Africans, Indians and the suffering lot of the underdeveloped parts of the world, excludes *Africa's Hour* from the series we could brush aside as "another example of white hypocrisy".'

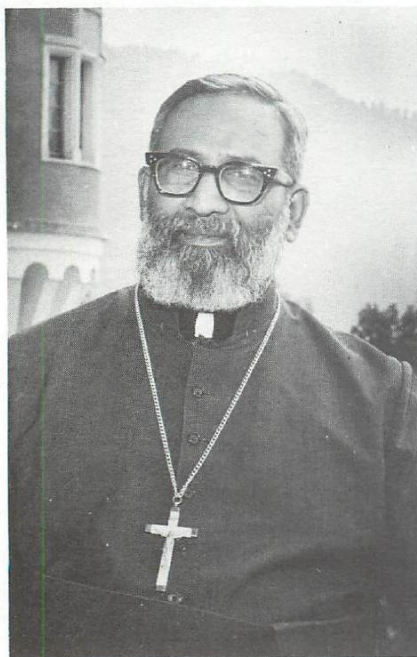
'*Africa's Hour* is an anthology of speeches, talks, discussions and writings of Howard.

'"Moral Re-Armament," said Howard, "is a revolutionary concept which includes the whole of humanity; which aims to put right the massive economic and social difference between men, but also aims to teach men to go forward into the stage of human evolution where they learn to live together".'

'Nothing accounts for the strength of this anthology more than the clever use of language, consequently forcing an alertness in the reader.'

Christian counter-attack under way

by the Rev Canon Julian Thornton-Duesbery



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCH-BISHOP of Agra and the Bishop of Brixen, Lutheran Deans from Denmark, and an Anglican Canon Theologian were among the 70 clergy who met at Caux in Switzerland from August 13-20 within the framework of the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament.

With them were 150 theological students, clergy wives, and other active church workers, from 15 nations and most major denominations.

The Conference was called by an international group of clergy to launch a 'world-wide counter-attack and regain in Christ's name ground seized by the principalities and forces of evil which have degraded the standards of

The Most Rev Dominic Athaide, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Agra, India

photo Strong

society and even infiltrated the faith and living of the Christian Church.'

Costly personal decisions were taken involving time, money, plans, homes and reputations, so that everything could be fully at God's disposal for His strategy for the world.

Some two dozen clergy pledged themselves to become a mobile force for Europe, Asia and anywhere else.

On the move

A French priest, at one time held prisoner in Communist China, pledging his own decision to regulate his life by the daily guidance of God and absolute moral standards, declared, 'Many churches in Europe are ships in port—not moving. Moral Re-Armament gives us something to move these boats and those sleeping in them.'

Dr Klaus Bockmühl, German theological author, said the Communist world was interested in creating the new man. 'It is the task of the Church to provide this new man for society, and to feed new men into the social life of every nation.'

Militant German students planned with workers for the re-Christianisation of Europe. They decided to use the Westminster Theatre as a European centre, and to use MRA films in this undertaking. They welcomed the idea of a European travelling force, visiting university cities with the film *Happy Deathday*.

It was a conference of militants. Christ's followers they knew were called to be holy and humble men of God, but that did not mean a holy huddle of silly sheep waiting helplessly for the permissive society to use the butcher's knife. They accepted Christ's challenge, 'Seek first the Kingdom of God' and His righteousness', as the overall commitment that God should truly reign on an earth that is really honest, pure, unselfish and loving. That was what every man not wholly corrupted by evil knew was right and really wanted to see.

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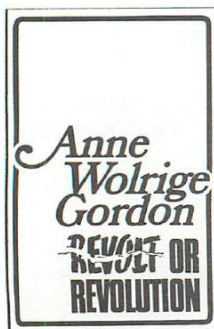
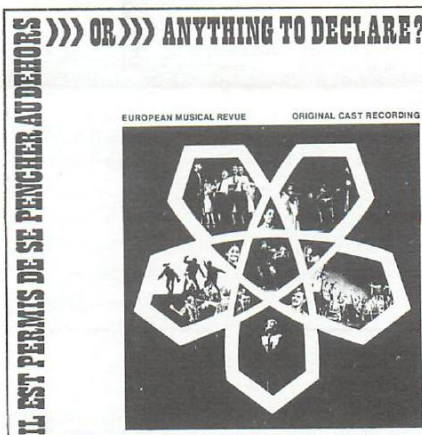
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