

Germany, France, Britain and all Western Europe walking
the road of Moral Re-Armament will build a new world

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'THE GREATEST IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE'

MOSCOW'S REACTION

MILLIONS in Britain and other countries opened their newspapers last week to find a full page entitled *A Tidal Wave of Hope*. It proclaimed MRA as the next step for the Communist and non-Communist world alike.

Moscow reacted immediately. *The Washington Star* carried a release from Tass attacking the content of the page. Commentator Vasily Kharkov takes issue with the words 'Nations outside the Communist bloc lack any common ideology or world aim.' He objects to MRA's call for 'some sort of a supernational ideology, superior to Communism, which would rally together all races, all classes and people of all colours.'

Author Peter Howard, commenting to Associated Press on this development, stated, 'Communism and capitalism have both failed to produce the new type of man. MRA is producing the new type of man because it changes capitalist and Communist alike. Anybody who fails to produce a new type of man to face a new type of age is, in fact, a reactionary.'

The latest issue of the *World Marxist Review*, the official Communist organ, objects to the 'offensive being waged against marxist-leninist ideology.' It describes the 'millions of posters and pamphlets, hundreds of films and scores of plays' deployed by MRA, particularly in Latin America.

Hans Bjerkholt, co-founder of the Norwegian Communist Party, commented in Bolivia: 'Moscow has been put on the defensive because the masses are turning to Moral Re-Armament.'

EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY OPENS IN GERMANY

BERLIN is but one episode in Moscow's world offensive.

Krushchev knows that 'who controls Germany controls Europe.' When, after the war, the overwhelming majority of the German nation said 'No' to Russian overtures and 'Yes' to an alliance with the free world, Communism suffered an ideological defeat of the first magnitude.

The leaders of the new Germany, facing the ideological vacuum which followed National Socialism, turned neither Left nor Right, neither to Communism nor to Nationalism, but to Moral Re-Armament. They set their nation on a path which led in four years to a drop in the Communist vote in the Ruhr mines from 72 per cent to 8 per cent. It led to the industrial teamwork which undergirded the Marshall Plan and the 'Economic Miracle' and to what the German Ambassador in London, Herr Hasso von Etzdorf, has called 'the most astonishing event of post-war European politics—the reconciliation of Germany and France.'

Moscow's reaction has been to work day and night, year in year out, to isolate Germany from the rest of the free world, as a prelude to take-over.

During the last eighteen months the world propaganda machine of Communists and fellow-travellers has been working at pressure to smear and destroy the Germany which linked its future with that of freedom. A wearisome repetition of war-films on television in Britain and America, a cynical 'slant' to the reports from the most (ostensibly) conservative of Bonn correspondents, a flood of pamphlets from East Germany to Members of Parliament, mayors, doctors, trade union organisers, professors and teachers in Britain, slandering the Adenauer Government—it is all part of a well-known pattern.

Now Berlin is the focus. But while Krushchev seeks to fix the eyes of the world on that city, it is from another part of Germany, Freudenstadt in the Black Forest, that news comes of an ideological offensive to answer Communism, corruption and war.

Opening the 'Assembly for the Moral Re-Armament of Europe', Prince Richard of Hesse called for 'a revolution to shake Germany

and Europe out of complacency and defeatism and put them on the offensive in the war of ideas.'

Nine thousand people lined the streets of Freudenstadt from the railway station to Frank Buchman Road to welcome General Ho Ying-chin, former Prime Minister of China, with fifty Chinese youth and the 260-strong MRA force from 35 nations. The procession was accompanied by the city band, and the flags of all German states on both sides of the Iron Curtain marked the mile-long route.

The hillside above the Frank Buchman Road was covered with people. Those who could not see climbed the trees to get a better view.

Prince Richard welcomed the force to the spot where 23 years ago Frank Buchman first conceived the idea of the Moral Re-Armament of the world. Referring to 'the great silence behind the wall that divides Berlin', he said, 'If we make MRA heard we have not only the hope but the certainty of freedom.'

General Ho Ying-chin said: 'Germany united under MRA will give an answer to a divided world. While the world's leaders are wavering before Krushchev, it is our job to mobilize the masses and get them to stand firm so that our leaders find the courage to fight for what is right. Today brave men must choose.'

A special welcome was given to a great soldier of France, General Marcel Carpentier, former Commander-in-Chief of the NATO Ground Forces in Central Europe. Delegates massed before their national flags as the MRA international chorus sang the Marseillaise and the German national anthem. 'Without French-German understanding nothing new can be built in the world,' said the General. 'Our presence here at this assembly will speak to Moscow with an answer.'

'This is the time to act. We must wage the ideological struggle with Communism to the end. It is a battle of life and death. In the dialogue between Moscow and Moral Re-Armament, Moral Re-Armament will have the last word.'

'We cannot remain indifferent'

Dr. Erhard, Minister of Economics and Deputy Chancellor of Germany, cabled the Assembly: 'I rejoice that from the birthplace of Moral Re-Armament a great offensive is starting to mobilize the spiritual and moral forces in Europe. In the spirit of Frank Buchman may the conception of Moral Re-Armament be given the widespread attention which is necessary to stand up to the ideological struggle with Communism and the forces of destruction.'

The German Foreign Office was officially represented by Ambassador Werner Gregor, who conveyed the greetings of Foreign Minister von Brentano. The Ambassador said, 'Chancellor Adenauer's interest in Moral Re-Armament is well known. The whole German Government shares his interest in this Assembly. We cannot remain indifferent in face of the tremendous

pressure from the East. Moral Re-Armament shows Germany a third alternative to atomic war or surrender to Communism. May the warning bell of this Assembly ring out to the German people and the people of Europe.'

'More effect than 50-megaton bomb'

The British delegation included Air Vice-Marshal Eric Maitland, Wing Commander Mathias, Mr. John McGovern, who was a Member of Parliament for 29 years, Mr. Stanley Hoar of the Commonwealth Development Finance Company, and Councillor Overland from Poplar. Speaking on their behalf, Sir Hamilton Kerr, M.P., said, 'Moral Re-Armament will win the day in Germany. The success of this offensive will have far more effect in the world than Krushchev's 50-megaton bomb.' The whole assembly rose in a standing ovation for the British Member of Parliament when he said, 'Germany, France, Britain and all Western Europe walking the road of Moral Re-Armament will build a new world.'

On Sunday twelve thousand people poured into the historic market square to see the Chinese drama, *The Dragon*. They overflowed into the streets, perched in the trees and covered the fountains in front of the 120 foot-wide stage.

Almost every window surrounding the square was filled with people watching the play through binoculars. Some were seen watching from the top of the 150 foot-high town clock tower, as the 500 strong Moral Re-Armament force from 38 nations marched into the market place led by a 72-foot ceremonial 'dragon'. Enthusiastic crowds lined the route from the Assembly Centre to the market place.

Madame Irene Laure, former Secretary General of the three million Socialist Women of France, speaking from the stage after the play, said, 'From Freudenstadt Frank Buchman launched the greatest idea of the twentieth century. He always believed that Germany would bring the answer to the great issues confronting the world today.'

'My husband and I were Marxists for 41 years,' she said, and she was interrupted by applause from the crowd when she went on: 'Because of the presence of Moral Re-Armament Marxism will never, never dominate the world. West Germany will be invincible in bringing this answer to the world.'

The grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Rajmohan Gandhi, declared, 'We believe in the new Germany. The tragedy in the world today is not the unity and passion of the Communist countries, but the lack of unity and the lack of passion in the free nations.'

'Moral Re-Armament gives the free world the power to change the Communist world,' he continued. 'We believe in the mighty destiny of your land. Germany as convinced of Moral Re-Armament as Moscow is of Communism will save the whole world from catastrophe.'

THE THEATRE OF TODAY AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

BY ALAN THORNHILL

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THIS WEEK the curtain goes up in London on two new plays at the Westminster Theatre. Great stars of stage and screen are taking part. Muriel Smith of *Carmen Jones* and *Carmen*, Ann Buckles of Broadway and American television, and Phyllis Konstam, known and loved for her many roles on the London stage.

At the same time the curtain goes up on a new world.

Whether we like it or not, there will be a new world. Some still hope to play out the rest of their days with the old scenery, the old props, the old actors and the old script. But it is a dream. We who live in the mid-twentieth century are cast in quite a different kind of drama. We are entering a new world. It could be the world of atomic ruin. It could be the world crumbling country by country under the encroaching tide of tyranny. Or it could be the new world that we long for, the world of which the British M.P., Mark Pearce, speaks at the end of *The Hurricane*:

'To write a page of history that has never yet been written. Where no man is content to have too much while any other man alive goes hungry. Where no mother rests content while any other mother's son throughout the world is robbed of his chance of greatness because of his colour, birth or upbringing. Where nation learns to care for nation.'

Which world is it going to be?

The theatre and the cinema, radio and TV may decide the answer.

The theatre is a battle-ground for the minds of men. Plays are the weapons. The men and women who put them on, whether they know it or not, are fighting soldiers in this ideological war. They can rouse men's passions. They can force them to think. Or, on the other hand, they can drug their senses and prevent them thinking at all. They can send people pouring out into the streets, sodden with sex, inflamed with bitterness, or dull with despair. Or they can send them out illumined with conviction and dedicated to create a different world. The theatre can set patterns and standards of life for a whole generation. It can build or it can destroy. Who controls the theatre and the kindred arts will shape a nation.

The Russians know this. That is why 11 per cent of their national budget goes to the spreading of their ideas through the theatre and the arts.

They understood it in the great days of the Greek drama. It was part of civic duty to go to the theatre. You didn't pay to go, you paid a fine if you stayed away.

They knew it in the Middle Ages when our modern theatre was born. Men put plays on in the market square

to bring essential truth to people who could not read.

Today it is our task to bring essential truth to people who cannot read the signs of the times.

That is the purpose of the plays of Moral Re-Armament.

That is the Charter of the Westminster Theatre, given as a memorial by the parents of men who gave their lives in the war. They wanted it to be a permanent centre of plays and films which did not glamorise the problems of the world but dramatise the answer.

It is good to entertain, but we need also to shake people into reality.

Plays of protest and anger are legion. We need plays that actually change people and transform society.

It is not enough to give audiences a so-called 'slice of life'. We must give them the secret of life itself.

The Hurricane and *The Ladder* are two of the many plays of Moral Re-Armament which do this. From the West End and Broadway to the great theatres and opera houses of Berlin or Cairo, Tokyo or Sao Paulo, from miners' halls in Yorkshire or the Ruhr to the Emperor's Palace gardens in Teheran, these plays have been performed in a score of languages before millions.

One play, *The Tiger*, has been seen by a million people in Brazil, Peru and Bolivia in the past six months. The response is so great that theatres cannot contain the crowds. Single audiences numbering thirty, fifty, and ninety thousand people pour into football stadiums and public squares to see it. Millions more have seen it on television. A distinguished soldier and former ambassador of his country, General Bethlem, says, 'Its message has already saved Brazil from civil war.'

At the same time, a play called *The Dragon*, by a group from Free China, is drawing similar audiences in Switzerland and Germany. 'We were literally shaken,' wrote *Vaterland*, the Swiss Catholic newspaper, 'as the play unfolded before our eyes—a play that ends with a brilliant finale as men realise that the power of the ideology of Moral Re-Armament can usher in a new and better age. We made our way home with a great hope in our hearts.'

Now the battle for Britain is joined as never before.

People don't want Communism and they don't want war. They will burn and sacrifice for a new world when they see it portrayed in action.

The man on the stage and the man in the stalls are alike engaged.

We have to fight on one side or the other. For, in the memorable words of *The Ladder*, 'A bystander in the world today is a betrayer.'

MASSES RESPOND IN EUROPE

POLITICALLY NEUTRAL and militarily able to mount ten divisions in forty-eight hours, Switzerland is facing the need to reassess just what neutrality means in an age dominated by ideological considerations. Switzerland's national hero, General Henri Guisan, outlined the basic issue for the nation when he wrote, 'On the ideological plane neutrality can be dangerous, for refusal to fight for what is right plays the enemy's game.'

A Swiss businessman, Dr. Edward Gubelin, from Lucerne, felt so keenly this danger that with other leading citizens he invited an MRA ideological force to launch an offensive starting in Central Switzerland. He told an audience of 6,000 of his fellow citizens, 'Is it not contemptible betrayal of the free West and of the high ideals of our country when a Geneva bank transfers Communist gold to Kenya to further the work of subversion there? Is it not rotten profit-seeking if Swiss business people are ready to trade with the East? Is it not naivete for our sportsmen

and our cultural institutions to exchange delegations behind the Iron Curtain? We must from now on take our place uncompromisingly in the battle to save mankind from physical and mental slavery. To stand aside is to betray our country.'

To lead this force came General Ho Ying-chin, former Prime Minister of China, with a force of fifty Chinese and an ideological play, *The Dragon*. Their aim: to end defeatism in Europe and ensure the victory of MRA throughout the world. Their weapon: ideology.

At a dinner on 10 October honouring Free China's national day, General Ho, who fifty years before under Sun Yat-sen's leadership helped to found the Republic of China, declared: 'Chou En-lai and the present Red Chinese Defence Minister were my subordinates. They did not win power because of particular ability. They were far inferior in military strength. They won because they possessed what we lacked—ideology.'

Vaterland, the leading Catholic daily of German-speaking Switzerland, commenting on General Ho's initiative, wrote, 'Thus far the Chinese have been the main agents of world Communism on many fronts. Now for the first time in the history of the ideological struggle representatives of Free China have appeared on the scene blazing a trail with their message.'

To focus the attention of the nation Swiss leaders arranged a mass demonstration in the Lucerne football stadium. Twenty-two thousand people turned out at four days' notice from all over Switzerland to see *The Dragon*. The Federal Member of Parliament for Lucerne, Josef Leu, gave the keynote: 'In the world struggle between good and evil there is no neutrality. Military defence is not enough. MRA shows us the right way.' Later, he told another audience of 15,000: 'It is not the three Communists in our parliament who are the danger but the blindness to what is shaking the foundations of the world today. We must fight for our ideas with at least as much passion as Krushchev does for his if we are going to win.'

Another Federal Member of Parliament, Herr Odermatt, said, 'We are experiencing a massive ideological demonstration that has shaken us to our innermost being. It awakens us to the task of answering the spectre of world Communism in the spirit of the Cross.'

'It shakes you up'

Cantonal leaders were united in their welcome. The governor of the canton of Schwyz declared, 'What is happening in Berlin, East Germany and Hungary could happen here. Behind our government must stand a people morally straight. That is what MRA is producing.' The President of the Canton of Lucerne said of *The Dragon*: 'It shakes you up, makes you think and puts you into action.'



Crowds throng the centre of Atdorf beneath the statue of William Tell. This scene was typical of the response in town after town in Central Switzerland.

Parades and demonstrations took place in the cantonal capitals and market towns. Schools were adjourned. Over 100,000 turned out in four weeks. *The Dragon* was invited to the leading Catholic colleges.

Father Thommen, Rector of the College of St. Niklaus von der Flue, told the press: 'Governments which no longer take their authority from God forfeit the right to stay in authority over people. We need men who will rise up and fight against evil of every kind. We recognise the Red Chinese, but they continue to torture and kill our priests. It is damnable. It is our prayer that the Republic of China not only maintain her freedom but that freedom and dignity will blossom on the mainland, so that China and her people will be an example to the world.'

Audience gasps

In St. Gallen, ancestral home of Dr. Buchman, 41,000 people saw *The Dragon* in three days. Eight thousand MRA pictorials were sold, and the thousands more who each day poured through the East Switzerland Agricultural Fair, were reached with the challenge of a superior ideology.

Addressing the thousands who packed the famous cathedral square, General Ho declared, 'Those who do not want to become enslaved like the mainland of China must decide to fight for what is right.' A gasp went through the audience as he revealed that conservative estimates show that thirty million people in China—six times the population of Switzerland—have been liquidated by the Communists.

Summarising the Swiss campaign, General Ho said, 'We have seen an ideological breakthrough. Now that we continue the offensive of *The Dragon* in Germany and throughout Europe, you in Switzerland will carry forward this fight until this is a nation governed by God.'

Speaking in his home town, Beat Stoffel, from the world-famous St. Gallen textile firm, declared, 'We



In three days 41,000 people crowded the Cathedral square in St. Gallen

Swiss, through confused definitions of neutrality, have become so brainwashed that we are ideologically neutral. *The Dragon* draws a battle line and a line of choice for Switzerland and the world. Ours was the second country in the world to recognise Red China. It could be the first to recognise the answer brought by the men and women from Free China. Within two years we must make Moral Re-Armament the national policy of Switzerland.'

Such commitment by Swiss patriots and such response from the Swiss people is causing alarm to those who would use neutrality to advance Communism. *The Workers' Voice*, Geneva Communist paper, describing the national recognition of Moral Re-Armament, complains,

'The policy of neutrality is looking pretty sick.'

Swiss leaders are now planning to multiply the momentum. 'We will carry forward what has been started so that the ideology of MRA reaches every home, office and council chamber,' says the President of the Lucerne Parliament.

Der Bund, government paper in Berne, writes, 'This offensive has been launched with unsurpassed energy. The conviction with which business, political and spiritual leaders have laid down their challenge is contagious.'

Reporting these developments in the heart of Europe, the Innsbruck paper, *Tiroler Tageszeitung*, has the headline: 'The Greatest Ideological Offensive has Begun.'

MASSES RESPOND IN SOUTH AMERICA

BY DR. ELEODORO VENTOCILLA

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THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY to win a war, and that is by fighting. Up until now the initiative in the cold war has belonged to the Communists. They have selected both the place and the time to create a crisis, and therefore they have won all the battles.

Communism, as an idea in action, draws from long experience and abundant resources and the mystic of a religion; in addition, their cadres are most carefully selected and prepared. Until now it has been the only movement in history that has brought together on a common level peoples of different nationalities. A Communist of India has equal status with a Communist from the United States, the Congo, Cuba or Japan. They all think alike and they all act according to a single political directive. Racial, religious and national differences have been totally erased in an attempt

to create a kind of man who does not have any use for patriotism, honour, family, or religious beliefs.

After Stalin's death Communism made a new start in Latin America. It was in Mexico City, where many political exiles from various countries lived, that Communism began selecting its leaders. The Communists understood very well that the military dictatorships were coming to an end in Latin America. Where dictatorships fell they began to fill the vacuum. Many democratic groups began collaborating with them.

In 1959 Cuba became the focal point for Communist action throughout the South American continent. 'Fidelismo' became a new phenomenon in the Hemisphere. The old political parties were discarded; the large companies that wanted to arrive at an understanding with Fidel Castro were expropriated. The

Castro Communists did not have a programme of government for Cuba; they destroyed the economic basis of the country and drowned resistance in a blood-bath without precedent. Finally, Communism emerged in its true form and Fidel Castro made Cuba into a 'socialist state.'

The great offensive by Fidelismo was an immense victory for Communism. Vice-President Nixon suffered from its consequences. In some countries, such as Venezuela, the Communists were ready to open a second front. The American newspapers and news agencies gave Castro free publicity by their overtones of sensationalism.

The democratic leaders in Latin America and the United States were at a loss as to what to do. They lacked an ideology. Some of them still believe that it is possible to make a cat out of a tiger by simply



President Victor Paz Estenssoro of Bolivia (right) welcomes General Hugo Bethlem of Brazil and the international force of MRA to Bolivia. He told them, 'Bolivia has reached the stage in her history at which she needs the things you are fighting for.'



The MRA force honour Simon Bolivar, national hero of Bolivia. In the foreground is a guard of honour of the Bolivian Army.

stroking its back. Even now there are still people who believe that it is possible to do business with Castro. These illusions stem from the fact that America does not have an answer to Communism.

The answer came to Latin America precisely where Fidelism was the strongest—the North-east of Brazil, where the ‘Peasant Leagues’ of Francisco Juliao carried pictures of Castro as banners. It was there that the great counter-offensive of Moral Re-Armament began.

Millions of Brazilians have seen the films and the ideological plays presented by Moral Re-Armament. A group of 150 persons of 28 nationalities struck through the Amazon basin carrying this new message. They were received first with amazement and then with enthusiasm by the people of Brazil and Peru. In this group were men and women, young and old, who speak different languages and yet have been able to carry the message of Frank Buchman to other nations. They have presented this message in sports fields before multitudes of up to 100,000 persons, in small and large auditoriums, in universities and soldiers’ barracks and in trade union halls.

Started a tempest

What has Moral Re-Armament done for Latin America? It has simply started an ideological tempest. Moral Re-Armament has gone where the Communists were the strongest—the State of Pernambuco in Brazil, the University of San Marcos, Trujillo, Cuzco in Peru. At the beginning nobody knew what Moral Re-Armament was. The Communists said that they were agents of the F.B.I. or the C.I.A., persons in the pay of the American imperialists. When it was seen that many of the members of this group were not Americans, the Communists changed their tactics and said that they were reactionaries and Protestant missionaries. But when it was seen that there were people of different faiths, the Communists had to change their tactics again. Mean-



Puno, Peru. 12,000 out of a population of 20,000 see the film *Men of Brazil* in the Plaza de Armas in front of the Cathedral.

while, Moral Re-Armament continued working.

It went to San Marcos University where the Communist students had spit on and stoned Richard Nixon. Many of the San Marcos students found a new ideology superior to Communism.

Up until now nothing superior to Communism had been offered to Latin America. The situation has changed now, and it is because the people understand that Moral Re-Armament is not an anti-Communist movement that offers only violence against violence and terror against terror. It is a movement that begins by changing men themselves, by making them return to their ‘original and pure fountain,’ as has been said by Gabriel Marcel. The original and pure fountain is the belief in the honesty and dignity of all men.

Fidel Castro did not win the revolution because of his soldiers or his students or his workers; he won it because of his peasants. The peasants of the Sierra Maestra that had been brought into the ranks made up the core of the guerillas and military columns. The Castro revolution has given this new arm to the Communist movement. For

this reason Castro said that he intended to make a Sierra Maestra of all the Andes in Latin America.

Revolution in the Andes

The city of Cuzco is in the Andes and was a stronghold of Communism in Peru until Moral Re-Armament arrived. The Communists of Cuzco have not disappeared, but the people of Cuzco have been offered a new promise within the framework of justice—a justice devoid of violence and hate. It has also given the Peruvians something invaluable through the presentation of the Japanese play *The Tiger* in Quechua, the original language of the Incas.

Forty thousand people witnessed this play when it was presented at the Inca fortress of Sacsayhuaman.

The people of Peru have found a new hope. The revolution of the Andes has begun. The Andean world has no boundaries and it extends through Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina. The men of the Andes are men that have their own culture, and it is in the Andes where a new ideological frontier can be established in America.

Final revolution for Bolivia

ON THE MORNING of 9 October the people of La Paz awoke to the news that at 5 a.m. there had been an attempted coup. At 10 a.m. the auditorium of San Andres University was filled to overflowing for a special performance of *The Tiger*, given at the invitation of the students' union. Just before the play was due to begin a student leapt on to the platform and called for the play to be postponed because of the death of a professor in his attempt to take over power. The crowd as one man shouted him down and clamoured for the performance to start. These students gave a thunderous ovation to the challenge given by the Zengakuren student leaders from Japan to enlist in the greatest revolution and take it to the world.

Bolivia is a country of revolution. In 1952 the National Revolutionary Movement took over the government and is still in power today.

After Cuba and British Guiana, Bolivia is regarded by many as the most Communist-inclined state in Latin America. Yet the visit of the task force of Moral Re-Armament has revealed the hunger felt by its people for an ideology to answer the materialism of both Washington and Moscow.

'Spiritual giant'

An editorial in *El Diario*, the largest circulation daily in La Paz, put it this way: 'In the centre of this war without quarter between two great colossi are the people of MRA who are attempting to rise above the permanent menace of world destruction. One side trumpets peaceful coexistence, the other world disarmament. Above both surges the voice of Buchman who with the far-seeing eye of a prophet penetrates the pandemonium of present-day history and launches into the battle with the fervour and urgent valour of a spiritual giant to save humanity. With equal determination he teaches and achieves

the changing of lives in the face of both Communism and capitalism. The people of all the Americas should pay the greatest attention to MRA.'

The President, Dr. Paz Estenssoro, has so far conferred three times with members of the MRA force. They have been received by the Foreign Minister and the Ministers of Mines, Peasant Affairs, Defence and Works and Communications, as well as the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and the Mayor of La Paz.

Highest capital in the world

The day after they arrived at La Paz—whose altitude of 12,500 feet makes it the highest capital in the world—10,000 people came to the open-air theatre to see the all-African film *Freedom*. The following day 20,000 crowded the theatre to see *The Tiger*. On one day the Japanese students performed *The Tiger* three times in six hours, one of the performances being in the football stadium for 15,000 people.

Bolivia is the third largest producer of tin in the world. Revenue from exports of tin comprise 80 per cent of the national income. The Minister of Mines told the MRA task force, 'There is much in common between what MRA is out for and what the Bolivian Revolution sought to achieve. You are lifting the dignity of man.' The director of the Bolivian Mining Corporation told them, 'Our corporation is ready to arrange everything for your visit to the mining areas.'

Editorials in Bolivian dailies and weeklies of all shades of opinion from right wing to far left have demonstrated the universal response of the nation. *El Diario*, in another editorial, said, 'The founder of MRA reached the conviction that all effective change in society must begin with the internal change of the individual, and it is precisely this truth which has attracted the millions.'

NEWS IN BRIEF

COLOMBO—The Governor-General of Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, and the Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, attended the Ceylon première of *The Crowning Experience* on 19 October. The High Commissioners of Australia, Canada and Ghana and the Japanese Ambassador headed the list of diplomatic and consular representatives from 17 countries.

At the end of the film the Governor-General rose to his feet and led the applause in which the Prime Minister and everyone else joined.

STOCKHOLM—The Swedish première of *The Crowning Experience* took place before a distinguished audience on 9 October.

TRONDHEIM—The student's hall of Trondheim University, Norway, was packed to capacity with 1,100 students on 21 October to hear Peter Howard, the author and journalist, who had been invited by the Students Association to speak on 'MRA in the present world situation'.

CAMBRIDGE—On 15 October hundreds of students flocked to the historic Guild Hall to see *Hope*, the film written and acted by miners from the German Ruhr.

Mr. Sydney Cook, a Cambridge graduate, said, 'It is not the destiny of Britain to become the chief apologist for Communism. It is certainly not our destiny to spend our time only protesting, lying down, squatting and sitting. We are a fighting nation. We are now meant to play our part in the war of ideas that is raging across the world.'

OXFORD—An audience, including a hundred undergraduates, senior members of the University, City councillors and men from both labour and management in the British Motor Corporation, saw *Men of Brazil* in the Town Hall on 20 October.