

THE TRUTH ABOUT MORAL REARMAMENT

Where Does The Money Come From?

If in the past M.R.A. has been tainted with Nazism, since the end of the war it has been little more than an organisation for propagating the American way of life throughout the capitalist world.

The United States Congress attaches special importance to the work of M.R.A. In 1949 a bi-partisan committee of the U.S. House of Representatives attended the M.R.A. World Assembly.

In 1951 Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and others sent a special cable to foreign leaders abroad to persuade them to attend the Makinac Assembly. They said:

"Your presence in the United States, together with other distinguished leaders from Europe and Asia, can do much to focus the attention of the American people at this time on the positive steps that can be taken everywhere to answer the ideological threat of world communism. We need such a demonstration of united strength in the field of inspired moral leadership, without which our common military, political and economic efforts to save the free world will certainly be less effective."

In 1952 the foreign delegates to the World Assembly of the M.R.A. were given a special welcome by the U.S. Senate. The Vice-President of the U.S.A. said: "We are very glad to have you, not only in this Chamber, but in this country . . . You are entitled to remain as long as you wish. We hope that you will enjoy your visit to us and this country. Thank you very much." (Applause.)

A memorandum issued by the U.S. Department of Justice on April 1, 1949, declared:

"Moral Rearmament is a world force having as its principal objective adequate ideological preparedness of free nations for the ideological conflicts in which the world is now engaged, and its objectives are recognised by the Department as worthy and helpful in the strengthening of democratic forces throughout the world."

Atlantic Pact

In other words, Moral Rearmament is recognised as the ideological branch of the Atlantic Pact. U.S.A. delegates from other countries have given information to the Un-American Activities Committee about conditions in the labour movement in their countries.

In 1947, 150 picked German leaders attended the M.R.A. meeting at Caux "with the assistance of General Lucius D. Clay", the American military commander in Germany. In 1950 the Japanese M.R.A. delegation came to Europe and America "with the support and approval of General MacArthur and S.C.A.P."

The Japanese were received by the U.S. Congress, and their leader said: "We realise that the precious blood of the sons of America is now being shed to protect freedom of the world and the Far East, and if we might be permitted as Japanese to bow our heads in deepest and humble gratitude and appreciation for this great sacrifice the United States is making, it will indeed be an honour and a privilege for us."

United States financiers and politicians back M.R.A. Henry Ford, who between the wars backed the propagation of the forged "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and himself financed Nazi propaganda in Bavaria, said: "Moral Rearmament gives me hope for the future of our country and the

world." Harry Truman is another M.R.A. supporter.

Other prominent supporters of M.R.A. in America include Congressman Laurie C. Battle, who was responsible for introducing the notorious Battle Act which seeks to strangle trade between the West and the East; Senator Mundt, one of the leading members of the Un-American Activities Committee and author of anti-labour legislation; and Vice-President Nixon, who said in June, 1952:

"The Moral Rearmament movement is one of the greatest factors which is winning that struggle

Almost without exception M.R.A. supporters in the Far East are drawn from the stooges and puppets of the imperialist powers, the agents of international capitalism.

They include Chiang Kai-shek, Chiang's Governor of Formosa, Dr. Wu, and the former commander-in-chief of Chiang's armies, General Ho Ying-chin.

In Japan M.R.A. is backed by the President of Shibaura Electric, the largest electric company in the country; the President of Nippon Life, the largest insurance company; the Director of the Bank of Japan; the heads of the Mitsui combine; the premier, American

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(between the 'forces of freedom and communism, dictatorship and totalitarianism') for our side."

Big Business

Top industrialists, financiers, politicians of the extreme right wing in all countries are among the backers of M.R.A.

In Britain they include Lord Nuffield, Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, private secretary to three successive British kings; Lord Courthorpe, President of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations; the Dowager Duchess of Antrim; Lord Listowel, editor of "Eastern Europe", reactionary emigre journal; Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Cochrane; Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd; Brigadier Terence E. Clarke, Conservative M.P. for Portsmouth West; Sir Douglas Savory, Conservative M.P. for Antrim South; Col. Malise Hore-Ruthven, formerly of the Black Watch.

In Asia

M.R.A. is particularly interested in Asia, where the fate of the colonial powers is in the balance.

stooge Yoshida, who said: "M.R.A. can inject the nation with a stabilising force in regard to its ideas and activities by curing militant materialism."

Prominent in M.R.A. activities in Japan have been the Chiefs of police in Tokyo and Osaka, who have taken an equally prominent part in suppressing working-class demonstrations, and who helped with the publication of a special pamphlet for distribution among the Japanese police showing them how to deal with "subversive forces".

In India M.R.A. is backed by Shri J. R. D. Tata, head of Tata Industries, India's biggest monopoly.

In Korea Syngman Rhee is a supporter.

In France M. Robert Schuman, former Prime Minister and author of the plan for pooling the industrial resources of France and Germany, wrote an enthusiastic introduction for the French edition of Buchman's speeches in 1950.

In Germany, Karl Adenauer, the Federal Chancellor and architect of German rearmament, is an M.R.A. man. So is the Commercial

Director of Krupps. Many former Nazi officers are also connected with the movement.

Financial Support

With such distinguished backers, it is not surprising that M.R.A. never lacks for funds. Details of the finances of the movement are not available. The only figure which has been made public showed that on September 30, 1945, the bank balance of the Oxford Group Co. in England stood at £120,261 10s. 2d.

Since the war, however, M.R.A. has expanded its activities enormously. The Mountain House at Caux alone, where all the jamborees are held, costs £1,250 A DAY to run, according to M.R.A. sources themselves.

In addition must be counted the cost of free air trips from and to all parts of the world for trade unionists, national leaders, prominent figures in the working-class movement whom M.R.A. wants to corrupt; the cost of the hundreds of well-paid and well-dressed full-time workers for M.R.A. in all countries; the cost of the hundreds of thousands of free books and pamphlets which M.R.A. distributes throughout the world.

Some business moguls are not shy to declare they support M.R.A. financially. The Westminster Theatre was presented to the movement at a reported cost of £132,500.

Sir Roy Pinsent, Birmingham corporation lawyer, said at a M.R.A. rally in London:

"I have transferred one-third of my capital and invested it in M.R.A., and I wouldn't give much for my other investments in 10 years time unless we get our message across."

M.R.A. itself is extremely shy about the sources of its funds. Buchman has said: "Where God guides, God provides." M.R.A. accounts are not open to inspection by the public.

The organisation is given preferential treatment by capitalist governments. The Swiss and British Governments have waived tax payments, and many governments have exempted M.R.A. from currency restrictions, "as an investment", as one M.R.A. writer put it, "in the one ideology which can ensure the future of Europe".