

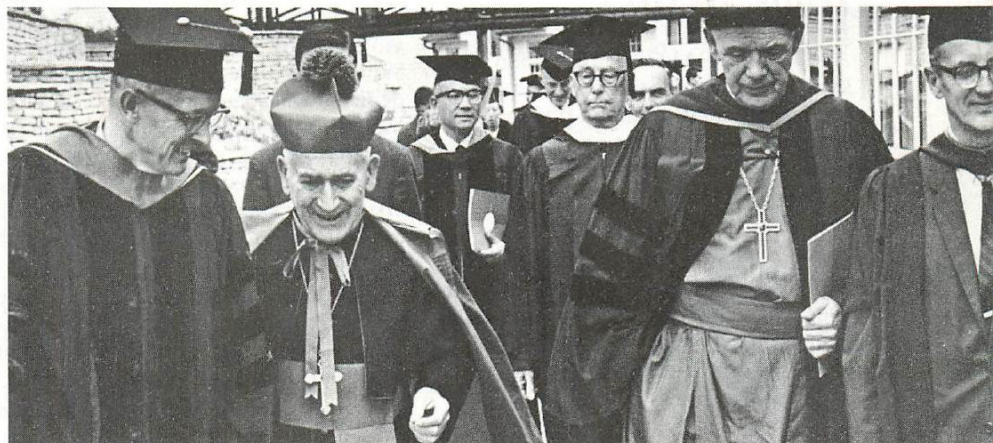


## COLLEGE WITH 'GIANT PURPOSE' OPENS IN USA

MACKINAC COLLEGE in the United States—a college aiming to give not only intellectual power but a giant purpose in life to its students— attracted nationwide attention in educational circles last weekend.

164 American colleges and universities were officially represented at the college's inauguration ceremonies. Among the 1,050 guests present were also men and women from the learned and professional societies.

The conception of the liberal arts college was Peter Howard's and the college library is named in his honour.



Opening of College. Left to right: Dr Douglas Cornell, College President; the Catholic Bishop of Marquette, Most Rev Thomas L Noa; the Anglican Bishop of Northern Michigan, Rt Rev George Selway and Basil Entwistle, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

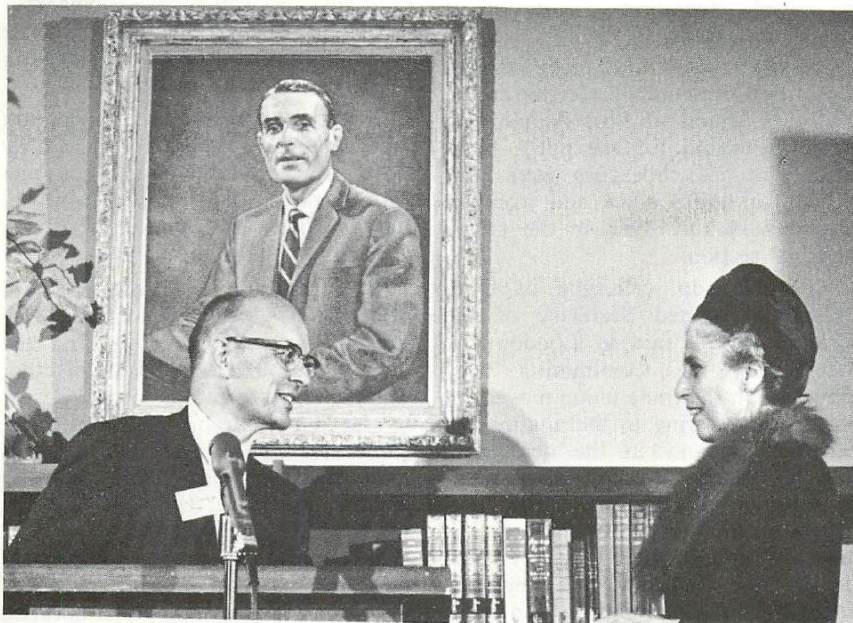
Basil R Entwistle, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the new college, said that students would go out from the college with 'a mature understanding of themselves and of the world in which they live, and a passion to create new motives in men, sanity in society and a giant purpose in the peoples of every continent. If that seems over ambitious or over bold, I can only say that I believe

most of the ills which plague us today have sprung from the small and timid demands which we have made on ourselves and our children.'

In his inaugural address Dr Douglas Cornell, first President of the College, said, 'Mackinac College is out to set a new aim and direction in higher education. How are men to build a world that works? How are they to prepare citizens with the wisdom, determination, and selflessness that is needed in such a world? How are they

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## 'THE KEY TO HIS LIFE WAS THE CROSS'



MRS PETER HOWARD flew from London for the inauguration of the College and the dedication of the Peter Howard Memorial Library. She presented as a gift to the library her husband's copy of *The Oxford Book of English Prose*, the Classical Prize he had won at Mill Hill. Dr Douglas Cornell gave her a key to the library.

Mrs Howard said that her husband's life 'stands on the kind of thinking you heard articulated in the films last evening (*Man to Match the Hour* and *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill*). I believe they will still be altering men's motives and helping nations find their true fulfilment long after we have gone.

'The key to his life was that union between God and man—the Cross. And I pray that all who work in this library will follow in his footsteps.'

# SOUTH AMERICAN DOCKERS REPORT:

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## from RECIFE

ANTONIO FALCAO, Brazilian docker, said in an interview in London last month that the first phase in the changing of the situation in the docks of Recife—the big port of North-East Brazil—had been completed.

Recife had been a port with a deficit accumulated over twenty years and of declining commercial value in 1961 due to strikes, theft and high commercial charges. It was now solvent and was regaining the confidence of shipping firms.

But there were still immense problems to overcome in Recife and the North-East. Recife was a town with an overpopulation of 400,000 due to the crowding in of people from the interior trying to escape the two-year-long droughts. Illiteracy in the interior was 70 per cent.

Falcao, who had been a member of the Communist Party for 18 years, said he and a number of other Communists had been confronted with the idea of MRA in 1961 when the play *The Tiger* visited Recife. As a Communist he had always believed the worse the situation, the better, and had worked for that. But at that time Falcao and some of his comrades decided to bring the spirit of MRA to the port and became constructive elements.

The Director of the Port said on TV that the change had come into the port through the most difficult men. His successor told Falcao and his colleagues, 'My door will always be open to you.' He arranged for the film *Men of Brazil*, which describes in detail the fight for trade union unity and corrupt-free practices in the Rio docks, to be shown to his executives in the port. The dockers showed it to other groups.

They put their ideas into a stage production. Recife audiences knew they were men who had fought with violence for what they had believed. With their wives these portworkers depicted on stage their experiences of hunger, misery and Marxism and the coming of the greater revolution of Moral Re-Armament. Later *El Condor*, a play produced by Latin American students, toured North-East Brazil.

'Confidence began to be created,' said Falcao. 'Shipping started to use the port again. Costs went down. Production went up. The 20-year deficit was paid off and there was a surplus.'

People asked the Director what had caused this change. He used to reply, Falcao reported, 'We eliminated five things; corruption, demagoguery, subversion, laziness and incompetence.'

## from MONTEVIDEO

DOCK WORKERS IN URUGUAY are campaigning strongly for a trade union leadership free from politicking and corruption, said a Montevideo portworkers' leader in London last weekend.

V Gonzales, President of the Crane Drivers in the Port of Montevideo said he and his colleagues had begun this campaign following a visit to a Moral Re-Armament conference in Rio de Janeiro on the invitation of Brazilian dockers.

Despite radio and press attacks from the Communist leadership in the National Union of Port Administration (the union for the port), Gonzales and his colleagues were proposed for union office and won the elections in July 1966 in the Crane Drivers' section.

S Maldonado, colleague of Gonzales and elected Secretary of the Crane Drivers, said in London last week that the Communists were powerful in the trade union movement in Uruguay owing to the apathy and lack of ideology in the democrats. But he added there was now rising 'a criterion of judgment in the port where men are judged by the way they live and not by the way they talk'. It was the first time an alternative ideology to Communism had been offered in Uruguay. Maldonado said

the Communists were extremely interested in what MRA was offering and interviewed them in the Marxist paper *Marcha*.

Gonzales and his colleagues showed the Director of the Port of Montevideo *Men of Brazil*. The Director asked them what they would like him to do. They replied, 'We would like you to enter into this spirit of change in attitude and practice and then the port could begin to function properly.'

With the backing of the Director, Gonzales and his colleagues arranged showings of the film for the leaders of the different sections of the docks. Strenuous efforts were made to prevent dockers from seeing the film but the majority of them saw it and 'had a great eagerness to learn more of MRA'.

Gonzales, Maldonado and Atilio De Bon, another docker, after their election to union office visited the then President of Uruguay, President Washington Beltran. They told him that social legislation without a change in men will not produce the change in the thinking of the country which the President said he wanted to bring about during his term of office. Maldonado said that corruption and bribery were rife on the docks. He had ended his own illegal practices so that he could speak with authority to other men in the port. He told the President, 'If you would enter into this change then you could talk about it with others. Otherwise legislation by itself will be of no avail.'

Gonzales, Maldonado and De Bon said they were invited to Europe by European portworkers and had met with dockers and union officials in Italy, Switzerland, France, Holland, Germany and Britain.

'When we got this invitation,' said Maldonado, 'we had to face two things. One was where to find the money for our tickets and the other was the leave from our jobs. We went to see Dr Beltran. He rang direct from his office to the port—a nationalised concern—asking them to arrange our leave. He said, "I know the work of MRA around the world." We were given two months leave with pay to visit the ports of Europe.' People in Uruguay and Holland raised the money for their plane fares.

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# L DOCKERS BOOK TY'S FINEST HALL

THERE WAS MUSIC in the hold of a ship at Avonmouth Docks last week. And it was not a transistor radio. Dockers loading the hold of a ship with building materials for the victims of the Turkish earthquake, were singing. 'A hundred per cent we are asking. A hundred per cent we will give', went the refrain. 'Whatever you do do it better, do it as long as you live'. It was a song from the revue, *It's Our Country, Jack!*, which they had seen the night before in Bristol.

The revue is the talk of the port, report the dockers. 'The cast should go to every port in Great Britain,' Jack Carroll, a leading docker, told a packed audience of 850. 'We must

'A lively musical show  
studded with forthright cameos'  
*South Wales Evening Post*



## CARDIFF

10 & 11 October, 7.30 pm  
Welsh College of Advanced  
Technology

## SWANSEA

14 October, 7.30, Patti Pavilion

## BRISTOL

15 October, 7.30, Colston Hall

## POPLAR

19 & 22 October, 7.45  
Civic Theatre

## NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

27, 28 & 29 October, 7.45  
Rutherford College of Technology

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Conrad Hunte, Vice-Captain of the West Indies Cricket XI (right) and the chorus of 'It's Our Country Jack!', seen in the mirror, sing to Port Talbot dockers in the lunch hour.  
Photo: Strong

replace the corruption, greed and selfishness in the docks with honesty, love and unselfishness. We must work together.'

He announced that *It's Our Country, Jack!* would return after a tour of Welsh ports to Bristol's largest hall, the Colston, on 15 October. An Avonmouth dockers' leader offered to organise the publicity for the occasion. Shipping employers, dockers, young and old, River Police, men from the dry docks, men building the Concord, university students and school parties were in the audience. Dockers' children were in the cast.

At the Welsh première performance this week at Port Talbot, Alderman W H Lewis, Mayor of Port Talbot, said from the stage after the show, 'We have received something tonight that can enable us to put our own country on the map as it has been once before.'

The Mayor said he had been criticised in certain quarters for his sponsorship of the show. 'The critics

should come here,' he said. 'This cast is welcome any time I am Mayor. If the critics wish to shoot me down, let them do it. I am at ease.'

In the audience were five Mayors in chains of office, national executive members of trades unions, management from the Steel Company of Wales and dockers. Earlier the Chairman and the Secretary of the Port Talbot dockers welcomed the cast.

The *Neath Guardian* wrote, 'Hundreds of our young men and women in four countries are rising up and and saying, "Have done with lesser things," and although having a vision of the future, are intensely practical. They say, "I'm alright, Jack!", is not good enough. "We love our country. It's our country, Jack!" And they have set about showing us what they mean.'



The Lord Mayor of Bristol, Alderman Cyril Hebblethwaite JP, receives members of the cast from Switzerland, Finland, Vietnam, Norway and Scotland Photo: Henderson

# Rajmohan Gandhi's petition upheld

AS THE *MRA Information Service* goes to press the Judge of the Mysore High Court, after the filing of an *habeas corpus* petition by Rajmohan Gandhi, ordered that the young Indian MRA full-time workers who are held illegally in detention, allegedly in their parents' homes, be produced in Court on 4 October (for background information on this, see previous issue of *MRA Information Service*).

Their fathers failed to obey the Court order and the Judge ordered that the young women be produced in Court, Thursday, 6 October.

## Rajaji's press statement

The *Indian Express*, 4 October, published a statement by C. Rajagopalachari, former Governor General and most distinguished elder statesman of India.

The article reported Rajagopala-

chari saying that he had the fullest trust in Rajmohan Gandhi's devotion to the cause he had taken up—of regenerating and restoring moral values as the basis of national life.

The *Indian Express* article continued, 'Rajaji (as he is affectionately called) hopes that the "graver issues behind the raid on the Moral Re-Armament in Madras" will be taken to a clear decision in the highest courts of the land.'

It further reported Rajaji as saying, 'If the older generation is armed with illegitimate power of the state executive to hold the younger generation in total custody and non-freedom, even after the attainment of legal majority, it would be fatal for progress.'

Commenting on the legal aspect of the majority of the young people concerned, Rajagopalachari was quoted saying, 'The law, having fixed the age of freedom for boys and girls, it would be wrong for the state execu-

tive to help the older generation to override this and prolong its custody and control of the young, particularly those who have received an education and are competent to undertake responsibilities consequent on unselfish devotion to causes beyond the selfish purposes to which the older generation is attached.

'The issue cannot be left where Mr Justice Ramamurthi (of the Madras High Court) has left it—to the bare technicalities of a procedural section.'

\*Mr Justice Ramamurthi earlier quashed an order of the Madras Chief Presidency Magistrate ordering that the young women come to Court with their fathers in Madras.

## African diplomat asks 'Will Indian Government back "India Arise"?'

AFTER ATTENDING the première performance of *India Arise* in New Delhi, the High Commissioner of an African country commented, 'This is what India needs. How can we get the Indian Government to back this as some of the African governments are backing it? We must make sure all our High Commission staff come.'

In the audience were senior Indian government officials, foreign diplomats, high ranking military officers and representatives from both Communist and non-Communist countries.

At the end of the performance many contributed money to help finance the show and Rajmohan Gandhi's programme in India.

The student body presidents of 14 colleges, some of whom had recently taken part in riots in the city, were present. The President of the Delhi University Student Union came with his executive committee and asked that a half-hour paid performance of the show be given at the university.

Mrs Vijaylakshmi Pandit, sister of the late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and former Chairman of the UN General Assembly, left her seat during the final reprise of the show and walked to the stage with a note inviting the cast to her home for tea.

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to train men to take responsibility for leading it? We believe that the effort to answer these questions is the new frontier for education in the final third of our century.

'Mackinac College has a strategy of education: to give not only knowledge and intellectual power, but heart, purpose and a relevant commitment to young men and women. We regard it as education's true and necessary role in the wave of the future. Humbly, courageously we mean to ride it.'

At the dedication of the Peter Howard Memorial Library, J Blanton Belk, director of MRA in the US, said Howard's realism, wit and humanity, singleness of purpose and giant scope of aim had 'caught the wavelength of modern youth.' Belk said, 'Peter Howard belonged to the world. When he died his influence was exploding in every continent. And we can only regard this college and library named for Peter Howard as a trust and commission for ourselves and for generations to come.'

Messages to the inauguration came

from Dr Konrad Adenauer; Governor George Romney of Michigan; the Michigan delegation in the US Congress; and the President of the National Academy of Sciences where Dr Cornell had been for 12 years Executive Officer before becoming President of Mackinac College. Ernst Reinecke, director of MRA in Germany, presented to Dr Cornell the first series of German literary volumes given by the German Government.

The inaugural invocation was given by the Bishop of Marquette, the Most Reverend Thomas L Noa, who stayed specially to see a performance of *Up With People* later in the evening. The final benediction was given by the Anglican Bishop of North Michigan, the Right Reverend George Selway.

The Directors of Moral Re-Armament in the US deeded the buildings of the MRA centre on Mackinac Island to the college. MRA will continue to use the buildings for assemblies during the summer. The college's charter of incorporation was granted by the Michigan State Board of Education in October, 1965.