

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

Caux-sur-Montreux, Switzerland, September 11.

MR. Piet Naude of Ermelo, Transvaal, addressed the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament here along with a group of Asian leaders. To date the Assembly has been attended by 4 155 representatives from 57 nations.

"The change in my attitude through Moral Re-Armament," said Mr. Naude, "began to effect one of South Africa's most acute problems, the relationship between white and black." He said he had been a hard man and had wanted to keep his Native workers down. There were many fights.

"Then I met Moral Re-Armament. I decided to refund some money to one of the workers. I told him I was sorry for the way I had treated him and said I wanted to work on the basis of a new relationship with the natives. I gave them better treatment and better food. Today

the prevailing shortage of labour on the farms is no problem for me. When I decided to apologise for my attitude and settle issues on a basis of what was right and not who was right, a new spirit developed. Moral Re-Armament shows how both white and black can live together in this new Africa."

"One of my country's problems is racial bitterness and division," said Mr. John Wise of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. "I have been part of it. I see I can help put it right by living Moral Re-Armament. If we live the absolute moral standards we shall succeed in building a new Africa."

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For the first time in Europe the anthem of the Bantu people Nkosi Sikeleli Africa was sung by a chorus from ten nations at the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament here. The entire

Assembly stood in tribute to the African people. The anthem was introduced by Mr. John Ngcobo, the Zulu concert singer, who told how he had rejected an invitation to the East Berlin Communist Youth Rally to being the song to Caux.

Mr. Bremer Hofmeyr of South Africa rose at the end of the anthem. He said, "This has moved me more deeply than anything else I know. It is the anthem of the African peoples and of the tremendous longing of a continent to know the voice of God. When black and white can learn to know God's voice that is real democracy. Africa today is offered both organised nationalism of the East and the disorganised materialism of the West. Moral Re-Armament is the answer to both."

"Caux is the great spiritual parliament of the nations from

which the moral leadership of the world is coming," said Mr. Arthur Baker, Chief of the London Times Parliamentary Staff.

Baker spoke of the "spectacle of a nation divided against itself." He saw in his country "this division which is not only political and economic, reflected in the war of ideas which runs right through the nations. On one hand there are men living on the basis of absolute moral standards and on the other, men living on a materialistic basis. More and more leaders of my country are turning to Moral Re-Armament for the moral leadership the country needs. In the hot spots of this ideological war, areas like the docks of Liverpool and London where subversive forces are concentrating, Moral Re-Armament is winning the battle"