

MRA

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The world situation depends on one thing:
how much time, heart, mind and money we give
to this titanic task of Moral Re-Armament.

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addressing the Caux Assembly on 17 July, 1961.*

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BRAZIL

HAMMER-BLOW FOR FREEDOM

'NO AREA IN THIS HEMISPHERE is in grimmer and more urgent need of attention than Brazil's North East,' said President Kennedy in Washington on 15 July.

On 16 July the 150-strong, 28-nation force, which has already been moving through the North East for more than a month, was flown by Brazilian Airforce planes over the jungle to Belem on the mouth of the Amazon. With them the Airforce transported nine tons of stage equipment, films and literature. These planes were provided by the Minister for Air following instructions from President Janio Quadros.

On 17 July General Ignacio Rolin, Commandant of the First Military Region, declared, 'The Moral Re-Armament offensive in the North East has been a

colossal hammer-blow for freedom. This massive offensive must continue until Communism is answered not only in the North East but throughout the whole continent. The student rioting in Recife could have sparked off a revolution by the peasant leagues, but Moral Re-Armament moved in at the decisive moment.'

A Brazilian official, summing up the campaign, said, 'There is no doubt that Communism in the North East has been shaken and thrown off balance by your offensive. They have tried to stop you reaching the masses, but you have deeply penetrated them. If you could multiply your trained force with more men, films and literature, you could sweep Communism off the face of this continent.'



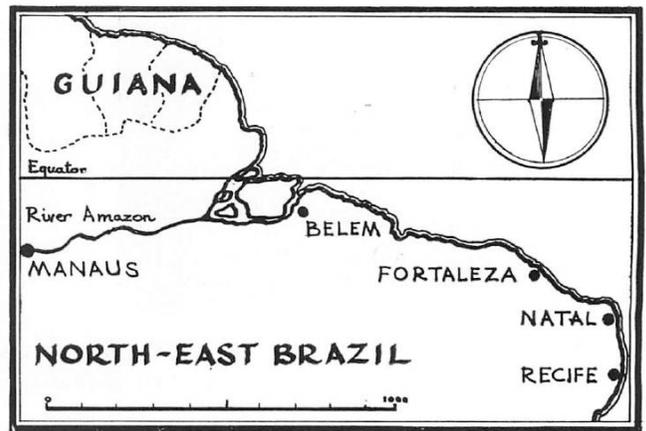
45,000 people pack Recife football stadium. The MRA demonstrations in Natal, Fortaleza and Belem drew similar crowds.

Al Kuettner, an American UPI correspondent, has been travelling with the MRA force in North East Brazil. This is how he described the situation:

‘The North East of Brazil is the southern flank of the Communist “hot-belt” that sweeps crescent-shaped from the Mexican border to Recife on the Atlantic shores of Brazil.

‘It is a land of huge sugar-cane plantations, poverty and unrest. For years Communism has entrenched itself in North Eastern Brazil, feeding on the bitterness and desperation of the populace. Francisco Juliao, whose advisers and closest friends are Communists, leads scores of peasant leagues in the area. These are styled after the farm organisations the Communists used to infiltrate and take over the mainland of China and Cuba.

‘You saw in North East Brazil in town after town a hunger, even among the Communists, for an idea to live by that was bigger than Communism, and you saw that the ideology brought to them by Moral Re-Armament was instantly appealing and challenging.’



BRAZILIAN OFFENSIVE

NATAL—10 JULY

40,000 PACKED the Natal football stadium tonight to see the Japanese ideological play, *The Tiger*. It was the largest crowd that the stadium—built to take 7,000—has ever held.

All day Brazilian Airforce trucks and jeeps from the base where the force is staying, have been touring

the town with loudspeakers and placards announcing tonight's showing in the stadium. One hundred thousand leaflets were distributed.

An hour before showtime, airforce trucks with camp chefs on board brought supper to the football stadium for the entire MRA force. Half an hour later the military

garrison, led by their band, marched in open order into the stadium. They were followed by an airforce and navy contingent. Giant searchlights swept the skies and the football floodlights blazed on to the pitch. Palm trees surrounding the grounds gave a tropical setting to this state capital, which lies only a short way south of the equator.

The Archbishop of Natal, Dom Marculino Esmeraldo de Souza Dantas, received the MRA force in his palace. He told them: 'MRA is fire from heaven to purify the earth. This is a great universal movement, of that there can be no doubt. God is in control of it. I am grateful for the respect you have for this great country of Brazil. MRA is a mighty army of the heart, intellect and will. Go ahead! God ahead! You are arming and preparing the world of tomorrow. I shall always remember this visit.'

A priest gave his hour-long radio programme so that some of the MRA force could speak over the most powerful radio station in Rio Grande de Norte. Today the *Diario de Natal* carries a full page of photographs and news of the force in the city, which the editor had requested as 'the greatest news my paper has ever printed.' This evening he invited



The cast of the Japanese play, *The Tiger*, plan together as they are flown by the Brazilian Airforce to their next stop

MRA to give an hour-long live radio programme over his station, which is heard as far away as New Zealand. Marshal Juarez Tavora last night spoke to the whole state for thirty-five minutes over this radio.

Tonight the Rector of Natal University and six student presidents of the university faculty gave a unanimous vote and welcome to the MRA force. The Rector, who attended the play in the stadium with his student presidents, said, 'The whole world urgently needs MRA. My students and I are fully with you in this fight.'

FORTALEZA—11 JULY

MARSHAL JUARES TAVORA received a hero's welcome today when he led the Moral Re-Armament task force into his home town of Fortaleza. F80 jet fighters of the Brazilian Airforce intercepted the Marshal's B25 bomber and C54 airforce transports and escorted them to Fortaleza airbase, where they were greeted by the Ceara State Governor and the combined officers of the army and airforce bases, and a guard of honour and military band. As an airforce battalion passed in review, an F80 jet squadron performed close formation aerobatics over the field.

The base Commander, Colonel Hippolyto da Costa, briefing the force in the operations room, told them that, 'The armed forces are united around our President, and with Moral Re-Armament we are against Communism and corruption. Your visit comes to us just at the right time to guarantee our future. I fight with you with everything at my command to win this battle in the North East.'

Two AP6 Harvard Trainers bombarded Fortaleza today with a hundred thousand leaflets announcing the arrival of Marshal Tavora with *The Tiger*. Loudspeakers gave the news in a public square. Three newspapers of Fortaleza carried eight-column, front-page banner headlines, 'Juarez Tavora arrives today in Fortaleza commanding the greatest revolution of his life—Moral Re-Armament—spearheading an answer



Eleven hundred sugar workers in Catende crowd in to hear Marshal Juarez Tavora, Rahmohan Gandhi and others of the 184-strong MRA force

to Communism in the North East'; 'Moral Re-Armament revolution destined to cure the ills of humanity'; 'Janio Quadros supports Moral Re-Armament.'

This evening the Governor gave a special two-hour reception in honour of the MRA force, which was followed by Marshal Tavora speaking to the whole North East over the radio and television, calling on the millions listening to him 'to clean up the nation starting first with themselves and their families and then taking it to the millions of the world.'

FORTALEZA—13 JULY

THE PEOPLE OF FORTALEZA turned out *en masse* in and around the Jose de Alencar Theatre to hear Marshal Tavora and the MRA force at the première of *The Tiger* tonight. The police battalion had to clear a long trail through the crowds outside the theatre for Governor Parsifal Barroso, the Mayor, Manuel Cordeiro Neto and the Commandant of the Tenth Army Region, General Barbosa. The Mayor, officially receiving the task force this evening, said, 'Only MRA can save North

East Brazil. Marshal Tavora brought this force at the time we most needed it. As we fought with the Marshal in the revolution of 1922 so we will fight with him in this new campaign.'

A guard of honour and military band playing Marshal Tavora's personal march, welcomed men and women of MRA to the headquarters of the Tenth Army Region. At a meeting attended by officers of the army, General Milton said, 'This is the most important meeting that has ever taken place here. What we need is an ideology to unite everybody in the country so that they can enter this fight body and soul now. We shall enlist together permanently in your campaign.'

The Archbishop of Fortaleza, Dom Antonio de Almeida Lustosa, who gave a reception for the force, said, 'The programme that MRA presents, with its focal point of a battle to answer corruption and dishonesty, is a programme which is eminently Christian. It realises the great ideal which the whole Catholic Church has desired—to bring about in man those characteristics which make the human being what he is meant to be.

'As a Bishop I will from now on

offer my personal prayers that God will continue to give you strength, force, courage and energy so that you can bring about a great re-organisation of the world with the magnificent principles of MRA.'

FORTALEZA—14 JULY

ARCHBISHOP DOM ANTONIO invited all clergy and nuns in the city to *Men of Brazil*, which he attended personally and said at the end that he was greatly moved by the film. He expressed his appreciation for the work the dockers are doing.

FORTALEZA—15 JULY

THE MRA OFFENSIVE in this strategic city reached its climax tonight as 45,000 men and women broke attendance records at the football stadium to see *The Tiger*.

Every seat in the stadium was filled, and crowds stood two and a half hours. Among the audience were thousands of military. Colonel Hippolyto, Commanding Officer of the Airforce Base, paraded a thousand men in full dress. Led by the Airforce band and a guard of honour, they marched around the field to open the proceedings.

BELEM—16 JULY

THE MRA FORCE was flown by Brazilian Airforce planes today over the Brazilian jungle from Fortaleza to this centre at the mouth of the Amazon less than two degrees from the equator. The 150-strong 28-nation task force with nine tons of stage equipment, films and literature, was shuttled to this area by C47 and C54 planes.

BELEM—17 JULY

THE FORCE were received by the Archbishop of Belem, Dom Alberto Gaudencio Ramos, who told them, 'It is with great sympathy that I have received your visit to this two hundred-year-old house. In my position as Chief of the Catholic Church in this ecclesiastical province, I cannot but express my happiness to see coming to North Brazil this group of people who are so interested in creating peace in the world.



R. Vaitheswaran, for six years a member of the Indian Communist Party before he met MRA in Hyderabad, finds it hard to give out the manifesto, *Ideology and Co-existence*, quick enough to the eager sugar workers of Catende

'You all know that Pope Pius XII dreamed so much, thought so much, and spoke so much about building a new world. The present Pope, John XXIII, has, immediately he became Pope, called an Oecumenical Council. This will be the first step for at least unity of heart of all believers. This cannot but be a great pleasure for all of us. Communism flourishes as a result of the moral deficiencies of people, and once you suppress the causes then the Communist danger will cease. I thank you for the honour of your visit.'

BELEM—19 JULY

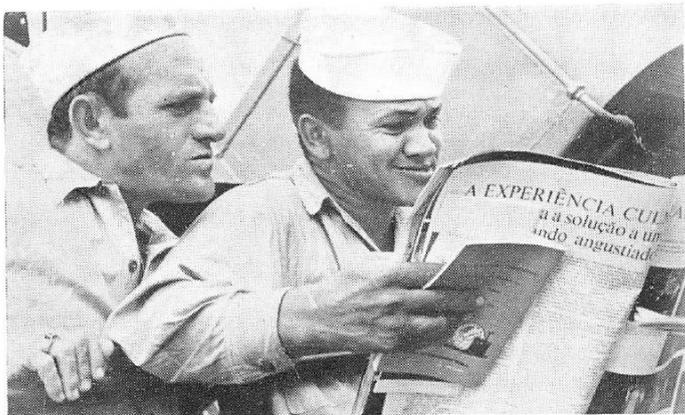
ALL ROADS AND PATHS leading to the floodlit football stadium outside Belem were jammed with people on their way to the MRA demonstration tonight. A newspaper editor said, 'The ideology of MRA has caught fire in North Brazil.' There was a crowd estimated at 40,000. At curtain time there was still a line of bicycles, buses and trucks packed with people and thousands walking the four miles from the city. The bands and battalions of the army, navy, airforce and military police were all massed on the football field in front of the stage.

Present were the Commander-in-Chief of the northern military region, the Commanders of the Navy, Airforce and Military Police, one hundred priests and nuns and the Japanese Consul-General. A Brazilian General said, 'Never before in the history of Brazil have the national colours and a military guard of honour led anyone but military personnel into action.'

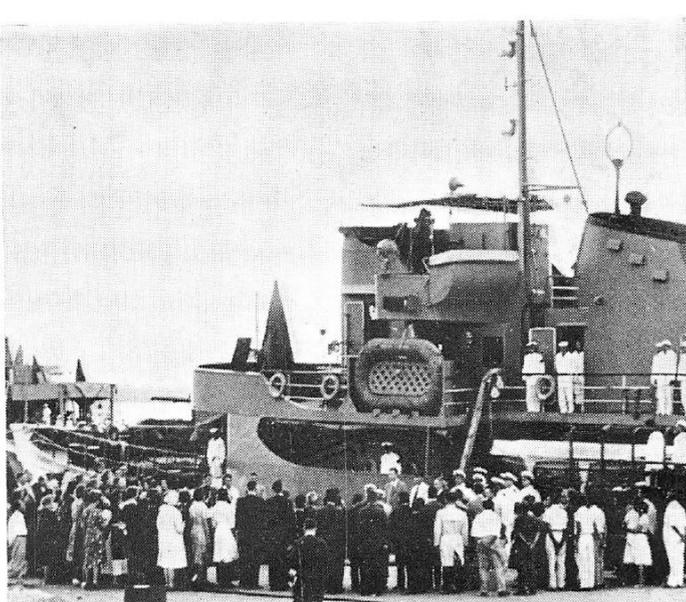
In a statement to a Belem newspaper, the Archbishop wrote: 'We would like the great public to go to the stadium to see *The Tiger* because Moral Re-Armament does not limit itself to a negative attitude against Communism or capitalism, but arouses the conscience to a return to the eternal standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. It is a bugle call of confidence in the supreme destiny of man, which should resound throughout the whole Amazon basin, awakening hidden talents, sleeping consciences and the stagnant forces for the great victory of goodness and virtue.'

BELEM—20 JULY

THE MRA FORCE prepare to move 1,000 miles up the Amazon to Manaus.



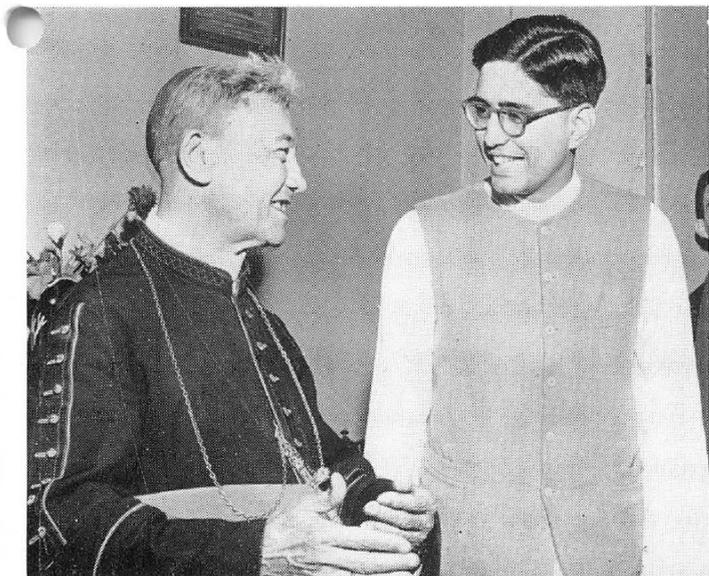
Sailors aboard one of the two Brazilian Navy corvettes, transporting the force, study the MRA Pictorial



The Brazilian Navy corvettes dock at Natal

NATAL

BRAZIL

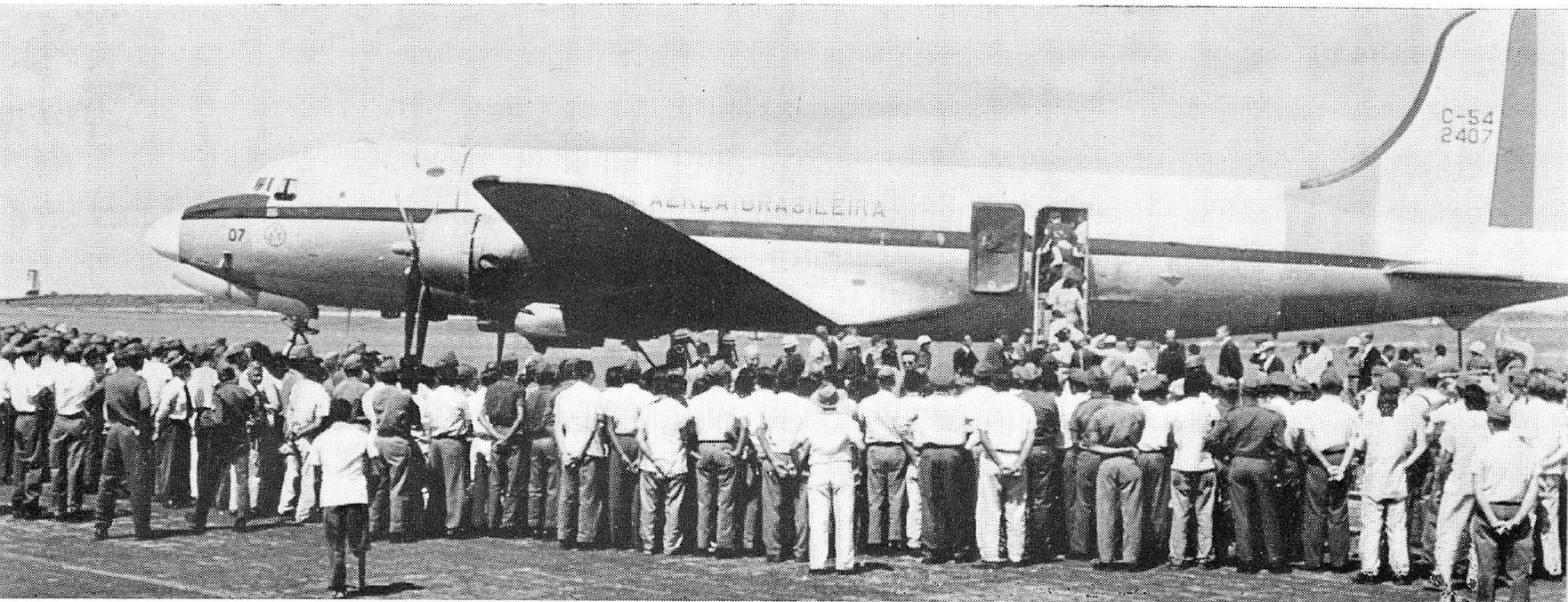


The Archbishop of Natal with Rajmohan Gandhi. The Archbishop said, 'MRA is fire from heaven to purify the earth.'



40,000 soldiers and citizens of Natal pack the football stadium for a showing of the Japanese play, *The Tiger*

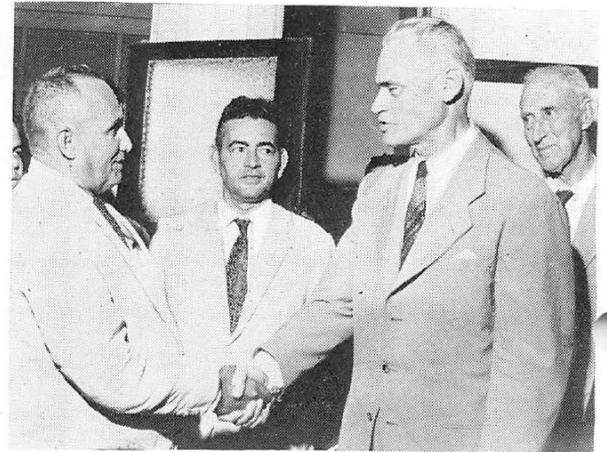
An advance party board a Brazilian Airforce transport plane which flew them from Natal to Fortaleza





Marshal Juarez Tavora arrives in his home town of Fortaleza by Brazilian Airforce bomber to lead the MRA offensive

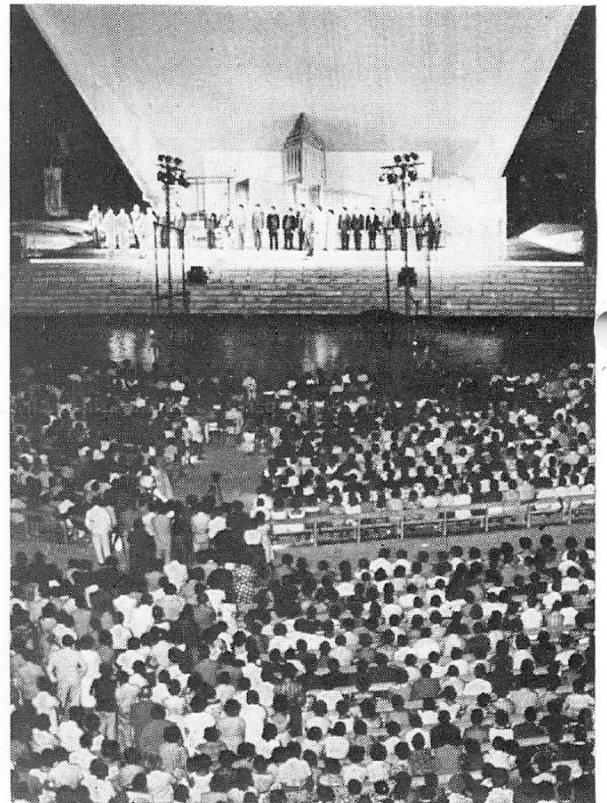
FORTALEZA



The Mayor of Fortaleza greets Marshal Tavora. He fought under him in the 1922 revolution.



Marshal Tavora and General Bethlem are received at H.Q., 10th Army Region



7,000 pack the ampitheatre of the University of Fortaleza to see *The Tiger*



The MRA international force join Brazilian airmen in singing the National Anthem at a parade at Fortaleza Airbase

Around the world

BURMA

RANGOON AIRPORT was a blaze of colour on 20 July as hundreds thronged to greet the delegation of five senior Buddhist Abbots returning from the world assembly at Caux.

As the Abbots, led by Sayadaw U Narada, Secretary General of the Presiding Abbots' Association, came down the steps of the aircraft, the crowd surged forward to meet them. A number of Elders of the Presiding Abbots' Association, and the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament were among the distinguished group who welcomed the delegation back from two months' journey abroad to six countries.

In the air-conditioned airport building the Abbots recounted to the crowd and the press some of the details of their time at the assembly in Caux, as well as their discussions with Dr. Frank Buchman, Chancellor Adenauer, Archbishop Makarios, Prime Minister Bandaranaike, President Rajendra Prasad and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Over 200 monks gathered to greet the delegation. They had come in special buses, some two and three hundred miles from monasteries at Taunggyi, Mandalay, Bassein and Henzada, to welcome the senior Abbots under whom they are serving.

Prime Minister U Nu received the delegation. They told him of their plans to bring MRA to the country through a moral change in people.

ICELAND

THE HEAD OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, the Chairman of the Popular Front, the Catholic Bishop, the Rector of the University, and the President of Rotary were among the country's leaders who attended the première of *The Crowning Experience* in Iceland.

An international MRA force, which included Professor Eiliv Skard of Oslo, James Dickson, member of the Swedish parliament and Chamberlain to the King of Sweden, and Max Bladeck, former German Communist leader, have been in Iceland.

They spent four hours with the Island's President and two hours with the head of the Communist Party. They met with the head of the TUC, who has just led a five-week strike which paralysed the country. The Mayor of Reykjavik told them, 'We need the ideology you have described.'

The national radio gave wide coverage to their visit with the film. *Morgunbladid*, covering 90 per cent of Iceland's newspaper readers, carried Dr. Buchman's latest speech, *Brave Men Choose*.

Danish citizens are making available 25,000 copies of the MRA Pictorial to cover every home in Reykjavik and its surroundings.

WEST INDIES

THE PRIME MINISTER of the West Indies, the Rt. Hon. Sir Grantley Adams, was guest of honour at a special showing of *The Crowning Experience* in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on 21 July. Also present were the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Legislative Council, the Mayor, with cabinet ministers, members of parliament and councillors.

As he left the cinema the Prime Minister said, 'They told me this was an excellent film. It is past excellent. It is the most marvellous thing I have ever seen in my life. I think hundreds of thousands should see it, particularly at this time and in the West Indies.'

The Mayor said, 'It should be shown throughout the territories. It shows exactly how people should live together without thought of race. It shows how to start from scratch and realise there is a God and how to resist Communism.'

A taxi driver who slipped into the show said, 'This is what the ordinary people in their hearts long for.'



General Milton (centre) welcomes the MRA force to the headquarters of the Tenth Army Region

CAUX - A GLOBAL STRATEGY

The world assembly for Moral Re-Armament is in session through the summer. It is being attended by statesmen and ordinary men and women from five continents. Every day it deals with the world issues in the headlines—and the issues behind the headlines.

SOUTH AFRICA

THIRTY-EIGHT SOUTH AFRICANS from African, Afrikaaner, English and Coloured communities are attending the assembly. Chairing a session at which the South Africans addressed the assembly, Bremer Hofmeyr, whose family have held six cabinet posts in South Africa, declared, 'Two hundred million Africans would rather have Communism than South Africanism today. Unless we live an idea big enough to win the whole continent, we are not dealing with reality.'

One after the other the South Africans dedicated themselves to that idea. C. J. Claassen, a Supreme Court judge and Justice of the High Court of the Transvaal, said that he had decided at Caux 'to become, live and remain a Christian for the rest of my life. I have accepted the absolute moral standards of Moral Re-Armament and to follow the guidance of God wherever it may lead.' His son, Gert Claassen, announced his decision to give his whole life 'to restore for the selfishness and soft life of us South Africans which has caused so much harm around the world. I feel deeply the situation in my country and in Africa as a whole. The only answer is to give everything to back up this fight for Moral Re-Armament. I have decided to spend my whole lifeworking with this force.'

Johan van Rensburg, formerly a member of the Afrikaaner organisation, Ossewa Brandwag, of which his father was the head, declared, 'Many Afrikaaners like

me have hated British imperialism for so long that we have become blind to our own immoral character. It makes us fight the wrong battle of colour instead of the right battle for character. We play into the hands of the Communist strategy for the continent and the world. Here I faced the harm that has caused to the lives of people and of nations. Our policy must now be based on Moral Re-Armament. I dedicate myself to that fight.'

Militant African leader Philip Vundla, recently elected spokesman for the 600,000 Africans of Johannesburg, said, 'I will stand with any white man who will lay aside all concern for reputation and position to take the ideology of Moral Re-Armament to Africa.'

RUANDA-URUNDI

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL of the 750,000 people of Ruanda-Urundi living in Uganda, speaking at the assembly on 20 July, called for an end of the bitterness against the Belgians in his country. Ruanda-Urundi is a trust territory under Belgium.

Manasseh Gahaya Haje-Gashegu told how through seeing a Moral Re-Armament film he had become reconciled with one of his most bitter enemies—the Belgian Vice-Consul. 'My people said he would poison me. Instead he welcomed me,' said Gashegu.

'My people learned from the Belgians to drink and to practice homosexuality,' he went on. 'I felt there was nothing that could come out of their religion. I went out



Johan van Rensburg



Philip Vundla

to preach a religion of Africanism—"Africa will be saved by Africans."

'I came to Caux. If the Europeans had told me Communism was bad I would not have believed them. But here I learned from the Chinese of their bitter experience. I knew I had to choose. I decided that I must take the ideology of Moral Re-Armament to Africa. I must go among people and revolutionise them morally. I am devoted to that service.'

FREE CHINA

THE FORTY EIGHT MEN AND WOMEN of the Free Chinese delegation massed on the platform at Caux on 17 July as former Prime Minister General Ho Ying-Chin conducted a session of the Caux assembly.

Dr. Hollington Tong, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington and Tokyo, said, 'The world situation depends on one thing: how much time, heart, mind and money we give to this titanic task of Moral Re-Armament. Those statesmen who advocate neutrality and refuse to take a moral stand based on the absolute moral standards of MRA are in the enemy camp.'

The Chinese diplomat and journalist particularly addressed his words to the Italian delegates. He said, 'I was alarmed to hear from an Italian priest here that his country is forty-five per cent Communist. I warn you that the only way to prevent that forty-five per cent becoming a menace to Italy is to adopt the ideology of MRA as soon as possible. Then the non-Communists will see what is right and wrong and be able to change the Communists.'

He used the example of China to emphasise that 'neutrality in Asia is pro-Communism and expediency

is the most harmful policy.' 'In 1936 the Communists had an army of 10,000,' he said, 'and Mao Tse-Tung and Chou En-Lai were preparing to go to Russia as refugees. Then came the war with Japan. The 10,000 offered their services and were accepted. After eight years of war the Communists had half a million regular soldiers and one million irregular. Russia moved into Manchuria and gave the weapons of 300,000 Japanese to the Communists to conquer China. Our leaders had no insight because they lacked the absolute moral standards of Moral Re-Armament.'

'The hour is late for Italy. If it is not to follow in the steps of China, the ideology of Moral Re-Armament must be taken as speedily as possible to the rank and file of the country.'

IRAN

GENERAL MOHAMMED NAKHDJEVAN, a former Minister of War of Iran, said at Caux, 'This ideology of Moral Re-Armament is a matter of life and death for Iran. Only Moral Re-Armament can fortify Iran from attacks from within and from without.'

Referring to the state of emergency just declared in Teheran and to the Government's decision to send youth for training in MRA, General Mohammed Nakhdejevan said, 'This government has been taking decisive steps to eradicate corruption. There can be no defence against Communism without dealing with corruption, because that is the road by which Communism advances. The best possible defence against Communism and corruption is the ideology of Moral Re-Armament. The future is going to go to the country with the strongest ideology.'



Dr. Hollington Tong



Fifteen Iranian teachers have been sent to Caux by their government for two months

BRITAIN MUST DECIDE

UNDER THIS HEADLINE, full pages in *The Times*, in the *Daily Mail*, which has an estimated readership of 8,700,000, and in provincial papers throughout the country, gave to the nation the sweep of the offensive in Brazil and announced the new run of *The Crowning Experience* in London, Doncaster and Clydebank.

Day by day letters have been pouring in from readers of these pages, eager to enlist in the greatest ideological offensive ever to be launched in Britain. One reader of the *Daily Mail* wrote, 'I am instantly inspired by a realisation of the need and wisdom of Moral Re-Armament and should immediately like to enlist.'

At a public meeting for Moral Re-Armament in Worthing Town Hall 670 people heard Alderman Harold Frampton, a former Mayor of Worthing, declare that everyone now knew that Britain faced a serious crisis. What was needed, he said, was to take the answer through Britain on the same scale as in Brazil.

An editorial in the *Barnet Press*, with a wide circulation in north London, commented on the full page. It concluded, 'The real issue is this: here is a large army made up of people whose personal standards of life are a challenge to the commonly accepted modern standards. In the last thirty years or so they have aggressively carried that challenge into almost every country in the free world.'

'It is a challenge that is as great to the Marxist materialism of the Left as it is to the soft materialism of the over-privileged and the casual compromise by which most of us live.'

'Supporters of MRA claim that a Britain morally re-armed can lead the world into a new era of unity, prosperity and peace, which is the God-given heritage of the millions of every nation.'

'Can Britain afford not to give such a lead? This is the simple question that many are asking, and one that all are entitled to put to their political representatives, whether they be Left, Right or Centre.'

DONCASTER

IN THE LAST WEEK 5,500 people have seen *The Crowning Experience* in Doncaster, heart of the Yorkshire coalfield. In this area are some of the largest coal mines in Britain. The full page *Britain Must Decide* has gone to a total circulation of 40,000 through the *Doncaster Chronicle* and the *Doncaster Gazette*. 60,000 homes in the area have received the MRA Pictorial.

The Yorkshire coalfield, the richest and most important in Britain, is the focus of a fierce ideological struggle. The target, in the eyes of world Communism, is the voting power of the 119,000 men who work in its mines. This would give the Communists complete control of the National Union of Mineworkers.

One of the key figures in the struggle for control of the coalfield said after seeing *The Crowning Experience*, 'This is the world I want. I want it for my children. We have got to put right what is wrong. I will give my life to bring this to the world.' Among those who have seen the film are miners' leaders from the twelve collieries in the area.

The President of the Colliery Overmen of Great Britain said, 'So far people have not taken Communism seriously. But they are beginning to see that they must decide. This film gives them the alternative.'

The Crowning Experience opens at the Globe Cinema, Barnsley, on 14 August.

LONDON

AN EXTENDED RUN of *The Crowning Experience* opened in the Westminster Theatre last week. At the première were members of both Houses of Parliament, civic leaders, men and women from London's business and commercial houses, and students from many nations.

Night after night hundreds stayed long afterwards, planning how to apply the message of the film in their lives and in the country. Many came as a result of reading the full pages in *The Times* and the *Daily Mail*.

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