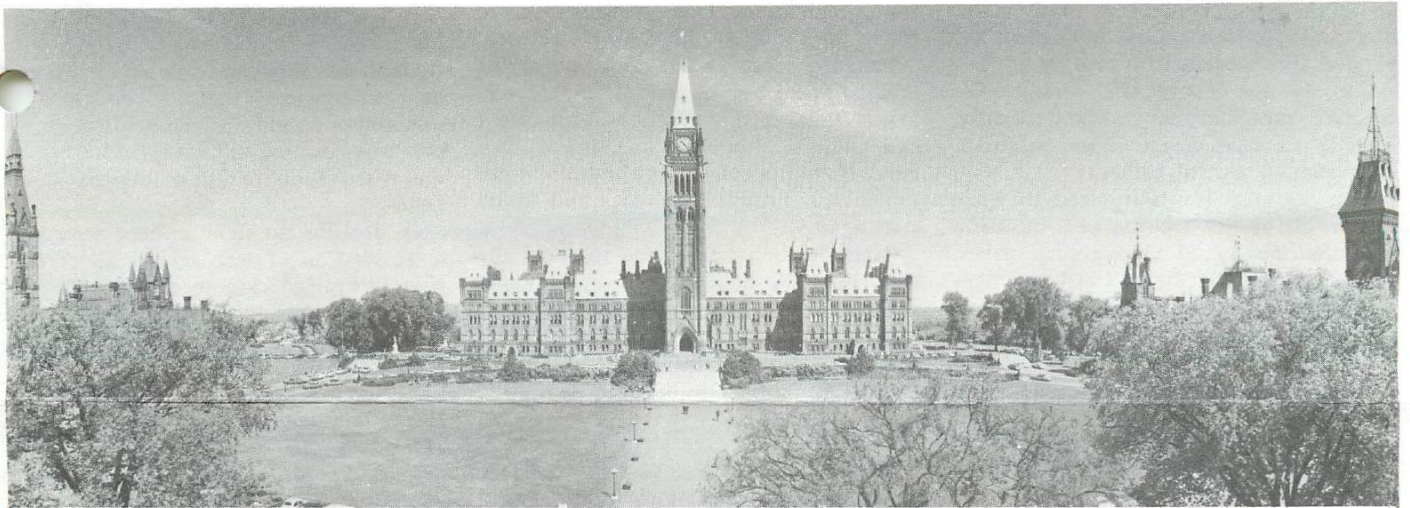


Canadian Election: Open letter to candidates

The following letter is being given to party leaders, election candidates and the press, together with a copy of Peter Howard's book *Design for Dedication*—an analysis of the basic issues in our society. The first letter was presented to the Canadian Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau. The letter was issued from a national assembly for Moral Re-Armament in Montreal.

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The Houses of Parliament, Ottawa

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Election time is the time to rethink our national purpose. Without this purpose, national problems such as inflation cannot be solved. To conclude that not much can be done is not good enough. To make vague promises is disappointing. Those who promise that inflation can be licked without sacrifices by everyone are unrealistic. Let us not underestimate the people of Canada. At heart we are a generous people, and many are ready to make personal sacrifices in order that our children may have a better world. Don't be afraid of asking whatever is necessary to solve our urgent problems.

A country's greatness does not depend on its size or population but on the quality of its leadership. We respect leaders who have the courage to tell the truth and to call for the necessary sacrifice. We respond to leaders who look beyond their constituency, party, group interests, in order to be free to tackle the real problems of the nation and help meet the needs of countries desperate for aid.

Is it not our role in the world to share more effectively our food, resources, wealth, brains, heart and faith with those facing starvation and economic collapse? It may mean that we have less so that others have enough. Inflation is costly for us, but it is a matter of life and death for others. Only a Canada free from the domination of selfishness and ruthless materialism and led by God-inspired motives can help avert a world catastrophe from which we would not escape.

Let us strike against bribery

Under this headline 'The Ethiopian Herald' carried the following letter

IN MANY OFFICES, bribery is as common as the paper on the table. Many of us keep quiet about it, in case our own wrong dealings are exposed in any investigation.

But we all agree we do not want bribery, nor do we see it as inevitable. So why has it spread so widely? We speak of change in the nation. But the deadly evil of bribery is still deep-rooted, and unless it is ended we will drift back to the old ways again.

Where bribery comes in, courtesy and politeness go out. 'Wait' is the only answer you can get. And for months, and even years, people wait. Many suffer because those who should help them are blinded and hardened by bribery.

Can we not destroy this enemy? We can. We have had many strikes recently. Now let us each decide to go on strike, everlastingly, against bribery!

It is starting. I was inspired to write this article by the decision of a businessman that he would stop giving bribes. He was honest that he had bribed judges and others, so that he would win his court cases—and has many court cases! Now he has stopped, and has decided to be part of the cure to corruption rather than part of the disease.

I also know a customs officer who used to take bribes. He stopped it when he accepted the principle of Moral Re-

Armament that change in ourselves is the start of building the just society. I know others, including senior men, who have made the same decision.

And look at the Addis Ababa courts. There are far less cars there than there were in the past years. I was told by a senior official that it is because, now that bribery is being attacked, cases are being resolved much more quickly. That means that people can now return to their villages quickly, and get on with making a living.

I used to bribe. I remember being stopped by a policeman for violating traffic regulations. I didn't want to go to court. So I offered him \$10. He refused. When I added \$5 he took it, saying that he would be a good friend to me. I was miserable with myself, because I had thought I could stand against bribery. Now I could not say anything until I decided firmly, 'Stop it, and don't start again!'

That decision helped me to resist the next time. A policeman found my car parked in a 'No Parking' area. My friends urged me to bribe him. I told them that I would rather pay \$100 fine than bribe the man a single cent. Because I had made a decision, I was not even tempted! Three days later I paid \$10 in the court. I was glad in my heart.

We need a national clean-up of cor-

ruption if we are to bring real change to our nation. In the magazine of the Technical School last year, the student president wrote, 'The motto of our school is absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love.' I believe we must make them the motto of the nation. We can find the strength to live them as we start to live by God's guidance—the voice in our hearts that tells us to do what is right.

Amazing things happen when we do that. A man came one day to sell me some things I needed. He said that he had been given them, and he asked so little that I could afford to buy. But before I decided, I took a moment to listen to that inner voice. A thought came to my mind, 'If people stop buying like this, there will not be so many thieves.' I told the man I could not buy.

A few weeks later I saw this man being taken by a policeman, charged with theft. I was shocked to think what might have happened had I bought materials. Would I have tried to bribe my way out of difficulty? God saved me when I obeyed that thought in my heart.

A decision to fight bribery would be a declaration of war against all corruption. As we decide to satisfy only our need, and not our greed, we will save our time, our money and our energy. And create the country we want.

Negussie Asressie

We are indebted to 'The Ethiopian Herald' for the use of this and previous articles by Mr Negussie which we have reproduced in 'New World News'.

'Song of Asia' in Vietnam

The Minister of Education, Ngo Khac Tinh, speaks before the performance.

The Prime Minister (centre), General Tran Thien Khiem, arrives with Cabinet colleagues for the Saigon premiere of this Asian musical.



photos: Rengfelt

From the editors

A new national wage agreement has meant that the cost of printing *New World News* has gone up 13% backdated to 1 May. At the same time paper costs have risen sharply in the last few weeks and postage goes up shortly.

We do not want to – and we will not – pass on our extra costs to subscribers. But we do ask your help.

Some, valuing the service, may like to make contributions to cover the increased costs. These would be most welcome.

All could consider who else should be getting *New World News* regularly. You may like to give or sell a subscription to friends, associates or someone in the national life of your country.

Why not act this week?

'An adventurist call'

Report on Panchgani conference

THE STUDENTS of Gujarat and Bihar have arrested the attention of the nation by their agitation against corruption and inflation.

A more fundamental revolution 'begins when we have the common sense and courage to start our revolt with ourselves'. With this conviction Bombay students called a conference - 'Exploring a new way' - at Asia Plateau, the Moral Re-Armament centre in India. Braving the hazards of uncertain transportation caused by the nation-wide railway strike, delegates came from all over the country.

'I have found here an adventurist call which I as a young man could not fail to respond to,' said a medical student.

How to pay more

Another student, Dale D'Mello, had recently paid back money to the Railways for travelling without tickets. Reporting this to the conference he said, 'If everyone paid their fares, the Rail-

ways could afford to give more to the striking employees.'

Fifteen came from Khatau Mills, Bombay, a large textile mill which has sent delegations to previous conferences. Gajanan Sawant, who has started a wave of honesty and clean living in his chawl (workers' colony) came again, this time with fellow workers.

Drinking, with its consequent ill effects such as violence, is a big problem in the B D D chawls of Worli, Bombay. Recently they have been rocked with riots in which many have lost their lives. One man from there spoke of his decision never again to touch a drop of liquor, and instead to give all his wages for home expenses.

A delegation of three came from Bangladesh. Daudur Rahman, deciding to get rid of hate in his own life, said, 'Our liberation struggle is over, but fighting has not ended. Now we have to fight against poverty and corruption.'

Of the four African students who were

at the conference, two came a fortnight early to help at the Asia Plateau Farm. One of them, a Nigerian, said, 'I believed violence was the only solution to the problems in my continent and I wanted to join the liberation armies in Southern Africa. But I have decided now to give up violence and to fight a moral revolution.'

Two special occasions during the conference were an Open Day at the Farm in which local farmers and Government officials participated, and an Education week-end when teachers and students from the schools of Panchgani joined the delegates in discussions and seminars.

Each day, visitors came in their hundreds to learn about MRA.

Passionate dedication

Shri N G Goray, MP and veteran Socialist leader, came to the conference after recent talks with the Prime Minister about the Railway strike. Discussing with students he said, 'You have come here to find a new path. In the independence struggle everything in our lives was subordinated to the one goal of liberation. We were ready to sacrifice. You must be prepared to dedicate yourselves equally passionately for what you believe in.'

Addressing the concluding session, Dr Khamphay Abhay, Minister for Health, Laos, said, 'MRA has an important role to play in the world, especially in our society which concentrates on material things but does not pay enough attention to the spiritual element. In the context of a new Laos MRA has its say.'

●HOPE FROM PRETORIA? was a headline in *The Ethiopian Herald* over 1,000 word report on the Pretoria Assembly.

●PRINTS of 'Who is to govern Britain?' and 'The Mosquito Armada' are now available printed back to back price 2p each, 50 or more at 1p each (postage on 50 is 20p).

●GIRLS' BRIGADE World President Margaret O'Rourke, in a recent talk in Salisbury, Rhodesia, said, 'I saw a most remarkable film the other day. It was called *A Man for all People* - it is a true story. In it, three Afrikaans Nationalist Party students from Pretoria University come face to face with Christ and they longed to put right what was wrong. They wanted to atone for their former distrust and hatred. They were led to look for the most rabid African Nationalist and went to apologize to him for hating his people. They found Dr Nkomo, a man of passionate nationalism. They said they were sorry for the way Whites hate the Blacks. This so profoundly moved Dr Nkomo that he too gave his life to Christ and in his turn repented his hatred of Whites. He spent the rest of his days working for

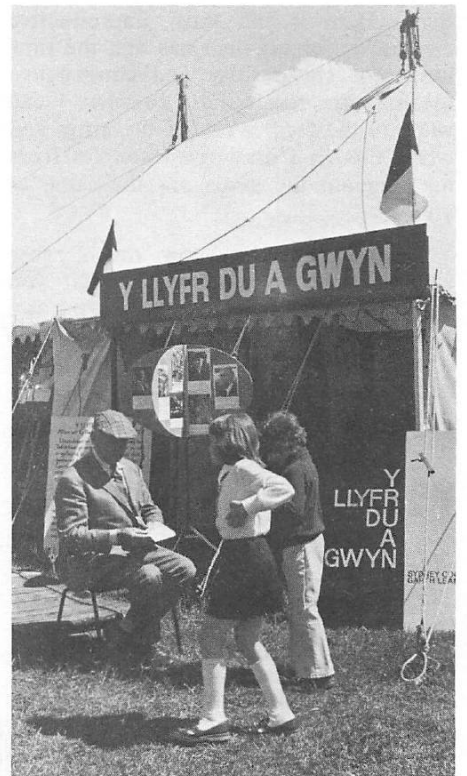
the reconciliation between all men in South Africa. He was indeed a builder of peace.'

●THE EMIR OF KANO and a party last week saw the film about *Caux Crossroad of Nations* at 45 Berkeley Square, London.

●THE RT REV Seth Kale, Bishop of Lagos, gave a report to the Anglican Synod on his recent visit to South Africa to attend the Moral Re-Armament International Assembly in Pretoria. After outlining his experiences in South Africa and Swaziland, he showed the MRA film *Voice of the Hurricane* to the Synod delegates.

'The Black and White Book' tent at last week's Welsh Youth Eisteddfod at Rhyl in North Wales. The Welsh edition of 'The Black and White Book' (Y Llyfr Du A Gwyn) has a foreword by R E Griffiths, the retiring director of the Urdd, the Welsh youth movement. He writes, 'This is a book for everyone, but for young people especially. It discusses those topics that cause them perplexity and mental confusion so often. It shows how new men can create a new society. In a word, this is a book that could revolutionize the whole world. It is a challenge to all of us - in black and white.' 7,000 people attended the Eisteddfod.

photo: Browne



An Israeli Sergeant writes from the Sinai front

Dear friends,

I received *The Black and White Book* today from a very good friend of mine in Norway. I have read it once and will read it over and over till I can soak in all of its contents. Though my faith is not that of Christ and I am an observant Jew, I still believe in what you are doing and would like to be a part of 'Moral Re-Armament'. The first thing I did after reading the book was sit down and listen. I have listed for myself some goals, their objective being first to repair my own vessel and then to see how I can help and influence others. I believe (and I'm sure you agree) that our God is a common and that He is the source of energy for *all* of us.

The times in our country and in this area have been difficult. I am in the Israeli Army and have just lived through a cruel war. The situation now is hard with Arab oil pressure, prisoners in Syria and the usual internal problems. I want you to know that I do not hate the Arabs as a people or as individuals. I did not hate them before the war, nor do I hate them now. I am distressed at the way our prisoners are being treated in Syria but it does not make me hate them. Hate is the most unproductive and useless object man has and the time has come for positive and constructive ideals. I am resolved to do what I can while in the framework of the army and when, though I draw my resources from my religion, the goals are the same as yours.

I would like to know much more about Moral Re-Armament and if you know of people in my area who I can contact. I hope eventually to visit the centre. I believe in what you are doing and consider myself a part of all of you.

Wishing all of you the best always and a beginning of an inseparable bond-ship.

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The Great and Wise Rabbi Hillel, asked to teach the TORAH in one sentence, replied: 'LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF'.

New American independence

Report from Richmond

OVER A HUNDRED PEOPLE responded to a call from educators, artists and business and professional people to meet at an assembly in Richmond, Virginia, and learn together how to make democracy work. These people were certain that they could not leave democracy to government any more than they could leave Moral Re-Armament to others.

Here at the mouth of the James River Captain John Smith landed in 1607, and here in 1776 the Commonwealth of Virginia declared its independence. A British diplomat spoke at this 1974 gathering of the golden opportunity we now have to find a new independence from the domination of such false gods as materialism, self-fulfilment and other people.

Mayor Bliley of Richmond welcomed the guests from sixteen states and six countries and warmly invited them to return.

The Assistant Superintendent of Schools and the Vice-President of Virginia Union University attended meetings. Melvin Law, Chairman of 'Citizens

for Excellent Public Schools', chaired a session on education.

After living for three days with delegates of different ages and races, a young teacher from Miami said that he had received a glimpse of the new world that we want to build and that he had 'proof positive that it's practical'. He also spoke of his decision to live unselfishly and take responsibility in his area and the world.

The wife of a former Vietnam prisoner of war said that absolute moral standards were helping her to mend her marriage.

A group visited Governor Godwin and discussed with him integrity in government and loss of faith in leaders.

Muriel Smith sings

An African Ambassador was so moved by what he saw at the conference that he wants to use the films and books of MRA.

Songs and music, some of it written for the occasion, reached a climax when Muriel Smith ended a concert with 'The world walked into my heart today', a song from the film *The Crowning Experience* in which she stars.

In the final moments there was a challenge to any who wanted to make democracy work and to remake the world under God to come to Caux in Switzerland, where people from all over the world would be meeting this summer.

Dr Will Chapin

AMERICA'S OLDEST DAILY

The Alexandria Gazette

'ALEXANDRIA'S OLDEST BUSINESS'

Established February 5, 1784

The Road to Moral Rearmament

The Alexandria Gazette, America's oldest daily, and 260 other papers in the United States have carried an article entitled 'The road to Moral Rearmament'.

The article, by syndicated columnist Holmes Alexander, starts, 'While Europe writhes, as does the United States, in the torment of political crisis and class warfare, the continent is being swept by a countermovement - Moral Rearmament.'

'My office has been visited by British, German and American delegates of the Moral Rearmament worldwide organiza-

tion. It is a Love Thy Neighbor evangelism, not ordinarily my cup of tea, but brimming with hope, tangy with courage. "Let us stop attacking each other," is the message, "and start attacking our problems."'

After referring to the statement 'The Mosquito Armada', the half-page advertisement in British papers, Alexander goes on to describe the relevance of such ideas in dealing with 'the root causes of the American malaise'. He concludes: 'Moral Rearmament, by whatever name, can happen here. And it better had.'