

Pretoria speakers at M.R.A. talks urge co-operation with Indians

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“A WORLD IDEOLOGY built on honesty and purity, lived personally, nationally and internationally, will produce the next great movement of history,” said Mr. Bremer Hofmeyr, of South Africa, summing up the session of the world assembly of Moral Rearmament at Caux-sur-Montreux on Saturday.

Dr. Frank Buchman was in the chair, when speakers from India, Japan, East and South Africa, Britain, France and Germany spoke on Moral Rearmament as a “superior ideology to Communism, above party, class, race and personal advantage.”

Turning to newly arrived delegates from India and Pakistan, Mr. Nico Ferreira, a student of Pretoria University, said: “By my attitude I played an active part in dividing the world. Today I want to apologize to the East. I always saw you as my enemy, but now I know you are my brothers and that we are fighting together for a new world.”

The Rev. J. Driescher, a Dutch Reformed Church minister from Pretoria, told how he and a colleague had been attending a number of conferences in Europe.

“Everywhere,” he said, “we met with criticism of South Africa, so naturally we defended it. At Caux, however, it was different.

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“When we met no criticism or judgment I changed, and guidance has come to me that I must be willing to share with Africans and Indians in building a better South Africa.

• Any compromise on absolute standards produces confused relationships. Our problem in South Africa is not political, but moral. That is where Africans, Indians, English and Afrikaners can meet on a positive moral basis.”

Among other speakers were Mr. Jerry Vera, African welfare superintendent from Bulawayo, and Mr. Charles Rubidge, a sheep farmer from Richmond, in the Cape, who spoke with his wife and daughter.