

at a glance

UDI FOR BRITAIN

Playwright Alan Thornhill last week addressed the London Rotary Club. Referring to a number of American Rotarians present he said: 'Do we need now another Declaration of Independence, not only in the United States, but in Britain also? Independence from shoddy standards both in workmanship and in living; from false values and muddled wishful thinking; from vandalism, terrorism and anarchy; from excuses and blame; from apathy and the spirit of "who cares?"

'The signers of the original Declaration put their necks on the block when they signed. "Under the protection of Divine Providence we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honour." If we intend our nations to remain free, can we today offer less?'

PRINCIPLES OF NURSING

More than 500 African delegates to the Congress of the South African Nurses Association attended showings of the films *Freedom* and *A Man for All People* in the gold-mining town of Welkom, in the Orange Free State. The delegates were appointed representatives from hospitals all around South Africa.

Joseph Ralepeli, Secretary of the Goldfields Branch of the Nurses Association, who had invited the MRA force to show the films, said: 'Nursing is a vocation. A nurse is a person who has answered a call to preserve life and to alleviate suffering in mankind. Because

a nurse is in contact with mankind during the time of distress caused by disease and injury more awareness is needed of the nurse's role as being in the service of God. The role of a nurse therefore calls for dedication and absolute moral standards in life—honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. These are the basic principles on which every true leader should base his or her leadership and a nurse being an indisputable leader in each community should be an example.

'To build a healthy nation we need nurses of all races united under this objective as leaders who will shape the future of our country and the world. Bitterness and arrogance against one another can only destroy us and our wonderful call.'

The film evening was on the programme as part of the week's Congress. Large quantities of MRA books and pamphlets were sold and requests were made for further film shows.

FRUSTRATION REPLACED

The *Troy Times Record* (New York) carried earlier this month a thousand word report on the recent conference at Banff, Alberta. Frank Sherry writes, 'Confrontations and violence between North American Indians and whites are again drawing headlines on both sides of our US-Canadian border. But the welcome that Alberta Indian Chiefs gave the Moral Re-Armament Conference for US and Canadian partnership at Banff in the Canadian Rockies carried a message of hope replacing frustration.'

CANBERRA FILM SHOWS

In the dignified setting of the theatre of the National Library in Canberra, 150 people gathered earlier this month to see *Belfast Report* and *What Are You Living For?* The films were in-

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ANY QUESTIONS?



Schoolchildren from Steffisburg's primary and secondary schools crowd round Mama, the story teller in 'Song of Asia', to ask questions after a school matinee. The cast gave two performances in this Bernese town.

photo: Rengfelt



WELSH STAND

Rev E H Griffiths, co-editor of a new booklet 'Beth fydd llas Cymru?', holds a copy of it, outside a stand at Wales' National Eisteddfod. With him (r to l) are Mr Christodoulides from Cyprus, Mrs Tipoki and Mrs Porteous from New Zealand, and Mrs Christodoulides. 288 copies of the booklet were sold as well as copies in five languages of 'The Black and White Book' ('Y Llyfr Du a Gwyn').

Architect for God

'BUNNY' AUSTIN launched his new book, *Frank Buchman as I Knew Him* at the Assembly. The book is published by Grosvenor Books (£1).

H W Austin, one of England's greatest tennis players, worked closely with the late Dr Frank Buchman from 1938 until his death in 1961.

'Someone called Buchman "one of God's great prophets",' Austin told the 540 people present. 'A prophet is a man who sees deeply into the problems of the world and at the same time is not content with diagnosis. He architects an answer. And that is what Frank Buch-

man did.

'Buchman saw that if democracy were to survive it must discover its own ideology, an ideology born out of the great moral and spiritual heritages of the nations and capable of uniting all God-fearing men and women in a battle to establish a new God-architected world.

'In this book, I have tried to show every facet of a remarkable man.'

In introducing the tennis star, James Hore-Ruthven, from London, told of their meeting a policeman at Wimbledon this year. 'Cor blimey, you was an 'ero, wasn't you!' said the policeman on recognizing Austin.

'Bunny Austin has been persecuted for his convictions,' said Mr Hore-Ruthven. 'This is a courageous man's book about a courageous man.'

'Bunny' Austin autographs copies of his book



'Stop the vertical slums'

A BRAZILIAN LEADER of thirty favela communities (slums), told how 300,000 people had been rehoused in Rio de Janeiro. He underlined the need to develop the new spirit they had found, if the horizontal slums were not to be replaced by vertical ones.

Luiz Pereira was speaking after the world première of a 35 minute audio-visual production, *Build on Solid Ground*. The production shows how change in men and their motives led to change in the social conditions of hundreds of thousands of slum-dwellers, through a constructive dialogue with the government. Pereira and most of the favelados he represents have been rehoused in new low-cost housing.

Pereira said, 'For many years society abandoned us. We spent 23 years in the favelas. Feelings of bitterness and revolt filled our hearts. We always blamed others, but we realised we could become responsible for our own future.'

He continued, 'There is much still to do, to re-house others, and to maintain and develop the spirit of community. If

we don't do this work, the horizontal favelas will be replaced by vertical ones.' He concluded, 'This spirit is at work not only in the favelas, but all through Brazil.' He echoed the hope expressed in the last sentences of their slide-story, that 'this show will be used to give hope, and evidence of God's miracles across the world'.

'We are not saints,' added Pereira's wife Edir, 'but ordinary people who've set our hands to a giant task. We must create a world where such horrors as these slums are no longer possible.'

The Pereiras are part of a remarkable team, uniting dockers, housewives, a general, workers and businessmen, who are working together to bring a moral and spiritual revolution to their country and continent.

Leonardo Lima, one of the dock-workers who carried the ideas of MRA into the favelas, noted, 'God has used the dockers and the favelados - outcasts - to make his revolution. We will win, because we're building on a solid foundation - the change in our own lives.'

In a message to Mrs Peter Howard the Pereiras wrote, 'There are some who, as they pass through life, leave their mark on history for the benefit of all

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men. Peter Howard was one of those. He put up a fight for us three times, in Rio, Recife and Fortaleza, to write the story of our favelas. Thanks be to God, it's now done!'

Multi-racial play is 'strong stuff'

THE PLAY *Britain 2000* was presented to the Assembly. The cast includes families of Indian, West Indian, British and Nigerian origin. The play deals with the hurts and hates engendered in multi-racial Britain, and points the way to a purpose in which all races can unite.

Alec Smith, of Rhodesia, spoke at the end of the play: 'I come from a country where racial conflict is costing the lives of many people every day. In Rhodesia I believe we must find the answer that we've seen portrayed here. The real problem lies in the hearts of men. That is where change has to come. We cannot legislate for it. Only when we each face up to the reality of the situation - which the people of this play have - will we find the answer. That is the challenge for me in my country if we are going to get anywhere in answering the divisions that are causing our war now.'

'This play is strong stuff. Perhaps that's what's needed to shake us out of our attitude of sleepiness into an attitude of reality.'

'It's God's oil,' says Scot

A CAST from Aberdeen, Scotland, presented Peter Howard's play *The Ladder* which deals with the forces that control a success-centred man, and the cross that frees him to do what is needed for the nation. The cast has already presented the play eighteen times in Scotland.

The play was introduced by Sandy Cook, an Aberdeen agriculture student. 'In Scotland there are people who are committed to reviving old hurts and bitterness against the English and the land-owners, and using this bad feeling for their purposes,' he said. 'One purpose is to break Scotland from England and prepare the way for the creation of a Marxist-type state. They use the theatre. So while they travelled with their show, we travelled with *The Ladder*.

'The oil discovered off Scotland's coast

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has been a mixed blessing. Being a relatively poor country we didn't want to share the oil with anyone, and we have resented others, especially Americans, who have come to help us develop the oil.

'We feel it is God's oil, not just Scotland's oil, and we believe that God can show us the best way to develop the oil and use it for the benefit of mankind.'

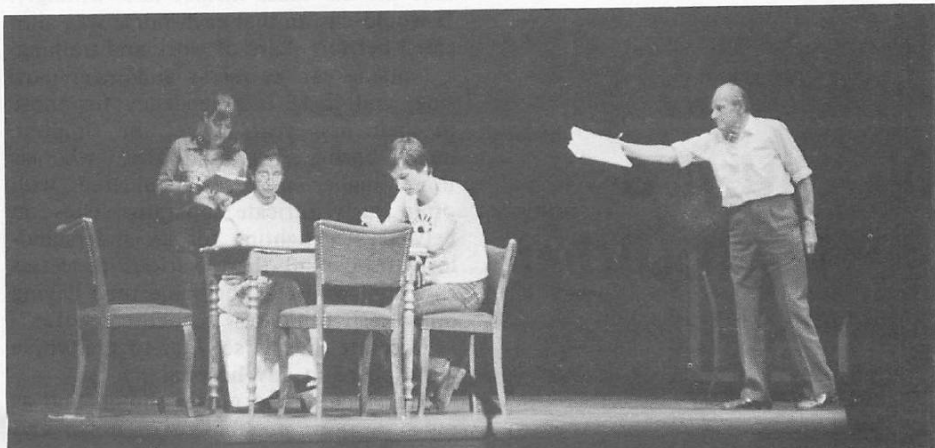
No contracts through bribery—could Swiss give lead?

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT and others involved in the political life of their countries met last week in a special session of the Assembly. Delegates came from twelve countries and included European, Asian and African politicians.

W Sauser, MP, former Chairman of the Protestant Party of Switzerland, spoke with other MPs on the question of 'freedom today'. 'Moral standards must come to the forefront in our work,' he said. 'We Swiss pride ourselves on our freedom. But the most free democratic system is of no use if people only use it for their own advantage. Political freedom must never be a ticket to corruption.'

Speaking with him Pierre Spoerri, a Director of the Caux Foundation, said: 'Switzerland could set a lead by pro-

Creative workshop



David Stuart, a Scottish actor (right), helps with the staging of a scene by the creative workshop
photo: B Almond

claiming that we will not use bribery to get contracts in Africa and Asia. Could we Swiss who are here say this in our boardrooms? It would do more to preserve freedom than all the speeches we make about it.'

Two German Federal Members of Parliament, Adolf Scheu of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and Dr Otto Wulff of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) spoke together. 'It is hard for us to work for understanding with the other party among our own group,' said Herr Scheu. 'But that we tread this difficult road is a small demonstration of freedom.'

Councillor John Pate of Sheffield, England, a County Councillor, also spoke of the need to stand for what is right, giving examples from his work in local government. 'It is not a personal matter,' he said. 'It is a fight for the maintenance of law and order—even if they are unpopular laws—without which anarchy will take over. And a fight for the freedom to vote according to your conscience, refusing to accept dictator-

ship. It involves the whole business of freedom and parliamentary democracy that is vital for my country and Europe.

'My experience is that if we have the inner freedom to do the right thing, the mass of ordinary people respond.'

A Korean Member of Parliament called for his country to 'become a bridge of goodwill in Asia'. Taek Har Kim, MP, who is also Director of the Korean Institute for Re-unification and Diplomacy, spoke of MRA teams active in hundreds of high schools, colleges and universities in Korea, and continued, 'But we have our eyes fixed not only upon the immediate and parochial needs of our country. We want this movement in Korea to be linked to the broader activities and aspirations of our brothers and sisters throughout the world community. Korea wants to become a bridge of goodwill in Asia, and to become a torch bearer for world Moral Re-Armament.'

He concluded, 'We in Korea seriously believe MRA to be a historic mission entrusted upon our generation. In this spirit, we are devoting our best efforts.'

Egyptians welcomed in Britain

THE EGYPTIAN student delegation which attended the Caux conference has just been visiting various parts of Britain.

They were guests of the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Cammell Laird Shipbuilding Company, of the President of the Liverpool Cotton Association at the Liverpool Cotton Exchange, and of the General Manager of the Export Production Division at the British Leyland Longbridge Motor Factory in Birmingham.

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Egyptian students on the terrace at Mountain House, Caux

photo: Rengfelt

Not just a soft shoulder

by Barbara Gray

Student nurse

I HAVE DECIDED to fight for a new society inside my hospital, as well as outside it. I have thought out what living MRA in a hospital really involves, and as a result have made several decisions.

Firstly, always to take adequate time in the morning to find out what God's plan is for the day, and be willing to give up any of my own plans if God has a different idea.

Aims

I thought of what I am aiming for in the hospital:

When there was absolute honesty, it would mean that the doctors and nurses would have the courage to tell a patient about his condition, if this seemed right. Staff would fight for one another to become the people that they were meant to be, instead of joining in the all too common temptation of talking about others behind their backs.

Absolute purity in hospital would mean that the staff would not seek attention for themselves, but instead would only have the interests of the patients at heart.

Devastated

When I have found the answers to my own impurities, I am in a position to help my friends find the same answer. Many young people of my age are living with their boy-friends, and certainly nurses are no exception to this. Life for them seems to be a continuous social round, but I have noticed that they are becoming cynical and are devastated when the break-up comes. They find that the person with whom they have been sharing all they have, does not care any more, and has found someone else.

I do not aim to be just a soft shoulder for them to weep on, but instead I hope to find out what went wrong and why, and illustrate how free I feel because I know that God has the right plan for me regarding marriage. That is the greatest security I can ever want or need.

Absolute unselfishness means that I take on the most menial task willingly. It would ensure that each nurse was allocated her fair share of work and training.

Nursing can be messy and sheer hard slog, and there is a tendency for those in their first year to get the simplest, most boring responsibilities, whereas those higher up are shouldered with often fairly intricate apparatus. Those in between are fighting for an understanding of how all these various processes function, whilst at the same time having other responsibilities to take care of.

Absolute love is so vital to the whole atmosphere in any hospital.

The doctors and nurses should find as much time as possible to sit down and talk to the patients, explain any quandaries, and be there to comfort and to give courage.

Feelings and needs

So many of us only choose to talk to the patients that we like, but absolute love means caring for those who are not always friendly, for they have feelings and needs too. It means caring for all of the staff, whatever grade, colour or age, making friends with them, and this would help build a happy, relaxed, though responsible atmosphere on the ward.

Since thinking through these ideas, I have tried to apply them, and have found that it has made a complete difference in my attitude to my work. I am learning to forget myself, and care instead for others, and I hope and pray that, some day, policies like these will prevail throughout the hospitals of Britain and the world.

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roduced by Kim Beazley, Federal Minister of Education, and Jim Beggs, President of the Melbourne Branch of the Australian Waterside Workers Federation.

Both men spoke forthrightly, from their own experience, about the availability of God's guidance and of the far reaching results of obedience to it.

In the audience were diplomatic representatives of twelve countries, including the Ambassadors of Greece, Laos, Ireland and Egypt, and the High Commissioner of Malaysia. Others present included senior public servants, representatives of education and the armed services and a group from Canberra's Irish community.

The principal of a large boys' school wants to use the film *What Are You Living For?* in his school where violence is one of his main problems. His pupils regard it as one of their rights. So he is searching for a way to answer their natural inclination to violence.

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delegation is composed of fifteen specially selected students from different universities.

The Egyptians were given a reception at Tirley Garth, in Cheshire, where an MRA conference is in session and where they were welcomed by the President of the students at Liverpool University.

An Egyptian student who still had shrapnel in her arm following a bomb incident told the 150 people present that she had lost her hatred and now saw those responsible in a new light as people with needs.

One of the audience who has spent many years in the Middle East said that this new note was the missing factor that had eluded many politicians: 'On this basis a new settlement in the Middle East is possible.'

The delegation spoke of the impressions of Britain and of the World Assembly at Caux where they had spent ten days. Sherif Mohammed, dental student from Alexandria University, said, 'MRA fills the gap between religion and its application in life.' Several students spoke of their amazement at finding people in Europe living and fighting for a moral and spiritual revolution for the world.

Prosperity

Ibrahim Desouky, student of English in the Faculty of Education, Tanta University, said that he felt that the west had built up its civilization and wealth at the expense of other countries, but that all countries should work together for the prosperity of all human beings.

Ala El Ezaby, student of agriculture, Cairo University, said that the greatest thing he took away from Caux was hope. He said 'I had no hope. I felt Europeans thought only about themselves. I found hope at Caux because I met Europeans there thinking of other countries and feeling the suffering of others.'

Several students said that during their time at Caux they had come to see that they were responsible for bad relationships in their families and wanted to put them right when they returned. Manal Haidar said, 'When I return to Egypt my mother will be astonished. She will think it is someone else.'

Albert Ingram, a foreman at British Leyland's Longbridge Plant, travelled from Birmingham to meet the group. He recalled that exactly a year earlier, Miss Prestwich, who gave Tirley Garth for the work of Moral Re-Armament, had received some of last year's party of Egyptian students a short time before her death. He paid tribute to a 'frail, yet dynamic lady' who had by her life demonstrated that a capitalist can change.