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Arab initiative:

Faisal gives audience

KING FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA received an MRA delegation in Riyadh last week.

'I want to extend to you our gratitude for what MRA is doing in the world,' he said. 'If man turns to material things and forsakes the things of God, the whole world is doomed to disaster.'

'The Prophet clearly explained that man was entitled to expect well-being in this world and also in the next if he held to moral principles, but that disaster would follow if he abandoned them. With God's help my country will play its part in this work.'

King Faisal said he wanted the leaders and youth of Saudi Arabia to attend Moral Rearmament assemblies.



Air Vice Marshal P E Maitland, CB, CBE, MVO, AFC, led the delegation.

Cairo TV shows film

ON THE SAME DAY AS THE MRA force was received in Riyadh, the United Arab Republic TV presented *A Man to Match the Hour*, the film on the life of Peter Howard.

It was shown on a popular channel with a potential viewing audience of three million.

The Deputy Director, Hamdi Hafez, introduced the film in Arabic and recalled that Howard had led a delegation of 150 to Cairo at the invitation of the President. He said, 'We all know we need to be re-armed morally. The level of character is a matter of universal concern.'

Sudan leaders plan



STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND tense debate in parliament dominated Khartoum last week as her leaders gathered at the residence of Sayed Abdullah El Mahdi to plan for the Moral Re-Armament of the nation.

Sayed El Mahdi, spiritual leader and member of the Supreme Council of State, quoted the Prophet's words: 'Gather truth wherever it may be found.' MRA must be applied to our needs,' he said.

The film, *A Nation is Marching*, describing Rajmohan Gandhi's revolution in India, was presented to the

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Ten 'Sing-Outs'

AMERICANS PLAN more *Sing-Out '65's*. 'Rusty' Wailes, Olympic Gold Medallist, speaking to an audience of 7,600 at a performance of the musical in Denver, Colorado, said, 'We want ten Sing-Outs by January 1966.'

In California Negro students from riot-scarred Watts and white students from wealthy San Marino are combining to create a cast. Plans are also going ahead for a southwestern cast. *Sing-Out '65* has been seen by 70,000 in ten days in that part of the US.

A new breed

The Rocky Mountain News, Denver, wrote, 'They (the cast) seek to present a new breed of young Americans who want to be responsible for the future of our nation and put the energy and flair and guts of youth into tackling the social and economic issues facing our country and the world.'

At an Air Force Academy performance, 2,500 gave a standing ovation through eight encores.

In Boulder, hundreds of Colorado University students stayed on to talk with the cast after the final curtain.

Governor John Love of Colorado told the 180-strong force, 'You are in the tradition of the great fighters for freedom. If freedom is to be preserved each generation must win it again.'

The chain reaction goes across the nation. Harlem Negroes and Puerto Ricans, trained at the Mackinac Demonstration this summer, presented *The Ladder* by Peter Howard to the leadership of Harlem and of the International Longshoremen's Union in New York.

KTKT Radio, Tucson, Arizona, broadcast an hour's feature on the work of Frank Buchman and Peter Howard.

A US production of *Through the Garden Wall*, starring Reginald Owen, has been presented in Los Angeles.

at a glance

PERTH 3,000 school students in the capital of Western Australia have seen *Voice of the Hurricane* in school hours.

LONDON *Building for the Future*, Kenneth Belden's address to the Westminster Theatre Forum, has just been published (1s 6d post free).

PARIS Jacques Chaban-Delmas, President of the French National Assembly, attended a performance of *Through the Garden Wall* in Paris last week. The play's run has been extended to 31 December.

KROONSTAD *Voice of the Hurricane* is being shown in the Orange Free State, South Africa. The *Northern Times* describes the idea of the film as 'an inextinguishable light which only the ignorance or intellectual arrogance of men keeps dim.'

The film has also opened in Eshowe, capital of Zululand. 'Those who say "it can't happen here" should see this film for the encouraging answer it gives to a problem which many declare to be "insoluble"', wrote the *Zululand Times*.

BOMBAY Father Balaguer SJ, head of Jesuit education in India, spoke at the training camp in Panhala, India. He told the youth, 'Get into the orbit God has given you. You have a job to do in life. It may be big or small in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of God anything He gives is big.'

SAO PAULO A Franciscan nun, active in the 'march of the family for liberty with God' which triggered Brazil's revolution in March 1964, has arranged a showing of the film *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill*. She says, 'This film is the crack of the whip to our consciences.'

BOMBAY Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod is described by the *Sunday Standard*, Bombay, as the 'most remarkable woman to visit India in the last few years.' This week the 87-year-old Chief of the Clan MacLeod is inspecting the site of the MRA permanent training centre at Panchgani.

PARIS 50% more houses will be completed this year in Holland than two years ago. Architects and builders inspired by MRA had contributed to this, reported architect Van Randen at a housing conference last weekend in Paris.

Opening the conference, Paris architect Marcel Banoun said that the Moral Re-Armament of men was needed as well as the modernisation of techniques if Europe's housing needs were to be met.

ESSEN Kurt Mueller-Graf, one of Germany's leading actors, now in *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill*, said, 'Peter Howard gives clear and credible answers. He shows unsentimental and acceptable solutions which are ours if we really want them.' He compared Howard with Shaw, Strindberg and Ibsen who attempted to influence society through their plays. Howard's plays provide, he said, 'the most important and positive factor in the battle of ideas of our time.'

PORT OF SPAIN A Caribbean student cast performed *The Ladder* in the Trinidad capital on the initiative of the mayor. A British Guiana cast is planning to perform the same play in Georgetown.

NORWICH An Exhibition illustrating the life and work of Peter Howard will be held in the City Library, Norwich, from 6-11 December. Feature and documentary films will be shown during the week.

SUDAN LEADERS PLAN (continued)

guests. They included the Secretary and three members of the Supreme Council of State; the Ministers of Information, Health, Labour and Communications; the Grand Qadi, a senior law officer; the Speaker of Parliament; the Chief of the Foreign Office and younger officials. 'This is sheer common sense,' said one minister. The Information Minister requested the film for television. 'We hope to welcome Mr Gandhi here,' said a member of the Supreme Council.

Leaders of all four southern Sudanese political parties sat together at a showing of the films, *Freedom* and *A Man to Match the Hour*. The showing was given by the Minister of Animal Resources, Hon. Buth Diu, in the garden of his residence.

NAIROBI One month ago Geoffrey Craig, 20, of Milngavie, Glasgow, flew to East Africa. He left his metallurgy studies at Strathclyde University for a year to work with MRA. This week he sent us the report on page 3. It is the second in the series 'Young Britons Abroad.'

GOTHENBURG Kenneth Belden, Chairman of Trustees of the Westminster Theatre, has been on a speaking tour of Scandinavia. 'In the hands of the right dramatists good might prove even more shocking than evil and a great deal more interesting,' he told an audience.

MONTEVIDEO A Brazilian workers' delegation arrived here last week in a move to help promote in Uruguay the type of economic recuperation achieved recently in the ports of Rio de Janeiro and Recife. Invited by Montevideo portworkers, they brought a message from Brazilian colleagues including the Traffic Director of the Port of Rio.

The message reported that the monthly income in the ports of Rio and Recife had been doubled. 'This economic recovery was reached through the principles of MRA and the participation of some of us who are in key positions,' the message stated.

The delegation were interviewed on national TV. They also addressed a conference of the Communist-controlled National Teachers' Association and a meeting of foremen, apprentices and workers in a dock repair shop.

The southern member of the Supreme Council of State, students and sportsmen from secondary schools evacuated to Khartoum were present.

'This is an historic evening. We just never meet on common ground. Tonight will be a start,' said the secretary of one party.

In his introduction to the films, Minister Buth Diu said, 'Unity and a common aim among us Southerners will be an effective challenge to the men of the North. The Sudan's destiny is to be the keystone in the Afro-Arab world.'

Party leaders requested further showings for their followers. Students, including two members of the national basketball team, stayed until midnight discussing and planning further action.

Round Lake Victoria

2,452 mile safari—report from Geoffrey Craig

AMID THE HUE AND CRY IN the continent, students in East Africa are planning the 'demonstration of an aim for Africa'.

Six of them have initiated a conference in Kenya for a thousand youth from all over Africa. It is a welcome act when there is so much talk about unity, but so little positive action.

Three weeks ago they asked a young Englishman, Gerald Henderson, and myself to visit schools in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda to broadcast the aims of the conference and to invite students to participate.

On 2 November we roared off down the road north in a station wagon loaded with sleeping bags, projector, films and books. At Kericho, centre of the Kenya tea estates, we bumped off the tarmac and slithered up to the secondary school, our first stop. That was the last long stretch of tarmac we saw until Mbarara, in Uganda, 1,500 miles later.

We reached Homa Bay on Lake Victoria just as the sinking sun burnished the hills with gold. I imagined what the first missionaries must have thought when they first saw the third largest lake in the world.

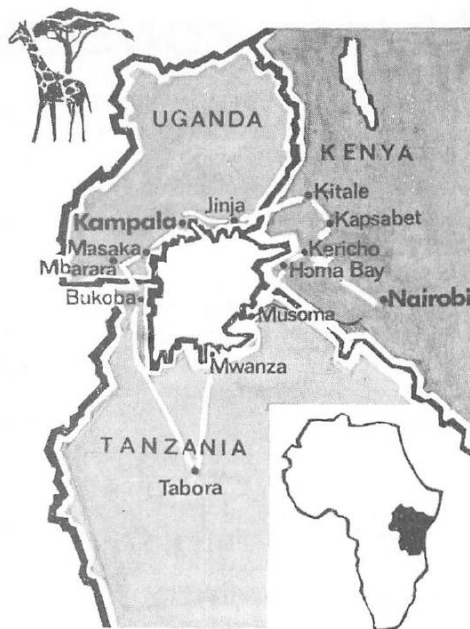
Railway concession

At all the 41 secondary schools, colleges and seminaries we visited, there was a great interest in the conference. Students, worried about transport costs to Nairobi, were relieved to hear that the East African Railways have granted a special concession rate to those travelling to the conference.

Our second day took us over the border into Tanzania. The country slowly changed from intensive agriculture to sun-baked hills. On the way we collected a puncture, a broken exhaust pipe, and a load of dust. Our car was ferried across the Mara river by half a dozen singing Africans pulling a barge across with a wire rope.

Next stop was the lake port of Musoma. Then on to Mwanza, on the southern shore—a large centre and railhead. We stayed the night at a hostel. The mosquitoes had a good feed, though we kept possible malaria at bay with daily doses of Paludrin.

In Tanzania the Minister of Educa-



tion has given official approval to the conference and the Regional Education Officers helped us in each town.

Our resources were depleted the next day when we had to buy a new exhaust pipe, tyre and inner tube. The garage manager gave us 20% discount when he heard of the conference; even so, we watched the pennies carefully. Lunch each day consisted of coffee, Ryvita and bully beef.

The next leg of our journey took us 250 miles south to Tabora. This is a well-known educational centre. Many of the country's leaders studied at the Tabora Boys' Secondary School. We spent a day and two nights there, visiting six schools in the area, including a Roman Catholic seminary. Students there came from all over Tanzania.

Torrential rain

We left at 5 am on 7 November in torrential rain to drive the 400 miles to Bukoba on the western shore of the lake. The road was lit by flashes of lightning. After 200 miles of peaceful journey in brightening sunlight we entered a vast forest. It stretches south-west from Lake Victoria to the borders of Burundi, covering about 6,000 square miles.

After our bully beef breakfast the rain started again, softly at first—then settling into a steady drench. Soon the road was a channel of mud. We crept along, but suddenly hit a dreadful patch and spun into the bank. Up, bump-bump-bump-crash, down, onto the road. We had only bent the wing.

We thanked the Lord; we were 100 miles from the nearest village, on a little-used road in the middle of a dripping forest. We crept off again and hours later broke out of the rain to a beautiful view of the lake. In Bukoba we stuck in the mud once more trying to get to a school.

Education Ministry

Again students crowded round asking questions. The work done earlier in the year by two other young men, Henry Pelham Burn from Britain and Andrew Peppetta from South Africa, had paid off. In July they showed MRA films to schools throughout Tanzania, in a programme arranged by the Ministry of Education.

We entered Uganda the next day, running up into the hills to Mbarara. There we talked to 150 students after lunch at one of the major schools. Luckily we sold £2 worth of books—we had run out of petrol and money due to our repairs.

Here was the tarmac again, right to the Kenya border. Our next stop was Masaka and we visited the six schools around it. In each of the towns we usually managed one or two schools in the evening, completing the circuit the next morning. That night we slept in the home of an American missionary, snug in our sleeping bags on a hill high above the lake.

The capital city, Kampala, was our home for the night of 10 November. At King's College we met the student in charge of the school's delegation.

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Hunte rouses youth

HUNDREDS OF BRITISH YOUTH joined Conrad Hunte, Vice-Captain of the West Indies Cricket XI, in a 'speak-out' on issues facing Africa, Asia and Europe, in London last weekend.

'You have come from all parts of Britain and the world to learn and participate. You have the spirit, the guts and the go to enlist in the gigantic task of modernising man,' Hunte told them.

In response, Ian Robertson, a research student from Edinburgh University, said, 'I have decided to give two years to MRA. I have also arranged for Conrad Hunte to speak to three Scottish universities next week.'

Wally Greaves, former student president of University College, London, and a national debating champion, said, 'Moral Re-Armament can awaken in British universities a sense of national purpose, drive and energy.'

'I am going to Asia next week after deciding to take a year off my work,' announced Campbell Leggat, a young builder from Kilbarchan, Glasgow.

Some delegates came as a result of

reading the MRA full page in the *Daily Express* three weeks ago. One of them, Miss Sheila Churchouse of London, told how MRA was bringing unity to her family.

The audience of over 500 in the Westminster Theatre heard decisions from French and Vietnamese students, a US Rhodes Scholar, a Kenya officer cadet and a Welsh miner.

Invitation

Following this explosion of enthusiasm, Conrad Hunte spoke about Africa. He announced his acceptance of an invitation by three Kenya Cabinet Ministers to attend the all-African conference in Nairobi in December. 'I plan to take a delegation of British youth, whom I have met in the past ten weeks,' he said.

Taking part in the demonstration was the Boston Braves Steel Band and the international cast of *'65 Alive*.

This youth musical was performed in East London the night before. The overcrowded hall included dockers and their families.

JILL HOPCRAFT JUDY WOLFE

ROUND THE LAKE (continued)

He was raring to go but had first to satisfy some examiners in Cambridge!

After more visits we shot off through Jinja, where the Victoria Nile thunders over the Owen Falls Dam, feeding power into the East African network. We climbed up a muddy track onto the top of a hill where Busoga College stands. On one hand sugar stretches to a far line of hills—on the other Lake Victoria shimmers into the distance. These missionaries picked the right spot! We sipped passion-fruit juice with the headmaster amid magnolia and bougainvillea while telling him of the youth's response to MRA throughout the world.

Large delegations

We re-entered Kenya with a magnificent sunset tinting the clouds. Once more we were on a dust road—thick clouds of tiny particles that creep in everywhere. That night we stayed with a farmer in Kitale.

November 12 found us visiting Kapsabet schools. The announcement of UDI in Rhodesia only emphasised the value of the 'Aim for Africa' conference. It underlined the need to raise large delegation of students from all over East Africa.

When we reached Nairobi on 13 November we had 2,452 miles and 41 educational establishments behind us. We arrived back with an empty tank and two shillings in our pockets.

Throughout our safari we uncovered a keen interest in the future of Africa and the part of youth in that future. Students responded to the idea of a practical demonstration of a common aim for Africa. They live daily with difficult conditions and the manifold problems of developing countries. Their thirst for knowledge is almost unquenchable, but the chance of a part in solving the human problems of hate, fear, corruption, and greed captured their imagination. They are eager to support the initiative of the students in launching this conference.

They are now working to raise their fares to Nairobi—one girl in Kampala is painting and selling pictures to do this. December 8 will find a thousand of the best youth of Africa converging on Kenyatta College, outside Nairobi.



Enthusiasm for *'65 Alive* in East London. (l to r) Former Councillor Nellie Cressal from the Isle of Dogs, Conrad Hunte, and Ted Barker of Stamford Hill. Mrs Cressal, who was 83 this week, said, 'It made me feel 16 again.'

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