

In a broadcast service from Cape Town on Sunday, 14th April, 1949, the Chief Rabbi said:

"Recently we have heard the voice of Moral Re-Armament. Some of you who are listening may have seen the play "The Forgotten Factor". The idea is vital. Rightly we are told it must begin with the individual, but it must not rest there. From the individual it must go to the class and to the nation. It contains a great challenge, - it is revolutionary in human life. In the first instance, it demands self-criticism. We must be our own spiritual critics. We must work on the assumption that we are not always right. And when we apply this to our national living it means that we must change our conception of patriotism. What we hear today on every side is "My country, right or wrong". We must have a new idea: "Right, not wrong, be it my country, my race, my class or myself". That is the only hope for international, national and racial peace. On no other basis can it be built up. Unfortunately we still lack a universal acceptance of an international ethic. We must be prepared to recognise the national implications of individual morals. If a man says "I am always right" we condemn him as unmoral and unethical. When nations act that way we say that the statesmen are merely being patriotic. The time has come when we must turn and accept the challenge and call of the Passover, not only as individuals but as nations of the world."