

AUSTRALIAN MINING CENTRE:

'Red letter day for Broken Hill'

AT BROKEN HILL, 'mother' of Australian industry, the Barrier Industrial Council earlier this month welcomed a Moral Re-Armament force with the industrial play, *The Forgotten Factor*.

Conzinc Rio-Tinto, Australia, the giant company which is starting to mine copper in Bougainville, Papua-New Guinea, runs most of the Broken Hill mines.

J Keenan, President of the BIC, on behalf of the 19 trade unions and 8,000 workers he represented, said that the arrival of MRA was 'a red letter day for Broken Hill'. This town of 30,000 on the edge of the Australian outback is known throughout the world for its powerful trade union system.

The *Barrier Daily Truth*, the only trade union daily newspaper in the world, said the singing by *The Forgotten Factor* cast was 'the greatest performance ever given on the floor of the BIC'.

The audiences at the performances

of *The Forgotten Factor* included several from the BIC, the whole industrial relations team for the CRA group of mines, and others from management and labour.

Speaking after the play Robert Kable, the underground service engineer of one of the mines, said: 'If Broken Hill could find an answer to bitterness and division in family life and in industrial relations, we would have something great to give the rest of the country and the world.'

The cast sang and spoke for 40 minutes on the 'School of the Air', which teaches outback children scattered over an area of half a million square miles by two-way radio. Seven hundred pupils from the three secondary schools gave a tumultuous reception to the two matinee performances. But the play struck a deeper note as well. Pupils agreed that what they most wanted was trust and honesty in their families. 'I want to start again,' said one 16-year-old girl.

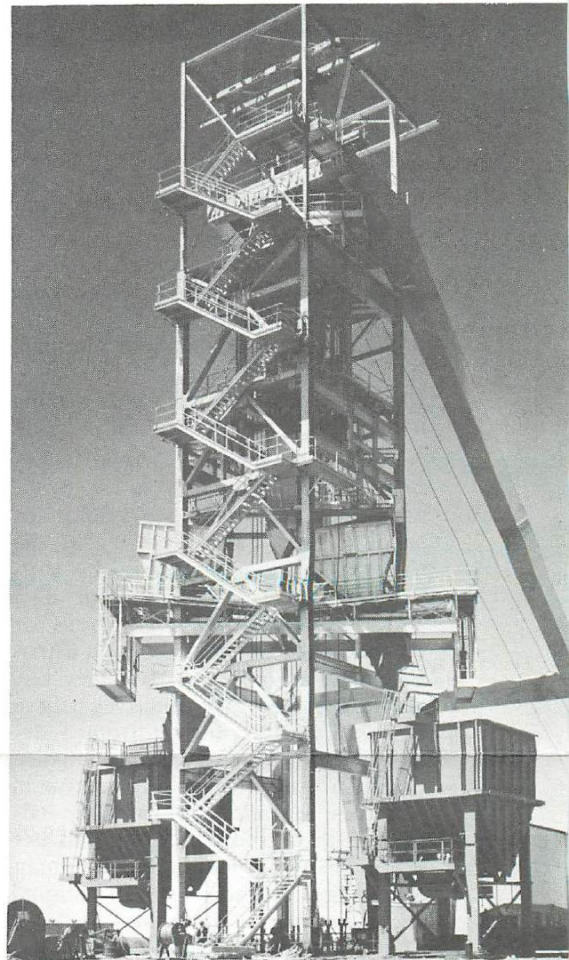


General Sugita

Leaders of Japan Civil Defence Association visit Caux

25 MEMBERS of the Japan Civil Defence Association, at present in Europe to study European defence systems, this week visited Caux, the MRA world centre in Switzerland. The Association, a civilian body, was formed to impress on the Japanese people the need for the Self-Defence Forces, i.e. military defence.

The party, which included two generals and representatives of business, industry and the press, saw the film *Galloping Horse* and heard from some of those who will be going to Asia with an MRA force in October.



150 feet high headframe over workings at New Broken Hill, New South Wales

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General I Sugita, former Chief of Staff of the Japanese Self-Defence Forces, leading the delegation, outlined the grave situation Asia was facing: the aftermath of the Vietnam war and growing tension on the Sino-Russian border. In Japan, where riots and demonstrations had been on the increase, they were concerned what would happen when the present US-Japan defence pact expired next June.

'We not only need defence forces,' the General said, 'but we need Moral Re-Armament more than other countries.'

Christian Counter-Attack

BLANDFORD PRESS published on Monday a new book by Sir Arnold Lunn and Garth Lean. This is the third book produced by this ecumenical team, for Sir Arnold is a Catholic and well-known writer on Catholic questions whilst Garth Lean is an Anglican.

Christian Counter Attack is the title of their new paperback (Blandford Press 8s 6d). Its contents are as militant as its title and already it has solicited some controversial and lively reviews.

The *Methodist Recorder* make it their Book of the Week. The *Irish Catholic* devotes three columns to it. It is already translated into German. It is shortly to be published in USA, where one of the book clubs is making it their Book of the Month.

The *Leeds Weekly Citizen*, a Labour Party newspaper, in a review wrote that the authors 'see a failure of nerve on the part of many in the Church to risk unpopularity by soft-peddalling such basic Christian doctrines as the Resurrection of Jesus, or by the ready acceptance of sub-Christian moral standards. What they see, they don't like: "We ourselves believe in a militant, as distinct from a defeatist, ecumenism, a fighting alliance of all Christians which, as we wrote in *The New Morality*, will carry the battle into the materialist camp and expect a change in multitudes of human lives which will affect social, national and international situations."'

Christian Counter Attack includes fascinating chapters on the student revolt and the men behind it, and on 'Why Christianity has survived'. As always, these two indefatigable researchers and lively writers present us with much material in interesting and readable form.

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Garth Lean



Sir Arnold Lunn

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'Stating the case for Christianity'

THE IRISH CATHOLIC, 11 September, reviews Lunn's and Lean's *Christian Counter-Attack*

THESE TWO fearless and formidable fighters in the cause of Christianity need but little introduction to the normal reader.

As an opening quotation they cite Dr Austin Farrer, 'There are frontiersmen and frontiersmen of course. There is what one might call the Munich school, who will always sell the pass in the belief that their position can be more happily defended from foothills to the rear. Such people are not commonly seen as apologists. They are reckoned to be New Theologians. They are too busy learning from their enemies to do much in defence of their friends. The typical apologist is a man whose every dyke is his last ditch. He will carry the war into the enemy's country, he will yield not an inch of his own.'

Arnold Lunn and Garth Lean are typical apologists, and their call to us is, 'Come out and fight'. They attribute the declining influence of Christianity in large measure to a failure to move on the part of Christians.

'A striking example of this is the acceptance by many Christians that the only case which is better for not being stated is the case for Christianity. No political party or commercial firm would dream of adopting so ridiculous an attitude. Christianity itself conquered the Roman world because its

missionaries were not only prepared to die, if necessary, for their faith but were passionately anxious to persuade men that Jesus of Nazareth had proved His deity by rising from the dead, and in our own day, Communists have conquered much of the globe because the majority of Communists all over the world welcome the opportunity to state the case for Communism.'—This, the authors contend, is no age in which to be a mute, civil, good-natured gentleman.

The Victorian atheists who believed that the Christian code would survive the abandonment of the Christian creed have been proved wrong by events. And in the chapters where he examines the way in which the erosion of that code is producing a violent and callous society, and invites the conclusion that a revival of Christianity is necessary if civilisation is to survive, Lunn is at his best.

There are many thought-provoking remarks in this work:

'Christians are delighted to be associated with such good causes as are approved by our secular society, the attack, for instance, on racialism—but too few of us defy fashion by protesting against the persecution of Christians behind the Iron Curtain, for instance, or by offering some opposition

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The Task of Mr Everyman

by Conrad Hunte, Former Vice-Captain of the West Indies Cricket Team

A MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY that works is a necessity in today's world. Malaysia until recently showed great promise of such a pattern working out between its Malays, Chinese and Indians. The harmony has been disrupted. Singapore, Ceylon, Kenya, Guyana, to name only a few of the nations with populations of different ethnic groups, need the secret of permanent peace. Britain has the chance to be the nation that shows the world that a multi-racial society can work.

I have had the privilege of thirteen years' association with the men and women of this country as an immigrant, cricketer and voluntary full-time Christian worker. Wherever I have been, I have met families whose grand-parents or parents or sons or daughters have served and lived amongst the people of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

'Gold reserves'

These doctors, civil servants, soldiers, missionaries, engineers, teachers and housewives of Britain with the experience of many years' service in our countries are Britain's human links with the future of the developing nations. They are her 'gold reserves' and 'combat troops' of character and common sense who are needed and will be welcomed more than ever to help us develop the responsibility of our people.

The million and a quarter of us who are now in Britain from Africa, Asia and Latin America could be fellow architects with the British to

design the new society of the future.

The new society will be built through decision—the kind of decision which Lloyd Grant, former General Secretary of the West Indian National Association, made.

He is an office comptroller with Unbrako in Coventry where he lives with his wife and eight children. He fought in the last war in the Royal Air Force and has lived in England for 25 years. He and his wife were part of a delegation of 109 people from Britain who went on a charter plane to the conference for Moral Re-Armament at Caux, Switzerland, at the beginning of this month. In a speech to the Assembly of 800 delegates from 45 different countries on 8 September 1969 he said: 'I resigned from my organisation a few months ago because I believed social schemes were not enough. I decided to spend my time reading and searching for the causes of poverty in the world.

'I read all the books I could get hold of on slavery, colonialism, imperialism and neo-colonialism. But it was not the answer. I got an invitation to Caux from friends of mine.

'Since my arrival at Caux I have met many interesting people. I had the opportunity of having a meal with Mr and Mrs Bremer Hofmeyr from South Africa. Mrs Hofmeyr comes from Kenya. Her father was buried alive as a human sacrifice at the time of the Mau Mau in Kenya. Yet Mrs Hofmeyr told how she lost her hatred of Africa and the Africans and decided to go back to the people of

Kenya and say she was prepared to work with them for unity. This really hit me. I had read about Mau Mau and about the causes of hate and war in Europe. I always thought that Europeans brought these things on themselves. They were responsible. I had thought previously of the grand-parents and great-grandparents I had lost in slavery. But after hearing the story of Mrs Hofmeyr I decided that I too could forgive what happened in the past. I lost my bitterness towards the white man.

Regardless of race

'I completely agree with and will try and live by the four absolute standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. The world needs them and must have them to survive. All men of all colours need these qualities or we will always have revolutions and counter-revolutions. Greed and selfishness create situations in the world today where millions go without food and clothes and hope. This causes hate and bitterness and creates the Mau Maus and Vietnams. Hungry men must be fed—empty hands must be given work. Hate-filled hearts must be given the hope of an answer. I have got a conviction here to work with the men and women of Moral Re-Armament around the Midlands and Britain as a whole to make these words come true. "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." I shall need the help of every man, regardless of nationality or colour.'

Last Saturday, 20 September, in his home, Lloyd Grant called a meeting of responsible citizens of Coventry, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Nottingham and Wolverhampton to plan an action programme, using MRA films, literature and personal talks with people to make the Midlands the 'hub' of the new society which Britain can export on legs to other countries by invitation. Men, women and children with answers to deadlock and division in industry, university, community and home life are needed in every country on earth.

The task of the minorities in Britain is to get rid of our minority complex and be bold enough to make our fullest contribution to the whole nation. 'Old' citizens and 'new' citizens of Britain could get together to lead this country out of the quicksands of deadlock where every man is out for himself, on to the high road of destiny, where Mr Everyman knows the secret of turning enemies into friends. The ordinary man could teach this secret to the statesman and in this way anticipate the crises facing nations.

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to the revolt against traditional morality.'

With all our talk of liberty and free discussion, the abandoning of the Christian code and creed has meant that more people have been liquidated for political heresies and racial background in the 'progressive' twentieth century than have been liquidated for religious heresies in any previous century.

'Dogmatic atheism has had its day. Its successor is nihilism, and nihilism apparently is news. That some students should have demanded a free supply

of contraceptives and the abolition of examinations, is not particularly disturbing, for the extravagances of thought are characteristic of youth. But that such absurdities should be considered worth reporting in responsible papers is disquieting.

'Divorce is talked of in enlightened circles as if it were a benefit that should be available to all, rather than a tragedy it is worth almost anything to avoid.'

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East Anglian conference hears speakers from nine countries

'I WAS CHALLENGED to do in five years what had not been done in India for the last 200,' said Cedric Daniels from Panchgani, India. 'We young Indians have decided that the situation in our country is going to change.'

Daniels was speaking at a one-day conference held last week in Hadleigh, ancient capital of East Anglia, Britain's farming heartland. 70 people, representing the teaching, medical, acting professions and the farming community, met in Hadleigh's 500-year-old town hall to hear speakers from nine nations describe the action of MRA around the world.

Daniels spelt out the practical way that Moral Re-Armament had ended political antagonisms among the political leadership of the strategic state of Assam during the past two years.

Antonio Falcao, docker of Recife in north-east Brazil, described how his port recovered from chronic bank-

ruptcy in eleven months after a group of dockers backed by the port superintendent decided to clean up corruption in the docks.

Subbiah Kistasamy, an Indian from South Africa, now resident in Britain, spoke with understanding of the problems of accepting one and a half million immigrants. The danger was that certain elements in this country will use these problems to foment disunity, he said, adding, 'What matters is what we can do for Britain, not what we can get from Britain.'

The conference concluded with a showing of *Happy Deathday* introduced by Mrs Peter Howard.

The next regional conference will take place in Paignton in November.

at a glance

MISS PAULINE MATHEWS, a librarian from Auckland, New Zealand, in a recent letter said, 'An Auckland suburban newspaper, *The Parnell Post*, has asked me to write 500 words a month from now on, on the Parnell library. So far I have mentioned Anne Wolrige Gordon's book *Peter Howard, Life and Letters* in a list of books which have proved popular, and plan to include reviews of this book and *A Mixed Double* by Bunny and Phyl Austin in the next issue.

'In a week I am reviewing *Peter Howard, Life and Letters* and probably *A Mixed Double* for the ten Branch Librarians of the Auckland Public Libraries, and the Branch Supervisor. I take monthly review sessions with borrowers where anyone interested comes to the library at a set time to hear about new books. There is also an opportunity to review Moral Re-Armament literature bought by the library.'

Three hundred Nigerian schools have ordered one or more copies of *Africa's Hour*, speeches by Peter Howard.

A Mixed Double, the dual autobiography by H W 'Bunny' Austin and Phyllis Konstam, published by Chatto and Windus, is now in its second printing.

Peter Howard's *Ideas Have Legs* (5s), reprinted by Himmat Publications, Bombay, is now being sold by W H Smith and Sons in Britain.

'Wake up, Matilda'

After the show, what then?

'WAKE UP, MATILDA', the musical written at an MRA assembly in Melbourne in January 1967 travelled 18,000 miles in the next 18 months. Thousands of people were talked to, individually, in the jungles of Papua-New Guinea, on the marae (tribal meeting-grounds) of the New Zealand Maoris and in the industrial towns of Western Australia.

What happens to people after they have seen the show?

One of the last areas to be visited was the isolated North-West of Western Australia, where giant new mining enterprises are springing up and slick new communities growing from the tents and huts of contractors' camps.

Des came to see the show with a group of his mates from the Single Men's Quarters in the iron-ore town of Dampier. Originally from Ireland, Des works a 70-hour week in the miners' canteens. In a recent letter, written a year after his first contact with MRA, he says, 'I can't tell you what it means to have Moral Re-Armament as a purpose in my life.'

Every day now starts with a time of listening to God for guidance. Where before he rarely read even a newspaper in such an isolated community, now he subscribes to *Himmat* to get perspective on the world.

He works in teamwork with his local priest, Father Fitzgerald, who himself writes to friends he met through *Wake Up, Matilda*: 'I can assure you of the continuing interest of people here in the work of MRA. Is there any chance of bringing another MRA production here?'

The local Anglican minister has lent Des his film projector, so that MRA films can be shown regularly in the community. Des has decided to send

\$15 a month from his pay to one of the young Indians giving his whole time without salary, in India, working with MRA.

John, who now lives at the Mount Newman mining township, was the caretaker of the community hall of one of the North-West iron-ore towns when *Wake Up, Matilda* went there. One of the stage crew, 19-year-old Alan Porteous, rushing to set scenery, lights and sound for a show that evening, still found time to talk to John about the things that meant most in his life. John never forgot this. Writing a month or so later from Single Men's Quarters, he said: 'I've always wanted to do something as a memorial for my mother's life, which was given for other people. Will you accept this gift, for the work of Moral Re-Armament?' He enclosed a cheque for \$600.

When John was seen in the North-West, a few weeks later, he said: 'I have found an answer to the drink which has always plagued my life.' Some months afterwards, he sent a further cheque of \$400 for the work of MRA in Papua-New Guinea.

There is an adventure-story to be told about many of those thousands who were seen on the 18,000-mile journey. Perhaps the men of the pioneer mining towns may show the world what God can do to individuals wholly given to Him. L E VOGEL