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'In these later years, perhaps more than any other time in the history of the world, when turmoil is world-wide and when the incidence of violence seems to be on the increase, it is all important that the leadership of nations should be entrusted to men and women whose outlook is unclouded. There are trends of social behaviour in our day and generation which could lead our nations into paths whose end is certain disaster.

'We believe that Moral Re-Armament has set itself the task of neutralising and perhaps eliminating the sources of these trends in our various societies around the world. We believe that the main concern of this assembly is to pin-point areas in the lives of individual men and women where there are weaknesses, the cumulative effect of which is to do violence to the fabric of our society and nations.

'We wish the assembly success and blessing from the Almighty.'

H M King Moshoeshoe II of Lesotho
in a message to the MRA World Assembly, Caux, Switzerland

What people can do to fight inflation —

Interview with Canadian psychiatrist

DR GUSTAVE MORF, Canadian psychiatrist who was in charge of imprisoned terrorists of the Quebec Liberation Front, told a *New World News* correspondent at Caux that greed was a primary cause of inflation.

'People want what others have at almost any price. They want things right away. As a result they get themselves into bondage. With the interest they have to pay, they have sometimes paid off twice as much as they borrowed.'

Many of the terrorists, he said, were brought up by their parents to have what they wanted right away. 'Some parents give their children everything. Our own children used to say to us, "Everybody at school has it." This was not always true, but sometimes we gave in to them.'

Parents who had themselves been poor, said Dr Morf, often had the mistaken idea that their children should not lack anything. Life should be made easy for them, they felt.

Don't buy

Asked what the ordinary person could do to fight inflation, Dr Morf said: 'Be very critical about what you want to buy. Keep it within reason.

'When the price of meat shot up in Canada, people bought more meat and



Swiss TV News films Bertrand Denis, A French MP, during the Parliamentary Session of the Caux Assembly. The German Federal Chancellor and the Chairman of the CDU Opposition both sent messages. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said, I send you my best wishes. If the conference succeeds in helping to bring politics and moral standards closer together once again, I would greatly welcome it.'

stocked it in their deep freezers at home. The supply was not equal to the demand and prices shot up once more. Individuals must be ready to forgo buying anything which is not necessary. Then the price will go down.

'We still live under the rules of the free market:

When demand equals supply, prices are stable.

When demand is less than supply, prices drop.

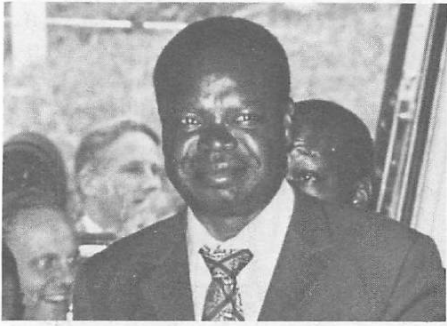
When demand is greater than supply, prices rise.

'If something is in short supply, don't buy it. I also blame governments for not telling people that things are in short supply.'

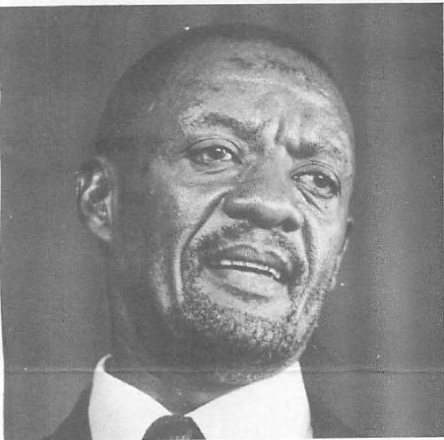
Swiss-born Dr Morf, who was a

Federal Swiss MP before he went to Canada, said that prices of houses in Switzerland were twice as high as in Canada. Demand was artificially high because Germans and Italians bought houses as an investment against inflation. The Swiss government had now regulated this—five years too late! Germans were willing to pay any price because of fear of inflation and through an attitude 'I want it so badly I'll pay any cost'. Partly this was a reaction against the sacrifices during the last war. Germans and Italians felt their children should have the decent houses they themselves did not have after the war.

'When people are dissatisfied, they think that material possessions will satisfy,' said Dr Morf.



PROF HUDSON NTSANWISI, Chief Minister of the South African Homeland of Gazankulu, spoke of the need to find the 'instrument of change in Southern Africa in the light of recent events in Angola and Mozambique'. It was this search that had brought him to Caux along with three other Homeland Chief Ministers.



CHIEF LUCAS MANGOPE of the South African Homeland of Bophuthatswana warned that materialism and unwillingness to share could be the lightning that would set Africa ablaze.



DR CEDRIC PHATUDI, Chief Minister of the Lebowa Homeland of South Africa, called upon delegates 'to end the fragmentation of the world.'

As a representative of the 'so-called Third World', he referred to recent events in Mozambique and Cyprus, and warned, 'Domestic affairs when mismanaged will very easily light up the whole world in warfare. Politicians are often caught in

'Our country's survival depends on its willingness to face the stark realities and adapt to change,' he said. 'Change is imperative, we must accept it, encourage and guide it in the right channels.' A spiritual revolution was needed such as Wesley had brought in Britain in the 18th century. 'It can be achieved if selfishness and dishonesty are cast away.'

Prof Ntsanwisi said the task of the Homeland leaders was a difficult one. 'We are a source of controversy. We are too militant for the white man's liking, and the young African says we are not militant enough for his liking. We are not here as apostles of apartheid, or as ambassadors of separate development. That is the white man's business not ours. Our job is to bring home to the powers that be the aspirations of the people we lead.'

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'Materialism could be the lightning that will put on fire the only country that we have,' he said. 'The greed of my countrymen who will not share the wealth of the country could unintentionally cause violence.'

'I come from a very difficult country,' he continued, 'A country with unique difficulties and problems to grapple with, and yet a great country. I am a South African, and despite all the deprivations, hardships and indignities that I and my people have suffered, I love South Africa. I am proud to be involved in the struggle for her.' The country that pioneered heart transplants should show the way to change in the attitudes of men, he said.

He concluded, 'There is absolutely no hope in this world, without what MRA stands for.' He spoke of the 'Padkos'

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the web of failing to think beyond our home towns, constituencies or nations: but a statesman must look beyond himself and his home into the international community.'

Aid to the Third World must be considered in this light, he continued. 'If you help the Third World, you help yourselves. And if you do not, you'll get the consequences, no matter where you are on the globe.'

Dr Phatudi described the South African Homelands as 'growth points of the Republic'. 'Here we must apply the standards of Moral Re-Armament: absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.' He referred to this task as 'an opportunity which we must seize'.

'We want freedom. Politicians like me speak enthusiastically on this. But the sort of freedom which is fundamental to a new world means not just freedom from hunger, disease, homelessness, bodily perversions, ignorance. It means absolute surrender to the will of God. I put this first.'

Such a new world, Dr Phatudi warned,

He underlined the necessity of 'meaningful dialogue, where paternalism is consigned to the limbo of the past'. 'I want to encourage people to look on each other not through ethnic eyes but as fellow human beings. We do not pretend to have the technical know-how of the white men, but the contribution we make to the well-being of South Africa is as vital as that of the white man. Black and white are wedded together more closely than many people think. We can be real partners in the adventure of building a South Africa in which we shall be proud and equal members, and where the course of violence will be removed.'

Concluding he said, 'We leave with our spiritual reserves replenished to continue with the struggle until right prevails over wrong.'

(food for the journey) that he had found - 'a food that we will carry with us on the road of life'.

He was followed on to the platform by a Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, the Rev George Daneel, who was one of the organisers of an International MRA Conference in Pretoria at Easter. 'I cannot help realising what we as white people have done,' he said, 'and for what we are responsible. I can only pray that Chief Mangope and his people will help us to face our sins, and that we as a nation may repent before God.' In spite of all the sins and wrongs of the white people, there was still time, God still had a plan and a purpose for Southern Africa, he said. 'We can have a part, not just in finding the way for ourselves, but also in pointing the way for the rest of the continent.'

cannot be led by any man, regardless of colour or station, who suffers from superiority, inferiority, or mediocrity complex'.

'I draw inspiration from Moral Re-Armament,' he concluded. 'It deals with the whole business of life, which is between man and his God.'

Speaking after the Chief Minister was a panel of six South African ladies, including Mrs Phatudi.

Miss Hester Cornelius, who retired in June as National Organiser of the Garment Workers' Union of South Africa, spoke of her 39 years in the Trade Union movement. 'We did our best to serve all the races, but how much more we could have done for our people, how much more to help change things in South Africa, if we had known Moral Re-Armament then.' She added, 'We, the women of South Africa here at Caux, want to work together in combating racialism in our country. We feel that, with God's help, we can play an important role in bringing about a spiritual revolution in South Africa.'



●THE MESSAGE from the King of Lesotho (see front page) was presented by Chief D L Majara MP and Joel Mohapeloa, former Chairman of Lesotho's Public Service Commission, who had travelled to Caux at the King's special request.

'Ours is a great responsibility,' said Mr Mohapeloa. 'His Majesty has shown his deep desire that MRA becomes firmly established in Lesotho for the good of our country, and perhaps other countries in the world. He wants us to take something back from here to make the country grow in the right way.'

●ADOLF SCHEU, a German Social Democrat MP and one of those responsible for the Parliamentary Session, underlined the need for a new spirit in Europe, far beyond 'polishing our own personalities'.

'If we don't tackle the problems—economic, currency and so on—that so much resemble those of the 30's, in a spirit of unselfishness, we face hard times ahead,' he warned.

He outlined the conditions for a true European unity—that the nations with stability and surpluses should help those with political and economic problems. 'The European states will only break out of their selfish attitudes when they take their share of responsibility for the whole world. Only then will Europe find herself,' he added.

●'BEYOND MARXISM, there is Christianity,' concluded the most Marxist student in a class of Italian pupils after finishing a course of study on *The Black and White Book*. This was reported by an Italian teacher to a group of publishers meeting at the Caux Assembly.

Manuela Della Rivoluzione, the name given to the Italian edition of *The Black and White Book*, means handbook of revolution and it was studied in a school in a Rome suburb. The teacher, Mrs Zanon, said, 'Five classes of students, boys from 14–19, became so interested in the book that we had to take time

outside the curriculum. I feel if you give a great ideal to the young they will take it and do better than even we can do.'

Over 200 of the Study Courses on *The Black and White Book*, with slides and work sheets are in use in 20 countries.

Nelson Marcellino, a docker from Rio de Janeiro, arrived at the Caux Assembly with news of the change brought to the ship's company of the cargo boat on which he and two colleagues had just travelled. The use of the film *Men of Brazil* and of *The Black and White Book* in Portuguese had transformed the bad relations between the captain and the crew during the 12-day voyage and helped at least one sailor addicted to the bottle to give it up and make a new start with his family. 'We look on *The Black and White Book* as a remedy for all illnesses,' said Marcellino.

Two sisters, Mrs Van der Sluis and Mrs Van Rooyen, who had flown specially from New Zealand to attend this one week's publishers' conference, described the nationwide campaign and national TV coverage for the launching in their country of *The Black and White Book*.

Terence Goldsmith, Editorial Director of Blandford Press Ltd, publisher of the original edition of *The Black and White Book*, announced a major new book for October, *Good God, it works!* by Garth Lean.

Ideals into action

New books were requested by two publishing houses as sequels to *The Black and White Book*: one by the Austrian publisher, Veritas Verlag, who recently sent 20,000 copies of the Austrian edition of *The Black and White Book* to priests in Germany, Switzerland and Austria; the second, by Edizioni Paolini, the largest Catholic publishing house in Italy, with retail outlets all over the world.

Father Antonio Manna, representing Edizioni Paolini in Rome, said, '*The Black and White Book* has an appeal in Italy because it contains a new way of expression. It is easy for us priests to say to the people, "The only ideal is Christ." But how to translate this statement into daily life, in the school, in the relationship between boys and girls, in married life, in professional life and in the national life of a country like Italy? This is where a publishing house like ours is open for help from any who can offer it.

●AN EXPECTANT first-night audience packed the Caux theatre long before curtain-up for the world première of Hugh Steadman Williams' play *The Fire*, presented in German by a cast of professional actors who gave their services.

Set in the London flat of an up-and-coming playwright, the play depicts the

overthrow of his new-found love of religion under the pressures of his self-willed actress wife and his own ambition, and his journey back to a deeper experience of faith. 'It shows the cost, in the lives of others as well as our own, of betrayal of the best we know,' said one of the audience, deeply stirred.

Egon Karter, former director of the Komödie theatre in Basel, who produced and acted in the play, said, 'We can be very grateful to Mr Williams that he deals with this theme in a humorous play that gives us an enjoyable evening of theatre, and at the same time gives us a signpost into the future.'

Money for the tram

My father works in the local tram company. For two years I cheated the company by travelling without paying. I found the courage to tell him this. I have understood that I want to live by the absolute moral standards which I really got to know and understand here, then I have to pay back the money. It will amount to about 600 marks. This will be my first step in putting something right.

PETRA HILDEBRAND

A German girl attending the session for young people.

●'THE DEVIL'S cleverest trick', the French thinker Baudelaire once observed, 'is to convince people that he does not exist.' No one could be in doubt, writes our correspondent, after the presentation of *The Devil To Pay*, Alan Thornhill's portrayal of the devil's bid for power in the world. It was the third play to receive its world première on the Caux stage this summer. The distinguished first night audience remained hushed after the final dénouement in the struggle between good and evil.

At a reception later there was loud applause for the cast, which included eleven professionals from the London stage, author Alan Thornhill and director Nancy Ruthven.

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A 14 page report with 28 illustrations and colour cover containing extracts from the main speeches at this multi-racial conference

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Available from MRA Books

Father M M Balaguer SJ, who was Head of Jesuit Education in India, last week reviewed Moral Re-Armament's *Handbook of Hope* in the Bombay news weekly *Himmat*. This *Handbook of Hope*, which is edited by Padmini Kirtane, has 70 pages and is available direct from *Himmat*, its publisher, in Bombay.

Father Balaguer says that this booklet is 'worth its weight in gold'. It gives 'fascinating stories of men and women whose conscience has been pricked by God and who are silently becoming the real makers of a new world'.

He concludes, 'Offering to "everyone a chance to build a new world"', it calls us with a bold simplicity that is staggering to let God take control of our lives.

'If we think this unrealistic, because unattainable, the heroes of these stories and thousands with them the world over will stand as silent witnesses that, with God's assistance, it can be done, for they themselves have done it. But if we doubt that man can be touched by God or that this touch can be relevant to our modern world of tremendous opportunities and gigantic problems, the authors of this booklet quietly challenge us to test their "explosive secret" by ourselves - "an invitation," they assure us, "to the biggest adventure of your life."'

Some qualities of a revolutionary

HE is ready to stay in one place all his life, or to live in suit-cases all his life, or for any needed combination of both. HE believes that what happens to him is not important - what happens to the world is.

WHETHER travelling the earth, sitting at a desk, working in a factory or at home, his aim is to turn people into a team and a force for the moral re-arming of the world.

HIS passion to build the faith of others leaves him no time for building his own position, power, popularity or reputation. HE is pleased but never satisfied.

HE gives credit to others when things go right and shares the blame when things go wrong.

HE lives by eternal standards and not by the fashion of an age.

HE sticks to God's will rather than to his own point of view.

HE is not class-conscious, colour-conscious or age-conscious.

HE cleans up his life every day so that his mind and imagination are at grips with the needs of the whole human race and with God's developing plan for it.

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A vision for India

DESPITE her blemishes we love India. But we want to work to remove those blemishes.

We want to see an India where every family has a decent house and every house the spirit of a real home. An India of attractive (and clean and sanitary) villages and towns, with nutritious food and drinking water for all.

A land that has roads without holes, administration without corruption, business without greed, industry without stoppages, products without adulteration, hospitals without congestion and examinations without cheating.

A land where men treat one another,

●A MEMBER of a Hospital Nurses' League in Bristol, Grace Pratten, felt the *The Black and White Book* ought to go to many other members. With the help of nurses and friends the money was raised to send the book to over 150 people with the accompanying letter, signed by six other nurses: 'At this time of national crises we members and ex-members of the nursing profession wish to give you the opportunity to read this book. The London *Evening News*, reviewing it, wrote: "It says what a few million honest souls have been waiting to hear for years."

The story of the French Resistance leader and nurse, Irène Laure, on page 14, will be of particular interest. Finding the answer to her own hatred she was instrumental in helping to reconcile France and Germany after World War II. This book, already printed in sixteen languages, is now being produced in a further ten. We and our friends have given the money to make this gift to you possible, and we hope to extend the range of giving as finance becomes available. We should welcome your comments, and if you would like to know more we hope you will get in touch with us at the address below.'

●I AM 87 years of age. A few months ago I felt very strongly that I could no

without exception, as royal souls, instead of some being treated as gods and others as dogs. Where wealth-worship gives way to the service of man, and indolence to intelligent labour.

Where belief in the timelessness of certain values is not perverted into disregard for punctuality; where courtesy replaces harshness in conversation.

And where compassion melts the hardness of heart that has allowed us for so long to live alongside human degradation.

India does not live for Indians alone. The world seems to need India.

Her destiny is to build bridges between Asia and the West, between the Communist and non-Communist worlds and, within the vast Asian continent, between the largely Muslim regions to our west and the Buddhist-influenced lands of the east.

Geography and history, and the culture, complexion and aspirations of her population seem to call for an India that does this.

We believe that the ideas expressed in this handbook can create such an India.

from the introduction to
Handbook of Hope

longer look after myself. I began searching for an alternative which would not limit my independence. One morning in a time of quiet I had a vivid picture of a sign-post with two arms. One arm pointed to a smooth path through meadow and woodland. The other pointed to a rough stony path, bleak and bare with smoke, fog, and chimneys in the background. The entrance was narrow, blocked by huge rock, and what lay ahead was hidden. I then 'heard' a voice saying 'Which road will you take? The easy way or the dark hard way will you put your hand in Mine.' After a struggle I agreed to go God's way and I put my hand in His. I gave up my plans. About ten days later I learnt that a major operation was urgently needed. With my hand in God's I had no fear. Also I went with expectancy of miracles. My whole experience of eight weeks was wonderful. Daily contacts were made and openings were simple and needs were met. And for me and for others it will remain an unforgettable time. Our lives will be lived on a different level because of it. None of this could have happened had I not decided to 'let go and let God' and had not God given me the strength and the power to keep to that decision. He, not I, engineered the circumstances. The truth that with God victory is inevitable was demonstrated in no uncertain manner. W N R