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BRAZIL

QUADROS THANKS MRA

AT BRASILIA'S MILITARY AIRPORT last Friday President Janio Quadros and Mme. Quadros received members of the MRA force led by Marshal Juares Tavora, Brazilian national hero, and General Hugo Bethlem, former Ambassador to Bolivia and Pakistan.

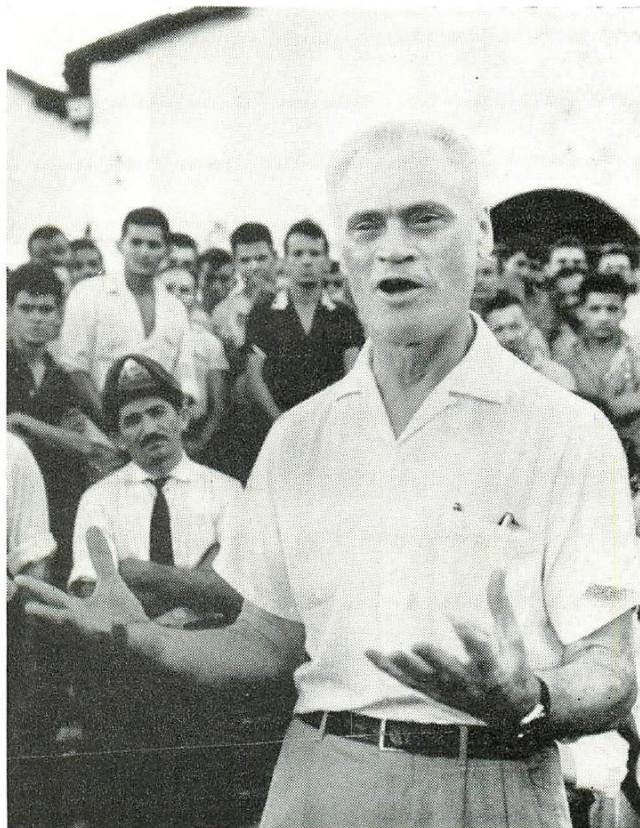
After General Bethlem had reported on MRA's offensive in North East Brazil, the President told them, 'It is a tremendous job you are doing in this country of Brazil—an extraordinary work.'

At the same time two corvettes provided by the Brazilian Navy were taking another MRA task force, 100 strong, up the northern coast. They are going to the major cities of northern Brazil at the invitation of State Governors.

200 students flying to Caux

Earlier it was announced that 200 university students from Brazil would fly to the MRA world assembly at Caux, Switzerland. This is at the initiative of the Federal Minister of Education, Dr. Tinoco. Many of the students are coming from Recife, where only a few weeks ago troops and tanks were in the streets to quell student riots. The delegation will be trained in how to 'create an incorruptible leadership of students who will bring to birth sound elements in the university, root out Communism and restore order and God's sanity to Brazil.'

At a meeting to plan the delegation the Minister of Education told members of the MRA force, 'You have awakened a brilliant response. Never has such a thing been seen in the history of North East Brazil. MRA's campaign has been launched at precisely the right moment for Brazil. Now students and workers together can spark off a total revolution.'



'A DECISIVE BATTLE FOR THE WORLD'

Eleven thousand workers from the Catende Sugar Factory, South America's largest, lined the streets of Catende to welcome the MRA force. Guerillas had recently burnt down two sugar factories in this area. Marshall Juares Tavora (above), Brazilian national hero, told the workers, 'In this State we can engage in a decisive battle for the world.'



General Hugo Bethlem, H.E. the Archbishop of Oilinda and Recife, Marshall Tavora and Senora Tavora

BANNER OF FAITH

On 26 June the Archbishop of Oilinda and Recife, Don Carlos de Gouvea Coelho, received the MRA international force at his Palace. 126 people representing 28 countries were received by His Excellency in an audience of ninety minutes. The Archbishop said :*

I KNOW that all of you here are engaged in a great plan, inspired by a great ideal, to transform the world from the deplorable state in which it is today.

MRA represents one of the clearest demonstrations in the world today that man needs an idea, the idea of love, which Christianity shows us through Christ.

Christianity has not grown old but we must confess that after twenty centuries of Christian preaching the Gospel of Christ has not yet reached all peoples and all hearts. That is why we turn to a movement which is not a religion but which brings together men of all sorts and which is the first goal to reach so that all men may march together towards the divine riches. I regard MRA as a preliminary, a common denominator, something on which men of different faiths and men of no faith can unite to strengthen humanity. Then men will understand that our full salvation is really in Christ crucified.

Modern translation

It is certain that the propagation of the principles of love, honesty and unselfishness, which is really the programme of MRA, is nothing else than the translation into modern language of the earliest teachings of Christianity. We Christians who have inherited this

message, who have received the Gospel of Jesus Christ, have not always been faithful to that Gospel. That is why we face the spectacle of mankind divided, of men who want to destroy each other, of men who want to exploit their brothers, where some have a lion's share and the rest of humanity is left in misery and hunger. All this is a denial of the Gospel.

We must preach not an impossible equality but a situation where there will be enough so that each man can fulfil himself within the social framework created by a diversity of culture and responsibilities. MRA then brings to us Christians the opportunity to rethink the great common heritage which the Gospel has given us.

We Christians must find the way to unite. I see before me, united in this way, representatives of all nations and races, men and women of all ages. We are a world in miniature here in this Palace.

We must raise up among the nations the banner of faith so that each one of us, rising to a higher moral level in his own life, can give to others something that we are already living and create a common understanding that there is only one world in which all are sons of God and are moved by love.

My earnest wish is that all of us and you who are engaged in MRA can unitedly make a contribution so that the world that comes after us will really be a world of the sons of God.

During a series of televised talks on the position of the Church in the world the Archbishop declared over TV Recife:

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT wakes people up to Christianity and so renders a most valuable service to the world. Christianity has not become out of date and has not lost its power but today many forces are rallied against the Gospel. MRA has its roots in the Gospels and should have all our support.



Archbishop Dom Carlos de Gouvea Coelho speaks to the MRA international force in his palace

* Translated from 'Jornal do Commercio', Recife, 27 June, 1961.

BERLIN

'LET'S GO ON THE OFFENSIVE'

BY JOHN MCGOVERN

John McGovern addressed representatives from 39 nations at the Caux Assembly on 7 July. He visited Berlin in 1959 on the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Willy Brandt (right). He was a Member of the House of Commons for 29 years.



THE FREE WORLD must make up its mind that the Berlin crisis is the greatest thrust of our time for world power. We must be resolute and determined that no single inch of territory can be handed to the Communist world, that no open city or neutral area can be conceded by the West. This would hand over two-thirds of the area to Communist control.

We must meet the threat not by a discussion of Krushchev's terms or aims but by an offensive demanding the unification of the whole of Germany and an open vote in all the countries seized by Russia since the war. A free vote supervised by the United Nations in all these satellite countries should be the challenge of the free world to the Soviet world.

Germany has always been the necessity for the final advance of world Communism. 'They who control Germany control the world' has been a Marxist slogan since 1917. Blackmail has always been a great part of the Marxist tactic. The almighty Krushchev has spoken and his intention is to strike fear of war over Berlin into the minds of the whole of the Western world.

Every effort will be made by some around President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan to suggest a compromise. There are powerful figures in both foreign offices who are nearer the mind of the Kremlin than to the heart of democracy.

At the crossroads

We are at the crossroads and only the acceptance of the Cross of Christ can answer man's difficulties and dangers. I appeal to President Kennedy, Prime Minister Macmillan and General de Gaulle to realise that no further compromise or shuffling can meet the need of the hour. We must make a united stand or we will lose what little confidence remains in the Western way of life. The old world is dead because of greed, hatred and godless materialism. We must begin a new life through the moral re-armament of all men everywhere. That is the answer to the blustering blackmail and terror of the greatest fraud ever imposed upon mankind, that of the alleged Communist world order.

On 8 July John McGovern addressed the Assembly again:

'**B**ERLIN IS VITAL to the free world. Any advance must be eastwards, not westwards. No inch of territory can be conceded to Communism. If Berlin becomes an open city Europe will be in Communist hands in five years and no one will trust the West again.

'Krushchev is trying to use the fear of war,' said McGovern, tracing the development of Communist strategy from an idea sown by Krushchev to its acceptance by Kennedy. 'The Communist parties proclaim it. The fellow travellers stand for it. Many in the pulpit fall for it. The leaders of the Labour Party accept it. Members of the Conservative Party see in it a good line for an election win. They foist it on Macmillan. He says to Kennedy, "Calm down—get a summit meeting." Then there is compromise until a neutral area and a neutral city becomes the policy of western governments.

'The Communist line is taken over out of personal ambition. Our aim becomes to win the elections for our party and not to win the world for a sound idea.

'We have a golden opportunity to go to Berlin now and say, "We stand firm. We have surrendered too much already. But we are prepared to offer you the building of a new world on the basis of moral and spiritual values. We ask you to forgive the past." We can proclaim a new approach where Krushchev and Kennedy can both change and be accepted by the world on that basis.

'It will raise the hopes of the world and galvanise into action thinking men in the satellite world. Then these statesmen would go down in history.

'The challenge cannot be met by anti-Communism, by inaction or by waiting for somebody else, but only by standing up and proclaiming a positive ideology. The future is dark if the West does not accept this necessity. If men unite in that purpose the future is secure and within the next six months we could see the greatest forward move of Moral Re-Armament the world has ever known. There is no other alternative.'

'The Crowning Experience'

CARIBBEAN PREMIERE

AN IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE of Moral Re-Armament was launched last week in the Caribbean.

With Cuba already being used to funnel Communism into Central and South America, much now depends on which way the West Indies Federation will go when it achieves Independence in a few months' time. Strung out across the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, from the coast of Florida to the shores of Venezuela, the islands of the Federation are faced with the task of finding unity.

The MRA force conferred for nearly an hour with the Federal Prime Minister, Sir Grantley Adams. They were received by the Ministers of Trade and Industry, Commerce, Education and Social Services. They spoke over the radio from Jamaica, Trinidad and Barbados.

More than 1,200 people acclaimed the première of *The Crowning Experience* in Kingston, Jamaica, the Federal capital. In the audience were the Ministers of Agriculture and Social Welfare and men from politics, business, the armed services and sport.

'Everyone in Jamaica must see this film,' said the Mayor of Kingston, who introduced the speakers from the stage. At a reception he gave afterwards, he announced the formation of a committee, headed by himself, to carry the film to the mass of the people. The Minister of Social Welfare called for a fund to finance the offensive which he opened with a personal contribution. Others quickly followed.

Conrad Hunte, opening batsman in the West Indies Test Team, received a tumultuous ovation when he spoke before the film. Challenging the people of the West Indies to be brave men who choose in time to be



Albert Bethune with Conrad Hunte, opening batsman for the West Indies Test Team, with the cricket bat signed by Australian, England and West Indies cricketers which Hunte gave to Dr. Buchman on his 83rd birthday.

governed by God, he said, 'All of us long for a new moral order. We must start with ourselves.' He welcomed *The Crowning Experience* as God's weapon to stem the tide of Communist imperialism and to bring an answer to disunity.

Messages urging the people of Jamaica to accept the ideology of *The Crowning Experience* were sent to the première by West Indian Test cricketers Chester Watson and Wesley Hall and by the former Australian Captain, Bill Woodfull.

The film was introduced by Louis Byles, Jamaican singing star who plays one of the lead roles. Speaking with him was Albert Bethune, grandson of Mary McLeod Bethune whose life story inspired the script of *The Crowning Experience*. Dickie Dodds, opening batsman for Essex for 14 years, told the audience, 'Today the world is engaged in a gigantic ideological Test Match. Every man must decide which side he is on.'

The Kingston City Council unanimously passed a resolution endorsing *The Crowning Experience* as meeting the urgent need to rearm the city morally. They resolved that the council call on 'The assistance of large business combines and influential citizens for the showing of this film in the under-privileged areas of Kingston and Saint Andrew.'

The Mayor of Kingston has appointed the Deputy Mayor to go as his, and the council's, representative to the Caux Assembly.

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sound moral principles. We Abbots are doing everything we can.'

In Colombo U Narada was interviewed by Radio Ceylon, the most powerful broadcasting station in Asia.

The President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and the Vice-President, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, received the Abbots in New Delhi. U Narada told both statesmen of the wide outreach of MRA and of their conviction that MRA must now become national policy.

Straight from these talks the Abbots took the train for Dharamsala, the hill station where the Dalai Llama has his headquarters. His Holiness received the Sayadaws for an hour and a half.

The Burmese leaders then returned to New Delhi where they met with the Minister of Labour and Planning for India Gulzarilal Nanda.