

# "Forgotten Factor" As An Influence For Peace

THE tremendous pacific effect the showing of the play "Forgotten Factor" has had in different countries and the comments it has drawn from leaders in various fields, were recounted to City Rotarians yesterday by Mr. W. Andrew Strang, who is touring the Union in connection with the production of the play and as an emissary for Moral Re-armament.

The "Forgotten Factor" was a weapon in the cold war in which the world was involved, he said. It was a play which dramatised an inspired ideology for democracy.

Developed out of the Oxford Group, the play was written by Alan Thornhill, an Oxford Don, and had its first showing in Philadelphia in 1944. After that it was played in many countries.

## DEADLOCKS BROKEN

The play was exceptionally well received, and among its effects were: In San Francisco: At least two major deadlocks were broken at U.N.O. by delegates negotiating in the spirit of the play. In Britain, where in 1946 coal was vital for the recovery of the country and the Mineworkers Union was riddled with Communists aiming at crippling Britain's economy, production went up 15 per cent. in the pits where the play was shown. In the Allied zones of Germany, the Prime Minister of Northern Rhine and Westphalia said: "The Forgotten Factor" must become a reality for every one of us. Moral Rearmament is the spiritual road to a new Europe. This is the ideology which can bring us the moral and spiritual healing we need in our nation and provide a real basis of peace with other nations."

## M.P.'s PRAISED IT

The play was performed in South Africa in 1949. In Cape Town more than half the M.P.'s saw it and all praised it highly. Packed houses attended performances in the Transvaal. The Administrator adjourned the Provincial Council so that members could see it. Request performances were given in many centres to industries, town councils and Rotary. All the requests could not be met, so the company has returned this year.

This year, a special performance was put on in the Springs Native township of Paynerville just before the May Day strike. After the strike the Mayor of Springs said that as a result of the play no one from Paynerville was absent from work and there were no incidents—the only township on the Reef where that was so.

A dispute on a gold mine, at Germiston was settled after both parties had seen the play.

After very successful runs on the Rand the play is being performed this week at Durban, and will come to Port Elizabeth from July 17 to 21.