

## NEW HORIZONS FOR EDUCATION PROPOSED

ROLAND WILSON, Secretary of Moral Re-Armament in Britain, said last week that today's world was reactionary—not revolutionary—although there was much talk of revolution.

'It is not a revolutionary world we live in,' he said speaking at the MRA World Assembly at Caux in Switzerland, 'but a reactionary world urgently in need of an adequate revolution. That revolution happens right here at Caux.'

He was addressing the opening meeting last Saturday of the conference 'New Horizons for Education' to which 600 have come from five continents. A charter plane had brought 97, many of them teachers and student leaders, from Scandinavia. Some had travelled over 1,000 miles from North of the Arctic circle to join the plane at Oslo. A special party came from Austria, financed by Government grants. Others, headmasters and students, came from Uganda and Ethiopia.

'In Britain,' said Wilson, 'there is a lot of talk about the contraceptive pill. You can stop life with it, and I dare say before long you will be able to start life with it. Do you think that is revolutionary? Do you think that you are going to build a new world that way?'

'We have not yet got a pill that can make free men and women choose what the world needs, rather than what they want. And that is what we have to teach people today.'

'That miracle happens right here at Caux. I believe that the will is still more powerful than the pill. I believe motives are still mightier than just the mind alone. And a fundamental truth we discover here is that the mind works best when it is lit up by the power that made mind. We deal



Dr Fadhil Jamali (centre), Professor of the Philosophy of Education at Tunis and former Prime Minister of Iraq, talks at the Caux World Assembly with South African leader Philip Vundla (right) and Ernest Kibirige, Uganda headmaster *photo Maillefer*

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'It is what Frank Buchman called the electronics of the spirit. I would like to see the electronics of the spirit studied in every school.'

'I do not believe God spends his time catching up with any man-made revolution. God is looking today for men and women who will move with the speed of His revolution, and we have got to do that now. That is the only revolution that matters.'

### Schools of the future

'I hope we discuss here in our conference the curriculum of our schools—the schools of the future. Children, for example, could all learn honesty and purity as normally as they learn reading and writing. And they are, as a matter of fact, as illiterate without the one as without the other. We need both.'

'I should like to see the answer to hate and bitterness and fear on the normal curriculum of every school, and of course in every home too. A boy or a girl who enters this world

now from school without an answer to those forces is like a crab without a shell, in the danger and difficulty of the modern world. In my country we teach children about the poverty in areas of the world like Asia and Africa. Could we in our schools deal with the moral poverty in Europe and Asia and Africa, and actually launch a cure that men could practise? A handbook dealing with these issues would go in millions across the world.'

'We discuss in our schools about economics. It is a vital issue, and a highly controversial one. People believe in diametrically opposed theories. But there is no doubt whatsoever about the economics of honesty and unselfishness. If we could teach them, they would produce results in the economics of nations which are staggering.'

'There is much talk about sex education. And doubtless it is needed—though most boys and girls seem to know quite a bit about it before the teachers start. There was a form of

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sex education I was never given, and that was how to experience a miracle of purity, a bigger passion that cures my lesser passion. And when I met Buchman and MRA it took me a few hours to experience that miracle which has lasted me ever since. I know now where to turn for the answer and I know where to direct other people for the answer. And I would like to establish a generation of teachers across the world who would give that answer. What a gift it would be! And in a country like India it would answer the population explosion, far more effectively than a lot of current ideas.

'I should like our teachers in the world to set out to create an answer-minded generation. We have a problem-minded generation. People walk about, I do not know if they do it in your countries, bowed with problems. It is a sort of twilight existence. And the educated people are the most problem-minded of the lot. But teachers and parents with a passionate answer in their own lives would create an answer-minded generation.

'And I would like all our schools to teach the complete answer to self-preoccupation. Most of the so-called revolutionary groups in the world are absorbed with themselves. They are intoxicated with their own ideas, their own problems, their own difficulties.

'And the result is you get a fragmented world, a world that is divided into all sorts of little groups only concerned, violently often, with their own problem. And it is sub-revolutionary. In every school a world answer ought to be the normal answer to self-preoccupation.

'We need a programme of advanced education which teaches the *strategy* of cure for countries and for the world. It would be a most interesting study course, so that we get a life absorption in it. As you go through the world you find in every land people who deeply want to refashion the world.

'It is within the power of man, aided by God, to build a new world at the present time. If you talk with the Indian farmers, what they are interested in is a new world. Africa wants it. The young want it and the old want it. There are a lot of people of my generation who would like to strike a blow for a new world before they go. It could be the greatest programme of adult education ever conceived, to train every adult in remaking the world.

'The teachers of the world with a common programme for remaking and refashioning the whole of humanity would be the greatest force for world unity that the world has ever known.'

The session was also addressed by educators from Africa and Europe and by Dr Fadhil Jamali, Professor of the Philosophy of Education in Tunis.

## Ideology

Dr Jamali, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Iraq, said, 'To function properly education needs an ideology. It can't do without it. Some educators say we don't need ideology, we'll just let the students loose to find their own way. That is dangerous.'

It was equally dangerous, he said, for man to have a defective ideology which was one sided, divisive and compromising in matters of morality and self-control.

'MRA presents the world with four standards—honesty, purity, unselfishness and love—and a method of guidance and participation. These standards are needed by all, Muslim, Christian or atheist. They are the

ABC of human living. The highest aim of education is that man should rise from his material being to his spiritual status.'

Philip Vundla, elected representative of 700,000 Africans in Johannesburg said, 'Some people feel that the problems of South Africa can be solved by changing the laws. Let us change the laws, they are unbearable.' But in some countries laws had been changed, he went on, and violence had grown because people's motives had remained the same. 'It is important to change people as well as laws', he said.

Vundla, who is Chairman of the Association for the Education and Cultural Advancement of Africans in South Africa, said that Europe was highly developed technically yet extremely backward morally. He would not like to see his own children come here for anything except Moral Re-Armament.

'I feel very upset when I see young Africans trying to ape white people in this continent. They have got to be as tough as our people who are dying in the forests of Rhodesia. They have got to be tough in doing the right thing,' said Vundla.

## NEW MOTIVE IN INDUSTRY CALLED FOR

GEOFFREY WALTON, last year's chairman of the negotiating committee of the National Union of Railwaymen, said that the great productive capacity of British industry should be used to meet human and material needs anywhere in the world. The problem today was not on the production side of industry but on the distribution side.

'We have got to solve it,' he said, 'by changing the motive in industry. Then we can solve the technical problems of industry so as to get greater productivity in order to solve the needs of the people and the needs of the world.'

He was addressing a conference last weekend in the Westminster Theatre, London, attended by representatives of both sides of industry. Conference participants came from the railways, docks, printing, building, motor, aircraft, shipbuilding and telecommunications industries.

Leslie Mace, managing director of a large scale motor sales company in the South of England, said that the central problem in the motor indus-

try was communications. The issue was how to translate the ideas from the boardroom to the shop floor and vice-versa.

One British motor firm had lost 10% of its production last year through bad communications, he said. His firm was tackling the problem at a weekly management meeting where 'frictional losses' were liquidated through honesty and 'all the cards are face up on the table all the time'.

He was attempting now, he said, to enlist others in management to make this approach and spirit national in the motor industry.

Other speakers at the conference included Neville Cooper, Production Director of Odhams; Bert Reynolds, Chairman of the Mid Wales Branch of the Society of Telecommunications Engineers; Nancy Greenfield, an administrator in the National Health Service; Jack Carroll, Branch Chairman of the Transport and General Workers' Union in the Port of Bristol; and Les Dennison, Chairman of the National Federation of Building Trades' Operatives in Coventry.



# INDIAN NEWSWEEKLY REVIEWS 'AFRICA'S HOUR'

Indian political newsweekly, "SWARAJYA", reviews "Africa's Hour and Other Speeches" by Peter Howard.

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT is a world-wide movement sponsored by the late Frank Buchman for the elimination of all strife and war, hatred and death. The founder adopted the language of war, intending to summon men to bring about reformation on a war footing on the moral side. Amongst the many valiant and ardent crusaders in the cause was the late Peter Howard, working away the world over and particularly in Africa. The speeches included in this book were made to varied types of audiences and emphasize the urgency of solving problems arising out of the crisis in character, far more significant than the ruin and desolation that the last World War left behind. It was at the request of Africans that the speeches have been gathered together under the title of an address by Peter Howard to African diplomats, businessmen and students in London.

## Puzzles

It is not Communism or Capitalism, colour or class that create present-day puzzles. It is the fall in the level of man's character that poses the real threat. The challenge of the times, as Peter Howard sees, can be met only by the substitution of selflessness for selfishness, gentleness for savagery, brotherhood for tyranny, universality for narrow nationalism, and peace and tranquillity for war and strife. The new paths chosen must point to

the transformation to be achieved in the character of both the individual and the State.

The colour bar in Africa, the Communist emphasis on ideological expansion, the narrow nationalism of the liberated coloured peoples, the race for nuclear armament among the advanced nations, have cast dark shadows across the world, engendering a growing doubt whether mankind can ever rid itself of violence.

The Chinese leaders, for instance, have hardened themselves to war and brutality and can see salvation only in perpetual conflict. Race-hatred and colour prejudice are rampant in parts of the globe, causing frequent explosions. In Africa civil strife seems no nearer abatement, and even in the United States a challenge to civilization is posed by ugly violence. It seems indeed a grotesque paradox that even a country like the USA, more technologically sophisticated and more prosperous than other advanced nations, should witness scenes of cruel barbarity and cowardly violence. All this points to the urgency of revolutionising the morals of the world.

It is wrong to assume, however, that the world today is morally bankrupt and going over the precipice. We may seem to move to the brink, but we also move away from it. In the onward march of civilization the world goes through many ups and

downs; all is not loss; men also achieve some moves towards greater safety and security.

There has to be continuous propaganda earnestly carried on by a whole host of leaders and organizations. Reforming the morals of humanity means reforming the individual. Each man must set the example himself; turn the searchlight inward. If the individual is pledged to selfless service and the abjuring of all that is evil, the social order is automatically corrected. Save the individual and save the world: this is the sensible way, and is what all wisdom points to. The great religions of the world show the same way, beckoning to a future full of promise and hope.

Frank Buchman recognized this. "Why not let God govern the world?" he asked, and Peter Howard, his true disciple, propagates the same message and calls for a dedicated and disciplined life, honest and happy, placing character above everything else. An improvement in character will elevate and ennoble life, obliterating all distinctions. The finest hour is that when strong men and States help their weaker fellow men and States, and in that process everyone is helped to find his true inner being.

This is the simple and quite traditional doctrine of Moral Re-Armament, set forth in a modern idiom in the persuasive speeches of Peter Howard. N. S. VARADACHARI

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## Civic heads see 'Annie' musical

TWO HUNDRED and fifty six mayors or chairmen of councils in England and Wales recently attended performances of the musical *Annie* at the Westminster Theatre.

They came on three evenings with their parties, about 700 people, after attending the Royal Garden Parties in Buckingham Palace given during July for civic heads.

The civic parties were invited to the Westminster Theatre and to a supper reception beforehand at 45 Berkeley Square by Ald Sir Nicholas Garrow OBE, former Chairman of the Northumberland County Council; Ald D J Lewis, former Lord Mayor of Liverpool; and Councillor D D Connors, Deputy Lord Mayor of

Portsmouth. This is the fifth year that Sir Nicholas Garrow, who is on the Advisory Council of the Friends of the Westminster Theatre, has invited his civic colleagues to the Westminster Theatre.

On each of the three evenings this year the guests went on to a reception after the performance, in the theatre restaurant. Many of the civic heads said they wished to support the objectives of the Westminster Theatre in their communities.

One Chairman of an urban district council commented, 'It has been worth going into local government and to the Royal Garden Party in order to meet MRA and go to the Westminster Theatre.'

# Questing the New Man

by George Williams

REVOLUTIONARY socialist students in Britain, France (which I have recently visited) and other countries, are divided among themselves on the strategy for building a better world.

In the Grosvenor Square demonstration on the Vietnam issue recently there were those represented who supported the liberalisation in Czechoslovakia and those who supported Chairman Mao.

The quest of all Marxist revolutionaries, whether Russian, Czech, Cuban or Chinese is for the new socialist man. Some say he will emerge in a society of greater freedom, and others from the turmoil of a cultural revolution.

A leader in one group in France told me that Cuba was nearest to the pattern of society envisaged by her friends. It is reported that many hundreds of European students are there this summer for training. Although the Cuban rebellion was against the corruption of Batista's society, corruption in men is still a basic problem.

## FRENCH MP's SEE TOPICAL COMEDY

*PITIE POUR CLEMENTINE*, a musical comedy about a small republic going through political turmoil very similar to recent events in France, was received last week in Paris with great enthusiasm by Members of the National Assembly, factory workers, students and theatre personalities.

Several Deputies have invited the play to come to their cities where they are also mayors.

The musical comedy by Jean-Jacques Odier was staged by the Convention of Responsible Citizens for three nights at the Studio des Champs Elysées Theatre.

Convention representatives from various regions of France conferred during the week with their Deputies and Senators from both the Government and Opposition parties.

John Gerassi in his introduction to Guevara's speeches writes, 'Ché's whole attitude towards prices, sacrifices, import restrictions, new factories, electrification, communications, etc., was governed by his one fundamental principle that no matter how much you change society, no matter how much you restructure it, unless you create a new man, unless you change attitudes, it all ends up in greed, lust and ambition.'

How do we find a cure and apply it? That was the dilemma Guevara faced. An answer is offered in the recently published book *Modernising Man\** by Paul Campbell—'medical doctor by training, revolutionary by choice'. The book gives concrete evidence of the emergence and evolution of the new type of man.

Today's student generation, many of whom reject the selfish materialistic conceptions of the modern world, has a greater opportunity than ever of influencing the course of events in the world. Protest must be only one part of their important role in the future. A lot of thinking and constructive action will have to be put into developing the new man.

It will have to start with personal change. Those who seriously want to answer hate, division and self-interest in the world obviously cannot afford to continue with those forces controlling their own motives and actions.

An end to hate and division will

result in the massive resources now spent on the arms race being re-directed for the service of humanity. An end to self-interest will enable nations and industries to meet the needs of every person for work, food and the dignity of a satisfying life. These tasks are so urgent and demanding that they require a commitment to a permanent revolution requiring every ounce of energy and every minute of time.

The key to becoming a permanent revolutionary is held in this passage from Campbell's book: 'The strategy for living every day in such a way that we advance man's true objective is available to all who will listen to the voice of evolution inside them.'

This voice of evolution, the inner voice, or the voice of God, can give us freedom from the powerful pulls of the 'old man' and enable us to break out of limited horizons in order that, as new men, we can apply ourselves to every last problem in the world.

'Only this creation of a new man at the heart of an ideological programme for humanity,' writes Campbell, 'goes far enough to harness the power of America and the passion of Communism. It will take new men to create peace and to execute true judgment on the earth, to show mercy and compassion every man to his brother, to end the oppression of the weak and the poor, to build men and nations who imagine no evil in their hearts against their neighbours. People who make the remaking of men the issue of our time will build a new way for man on earth.'

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