

I come from South Africa. It is a country bedevilled by racial division, and from early on in life, I committed my life to the battle to break the yoke of foreign oppression, and I made it my task to fan the flames of hatred in the hearts of young Africans. I supported the cause of the African National Congress and all the political struggles of my people. But, together with many young people, we felt that the older people were going too "hat in the hand" to the authorities, and we wanted the more dynamic and militant organisation to fight for the freedom and independence of the black people in South Africa. So we formed the African National Congress Youth League.

And it was as I was fighting in that League that I met Moral Re-Armament and for the first time I met white men and black men who had changed. But what shook me most was to meet rabid Aafrikaaner nationalists who had found something bigger to live for, and who were prepared to apologise to me and to other African nationalists for their former attitude of hatred and arrogance. And when they spoke like that to me, that moved me and I began to realise that instead of planning the liquidation of people, I could sit with them and listen to God's guidance to plan for a new South Africa together with them.

But I was still full of hatred and bitterness, and my life needed a great deal of attention. I realised then that I was a reactionary. Although I claimed to be a revolutionary, there were many things in my own life which needed attention and that until I was prepared to face personal change, I was not revolutionary enough. And then I took the step and I also changed, and since that time I have fought with people of all races, both in South Africa and all over the world, to find God's leading for the remaking of our country as it is meant to be.

South Africa is still a much talked about country all over the world, and indeed in many parts it is a hated country, but I have appealed to people all over to give it another look and another change because I believe there could be change in South Africa and that we should not be cynical about people finding something different.

Right here at Caux my own daughter experienced a movement of the Spirit in her own life when she saw an Afrikaaner young man serving me and attending to my needs in the same way that black people serve white men in South Africa. That shook her and she ceased to be cynical about white South Africans becoming different. And she gave that message all over here in Caux, that people should give white South Africans a chance because those people under God can become different, and it is on that basis that I speak against the isolation of South Africa and I speak for people over to befriend us, to go there, and fight with us to bring about a new world.

I am no less a revolutionary because I listen to God. But I have renounced the path of violence and hatred. I hate passionately the things that divide men and I am finding that greater passion for the things that will unite us above every affiliation, above race, above colour, above creed. And I know that the greatest need of the world is not to look at colour, but to realise that the biggest thing that man needs is to attend to his character, and when we have men of character in the world, then all men will be able to stand shoulder to shoulder together as the sons and daughters of God.

Many people ask, "Which way will Africa go?" and at the moment I believe Africa is confused. There is a crisis of character. Men who were united when they fought for freedom of

their continent and countries have now allowed self interest and other things to take precedence in their lives. Unless we can get an incorruptible type of leader who will not be bought with money, with position, with success and a promise of other things that all these things can offer, then Africa will be doomed. Other ideologies are dividing us and the Maoists are active in Africa today and we need an ideology much bigger than Maoism or that which is offered by the USSR - the ideology that begins when a man begins to listen to God and to live the absolute moral standards, then he need no longer have a blueprint because he needs to know nothing more, except to be sure that he lives at the Cross and he moves as God guides. And when the world moves that way, there will be the end of anarchy, the end of confusion, the end of chaos. There will be the rebirth of a new world.