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AGELESS MESSAGE

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'Communism can be outmoded'

IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS Communism can be outmoded,' declared Mr. Peter Howard, British journalist, author and playwright, addressing the Assembly of the Americas at Mackinac Island, Michigan. 'That is the task of Moral Re-Armament, and we have the men who can do it.

'The Communists have decided they are going to run things without God,' he continued. 'Eight hundred million people are under their sway. You will fool yourselves if you think their people are reluctant or restive. It is a monumental human force backed by the total resources of massive states. Some people think it will come to dropping hydrogen bombs on each other. It may, but it need not.

'How many people in the free nations think and plan intelligently to capture the heart and mind of Moscow and Peking? Or are they satisfied with saying Communism is wrong?

'The ideology of Moral Re-Armament has penetrated the Iron Curtain again and again. Now suddenly a

flood of Soviet full pages in the newspapers is coming back at the West. From Australia and Britain, reports come that Soviet officials told the press they were taking full pages in the newspapers because of the effectiveness of the full pages on Moral Re-Armament.

'They have got the resources of governments to pay for their pages. MRA has only what thousands of people give from sacrifice and conviction,' said Howard, announcing the appearance in the London *Times* of a further full page entitled 'Britain Needs an Idea'.

'I think there is still a quality in Britain that could do something for the world—but never, never, unless we face the ideological weakness of our policies.'

Howard challenged Britain and America to re-arm morally and 'wrest the ideological initiative from Moscow and Peking. It will mean committing our lives as passionately and permanently to the task of making God's will regnant in human affairs as Krushchev and Mao Tse-tung have committed themselves to conquering the world for Communism,' he concluded.

'The Congo needs a change of heart'

FOREIGN MINISTER JUSTIN BOMBOKO conferred this month with the MRA international force at present in the Congo. 'Moral Re-Armament has contributed to national reconciliation,' he said. 'The results you achieve prove that human nature can be changed. Yours is a great human idea. I am convinced that the day will come when all men will understand this. These are my convictions and they are shared by the government. The Congo above all needs a change of heart.'

Listening to the Ruhr miners who lead the delegation, M. Bomboko said, 'I have fought for the workers to have a better standard of living, as has the Prime Minister. That is another reason why I ask you to continue your work. MRA is for everyone, employers and workers. If there is a change on both sides, a solution can be reached.'

The Minister of Information, M. Michel Colin, received the force in his Ministry as 'comrades in the fight'. He told them, 'You were with us on Independence Day in 1960. Since then we have seen the real strength of MRA and have always admired the way it fights. It is a fight without violence, but it brings results.

'We have always fought against corruption in the Parliament,' Colin continued, 'and I am convinced that with your help we shall reach our goal. I have seen all your films. They can do a great deal of good for our country. If you need people to help stage your plays, we shall put them at your disposal.'

M. Paul Bolya, Minister of Health, described his encounter with Dr. Frank Buchman in Caux shortly after independence. 'I found myself in a new world,' he said. 'I talked to Frank Buchman privately and poured out the bitterness I had after the crisis in my

country, especially against the Belgians. But then I was absorbed by this new world. I decided to live by Frank Buchman's challenge and apply Moral Re-Armament. Instead of blaming and accusing others, I set to work quietly and was reconciled with my bitterest political opponents.

'When I talked to Dr. Buchman, he told me, "I have been called to the other side." I told him that we needed

him. He said he would not leave before the Congo started something new.

'Last year the Congolese Parliament met in conclave at Louvanium University, and there we started to find an answer to our problems. As I came out of that conference I heard of Frank Buchman's passing. It was the 7th of August, and I understood. Frank Buchman had kept his word.'

Swiss military journal calls for uniting idea

SWITZERLAND celebrated on her National Day nearly 700 years of freedom, won by the bravery and resolution of men who toppled the tyrants of their day.

Speaking before Members of Parliament and representatives from all walks of Swiss life, the President of the 22,000-strong Association of Non-Commissioned Officers of the Swiss Army, M. Georges Kindhauser, presented to the Caux Assembly a special number of the Association's magazine, *The Swiss Soldier*. This journal is considered essential material for training troops of the Swiss army. In addition to its regular circulation this issue goes to 8,000 officers above the rank of captain. The National Day edition is entirely devoted to the theme, 'Military Preparedness in the Ideological War'. An editorial states that 'the will to defence must be strengthened through the mobilization of the spirit and the deepening of faith.'

The editorial continues: 'The editorial board of this newspaper feels particularly committed to this. There can be no military defence of a nation without a well-trained army, and there can be no well-trained army if the spirit and faith of the soldiers are not alert. Strong armaments will only deter the enemy from attacking if behind them stand soldiers who are armed in soul and

spirit. To meet a bold foe demands a superior ideology, uniting the whole nation in its preparedness for defence.

'Many years ago Frank Buchman, founder of Moral Re-Armament, realised that victory over materialism and over the ideology of Communism can only be achieved by a better and superior ideology. This ideology in recent years has reached the entire world and bridged all barriers of confession, race and class.

'Moral Re-Armament is not a substitute for religion. It is practical Christianity lived out, and it demands the whole man. That is why this ideology, in the age of the cold war, has been able to give a clear answer to corruption, Communism and war.

'We dedicate our edition to Moral Re-Armament on this National Day. Soldiers of our own and other armies speak. They tell us why Moral Re-Armament is able to give the answer to the pressing problems of our age—fear, hate, greed and bitterness. They tell us why they themselves have taken this personal decision.'

The edition contains pictures showing Moral Re-Armament forces giving training to the armies and civilian populations of Latin America, South-East Asia, Africa and Europe.

Kenya: 'Independence without bloodshed'

'UHURU', the Swahili version of the all-African film *Freedom*, was shown last week to thousands who crowded the market square in Gatundu, the home town of the Hon. Jomo Kenyatta, Minister for Constitutional Affairs and Economic Planning in Kenya, and head of KANU (the Kenya African National Union).

This showing completed a series in the Kiambu District arranged by Mr. Dedan Mugo, who was released last October after twelve years' detention, during which six members of his family were killed in the emergency.

Mr. Mugo introduced the film and told how Mr. Nahashon Ngare and Mr. Stanley Kinga, former Mau Mau leaders, had shown *Freedom* to Kenyatta while he was still detained in Maralal. Kenyatta urged that the film be made available to the millions of East Africa in the Swahili language, saying, 'This film is ideologically and psychologically sound for our people. We must learn from it.'

Mr. Mugo, who is Executive Officer of the Kenya Farmers' Trade Union and President of the Kerinyaga Welfare Association of East Africa, said, 'This film is made by people who have struggled for freedom. You will be touched and challenged by it, as I was when I saw it after being released from detention. We don't want another bloody revolution here. This film shows us how to achieve independence without bloodshed.'

Condemning corruption and immorality amidst cheers from the audience, he continued, 'We need men who cannot be bought by drink, women or money. It is for us to choose the kind of leaders we want, so that we can go ahead together in prosperity, improving our land, educating our children and living in unity.'

Mr. James Muigai, only brother of Jomo Kenyatta, also spoke before the film, saying, 'The first time I saw this film at my brother's home it taught us a great lesson. It shows us the way to find unity in our homes.'

FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET

by AMBASSADOR JOAO NEVES DA FONTOURA
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IN AN AGE when darkness over-shadows clarity of thought, and the prevalence of law over force is no longer secure, it is heartening to see the rapid progress made by Moral Re-Armament in Brazil.

A number of years have passed since the philosophy of Frank Buchman, reaching every continent, became known in our country. Now, Brazil must be considered one of the areas where Moral Re-Armament has gained unexpected velocity and depth, thanks to the active campaign of a group of fearless men, convinced of the need to take it to all parts of our vast territory.

It has not remained only in the big cities, or touched only superficially on public opinion. Even less has it remained among that part of society characterised by the well-being of its members. No, here in Brazil the philosophy of Buchman has reached the workers and the poor, the cities and the country.

It is my conviction that its aims are adjusted exactly to the events taking place in our country.

Brazil is in that stage in her national life where the greatest contradictions occur: a rapid and vast industrial development, constant and complex, but without any balance between this industrial advance and agricultural production. Many of our leaders have not begun to comprehend that factory and field must work on parallel lines and complement each other.

It has often been said that our inferiority is the result of our being exporters almost solely of primary products, principally cocoa and coffee. Today we are suffering from the results of this mistaken belief.

Problems of production

Undoubtedly a perfect civilisation depends on industrial perfection. But the latter must be accompanied by diversity of agricultural production, in order to guarantee and augment internal consumption. Otherwise, food for the population decreases and prices reach unbearable heights.

That is what is taking place in Brazil. We are producing aeroplanes, cars, sewing machines and a thousand other commodities—but we import wheat and even beans!

Such a disequilibrium is reflected in the social order and generates ill-will. This is happening especially in the North East, which has been devastated by droughts and other periodic calamities. The North East of Brazil has always been one of our most delicate problems. The collaboration of the United States and of other friendly nations has been vigorously directed towards answering it.

In localities such as this, politico-social agitators frequently appear, trying to instigate unrest and revolution. Months ago, the force of Moral Re-Armament

initiated a campaign throughout this North East area, spreading the ideas of Buchman and explaining the urgent need to rebuild the world on a foundation which makes for liberty, peace and brotherhood and counters all forms of despotism.

Recently, for five nights running, generals and soldiers, university rectors and striking students, civil servants and workers were in a Recife theatre to see performances of *El Condor*, a play written by Peruvian students from the ancient University of San Marcos.

One of the assistants to President Joao Goulart encouraged the cast to take their play to the entire country.

Same objective

The Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army affirmed, 'You are doing a tremendous job to save Brazil.' According to the Secretary of Education, Moral Re-Armament is developing a new leadership.

The Abbot of the oldest Monastery of Saint Benedict, in Olinda-Recife, asserted on receiving the force, 'We are working for the same objective—the creation of a better world.'

Not only in the North East, but in all parts of the country, the far North, the centre, in the great cities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, in the capital, Brasilia, the reception has been enthusiastic, from the President of the Republic to the man-in-the-street.

President of Guatemala asks for MRA force

SENOR MIGUEL YDIGORAS FUENTES, President of Guatemala, has urgently requested Brazilian national leaders to send a force of men trained in Moral Re-Armament to his nation. He has written to Ambassador Joao Neves da Fontoura, and Marshals Teixeira Lott and Juarez Tavora, seeking their aid in applying 'this practical philosophy' in Guatemala.

Marshal Tavora, presidential candidate in the 1960 elections, and national hero of his country, one year ago led the Japanese students and their play *The Tiger* through the North East of Brazil.

In December of last year the attention of the entire country was arrested by the reconciliation between Marshals Tavora and Lott at the Moral Re-Armament Assembly of the Americas in Rio de Janeiro. Marshal Lott, formerly Brazilian Minister of War and presidential candidate in 1956, had placed Marshal Tavora under arrest in the course of their bitter political conflict in past years. Since December, they have taken common action to give Brazil a uniting ideology.

'Pennsylvania revolutionary with an ageless message'

NEWSPAPERS across the United States are reviewing the American edition of *Frank Buchman's Secret*, published by Doubleday and Company. The *New York Herald Tribune* calls it 'an introduction to a crusade of great scope', and describes Frank Buchman as having 'moved through a swirl of controversy toward a very great goal—nothing less than revolutionizing the world by changing the individual'.

The American Weekly, the weekend pictorial supplement of the Hearst newspaper chain which goes into millions of American homes, reviewed the book on the inside front cover of its Independence Day edition. It writes, 'Buchman was a twentieth-century revolutionary from Pennsylvania with an ageless message: change yourself first, then tackle the world. It is publishing news when a book about an American is printed first in twelve languages, sells 550,000 copies, then is published in English in the man's native land!'

The doyen of Washington's political columnists, Gould Lincoln, reviewed the book in the *Washington Star* under the headline, 'Held the Key to a World Without War'.

'World-wide sweep'

On 19 July, the *Christian Advocate* published a review by the Rev. Ralph Sockman, nationally known American Methodist clergyman and writer, which we reprint below.

'Frank Buchman's secret began to lure my mind back in the summer of 1911. I had gone to a summer school of religious workers in Lake Forest, Illinois. There I met several young men from Penn State College. They talked much about Frank. The stamp of his personality was upon them. What was the explanation of his magnetism? The question has been with me for 50 years.

'While the reports of his work have come to me steadily through conversation, press and uncounted

friends, I had not realised the world-wide sweep of his amazing influence until I read Peter Howard's new book. I stand aghast. How could one man "be compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses"?

'Mahatma Gandhi saying that "Moral Re-Armament was the best thing that ever came out of the west"; Saburo Chiba and Nobusuke Kishi of Japan testifying to its power; General Bethlem of Brazil, who committed his whole life to this movement; Robert Schuman, former premier of France, declaring, "Without moral re-armament the history of Morocco and Tunisia would be different"; Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany asserting, "It is absolutely essential to the peace of the world".

These are only a few of the world leaders who are summoned as witnesses.

'Henry Ford revealed his regard for Frank Buchman when he said, "Put that man Buchman in a forest and he'll change the trees." Ford followed up his words by welcoming Frank into the bosom of his family life.

'Buchman's power penetrated the ranks of labour as well as the homes of wealth. On page after page Peter Howard recounts the changes wrought in many leaders of organised labour, even of communist groups. Perhaps no part of the book is more impressive than the influence of Buchman's work in the racial tensions of South Africa.

'I could wish that the author had told of some case wherein Frank failed—for he must have found some who frustrated his best efforts. But individual failures would not have daunted Buchman. He felt himself in the hands of an irresistible Power. "Part of Frank Buchman's secret, which made so many say that their meeting with him was a turning point in their life, was his belief that he did nothing. God did everything,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wellington, New Zealand—In the presence of the Prime Minister and Mrs. Holyoake and their family, a distinguished audience saw the film *The Crowning Experience* on the first night of this week's special run in the capital. Among the audience were members of Cabinet and Parliament, diplomatic and consular representatives from Japan, China, Germany, Yugoslavia and Greece. A large group of Samoans included Mr. Tamasese, son of the joint Chief of State, and Mr. Stehlin, Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Leopoldville—During the month of August, mobile film units of the Congolese Ministry of Information are showing the all-African film *Freedom* nineteen times, including twice in each of the townships composing the city of Leopoldville, where 800,000 people live. The government has ordered and paid for four copies of the film.

Helsinki—All the feature films of MRA have been distributed nationally. In many cities they have broken box office records. The National Board of Education has recommended these films for all schools in order to 'fortify the moral backbone and the fight for freedom of all youth'.

if you allowed Him to do so."

'When I was about half through the book I said to myself, "This strikes the reader as a portrayal of a modern Saint Francis." Then I came, some pages later, to Joe Scott, the Roman Catholic lay leader who often told his friends: "Frank Buchman is not a controversial figure. He is like Saint Francis of Assisi."

'Buchman started so many currents of influence, and touched so many lives, that he is bound to be a subject of controversy for years to come. But that is all the more reason for reading this very readable book. He had a secret which the centuries will keep on seeking.'