



Blocking Communism: Three full-time workers in the cause of moral rearmament: Group Captain P. S. Foss, O.B.E., Miss Valerie Exton and Mr. Leo Exton, who visited the City during the week-end.

## MORAL REARMAMENT AS FORCE BLOCKING COMMUNISM

### Full-Time Workers Visit City: Touring Union With Industrial Drama

**H**UMAN NATURE can be changed — for the better — and Moral Rearmament is changing it, claim Mr. Leo Exton, Miss Valerie Exton and Group-Captain P. S. Foss, O.B.E. These three full-time workers for a force which is blocking Communism, visited Port Elizabeth during the week-end.

Mr. Leo Exton, director of 12 British companies, his daughter and the distinguished war-time flyer passed through the City on a tour of the Union in which they are part of the company that is presenting "The Forgotten Factor," an industrial drama written for moral rearmament by Alan Thornhill.

This play has already been seen by 33,000 South Africans. It has been played in 13 countries in six languages. Its message: "Not who is right; but what is right," seeks to bring a new spirit into labour-management relations.

This aim has been strikingly achieved already in South Africa, G./Capt. Foss told an Eastern Province Herald reporter yesterday. At Springs a trade union organiser whose gold miners had seen the play, reported that he had not had a single dispute in the next three months. Previously he had had at least one a week.

#### GROWING STEADILY

"The Forgotten Factor" will include Port Elizabeth in its South African itinerary, if it can find a sponsor. In many towns it is being backed by the Mayor. At other places, by large industrialists, Rotary Clubs, or other public-spirited individuals. A three-act production, the play has a cast of nearly 60. Miss Valerie Exton acts the lead.

Moral Rearmament, still sometimes called the Oxford Group movement, from which it sprang, is growing steadily throughout the world, Mr. Exton said. At the last international conference at Caux, Switzerland, 10,000 delegates from 84 countries discussed its ideals for three months.

Distinguished South African visitors included the Transvaal Provincial Executive Committee, who were visiting Italy in connection with road-building plans.

Sound homes, team-work in industry, and a united nation, all through individual faith in the guidance of God, are the ideals which the movement propagates, largely through drama and music. Perhaps the most striking demonstration of how Moral Rearmament can change human nature, according to Mr. Exton, was the conversion of several ardent Communists in Europe — one an influential party official who declared afterwards his conviction that but for Moral Rearmament, Communism would have spread much further round the world.