

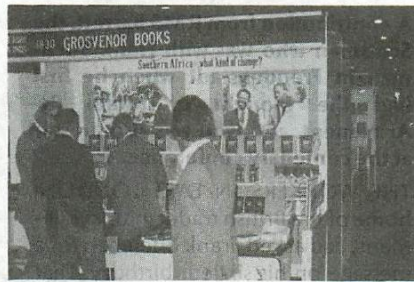
GROSVENOR BOOKS was one of 60 British publishers who had stands at the American Booksellers' Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, last month.

Thirty titles were on view at the stand which had been arranged jointly with Grosvenor's American representatives.

Negotiations were opened with several American publishers.

After the convention the Grosvenor representatives visited 14 American towns and cities. 'It was encouraging,' says John Faber, 'to see our Grosvenor Books in homes all over the south-eastern United States as well as copies of *New World News*.'

Into American homes



The corner site on a main aisle featured Peter Hannon's book, *Southern Africa—What Kind of Change?*

NEW WORLD NEWS in several issues has reported on events related to Frank Buchman's centenary. All over the world the occasion was marked on the weekend of 4 June—except in Brazil where, because of World Cup fever, it was thought wiser to postpone the main event until later in the month! We thought that readers would like a further flavour of the news that has reached us and which we reproduce on these pages.

Principal's principles

AMONG THOSE at a luncheon in Hong Kong on 4 June were five people who had met Buchman between 1912 and 1918, including Dr DY Lin, a founder of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and tennis champion of China in 1915. Among the guests was the Anglican Bishop, Rt Rev Gilbert Baker.

The *Hongkong Standard* quoted 87-year-old Dr Catherine Woo, speaking at the lunch. She recalled meeting Buchman in 1918. 'He said God could guide us to the specific problems of individuals and bring a cure, but we must write it down because the strongest memory is weaker than even the palest ink.

'As I had no thoughts in my mind I asked him why, and was very surprised when he told me I was barred from God by my sins. I could not understand because I was a school principal.'

Dr Woo also told the story of a young woman headmistress who had sought advice from Buchman at that time about one of her students who had stolen. She was wondering whether he should be expelled.

'He asked the young principal if she had ever stolen anything before, and when she admitted she had stolen money from her mother once in her childhood, everyone in the meeting gazed at her.

'Dr Buchman then asked the meeting if anyone there had never stolen before. There was no reply, and he said, "We are all thieves."

The husband of that young headmistress was also present at the lunch.

His legacy

THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE from all states of Australia and from overseas attended occasions at Armagh, the MRA Centre in Melbourne. One who came was Reg Blow, Administrative Field Officer of the Dandenong Aboriginal Co-operative. He said, 'Having not met Frank Buchman, I feel that I do know him because of the things he's left behind. I was introduced to MRA about three years ago, and in that time it's helped me a lot in the work I try to do in the cause of my people.... We all need goals and objectives to aim for and standards to live right. We are the only ones in control of our destiny and no one can come along and give us our culture. We have to do it, we have to get this sense of purpose and direction from within. That's why these standards have given me the guidelines and enabled me to work among my people and put a bit of common sense into achieving certain goals and objects my organisation is involved in.'

'I think one of the benefits I've felt the most is the reinforcement of my marriage. Things that are really important are my wife and our relationship with our children.... All this has helped enrich my life, and also I've got a commitment and I'm working on it.'

STONE RECORD

A HUNDRED BUDDHIST MONKS in Burma assembled for a day of prayer on 4 June to honour the life of Frank Buchman. They were convoked by Sayadaw U Narada, former General Secretary of the Presiding Abbots' Association of Burma.

Behind the Buddhist abbot in this photo is a stone inscribed with a record of his travels with Moral Re-Armament in different countries.

U Narada, with four other senior abbots, attended an MRA conference in Caux, Switzerland. He described MRA as 'wholly in harmony with Buddhist religion', and said that through it he had changed his attitude to Christians. 'Before meeting MRA I had no concern for Christians or for the West,' he wrote. 'There are only two camps in the world, those who believe in God and those who do not. Those who believe in God will win.'

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LATIN MASSES

'SO POWERFUL was the impact of his work—which continues to flourish across the globe—that members of many parliaments, including Congress, are paying tribute to him,' wrote *The Enquirer*, Cincinnati.

This was demonstrated in Latin America in a session of the Legislative Assembly of Rio de Janeiro, one of Brazil's leading states. Here Antonio Gomes, an opposition MP, spoke of the impact of Buchman's life and read out chapters from the book *The Revolutionary Path*, a collection of his speeches. After he finished, Gama Lima, a government MP, took the floor and congratulated his colleague on having taken the initiative to speak on Moral Re-Armament and Frank Buchman in the Assembly. It was a most appropriate subject to raise in such an Assembly in the times in which we are living, he said.

Shortly afterwards, having to speak himself on a project of law, he started again by referring to Moral Re-Armament. In the middle of his speech, Antonio Gomes han-

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Sayadaw U Narada, in front of commemorative tablet.

SECOND HOME

'I HAVE LEARNT to love Germany. I am not blind to the German character any more than I am to the French character. And if we fight, it is because we are so alike. If, however, we learn to live together and let our character be shaped by God's guidance as Frank Buchman emphasised, nothing can ever again divide us. Germany has become my second home. One loves one's second home just as much as one's first, with all its mistakes. I would like us together to show mankind what Frank Buchman wanted to do for the world.'

IRENE LAURE

former General Secretary of the Socialist Women of France and a leader of the French Resistance in World War II, speaking in Freudenstadt, Germany, at the international assembly for the Buchman centenary.

Muscle building

A contribution from EMS Barrett, the Scotsman who was with Frank Buchman in Freudenstadt when he first had the thought of Moral Re-Armament, and who was also present at the centenary conference.

THE WORKERS IN EAST LONDON, home of the British trade union movement, had asked Frank Buchman for a message on his sixtieth birthday. That message of Moral Re-Armament was born in Freudenstadt.

In many respects the world situation then was the same as today. Nations were re-arming. Unemployment was mounting.

It came clear to Frank Buchman, as he worked on his speech, that the message should be Moral Re-Armament, and that nothing else would reach the heart of the problem.

As we walked in the Black Forest he dictated some of these thoughts and I wrote them down on a piece of paper

against a tree.

Now, today, many years after, we can see the economic miracle Germany has achieved: People are well dressed, well fed, the houses and buildings are new. Germany's economic muscles bulge.

Today, if Frank Buchman was alive, he would say: 'Economic miracle—yes. But why not a "moral miracle" for all mankind?' He helped us to love Germany and to see what her future should be.

No one who heard Irene Laure of France speak that day in Freudenstadt, trembling with her feeling and conviction, after all she has gone through, could doubt for a moment the depth of change that has come to these two countries of France and Germany.

These changes do not come cheaply. They are born in the hearts of people.

MRA has spread round the world. Everyone has a part. We can, we must, and we will, generate a moral and spiritual force that is powerful enough to remake the world.

IN THE NEWS

DOZENS OF PAPERS around the world underlined the relevance today of the message of Buchman whom the *Malta News* described as being 'ahead of his time by half a century'. As a writer in the Dutch *Utrecht Nieuwsblad* commented, 'Could this hundredth anniversary be the occasion for us to study more closely what Buchman's real aims were rather than to be satisfied with a superficial positive or negative judgement? Because those aims are still important, especially in the attempt to create a better and more just world order.'

France and Malta

An article in *The Advocate*, Burnie, the major provincial paper for Tasmania, starts off, 'Assassination in Rome, coup in Kabul or corruption in Washington—today's headlines are much the same as yesterday's. The crimes, the victims and the cities may be different but the challenge to society which angry men mount is the same. Some say, "Smash the system and start again"... a remarkable American, Frank Buchman, had a different approach. He believed that it was more radical and more effective to change what is wrong in society by changing men and curing their selfishness.'

An article in *Figaro*, the French daily, stated, 'During the last 50 years many who seek the way to a new world order have in their thinking travelled the same road as Buchman; but they have done so in the opposite direction. They have realised that peace and security can be assured only through change in man's behaviour. They may not yet dare publicly to follow this train of thought into the realm of the spirit; but if

you talk privately with some of them, they cannot help arriving at the conclusion from which Buchman started. "The international problems of today," he said, "are at bottom personal problems. Lives must be changed if problems are to be solved. Peace in the world can only spring from peace in the hearts of men."

Professor J. Aquilina compared the spirit of Moral Re-Armament to that of the Catholic Focolarini Movement in a centenary article in the *Sunday Times of Malta*. 'It aims,' he wrote, 'at fostering peace in the world through universal human brotherhood based on love for one's neighbour, especially one's neighbour in distress who needs a helping hand.'

The professor described MRA as very ecumenical. 'Its scope is not to accentuate theological differences which, alas, have fragmented Christian unity, but to unite people together through the bond of Christian love. It stands for something that is fundamentally good and therefore common to the basic truths of all religions which bind men to God and God to man. It is a movement that recognises the common fatherhood of our God in heaven, of which the human family, made up of the many millions of people that inhabit this planet, are the direct offspring.'

'WITH THIS SIMPLE MESSAGE (Why not let God run the world?), by which he himself lived, Dr Buchman actually succeeded in making a contribution to the changing of the world, which many sceptics had not thought possible.'

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

World headlines

The pioneering spirit behind MRA

THE TIMES, London

Buchman sought to change motives

CANBERRA TIMES

Government and opposition esteem Moral Re-Armament

DIE WELT

The offence of the Cross

THE SCOTSMAN

Honouring a man of God, a man of peace

SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST

The lighthouse of Asia

MAINICHI DAILY NEWS

Centenary of MRA founder

NEW ZEALAND HERALD

Many parliaments will honour MRA's founder

THE ENQUIRER, Cincinnati

The man with a great vision for South Africa

THE STAR, Johannesburg

Rhodesians gather to honour MRA founder

RHODESIA HERALD

Centenary of man of vision

SUNDAY TIMES OF MALTA

Heart and soul in building bridges between peoples

DIE RHEINPFALZ, Ludwigshafen

In the silence of the morning

L'ECHO, Lausanne

Moral rearmament desires disarmament

FIGARO, Paris

They believe in men who set an example

FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG

A unique healer

CALL-CHRONICLE, Allentown

No trouble at t'mill

A CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTER, Rev WD Laird, wrote in *The Scotsman*, 'Typical of many whom Buchman helped to give a practical expression to their faith was Stuart Sanderson, a Border mill-owner, who spoke along with people from several countries at the Assembly Rooms meeting. His theme was "stewardship", and the change which Christian standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love applied under the guidance of God could effect.

It was more than theory, because Sanderson had anticipated the problem of unemployment by accepting a lower standard of living for himself and his wife so that he could continue to employ men and women in the mill who would otherwise have been laid off.

'Buchman's work also anticipated the Christian-Marxist dialogue. For him it was the most natural thing in the world that the Christian should be a radical revolutionary and that the Marxist should catch the thinking of the New Testament about the revolution in human nature which is the only sound and lasting basis for social, economic, national and international change.'

UNCORKING THE BOTTLE

BUCHMAN WAS a merry character, like a bird free to sit on a branch and chirp in the sun or to dart through God's space with unexpected speed and in an unanticipated direction. He was free and unburdened because he believed that MRA like the universe was God's creation. He did not have to manage it or to protect it. Christ was the head and the sustaining power, the source of direction. His part was to listen and obey, so he lived without anxiety. He had a commitment to God, to people, and like his Master, to the world. He was not out to solve problems, but to use them to better the relationship of man with his Creator and with his fellow creatures. His aim was not to impress people nor to use them, but to uncork them like uncorking a bottle, so that what they had to give could get out into the world. He believed that the ordinary man and woman can do the extraordinary thing; that God has a plan and everyone has a part; that the wisdom and resources needed to fulfil their part in remaking the world are available to all day by day.

DR PAUL CAMPBELL
speaking in Freudenstadt

No accident

A GERMAN CATHOLIC WEEKLY, *Christ in der Gegenwart* wrote, 'Buchman was one of the great religious figures of our century... the post-war western world is more imbued in its spirituality with the spirit of Moral Re-Armament than it is aware of. The positive response which Frank Buchman found in the great political figures of Europe and America and in the first generation of politicians of the Third World, is no accident.'

ONE DAY IN MOSCOW

THE RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE, RNS, sent out an account by one of its correspondents to papers across the United States. It said, 'Concepts which Dr Buchman pioneered, especially in Church circles, have become common practice, for instance the importance of employing non-religious language and approaches, even the use of theatre for presenting Christian truth. And perhaps one of his greatest contributions, according to writer Garth Lean was "to re-emphasise the doctrine of the Holy Spirit". Phrases which stem from his work have entered into universal use— "It's not who's right but what's right", "There's enough in the world for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed", "It is not colour that counts, it is character", "When I point my finger at my neighbour, there are three more pointing back at me".

'Although his work was essentially with individuals, it was also credited with solving disputes and even influencing nations. His concern was with "vital Christianity" and his action ecumenical before it was fashionable to be so, but he stretched out the hand of fellowship to men of all faiths. Never far from his thoughts in later years, too, was how to win the Communist world to "a superior ideology". He did not believe in confrontation or in containment but in a change that would produce "the next step ahead for the Communist and non-Communist world alike". He told some of his colleagues, "Marxism may catch the spirit of Christ. Some of you may be working in Moscow one day. We must be ready."

The correspondent concluded his article, 'Dr Buchman, though very much a man of his age, fought vigorously against its prevailing trends. In an age of mass materialism, he laid stress on the individual, in an age of self-seeking individualism he demonstrated the effectiveness of selfless and global teamwork, in an age of Godless dictatorships he worked for "inspired democracy". To his successors, the task does not seem any less urgent even if it may be more daunting. His dying words still seem to many to be worth giving everything for: "I want the world to be governed by men governed by God."

Oriental insight

A 1,300-WORD ARTICLE in the Japanese *Mainichi Daily News* highlighted Buchman's links with Japan over 45 years and noted that Japan's was one of eight governments who decorated him for his services. 'His work to get Japan accepted back into the family of nations after World War II led Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, to say to him at the time of the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference in 1951, "You made peace with Japan two years before we signed it."' The article also quotes Hisato Ichimada, a former finance minister, 'Japanese trained by Dr Buchman have done most through their sincere apologies to pave the way for a just settlement of such issues as reparations, trade agreements and similar political accords.'

In Hong Kong the *South China Morning Post*, in a five-column evaluation, quoted Dr George Hsu Chien, who was secretary to Dr Sun Yat-Sen, 'Frank Buchman is a powerful spiritual leader who is unusually effective with people in that he brings them to the point where they turn faith into deeds... he has the divine vision that men like me, with God, should do His will in the land.'

Not without pain

A MAJOR ARTICLE on Frank Buchman by Garth Lean in *The Times* of London has drawn much appreciative comment in Britain and overseas.

Like many of the authoritative articles that appeared on every continent, Lean's account describes not only the development of Buchman's thinking and work, but also focuses on the present and the future.

After describing the difficulties facing MRA after the deaths of Buchman and of Peter Howard, Lean goes on

'Slowly, meanwhile—and not without pain—an informal international leadership has evolved which has not only been able to re-establish firm bases in the countries affected, but to consolidate elsewhere and carry forward initiatives in such crisis points as the South Tyrol, India, southern Africa, the Sudan and Northern Ireland.

'Valuable lessons have been learnt, including a greater appreciation of other people and movements working for good everywhere. The absence of a dominant personality has also forced people to find their security in a deeper dependence on God instead of on any person—something Buchman fought for, but did not always achieve, in his lifetime.'

Reprints of *The Times* article are available from 54 Lyford Road, London SW18 3JJ. Single copy 2p; 50 copies 80p; 100 copies £1.50, postage and packing extra.

Life lines

'SENTENCED TO LIFE', the play by Malcolm Muggeridge and Alan Thornhill, comes to the end of its three month run at the Westminster Theatre on 22 July. Cited in *Newsweek* as part of the British 'mercy killing' debate, it opened in an atmosphere of heated controversy.

Reviews of *Sentenced to Life* have appeared in more than 40 newspapers and magazines. Here we print extracts from some of the most recent (For earlier reviews see *NWN* Vol 26 No 28).

'... an entertaining and even funny play by Malcolm Muggeridge and Alan Thornhill. Under David William's direction the cast never overplays, and maintains credibility.'

'Perhaps the strongest vehicle for the authors' comedy is Susan Colverd as a sort of Frau Malaprop. She's the German au pair whose command of the English language gets more and more confused in times of stress. It's a delightful part for any actress and masterfully handled here.'

VARIETY (the American theatre magazine)

'Sincere treatment of the theme of euthanasia is enhanced by John Byron's extremely sensitive acting.'

ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS

'It is an intensely human, caring drama. It does not preach, it expresses a Christian view often missing from contemporary theatre.'

YORKSHIRE POST

'The authors have written a very good play and with a sufficiently light touch to make the theme digestible.'

CATHOLIC HERALD

'The play is a timely and important contribution to the mercy killing debate.'

METHODIST RECORDER

'The controversial subject of euthanasia and the issues of conscience and motive which surround it are sensitively dealt with in the latest Aldersgate production...'

'The closing scene of the husband kneeling in penitence, claiming the cleansing presence of Christ, left me wondering whether I was really in a West End theatre or witnessing the conclusion of a Salvation Army appeal.'

'This tragi-comedy is both thought-provoking and entertaining and is well worth seeing.'

WAR CRY (Salvation Army weekly)

'... leaves ... lasting impression, and the feeling that the authors are right in insisting that, so long as the mind is active, the best part of life remains, however crippled the body in which it survives.... Most paraplegics would, I'm perfectly sure, agree.'

NEW SCIENTIST

IT'S NOT CRICKET

A REMINDER from the 'Daily Express' at the end of June that some British fair play is much needed at Wimbledon. The William Hickey column wrote about HW Bunny Austin, a close colleague of Frank Buchman:

This is not just Wimbledon week, it is the annual humiliation by the All England Tennis Club of that legendary old pro, Bunny Austin, 71, who has now been waiting 16 years to re-join the club. Still he is excluded. The club chairman, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, 64, thundered rudely: 'This comes up every bloody year. It was a unanimous decision to turn down the application. He is still on the waiting list.' Bunny, whose offence seems to have been that he was in America during the war, thinks otherwise. 'It is just one man on the committee who is doing this to me,' he says. 'Although I don't want to say who.'

TRIBUTE TO NIGERIA, a film made by Moral Re-Armament to mark Nigeria's independence, was shown last month on television in Owerri, Imo State.

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ded over to him a list of the names of an MRA delegation which was sitting in the hall, 14 people from eight different countries. Gama Lima stopped his speech to read to the Assembly the whole list, making a comment on each person and each country. The Assembly was honoured, he said, by the presence of this group dedicated to spread the message of Frank Buchman and Moral Re-Armament.

All these proceedings will appear in the *Diario Oficial* of the Assembly.

In another state, Bahia, radio, press and television marked the occasion. In the capital, Salvador, two masses were celebrated in memory of Buchman. In the morning the mass was televised on the largest channel and pictures of Buchman and of Caux were shown on the screen. At the second mass in the cathedral there was a presentation of the film, *A Man for All People*, about the life of Dr William Nkomo of South Africa. At the final mass of the day, which was transmitted by radio to the whole of North-East Brazil, the priest, Father Osmar, again spoke of Buchman's commitment. His theme was the changing of people through Christ. He spoke of St Ignatius Loyola, St Francis Xavier, St Francis Borgia and Frank Buchman as men who went through an experience of change and committed their lives to the changing of men and society.

RHODESIAN ASSISTANCE

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT has been incorporated in Rhodesia. During the past three years since the international assembly in Salisbury, in June 1975, its work has grown throughout the country. On 26 February this year, Coolmoreen Farm, Gwelo, was officially opened as an MRA conference and training centre. To administer the funds which will be required for the developing initiatives in the country, MRA has been legally set up as a non-profit-making company.

During the course of this summer, Rhodesians, black and white, will be attending the Caux conference. Those wishing to assist financially in the overseas training of Rhodesians can make out cheques to Moral Re-Armament—Africa Fund and send them to the Treasurer, 12 Palace St, London SW1.

Without advertisement

THE ARCHBISHOP OF AGRA, Most Rev Dominic Athaide, told an audience of 150 of his aim 'to pull down the barriers of hatred and prejudice' in the city of Aligarh, traditionally torn by intercommunal riots. He was speaking at a reception in Bombay.

'MRA has certainly been a very great incentive to me,' said the Archbishop. 'Every month 30 people of different faiths meet. Our aim is not to prove that my religion is best, but to discuss what your religion means to you personally. We have met in a Muslim college, Hindu temple premises, Christian schools, a Parsee guest house, Jain temples and Sikh *Gurdwaras* (temples). We have had a three-day seminar at Aligarh, a Muslim centre and famous for its Muslim university. The seminar was attended by top professors, advocates, merchants and men of different religions. Those who attended decided that as citizens of Aligarh they should do their best to prevent bloody riots between Hindus and Muslims which were an annual event. Talks were given by Hindus and Muslims in the premises of the Rotarians, Lions Club and the Freemasons. I was invited by the Aligarh Muslim Women's College to give a talk about Christ.

'This work is not advertised, but by stages it is developing. It is breaking down prejudice and uniting people. Our motto for our work has been "It is better to light a single candle than to curse the darkness."'