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Readers' views

Moral Rearmament may help solve African problems

To the Editor of The Star

SIR,—As a visitor to Johannesburg I was glad to read the leading article in The Star on January 5 on Moral Rearmament.

I have just come from West Africa where I was the guest of President Tubman of Liberia. I know the deep concern of African leaders that the Algerian question should be settled speedily and that the problems of South Africa find their equitable solution. Otherwise, in my opinion, there is grave danger that the whole of Africa north of this country may become another China.

Many of the leaders of France and of Algerian resistance have been to the Moral Rearmament Centre at Caux, Switzerland. They are convinced that in the spirit of Moral Rearmament a peace, fair and acceptable to both sides, is possible. They have the example of Cyprus. Archbishop Makarios has said that Moral Rearmament had a decisive role in the settlement of that island.

Beyond our borders

Suppose Afrikaners, English and Africans from South Africa found, also, a new unity. Suppose they became not just good friends but fellow revolutionaries. Suppose they allowed the world to walk into their hearts. Would they not go beyond finding the solution to the problems of South Africa—a much too small goal in itself—and bring change to the whole continent? I believe they would, and I believe your leading article points the way.

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Washington.