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Protests at invitation to M.R.A. leader

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BRITISH Press headlines the news that Dr. Frank Buchman, leader of the Moral Rearmament Movement, is to visit South Africa at the request of the Chairman of the Senate, The Speaker of the Assembly and the Administrators of the Union provinces and South West Africa.

The newspapers state, too, that the Afrikaans Press has protested against the visit on the ground that Moral Rearmament does not recognize the colour bar.

An M.R.A. spokesman who was asked what the attitude of Moral Rearmament was to the colour bar said to-day: 'Our work in South Africa has been to promote a new dimension of racial unity.'

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He added that a recent conference in Lusaka had been attended by both Whites and Africans from all parts of the continent. In his view such joint conferences were important means of achieving unity.

Last year both Sen. C. A. van Niekerk (chairman of the Senate) and Dr. W. Nicol (Administrator of the Transvaal) had been present at the World Assembly for Moral Rearmament at Caux, at which African leaders from many parts were present.

He is at present attending the World Assembly at Caux, where delegates include Jiro Hoshijima, a member of the Japanese Diet, L. C. Katelungu, president of the Trade Union Congress of Northern Rhodesia, and Godwin Lewanika, the founder and first president of the Northern Rhodesian African Congress.

Dr. Buchman was given a present at Caux this week—1,600 tins of pineapples and 60 gallons of pineapple juice from members of the Kikuyu tribe in Kenya 'as a token of appreciation of the love and care that Africans have received at Caux.'