

WE WANT BRITAIN BACK — WITH A DIFFERENCE

BY ARUN MUNDKUR

THIS IS A PLEA. We plead because our countrymen, 500 million men, women and children, are suffering.

Changing our country is our job. Let not anybody misquote us here. The fate of these 500 million Indians is our responsibility. Their sufferings lash and lacerate us. In fact, a short time back we did not care about them, we shut our eyes and blocked our ears to their cries. Then we changed—we believe God changed us. Now we shall toil and fight, devise schemes, rally huge numbers, mobilise mountains until the face of the land is different.

But we need you.

Not the British Raj. Though it may be time, now that the raw flesh of earlier times has been covered with skin, to admit that much that is healthy and solid in modern India is the legacy of the British Raj.

Not the disguised invasion of Technocrat Raj. Some of the West's brilliant men are understandably impatient with our amorphous, unreliable mentality. They see many twisted and rotten things in our traditions. And they want to sweep all awkward things from the path of their plans with gigantic programmes.

It may be harder to fuel national programmes with heart-power, but any other way will only create more evils than it seeks to abolish.

In the following pages we put before you the dreams and longings of our people. So simple, yet so gigantic, towering into the sky and the sunlight. Villagers stumbling home from their fields, their hands shaking with exhaustion, their cheeks streaked with sweat and dust, dream these dreams. Ministers in Delhi, their heads and

hearts weighed down with anxiety, dream them too.

For estimates of industrial efficiency, the anatomy of community development, education curriculums, statistics, look elsewhere. There are plenty of experts. We are not experts. But we do know the heartache, the hesitations, the strong desires in the Indian people.

And what we ask of you is the driving power, the engines of revolution.

God has the central place in the effort to change India. God can give this revolutionary effectiveness.

A passion to change India must be ignited in a million hearts.

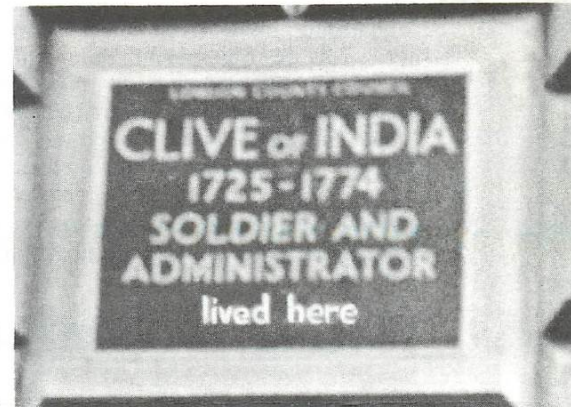
A passion that expresses itself not in words only, but in work.

A passion that changes the bitter and the vicious, the crooked and the jealous, the pompous and the self-righteous, the aimless, the dirty, the good people who have a mask of decency but have no strategy and passion for anyone but themselves, the Red Guards and the blackguards.

Men who grip the handles of power need powerful motives if they are to use that power rightly amid the lucrative opportunities and short-term expediencies of a tumbling, turbulent age. They need absolute standards of right and wrong. Families, supporters and bosses all try to bully them. If they idolise men or women, themselves or others, bodies or brains, they cannot but succumb to this bullying. If they worship God they will work with their colleagues in united and vigorous effort, without slavery, lying or back-stabbing.

The Indian nation will have to learn

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This plaque is outside the Moral Re-Armament centre in London. Here in the past month have come fifty men and women from India seeking the help of Britain.

Dr Frank Buchman, initiator of MRA, first visited India in 1915. Of his work Mahatma Gandhi said, 'It is the best thing to come out of the West.' *photo Strong*



People of God— not puppets of men

LINDA LOU PIERCE

MOST PEOPLE THINK that India's problem lies in her ever-increasing millions. That all depends on whether you regard people as a problem or an answer—whether you see them as men and women responsible for the future of their country or as animals run by their own instincts.

As a 16-year-old, twentieth century girl I feel it downright dull and unprogressive to live only for sex. People talk of purity as being old-fashioned and cramping. I find it as exhilarating as a fresh breeze. Impurity, on the other hand, bound me to myself, blinded me to people's needs and hardened my heart. I have found that God gives the power to find true freedom which liberated me from the pressure of other people's opinion.

We don't want to have sterilisation

or birth control forced on us by others because we cannot control ourselves.

It is far easier to teach ordinary men and women to be in touch with the power of God than to run expensive campaigns giving complicated instructions on birth control which do not seem to work anyway.

The illegitimacy rate in the West has gone up in the last years in spite of higher education and more facilities for birth control. God has given us a free will and we can choose purity as a practical and normal way of life. There is no need to produce unwanted children.

The 500 million people of India could be the answer rather than the problem. For their sakes, I have committed myself to God's revolution for this earth's millions to become people of God and not puppets of men.

Indian Industry— change or collapse

KALPANA SHARMA

IN THE LAST WEEKS I have met dockworkers, building contractors, coalminers, architects, who have expressed a desire to come to India and help. But I want to tell them what I feel needs to be done.

News comes in every day of the *gheraos* (siege of managers by employees) which are stopping production. Strikes, lock-outs, lack of capital, lack of skilled labour, import restrictions which hold up raw materials, are some of the problems men in industry face.

All plans, however efficient or brilliant they might be, flounder and fail on the rugged rocks of human nature. Capitalists, management and workers are all convinced that their point of view is right and justified and that the other party is completely wrong. No negotiations can be carried out because everyone sits on the point and misses the view. Hardly any factory in India is working to its capacity. They can only work together on the basis of what is right and not who is right.

Are industrialists prepared to put people before profits? It is possible.

In Switzerland, a man who owned a building firm decided to do it. First he applied absolute honesty in his life. This meant paying back a considerable sum to the tax officer. He began building houses that people needed and not those which fetched him more money. The result is that he is building houses which are 20 per cent cheaper. His change has created trust and, because everyone works harder, production is twice as high.

Labour can make a start too—a fair day's work for a fair day's wage. A man who works in a housing factory in the north of India decided to return money for the things he had stolen and began putting in eight hours a day of work. The spirit caught on. In a year's time the production went up 115 per cent.

Management free from bitterness towards the capitalists and the workers could be the uniting factor. My father is the manager of a textile mill and all day he has to deal with difficult people. I wonder if others find him difficult! How do you change

Politicians made new

ASHOK SHAH

RECENT EVENTS IN INDIA show that Indian politics needs and is now prepared for a moral change. If that change comes it will bring food and faith for 43 million people in Bihar and many more across the country, homes and hope for the millions in Calcutta, Bombay and all over the country who live on pavements and in slums. It will also make India a nation with an effective alternative for China.

What will change the politicians? We need people who can teach us how to take other people and God more seriously than we take ourselves, teach us the humility to accept the possibility that the other fellow may be right, teach us how to be honest about the cruel selfishness, greed, ambition, in our own natures, how to change, teach us how to get instructions from God every morning for our own life and the affairs of the nation—and claim from Him the art of making other people greater than us.

Indian politicians will be shocked to change if they meet people who will fight to make them what they are meant to be without seeking their favours. People who have dealt with and found the cure for self-importance in their own lives will be able to offer them a compassionate but challenging and life-changing friendship.

You may think that politicians will not change. I know this much, if a man like me can face the cost of my ambition and find an unselfish motive, Indian politicians can also.

difficult people? By applying to your own life the standards by which you want others to live.

Men who want to change the industrial situation in India will need to live by absolute moral standards. A passionate pursuit of hate and violence can only be answered by a greater passion of care and concern for everyone. Those who want to help need a stronger passion for the whole world than those who hate one class. If industry in a free country with freedom to make policies could work, because men put aside their selfishness for the nation, it would be the next industrial revolution. Then science and technology could be used to feed, clothe and house all the millions of the world.

What I want for China

by **ANTHONY LEW** whose grandfather was Prime Minister of China in 1948 and whose father was the Ambassador for the Republic of China to New Zealand from 1963 to 1966



Anthony Lew (left) talks with Lobsang Santen, brother of the Dalai Lama

photo Channer

I AM ONE of millions of Chinese living abroad who, hopefully and prayerfully, longs to return to China to play a direct part in shaping his country's future. I believe that China's destiny has yet to be fulfilled. But that will never happen until there is a colossal revolutionary change in every sphere of Chinese thought and life.

Mao Tse-tung is a revolutionary. He has undertaken the super-human task of changing the lives of 800 million people and a nation with a recorded history of 5,000 years. This commands my deepest respect. But I believe he is not radical enough. Unless he learns how to deal with and change human nature the sacrifice, sweat, toil and life he gives for the creation of such a China will be to no avail. His only reward will be more liquidations, purges and cultural revolutions.

After the overthrow of dynastic monarchism in 1911 we adopted the West's political system of republicanism and democracy. But it did not give us the peace and stability we had hoped for.

We need to establish new relationships between parents and children, teachers and students, young and old,

leaders and led; end practices of graft, nepotism and giving of gifts with strings attached; and change a myriad other deep-rooted, pernicious traditions, customs and habits. But these will not be answered by Mao-worship or Mao-debunking, or the worship of the dollar or rouble. For too long we have devoted our time and energy to saving our face before friends and nations lest they discover our true natures, mistakes and failings. But, if we learn to swallow our notorious pride and admit, as well as learn from, our mistakes the world will have far greater respect for us and we, too, will take mighty strides forward. We need some nation—any nation—to demonstrate to us the secret of change—of unity, humility and honesty. Could Britain be this nation?

Today, China is passing through a nightmare of convulsions and turmoil. Pro-Maoist and anti-Maoist factions are locked in a life-and-death struggle for the coveted leadership of the country. The world, a divided armed camp of pro- and anti-Communists, watches and waits with a mixture of trepidation and false security.

I believe the greatest issue facing the world is Man versus God. It is either man's enslavement to man, or

man's total obedience to Almighty God. If man struggles for God the bitter and bloody struggle for power in China will one day be answered.

Much depends upon the overseas Chinese. While we still have the freedom to choose what is right we must use it to produce a more dynamic, challenging and satisfying revolution that will one day reach the mainland millions. Dr Sun Yat-sen described the overseas Chinese as the 'Mother' of the Revolution of 1911: today, we can be the 'Mother' of an even greater revolution and win for our people and the world a rich, new future showing mankind its next logical step in civilization. In this, my decision is to commit my life to Moral Re-Armament for the remaking of China and Asia.

WHAT ABOUT AUSTRALASIA? DAVID PORTEOUS

I AM ONE of ten Australians and New Zealanders travelling with *India Arise* in Britain. We too want to be fully responsible for what happens in the rest of the world.

Two weeks ago Prime Minister Holt told the Australian House of Representatives that Australia's future was 'centred in Asia's tomorrows'. He was reporting on his recent 13 day tour of Asia, his third in 18 months of premiership. He said that Australia's involvement in Asia was deep, developing and permanent.

It is true that Australia is becoming increasingly aware of her vast potentialities and, therefore, responsibilities to Asia. Both Australia and New

Zealand are now able to make a contribution to the world far greater than the size of their populations.

Like Mr Holt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr Paul Hasluck, is searching for a realistic strategy of co-operation with Asian nations. In Perth, in May last year, farewelling an MRA party of 53 young Australians and New Zealanders going to India, he said, 'You are going to do in Asia what we in governments cannot do.'

During the nine months in India with this force I began to comprehend the size of the task that country is facing after Independence. I learned to feel the suffering of another per-

son, that character counts more than cash.

At this eleventh hour in Asia only the best from Australasia will suffice. We must quickly export on a war footing people who have found the secret of change in their own lives. The Anzacs rose mightily to the challenge of two great wars. Now men and women, giving everything for a new Asia and a new world, are called to a life's task of working with people of different languages and skins with whom they will be united in a common purpose.

And if we can affect India today, we may get a chance to do the same with China tomorrow.

THEY ARE COMING TO INDIA



Young men and women from Britain and the Continent who leave shortly for India

photo Channer

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to be guided steadily all the time by the force of God's spirit in our hearts. Continuing when we are afraid or discouraged or tired. Trying harder when our companions trip us up. Such a relentlessly on-pressing force can push through the tangle of difficulties we confront. That is the way out of needless and profitless torment.

Britain could bring us God's revolutionary force.

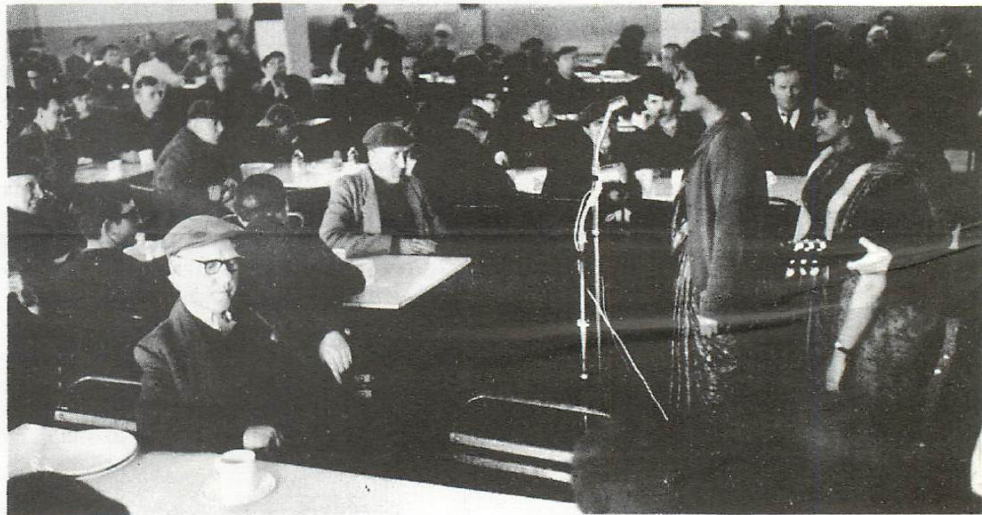
No nation in the modern world is better placed or better provided than Britain to play this role. The size of atomic arsenals, the mass of gold reserves, the amount of national income, the fertility of fields is not the measure nor the limit of what a country can do.

Britain is fit for it. By historical experience. By virtue of *not* being a super-power. By equipment in practices and traditions.

Taking a back-bench seat shows not modesty but envy. Other nations will learn much from a Britain that dares to try again at the risk of breaking its neck again. Britain squatting self-absorbed by the roadside does not help India or any other Asian or African country.

If Britain will venture into the unexplored as far as the questing Spirit of God leads, others will learn from her and move forward with her.

We want such a Britain back.



Young Indians sing and speak in a Swan, Hunter shipyard canteen

photo Ravindra

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