

U Nu visits Panchgani

Aims to bring national renewal to Burma

U NU, one of Burma's best known statesmen and former Prime Minister, has just spent a week at Panchgani, the MRA world conference centre in India. He was accompanied by his wife, son and daughter.

At a meeting of Panchgani citizens to honour this distinguished visitor, U Nu gave his definition of moral force: 'The ability and power to fight evil—evil speech, evil action, evil thoughts—and cherish what is good. Neither wealth, birth, education, nor high official position entitles a person to belong to that group of good men, unless it is accompanied by morality.' And with a twinkle and candour, he added, 'I have not yet reached that stage where I can say that I am a good man, but I try my level best.'

Earlier, in Burma, on 29 March, U Nu was interviewed by *The Indian Express*, following his recent release from political detention. 'Sparkling with good humour and without rancour, U Nu told this correspondent that on his return from India he would revive the Moral Re-Armament movement, to bring about a sense of oneness and solidarity among his people.

'U Nu disclosed that he had told 33 members of the committee appointed

by Ne Win that if there is to be a constitution for Burma, it should be based on parliamentary democracy.

'U Nu said he wanted to send Moral Re-Armament teams to tribal areas in an effort to wean away unsophisticated people from separatist propaganda.'

Before coming to India, U Nu had addressed 93 three-hour meetings in different parts of the country, as part of his plan for the moral and spiritual renewal of the nation.

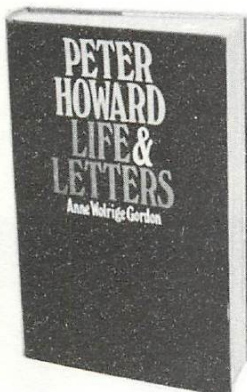
Clarity

His association with Moral Re-Armament goes back over 20 years. In May, 1956, he had a long talk with Frank Buchman in the Prime Minister's residence in Rangoon. 'A time as memorable as I ever spent with a statesman,' Buchman recalled. U Nu asked him how he had decided to make the long and strenuous journey at that time which was the hottest. 'Oh,' replied Buchman, 'that was guidance. I had the thought, "Now is the time to accept U Nu's invitation to visit him," so here I am.'

'Tell me about guidance,' said U Nu. Frank Buchman answered that every God-given thought is important, no matter how small it may seem at the time. 'Are your thoughts clear?' asked U Nu. 'Yes,' said Frank Buchman, 'so clear that I write them down.'

Then U Nu said, 'This is important for me. I am faced with problems as Prime Minister too great for the human mind unaided to solve.'

U Nu summed up his convictions in a message to an MRA assembly. 'Dr Buchman has presented to the world an ideology above race and class, because it seeks to change men, their ideas, their motives and their aims.'



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Left: The Sudan Consul-General, representing President El-Azhari, arrives at the Expo Hall in Asmara for conference sessions. Right: H E The Governor-General of Eritrea, Ras Asrate Kassa, receives the Nigerian delegation from Eastern, Western and Mid-Western Regions

Daring to knock down the barriers

Africans, Asians and Europeans at world conference in Ethiopia



Ethiopians welcome Indians and Ceylonese at the airport

Below: Members of the conference committee with Rajmohan Gandhi (centre). L to R: Sheikh Surur, senior civil servant; Ghebremedhin Tessema, Auditor-General of Eritrea; Teame Mebrahtu, lecturer at Teachers' Training Institute; and Mamo Wudneh, Director of Publications for Eritrea

ASMARA IN ETHIOPIA is 7,000 feet up and at the crossroads of the continents of Africa, Asia and Europe. It was the scene for the Moral Re-Armament conference 'Modern Men to make Modern Nations', from 25 April to 5 May.

The conference was organised by a committee of Asmara citizens with the backing of the Emperor, Haile Selassie, and the Governor-General of Eritrea. Representatives came from five continents.

At a time when Asians are being asked to leave many parts of Africa, a delegation from India was invited to the assembly. They brought with them the industrial play, *The Forgotten Factor*, with an Indo-Ceylonese cast.

Nigerians, known round the world

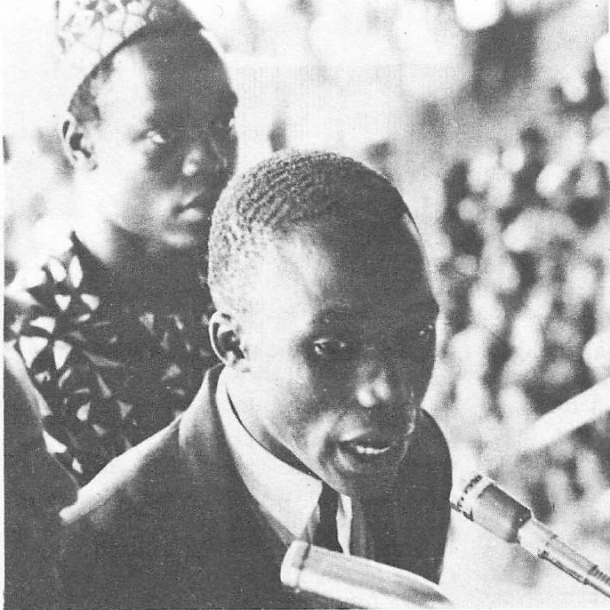
for disunity, spoke with a united voice.

Chief Mrs Ayo Manuwa, MBE, and Mrs Keziah Fashina, member of the City Council of Lagos, spoke of the situation in Nigeria. Mrs Fashina said, 'We are having tragedy in Nigeria because good people have refused to take a stand on absolute moral standards and the guidance of God. I was part of the crisis in my country because I was full of hate and bitterness towards some members of my tribe.' Mrs Fashina apologised to Chief Mrs Manuwa for this. She said, 'With this apology we can fight for an answer in our country and the world. I want to fight that the problems of the world can be solved.'

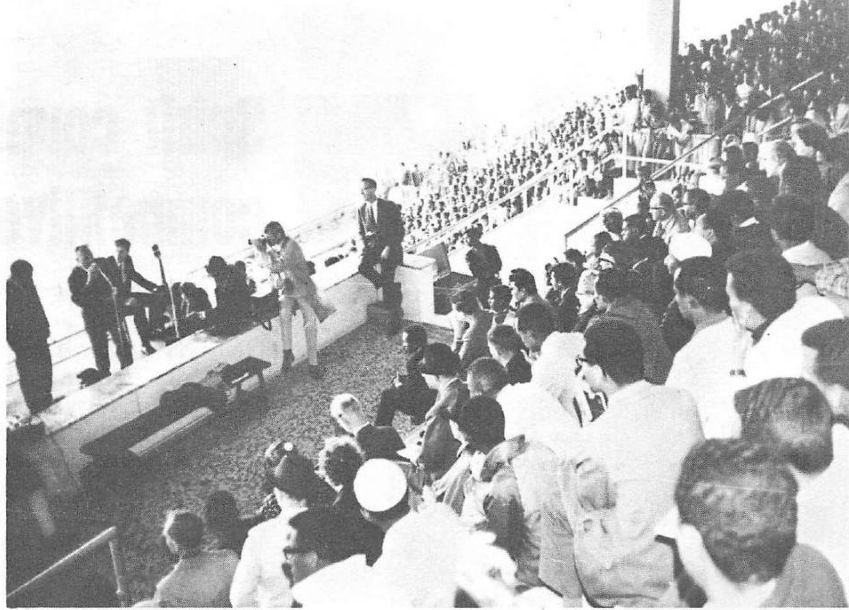
One of the Ethiopian students wrote a play called *I am the Third*, meaning

Assembly session





Clement Eze, an Ibo from Nigeria, together with Peter Izilein from Mid-West Nigeria, tell 7,000 people at the Queen Sheba Stadium of their determination to fight for the moral re-armament of their country and Africa

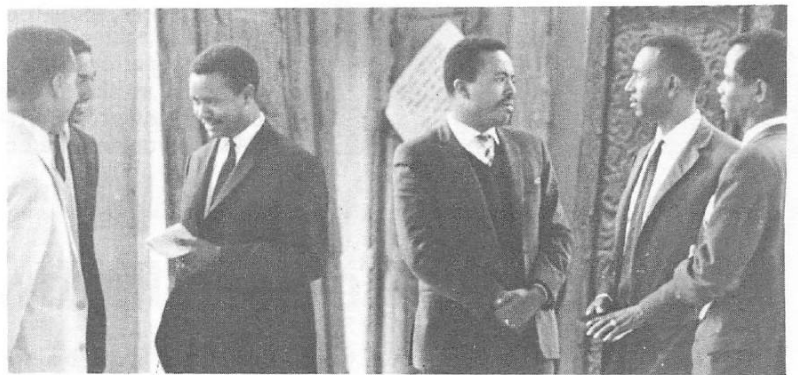


Frank Abbot, shop steward at London Airport, addresses a meeting of 6,000

God first, the other fellow second and oneself last. It deals forthrightly with drink, drift, exploitation and racial hatred, and was put on during the conference.

Mme Irène Laure, former head of three million Socialist women of France; Alan Porteous, a farmer from New Zealand, Mrs Michael Barrett, a grand-daughter of David Lloyd George; and James Dickson, recently retired MP and Chamberlain to the King of Sweden, were among the representatives from other continents who came to Asmara.

Timothy Aitken, a British journalist, put the point of the conference clearly when he said, 'MRA is valid because it deals with the individual who then dares to knock down the barriers.'



Group of Ethiopian officers representing the Navy, the Army, the Imperial Bodyguard and the Air Force

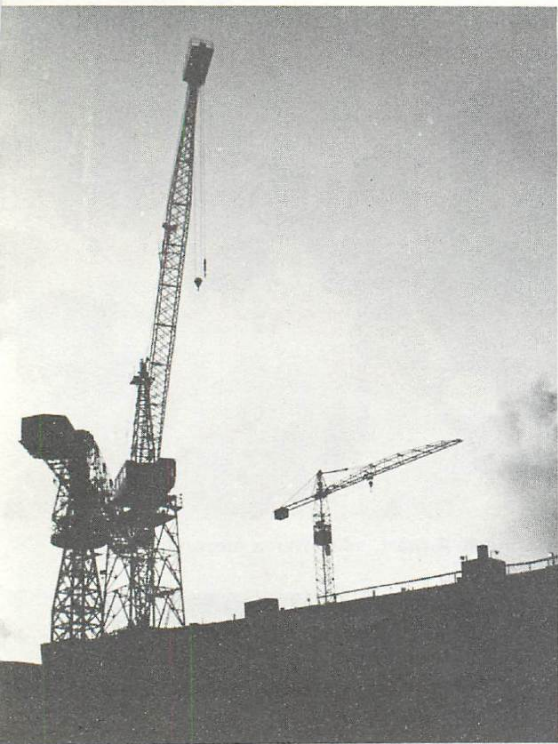


Left: Mr Abraham, Vice-Principal of Prince Makonnen School, with Alemseged Truneh, one of his students who is speaking of a new spirit in the school

Below: Rev Arthur Burrell, Minister of the Church of England; Fred Ladenius, correspondent of 'L'Osservatore Romano' and the Coptic Bishop of Decamere

Rajmohan Gandhi addresses 5,000 at St Mary Cathedral, Asmara





Spirit counts most in competitive shipbuilding

Tom Gillespie reports from the Clyde

UNLESS Upper Clyde Shipbuilders drastically reduce absenteeism, cut waste, overhaul the slack in management and heighten productivity, their financial position remains precarious. Many feel the Government must act at once with the £12 million subsidy to save the day, but unless the basic problems in the yards are solved by the men and management themselves, the future of 15,000 workers and their families remains in danger.

Last week ex-Provost Andrew W Wilson, speaking to a capacity audience at a performance of *Anything to Declare?* in the Lower Clyde shipbuilding town of Port Glasgow, said that everyone on the Lower Clyde felt

deeply for all the men and their families of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders whose livelihood is threatened.

He said that the Lower Clyde Group men and management who demonstrate that spirit of teamwork, as exemplified by the MRA cast, may well be called upon to bring it to the whole Clyde to put British shipbuilding on a secure footing for the future.

John Mackenzie, branch secretary of Boilermakers' No 4 in Lithgows' Kingston Yard, standing on stage with Councillor Wilson, underlined this point. He said, 'In the long haul to make British shipbuilding competitive and successful in the world, it is the spirit that counts most, and that is why I have asked this cast to come here.'

'Loans and subsidies may well be necessary at times of deep crisis, but work and teamwork are the decisive factors. It is in this field of forging a new spirit and a common purpose of men with management that Scott-Lithgow on the Lower Clyde could best contribute to the security of the men on the Upper Clyde and of Britain.'

Lithgow shop stewards present at the performance heard again the now famous song saga of 'the oldest firm of shipbuilders in the world—Noah and Sons'—and how they met their delivery dates and 'launched that ship on time'. Until Noah and Sons came to town, Scotts' of Greenock had held the record of the oldest firm with over 250 years of Clyde-built ships!

By courtesy of A Ross Belch, Managing Director of Lithgows Ltd, a group of overseas visitors from the cast were given a conducted tour of the Kingston Yard where a 137,000 ton tanker is being built. Among the distinguished guests was Princess Helen of Rumania, who had expressed a keen desire to see the shipyard, and was later received for lunch in the workers' canteen, where a quartet from the show played and sang to the men before work on the ship was restarted in the afternoon.

Colonel Malise Hore-Ruthven

THOSE WHO HAVE attended week-end conferences at the Westminster Theatre will remember the distinguished figure of Col Hon Malise Hore-Ruthven, CMG, DSO, who died in London on 3 May. He was the youngest of three soldier brothers. His oldest brother was Major-General Lord Ruthven, CB, CMG, DSO, and his other brother was the Governor-General of Australia, Brigadier-General the Earl of Gowrie, VC.

Col Hore-Ruthven was a son of the 8th Lord Ruthven, also a soldier, who had fought with the Rifle Brigade in the Crimea. He joined the Black Watch in 1899 and went at the age of 19 to the South African war, where he won the DSO, and was one of the nine Black Watch officers not killed or wounded at the battle of Magesfontein. During the First World War he served with the Third Canadian Division as a staff officer, and between the wars commanded the First Battalion of the Black Watch and the Durham Light Infantry Brigade (T.A.). He was Secretary to the Governor-General of South Africa, 1933-36. After retire-

ment, he gave his whole time and energy to Moral Re-Armament and travelled on its behalf in India, America, Australia and Africa. He was a close friend of Frank Buchman and Peter Howard.

Malise Hore-Ruthven had very simple beliefs and loyalties. He considered life as a 'war' between good and evil, to be fought in the character of each individual and within the policies of nations and he gave his unstinting loyalty to Moral Re-Armament as part of this 'war'.

Loyal soldier

A friend describes him as 'a loyal soldier of Queen, Country and the Almighty, who never sheathed his sword,' and he was held in great affection by many in the different countries in which he served.

He married in 1925 the Hon Angela Manners, daughter of the third Baron Manners. His daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs James Baynard-Smith, last week spoke at a time of remembrance for him at the MRA international conference in Ethiopia.