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*I am a very ordinary man but I don't belong to myself. Until I die, I shall continue to fight to bring my country, your country and the world under the control of the living God.*

— PETER HOWARD

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## FOREMOST A REVOLUTIONARY

‘NOW WE RESOLVE TO THINK AND ACT FOR THE WORLD AS HE DID’

**H**EADS OF STATE and Prime Ministers, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senators, Cardinals, the Dalai Lama and heads of trade union confederations were among thousands who sent messages to Mrs. Peter Howard in tribute to her husband, who died in Lima, Peru, on 25 February.

He fought to his life's end that such men would take on the moral re-armament of the world.

Among these leaders of nations were the Presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Kenya, Lebanon, Nigeria, Peru, Free China, and Uganda; the President and Vice-President of Cyprus; the Prime Ministers of Japan, New Zealand, Uganda and the Chancellor of Austria.

In a cable sent from the White House, the Vice-President of the United States, Mr. Hubert H. Humphrey, spoke of 'his profound contribution to the spiritual thinking and action of mankind.' The Speaker said in the U.S. House of Representatives, 'Few if any citizens of other lands have rendered the American people services comparable to those of Mr. Peter Howard.'

Indians from Santa Fe, New Mexico, sent the message: 'He is the first man to unite the Indian people across America with a great purpose'.

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Abdel Khalek Hassouna, described Howard as a 'dedicated worker for human values'. From the Sudan, Ahmed El Mahdi cabled, 'May his unswerving sincerity and devotion be a guiding example for all'.

Archbishop Rossi, Cardinal of Sao Paulo, Brazil, said: 'We learned much from him. His loss is a universal loss.'

Anglican bishops and many clergy, and a group of ministers of the Church of Scotland wrote to Mrs. Howard. Sixty-one Archbishops, Bishops and church-

men of Scandinavia cabled their regret at the loss of 'a great and humble Christian who selflessly gave himself, his energy and his rich gifts of genius and talents for one aim only: that God's will be done by men and nations on this earth as it is in heaven'.

Former German Chancellor Dr. Adenauer said: 'In this confused world the gratitude of millions is his due.' Willy Brandt, Lord Mayor of Berlin, sent a message.

President Lübke of Germany said: 'He was one of those men of faith who with dedication and sacrifice put their lives at the service of reconciliation and peace, and in countless people keep alive the hope of a better future.' The President gave the call that the man who led MRA would most want: 'Their grateful memory of Peter Howard will be a commitment to go on working in his spirit.'

The Mayor of Odawara, Japan, cabled, 'Now we resolve to think and act for the world as he did.'

### New Zealand Premier Speaks

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. K. H. Holyoake, said, 'Peter Howard, a great Englishman, was first and foremost a crusader and revolutionary.'

At a memorial service in Wellington he declared: 'In the last 25 years he gave the whole of life, every ounce of his energy, power and exceptional skills for one aim and purpose—the creation of a society more challenging and satisfying than any yet developed by man.'

'Leaders of nations in every continent will miss his guidance. I count it a very great privilege to have known Peter Howard, to have read his works and to be influenced by him'.

# Peter Howard's Successors

A FLURRY of snow settled gently over the surrounding fields as Peter Howard was buried in the churchyard of Brent Eleigh in the heart of the Suffolk countryside he loved so passionately. Over 1,000 people from 26 countries followed the farm dray, drawn by two national champion Suffolk farm horses, which carried the black mahogany coffin that had been flown from Peru.

A mile-long procession walked along the winding lanes from the fifteenth century parish church of Lavenham—the Wool Cathedral of England—where the funeral service took place, to the village churchyard of Brent Eleigh. As it passed the farm which had been his home for 25 years, a group of neighbours stood at the gate.

The cortege was preceded by the personal piper of Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod and followed by members of Peter Howard's family.

Six pallbearers were farmworkers from Mr. Howard's farm. Then there followed a host of people from every walk of life and every continent. The Brazilian Naval Attaché representing the President of Brazil, Prince Richard of Hesse, Princess Margaret of Roumania representing King Michael and Queen Anne.

## Special planes

From Sweden and other Scandinavian countries came a delegation of 15 led by James Dickson, Chamberlain to the King, and Bishop Bengt Jonzon of Lulea. There were 30 Swiss. Two special planes flew from Holland. A delegation of miners from the Ruhr flew in from Germany. Twenty people came from France.

Buses and cars defied snowbound roads to be there from all parts of the British Isles. Parties came from the Ayrshire mines, the Aberdeen shipyards, the British Motor Corporation factory in Scotland and the London docks.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. P. Thornton-Duesbery, Master of St. Peter's College, Oxford, and the address was given by Dr. Morris Martin, for many years Dr. Buchman's secretary and a close friend of Peter Howard for a quarter of a century.

'Among us today,' said Dr. Martin, 'are men from all parts of the world who have caught from Peter Howard his charter of revolution, more fundamental than any-

PRECIOUS in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. He belongs to the world. He has for 25 years. He is of the long line of those who have fought for good against evil and spent himself wholly in the doing of it. He has passed from death unto life.

He had the thought from God to love every child he met as if it were his own. His revolution goes on. And we women must carry it on if our children and their children are to live free.

MRS. PETER HOWARD

thing that ever came out of Peking or Moscow, Washington, Paris or London—"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

'These will be the men who will together succeed to Peter Howard's leadership. And, as happened to him, they may be joined by his colleagues from Fleet Street and the world press who come sceptical and incredulous and who find, as he did, the answer to their questions and to their lives.

'His successors will be those who in this technological and bewildered age catch the fighting faith of this revolutionary whose life was not his own, who lives and fights with us, and who says to us, "My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles Who now will be my Redeemer. My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill to him that can get it!"'

Hundreds of floral tributes were sent to the church and churchyard. At the front was a wreath from the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights of which Peter Howard had been Renter Warden.

At the graveside was a wreath from Prince Richard of Hesse inscribed, 'To a great friend of Germany,' and another flanked by lighted miners' lamps from the miners of the Ruhr. The path of the churchyard was lined with wreaths bearing the national colours of many countries.

So the world came to an English country village to honour an Englishman who, in the words of his wife Doë, 'belonged to the world'.

## In the Hall of the Inca

AN honour never before conferred on any foreigner was conferred on Peter Howard in Peru. The President of Peru and the Lord Mayor of Lima arranged for his body to lie in state in Lima City Hall.

He lay in the Salon Atahualpa, named after the last of the Incas. A ten-foot crucifix and six tall silver candlesticks gleamed in the sunshine that flooded in through the windows overlooking the Plaza de Armas.

Near the casket was a leather-bound book bearing the Arms of Peru for the signatures of hundreds of visitors who filed by all day long. The same book was placed in Lavenham Church in Suffolk later for those at the funeral service there to sign.

A Requiem Mass of the Third Day was sung in the Church of San Francisco by Father Jose Mojica, a famous actor and singer who became a priest.

# 'YOUTH WILL CONTINUE HOWARD'S FIGHT'

—'El Comercio', Lima

**T**HIS Peruvian newspaper headline, over a story flashed from London last week by U.P.I., recorded accurately youth's reaction in many lands. Action and decision were the note of hundreds of messages from young people following Peter Howard's death. 'Our generation is known for many things,' said engineering apprentice Rob Pattison, who was leading a meeting at the Westminster Theatre attended by youth from many parts of Britain. 'But we will not be known for shirking in the battle Peter Howard fought.'

## SOUTH AMERICA

Students of San Marcos University and Lima high schools, some of whom carried Howard's body to its lying-in-state in the City Hall, declared, 'The standard bearer of the battle of Moral Re-Armament has fallen. It is now up to the Peruvian and Latin American youth to raise up that flag and go forward to victory.' They plan to produce Howard's play *The Ladder* and launch a magazine *Courage* for the moral re-armament of Latin America.

The day before Howard died Rajmohan Gandhi had addressed hundreds of students, mainly Communist, outside San Marcos University. Non-Communist students had locked themselves inside in a protest against the authorities. Undeterred, Gandhi, who had been invited to speak in the university hall, strode to the steps of the clock tower outside the university and for seventy minutes spoke and answered students' questions.

Last week Gandhi began a speaking tour of twenty-four Brazilian universities at the invitation of students. In Manaus, a thousand miles up the Amazon, scores of students rushed forward to enlist for training in Moral Re-Armament. Gandhi's next stop was Belem, in the North-East, where a phalanx of student leaders met him at the airport.

## NORTH AMERICA

In North America 10,000 young people, including 1,000 American Indians, will take part this summer in a conference on Mackinac Island for 'Modernizing America'. Announcing this in London, ex-naval officer Blanton Belk, director of last year's Tomorrow's America Conference, said special planes would bring European youth to America and Americans to Europe.

Belk said Peter Howard 'had the ear of the up-and-coming generation in America as no one else has ever done'. He had spoken in one month last year in seventeen universities and travelled 19,500 miles.

Student body presidents from twelve universities wrote: 'In November 73 universities clamoured for Howard. We were some of the lucky ones who had him on our campuses. He was a true statesman for this age who gave us a great aim for our lives and a hope for the

America we want to see. We are extremely grateful. Now it is up to us to match his commitment.'

From Boston and Appalachia, Quebec and Toronto, from college and school students came many tributes which were also commitments. One from Harlem said, 'He was a great inspiration for the youth of America. We will strive unceasingly to fulfil his vision to make Moral Re-Armament a household word.'

## EAST AFRICA

From East Africa youth of all races cabled: 'Through his books, plays and films Peter Howard fired the imagination of hundreds of students all over East Africa. In 91 high schools of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania we have responded to his uncompromising challenge. . . . We will not leave his sword lying on the battlefield.'

In a 'Voice of Kenya' T.V. programme honouring Howard, Gatundu student Kenneth Kirika said that a group of youth were taking one of his plays throughout East Africa. Three weeks ago students from six Kenya schools gave their first performance of *The Dictator's Slippers* in Ilboru, outstanding school of Tanzania.

## INDIA

In India camps to give youth 'intensive training in moral re-armament to meet the nation's urgent needs' will be held this summer. Ravindra Kadam, Ferguson College student leader, announced this at a meeting in Poona to honour Howard. 'He believed youth could turn the tide of cynicism in this country,' said another student, Miss Anju Chenai, at a similar meeting in Bombay. 'I want to toil and fight to the last as he did.'

## AUSTRALIA

Young Australians completing a visit to Tasmania with Howard's *We Are Tomorrow*, pledged themselves to take the play through Australia and New Zealand and to raise a thousand youth trained in Moral Re-Armament. Several of the cast postponed studies to make this possible. Showings began last week in Melbourne.

John Sayre and 'Rusty' Wailes, 1960 Olympic gold medal oarsmen who last month began a tour of over a hundred universities to enlist students for Mackinac, wrote to Mrs. Howard: 'Your husband was one of God's Olympic champions. For us, our wives and families and a whole generation he was coach, trainer and pacesetter in the greatest race in history. We who follow the course he chose and the pace he set will see the world rebuilt.'

The students of Lima ended their message, 'The whole history of humanity will be upturned because we of the younger generation have decided to take on the work of Peter Howard and make it our own.'

## 'He was a friend—we will carry on his fight' say men of Labour

FROM MINES, factories, docks and shipyards of Britain, industries from which thousands have come to see Peter Howard's plays, poured in expressions of gratitude and of commitment.

'We thankfully remember his fight for the workers to be the men of dignity and great-heartedness which is their birthright,' wrote engineers from Rootes and Rolls Royce factories. 'We understood Peter's ceaseless fight for social justice. We pledge to continue his fight.'

'He was our friend,' said B.M.C. workers from Bathgate. 'We intend to carry on the work we learnt from his teachings.' Coventry and Birmingham trade union officials wrote, 'The world has lost a pillar, the nation a statesman, the people a leader. We pledge ourselves to carry his work forward.'

Ayrshire miners and their wives sent this tribute: 'Peter Howard was the true friend of the miners. He came to us at a very dark time when over a thousand men had lost their jobs as a result of the disaster in the Barony Colliery, Auchinleck. We felt we had been forgotten. He brought us hope and showed us people really cared.'

'We believe that if what he brought us in Ayrshire was applied nationally by leaders and led it would solve not only the problems in our industries but in every other sphere as well.'

'For us in the shipbuilding industry,' wrote welders, platers, burners, craneman, and apprentice from a Clyde-side yard, 'he pioneered those changes of attitude and the new spirit which the Government now calls for and our Trade Unions and Labour movements need to build a better Britain and world.'

From two recent Presidents of the Scottish T.U.C., from the General Secretary of 32 Argentine labour organizations affiliated to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, from an Argentine Glassblowers' Union, steelworkers of Volta Redonda, Brazil, Japanese Socialist M.P.'s and labour leaders, Hollywood film technicians, the Secretary-General of the Peruvian Workers' Confederation, portworkers in Rio, Lagos and New York, came further tributes.

'We rededicate ourselves to continue to support Moral Re-Armament,' cabled the President and Secretary of the Marine Floating Staffs' Union, Lagos. 'Longshoremen do not make friends easily,' wrote the President of the International Longshoremen's Association from New York. But Howard 'was considered more than a friend by all waterfront workers that knew him.'

### Dockers start fund

Brazilian dockers and their wives committed themselves to raise a thousand portworkers to continue Howard's battle. They took money from their pockets to start a fund in his name to train young South American leadership.

'He will rank with England's greatest men, one of the striking and revolutionary figures of our time,' wrote Maurice Mercier, Secretary-General of the French Textile Workers (Force Ouvrière), himself once a leading Communist. Said Otto Cadegg, National Secretary of the Swiss Railway Workers, 'His homegoing means a new challenge for us in the fight for a new world.'

## ON THE MOVE AND ON THE ATTACK

### *From twenty-six Ministers of the Church of Scotland*

PETER HOWARD said in the preface to one of his plays that he wrote 'to uplift the Cross and make its challenge and hope real to a perverse but fascinating generation'.

At a time when spiritual forces have often been on the defensive and sometimes on the retreat, Howard was on the move and on the attack. He brought an imagination cradled in Christ to bear on the great issues of the day. At the same time, in his musicals and pantomimes, he had the wave-length of modern youth.

Seventy years ago, when Henry Drummond passed away in his prime, it was a loss to the church in Scotland and to the whole nation. Now God has seen fit to take from us another man, also at the height of his powers.

He shared with Drummond the originality, the gaiety, the unconventionality and the audacity that made him the marvel and the dismay of his day. He also shared with him the art of spiritual diagnosis, a passion to introduce men to his friend Jesus Christ and a concern for the whole welfare of society.

Drummond owed much to the friendship of D. L. Moody, the great American evangelist. Howard was grounded in his faith by another American, Frank Buchman. Buchman said: 'The world is anxiously waiting to see what Jesus Christ can do in, by, for and through one man wholly committed to Him.' It was a challenge Howard accepted, a mandate he faithfully discharged.

# WORLD'S PRESS HONOURS GREAT PRESSMAN

NEWSPAPERS of the world honoured the passing of a great newspaperman. News reports, radio broadcasts and telecasts reached millions, from wintry forests of Finland to sunny prairies of South America, Nigerian villages to North American pueblos. Some comments only are given here.

The New York *World-Telegram* in an editorial 'Peter Howard' wrote of his sceptical approach to MRA when first assigned to do a story about it. The sceptic however became the leader of MRA and 'committed most of his adult life, vigorously and productively' to fulfilment of his vision.

The New York *Journal-American* said in an editorial syndicated to the Hearst newspaper chain: 'We of the Hearst Newspapers knew and admired Mr. Howard as a brilliant, provocative and dedicated man. . . . He addressed his dynamism in great part to young people, seeing in them the hope of civilization. . . . He died fulfilled.'

## 'Played all-out'

*La Prensa*, Lima, said, 'He expressed forcefully the need for peaceful revolution which could engulf the five continents. . . . The man who always said that as a good player one had to play all-out up to the last minute of the game, played his last match in Lima and, though it was brief, he played it well.'

*La Tribuna*, organ of Peru's Apra Party, wrote: 'The footstep of Peter Howard, through this world of convulsion, leaves a deep imprint. Others will continue his work.'

Howard spoke to Peru despite death. A film, *Revolution that Works*, showing him answering questions by students at a Conference for Tomorrow's America, was broadcast that night on Channel 4 of Peruvian T.V.

Rhodesian T.V. also showed this film on 'Dateline', a popular news programme.

## 'More relevant than Brecht'

In Buenos Aires, the famous independent paper *La Prensa* wrote: 'Some critics consider him in London more relevant than Bertold Brecht. For his is not a revolution of form but of content. His works always give a solution to problems and point towards change in the thinking of men and nations.'

In his own country, the *Daily Express* wrote: 'One gift he brought to journalism was an astounding memory. At times he remembered facts about public men which they might have preferred to be forgotten. His pen was feared in Westminster.'

The *Daily Telegraph* quoted his attacks on 'beatnik bishops and intellectual tricksters who use their brains to destroy the conscience of the country'. The *Daily Mail* remembered his saying, 'I wish to heaven we spent

more time Christianizing humanity and not humanizing Christianity.'

The *Scotsman* carried a 600-word appreciation by Dr. Donald Robertson of Edinburgh University. 'Howard's writing was geared to revolutionary purpose,' he said. 'He had a love for people that issued in a blazing determination that they should rise to their full destiny. This led to a battle for a world civilization wholly new. It was not to be cheaply won. . . .

'He was a classless man, equally at home in an Indian village or a president's palace. Youth responded to his challenge to great living.'

## Life serialised

*Time and Tide*, the British news magazine, on its cover on 4 March, announced 'The Life Story of Peter Howard: by himself'. First two-page instalment was a chapter from Howard's first book on MRA, 'Ideas Have Legs'. The paper gave another two pages to Howard's life and work, his plays and books and to interviews with his friends.

'A Friend of Germany' was the headline in the Bonn *General-Anzeiger* which said, 'His plays and musical dramas have been shown year after year to hundreds of thousands of Germans on the invitation of the Chancellor, members of the Cabinet, Minister-Presidents of the Land Governments.' The paper announced publication of his recent speeches under the title 'Tomorrow Will Be Too Late' with a foreword by the Chief Editor of *Die Welt*.

## Off beaten track

*Le Figaro*, Paris, published a front page article by Admiral Paul Ortoli on 6 March. The Admiral represented France in SEATO. He wrote:

'Peter Howard was not a man of the beaten track, nor even of the main highway, for he was not a man to take the easy way. . . . He does not follow a known road; he opens up new ones. His road was that of Moral Re-Armament, that is, a call to live the truths to which the whole world pays homage but to which only sincerity of accent and faithful example give persuasive value.'

Chief Editor Bernard Beguin in the *Journal de Genève* praised his faithfulness to the rules of good journalism, his 'respect for the truth'.

In India, K. M. Cherian, Editor of the important Kerala paper *Malayala Manorama*, wrote: 'His message to people is to carry on the great fight undaunted, putting our entire faith in God Who gives ultimate victory. Myriads of his friends will have to spread his message throughout the world.'

*Dawn*, Pakistan, in a leader page article wrote of Howard as 'one of the most brilliant writers and speakers of this generation'.

## FILMING 'MR. BROWN'

FILMING of *Mr. Brown Comes Down the Hill* started this week.

This was the last play by Peter Howard produced at the Westminster Theatre. Many consider it to be his most penetrating and profound. It is being filmed by Westminster Productions Ltd., with television showings throughout the world as the target.

This is the first film to be produced by Westminster Productions and will have Henry Cass, who directed the play, as its Director. With him will be the entire cast of the stage production, headed by Eric Flynn as 'Mr. Brown'.

Miss Phyllis Konstam, distinguished actress and leading lady of the Westminster Theatre permanent Company, made a public appeal on Sunday, 7 March, for gifts towards the cost of the filming.

Contributions and cheques towards the cost of filming should be sent, payable to Moral Re-Armament, to Miss Phyllis Konstam, Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, London, S.W.1.

## NEW GERMAN TOUR

A GERMAN CAST of *Mr. Brown Comes Down the Hill* will tour Austria, Germany and Switzerland next autumn. Announcing this in the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, Professor Theophil Spoerri hailed the play as 'the highest dramatic expression of a deep faith that is rooted in the Christian tradition and deals in a revolutionary way with the realities of today.'

## FILM FOR AFRICA

DIPLOMATS from nine African countries saw the film *Voice of the Hurricane* in Paris. Welcoming his colleagues, the Malagasy Ambassador, Dr. Rakoto Ratsimamanga said, 'The people of North Africa as well as from Madagascar have found support from Moral Re-Armament thanks to the meetings in Caux be-

tween French and Africans during the difficult period 1947-56.'

Speaking again after the film, the Ambassador said, 'This must be shown in all the cinemas of African countries. I shall immediately inform my President. Seeing this film will enable people to understand better the relations of black and white and to find solutions without force.'

## FRENCH THEATRE FUND

A FUND has been established to bring Peter Howard's plays to France. At a conference to raise money for this purpose, M. Michel Orphelin, of 'Les Trois Horaces' variety team, said, 'This action to launch Howard's plays in France is the cutting edge of the fight for the moral re-armament of this country. I pledge myself to go all out towards this goal.'

## PLAY IN HOLLAND

HOWARD'S PLAY *Through the Garden Wall* opened its tour of seven Dutch cities in the mining centre of Heerlen. The President, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Dutch miners' union were present. The Dutch tour followed showings in Switzerland, Austria, and the Italian Tyrol.

## CHRISTIAN CLARITY

BISHOP FRIDTJOF BIRKELI of Stavanger commented on *Voice of the Hurricane*, which is running commercially in Norway: '*Voice of the Hurricane* is a film that certainly is worth seeing, not only for the great dramatic strength with which it deals with burning issues, but first and foremost because it shows a clear solution which is wholeheartedly Christian. I want to say to as many as possible, go and see the film before it is too late.'

## HOWARD'S HERITAGE

THE DIRECTOR of the Basle Komoedie Theatre writes in the *Basler Nachrichten* that Howard's 16 plays and 12 books, with an edition of over four million, are a heritage that will live on.

'Travels through all continents, receptions by the highest political dignitaries gave him an enormous insight into the world situation,' said the Director, Egon Karter.

Gabriel Marcel, French dramatist and philosopher, in *Les Nouvelles Littéraires*, praised the 'striking quality' of the dialogue in Howard's latest plays. These plays should be presented in France, said Marcel.

## Peter Howard Speaks

to the Universities of America in

TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE (15 minutes)

on television in

INTERVIEW WITH PETER HOWARD (27 minutes)

to the Conference for Tomorrow's America in

REVOLUTION THAT WORKS (27 minutes)

to the Massachusetts State Legislature in

DESIGN FOR DEDICATION (27 minutes)

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