

'Song of Asia' in Saigon

The Vietnamese première of *Song of Asia* was attended by the Prime Minister, General Tran Thien Khiem, representing President Thieu, two deputy prime ministers and other cabinet members.

Government officials, diplomats, generals, as well as press and TV, were in the responsive audience of 1100 people.

The Minister of Education and Youth, Ngo Khac Tinh, introduced the show. He also spoke at an official reception for the cast. '*Song of Asia* comes at the right time,' he said.

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Nigerian Bishop reports

THE RT REV S I KALE, Bishop of Lagos, has prepared for his diocese a 14 page report of his visit to South Africa for the International MRA Conference in Pretoria. He hopes, he writes, that his report 'will stimulate people to think about South Africa and pray for it (as it is beginning to show signs of changing) that greater changes may happen which will help remove fear and hate, two moral aspects of the nation which one cannot help noticing.'

After describing the main themes and developments at the sessions the Bishop goes on, 'During the conference and over meals as well as on visits outside there were many free and frank exchanges. The climate of honesty and trust was built. The object was not just to "improve race relations" nor to attempt to prepare a blue-print of the future political framework for a just society. It was to help all men, black and white, to change so fundamentally that South Africa would speak to the world with a new voice. The major political, economic and social changes needed would come as a by-product.'

'There is no doubt that what happened and continues to happen will be closely followed by the leaders of the country. They may heed, or they may not; but a significant impetus has been given to the revolution of a change of heart which is beginning in South Africa.'

Bishop Kale regarded his visit as 'a great opportunity to work in the "army" of MRA in order to bring about a way of living together in Africa as God intends us to live'. He left South Africa with the impression that, whatever had gone before, most people of all races living there wanted now to see a new day dawn. 'I can say for certain that South Africa will never be the same after that assembly. It has made a permanent mark.'

5,000 books go to West Africa

AN ORDER for 5,000 copies of Peter Howard's books *Frank Buchman's Secret* and *Britain and the Beast* for a book and film campaign in Nigeria has been received in London. 15,000 copies of *Frank Buchman's Secret* have already been sold in Nigeria.

In some areas of the country a famine of books followed in the wake of the civil war, writes our correspondent. He says that a hunger for good reading exists that if met can be as important as any aid programme.

To get these books to Nigeria in the most economic way, volunteers have arrived after work on each of the past four Fridays at the MRA Book Centre,

London for an evening 'Pack-In'. In addition money is being raised to cover the cost of the postage which is £4.50 per sack of 115 books. Already £50 has been sent from a clergyman who has spent many years in West Africa.

Urgent requests for books to go to many Third World countries have been received - India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Zambia. Those who would like to help in this form of aid should contact MRA BOOKS, 54 Lyford Road, London, SW18 3JJ.

Overseas postal charges are likely to rise by one third as of 24 June. So all consignments possible are being despatched by that date.



A Friday night 'Pack-In' at Lyford Road, the MRA Book Centre, London, where 5,000 books were last week being prepared for bulk book posting to Nigeria. In the picture are a publisher, an accountant, a schoolgirl, a boutique assistant and two computer programmers.
photo: Nowell

Forty years on: Chief's great grandchildren participate

THE STONEY INDIAN RESERVE at Morley, Alberta, Western Canada, was the scene of a showing of the film *The Crowning Experience* earlier this month. It was shown by former Chief Bill McLean, son of Chief Walking Buffalo, who appeared with his father in the film.

Forty years ago next month Chief Walking Buffalo (who died in 1967 at the age of 96) made Dr Frank Buchman a blood brother of the Stoney Indians and gave him the name 'A Wo Zan Zan Tonga - Great Light out of Darkness'.

Among the audience were grandchildren and great grandchildren of Chief Walking Buffalo.

At the end of the film Bill McLean spoke of how during the making of *The Crowning Experience* one of the stars, an American black, helped him get rid of his bitterness towards white people.

Chief John Snow of the Stoneys also spoke to the audience. He talked of how readily Chief Walking Buffalo had embraced the ideas of MRA and said, 'Unless we today accept the principles and values of Moral Re-Armament as we have seen expressed in this film, the future will not be bright.'

The new Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta is to be a full blood Indian, a



Chief Walking Buffalo

Cree but born at the Stoney Reserve. He is Ralph Steinhauer. The outgoing Lieutenant-Governor Grant MacEwan was asked by the *Edmonton Journal* whom he considered the greatest Albertan.

'The author of *Fifty Mighty Men* (Western leaders) is thoughtful as he slumps in his chair, the knees of his long legs almost pulled to his chin. "George Maclean, Walking Buffalo of the Stoneys at Morley," he finally recalls with conviction. "A man who remembered the buffalo hunts and loved to ride in jet aircraft. A leader of his people, later became involved in Moral Re-Armament and impressed sophisticated leaders in many lands. He had real values. His message was always compassionate, a plea for understanding by all peoples."'

I THANK GOD for the good that has been achieved in the past weeks, and for the qualities of a people which can bring such change without bloodshed. But there is still far to go. We are still not satisfied. Everyone is demanding. Workers demand more wages. Merchants want more profit. Officials seek power, and others claim their rights.

His Imperial Majesty, speaking to the old Cabinet about our Constitution, said it 'shall not be abused for selfish and personal ends when it has been given as a sacred trust to be exercised for the benefit of the Ethiopian people.' He went on, 'If you execute it well you will be congratulated. If you prove yourself incapable or incompetent, you shall be replaced.' We have seen this happen. Now is the new Constitution going to be used by people who want to advance themselves or to develop our nation for the needs of all? Each one of us needs to decide this in our own hearts and lives.

Why is there such a wave of bitterness and hate among us? Because many of us live selfishly and comfortably, and do not care about others. I heard a spokesman say at a meeting recently, 'I don't care how much hardship people must endure due to our strike.' Even the nurses, with people's lives in their hands, have walked out of the hospitals. I was



Banff 1934—Frank Buchman is made a blood brother by Chief Walking Buffalo

Gandhi decorated in Laos

HM King Savang Vatthana (right) decorates Rajmohan Gandhi with the 'Medaille de l'Instruction Publique—Grade Chevalier'.

Their Majesties the King and Queen with the Crown Prince and Princess watch a special performance of *Song of Asia* in the Golden Hall of the Vientiane Palace. 'My wife and I have enjoyed your songs,' said the King. 'I hope you have a useful stay in Laos.'



We care for everyone

by Nigussie Asressie

saddened to see him so enthusiastically cheered by the audience.

We shelter behind walls of hate, we are roofed in by fear, and we don't know the way out. We say what we are doing is right. We blame others for what goes wrong. We say 'This is the only chance we have.' Bitterness bursts into action when it sees a weak point to attack. Strikes and unrest prevail. High schools and the university are closed. And many who could send their children to school do not because they may be in danger. Now we hear that even greater strikes will erupt if the demands of EELPA, Telecommunications, Civil Aviation, the Municipality, the National Bank, the Highway Authority are not met. It will mean hardship to many.

We are all on the get, snatching from each other. We try to settle problems by creating problems. I do not deny that some demands are justified. But we must take constructive, not destructive, steps to answer them. So far we have lost

work, and time and money. Unless we find how to work together we may lose what we cherish most—freedom of speech, of the press, of free unions or even losing our beloved ones and our land.

A man said, 'A nation's thinking is in ruins before a nation is in ruins'. So much of our thinking is destructive. That, as Mr Gordon Wise points out in his article 'Building the New Society', is the weakness of the materialistic approach. 'It erodes or corrodes while it is trying to build. It merely creates confusion, by postponing the real revolution, which must be in the nature of man. A change of system without a change in people is merely re-arranging the chessboard, not altering the pieces.'

True change comes when we each decide to take responsibility, no matter how lowly we are. I work in EELPA. I used to work properly only when my bosses were present. I didn't care about the work, and left all responsibility to

them. When I looked at the way I was living, I knew I was part of the disease of the country. I started to put right what was wrong in my life, trying to live up to standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. I have not become perfect! But I have started feeling the problems of others.

I thought of a union as something which would force me to stop work, go on strike, and stop caring about the needs of others. So I did not want one. Then I was told that it means solving our common problems together. If that is so, I am interested. I want industry in this nation to be an example of unselfish teamwork, and not the battle ground and class war which it so often is in the west.

I believe, as many do, that this nation needs people who say, 'We care for everything,' and who take responsibility to find 'What is right' rather than argue over 'Who is right'. God can give us the courage to take that responsibility, and show everyone the part they can play in building the just society we all long for.

This article by Mr Nigussie who works in the Electricity Corporation (EELPA) in Addis Ababa first appeared in 'The Ethiopian Herald'



Cypriots speak to Rhodesia

WHEN FORMER EOKA LEADERS from Cyprus were interviewed on Rhodesia Television the programme was the subject of widespread comment from Salisbury to Bulawayo.

Spyros Stephou, Deputy Director of Customs at Nicosia Airport, and his wife Maroulla told viewers how they had used bombs and terror to achieve independence for Cyprus but found that the departure of the British did not solve their problems as they then started grabbing for power among themselves.

An African businessman commented, 'I was most impressed to hear how, instead of putting all their energy into destruction, it is now being used constructively to create a united and peaceful Cyprus. They have shown us a new way for our country.' An Anglican Rector took the TV interview as the theme for his sermon the following Sunday.

The Stephous, who were visiting Rhodesia following the MRA Conference in Pretoria, were welcomed to Salisbury by Rhodesians of all races and

were guests of honour at a reception given by the Greek and Cypriot communities.

Wherever they went they gave their conviction that the only way to a lasting solution to the problems facing the world is through a revolution in character, and told how their own change had remade their home and made it possible for them to work together for better understanding between the people of Cyprus.

On cassette

A session of the Pretoria Conference was devoted to their experiences and to *A Cyprus Story*—an audio-visual dramatization of the Stephous in action.

This is a 25 minute programme of 122 colour slides by Swiss photographer Danielle Maillefer with commentary and music on tape or cassette. *A Cyprus Story* has been prepared in English, French and German and costs £30, including VAT. It can also be hired for £1 plus postage from the Friends of the Westminster Theatre.



photos: Bengt

One of the authors of *The Black and White Book*, and his wife, Mr and Mrs Garth Lean, were greeted personally by Pope Paul VI during his weekly general audience attended by 10,000 people. His Holiness blessed Mr and Mrs Lean and their work.

He had previously been sent the sixteen language editions of *The Black and White Book*, including the Italian, the third edition of which is being prepared by Edizioni Paoline, the publishing house of the Society of St Paul, the world-wide order founded by Don Alberione to work through the mass media.

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South Africa: Indian ready to part with land

AN INDIAN who left South Africa 15 years ago vowing never to return, said yesterday he was willing to part with his most precious possession—a few acres of land outside Durban.

'It must be given back to South Africa', he said. 'It can be incorporated as part of the homeland of Kwazulu.'

These are the first sentences of a news story that appeared in the *Natal Mercury* and other papers in South Africa.

The Indian, the paper reported, is Subbiah Kistasamy, now teaching in a South London school who made his declaration at a meeting of 500 people in London at which speakers reported on the recent international MRA assembly in Pretoria.

He was willing to part with his land as a token of his new-found confidence in South Africa's future and the freedom from bitterness he had found through Moral Re-Armament.

No longer rigid

The article goes on: Mr Kistasamy said that when he left South Africa in 1959 he was convinced the country's policies were inflexible and that violence and bloodshed were inevitable. When he returned recently he found rigid concepts were being broken down—there was more mobility, more prosperity and greater freedom of speech.

He felt that in the next ten years people would learn to live side by side and South Africa would be teaching the world how problems—even racial attitudes—could be resolved.

●TRADE UNIONISTS, foremen and other management met 18-19 May at Tirley Garth, Cheshire, to 'take a fresh look at the industrial scene'.

The weekend was called by Albert Ingram, a foreman in the BLMC works in Longbridge.

A former Trotskyite, he described how the philosophy of MRA had attracted him: 'Marxists want to change the system, management tries to increase production by changing the system, but MRA says you change the men and the system gets changed. That was the first

point that gripped me. The second point was the comfort of knowing a path to tread at all times. That is why I respect the absolute moral standards of MRA. You have a yardstick and you measure your actions against them.'

●GORDON WISE, Secretary of Moral Re-Armament in Britain, had a twelve minute radio interview in Addis Ababa on the significance and outreach of the Pretoria conference. It came at the peak hour just after the news.

To the Editor:

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Dear Sir,

I am just 21 years old. I met Moral Re-Armament first in India, and again one year later on a return trip from Australia.

Each time it gave me a sense of reality and perspective on my life; yet each time when I left to face what I ought to do, I let my fears (which I did not share) and own will tell me to hide and run away.

Just recently it came to a stage of suicide. And at that point of time, I could run no further. I went to a friend and was honest about my past. I did not think of it at the time, but it was the same as guidance. It saved my life.

Through meditation I have come across great knowledge of this world; but without love it is nothing. If I ignore my brother, which demands my complete honesty, then also I ignore my inner voice, and hence life itself. I reached such a poor stage of communication, that I lost track of where I was going or who I really was. People need others who live their life as open books. I need people.

I am still very shaky and stumble on this road. Next Monday I start work as a teacher. It is hard for me, yet I know it is right. I learnt of guidance as reality in those moments of complete despair. I urge others to do likewise before, as our societies today encourage, we become so self-centred we suffocate.

I believe in the spirit of all life which guides us. We must fight to give this answer to all the world, as simply and powerfully as our beings can do so. Men who cannot sing, they die. We must learn, and share our songs.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Cordiner