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# All-out bid for a Great Britain a United Kingdom and a World rebuilt

LORRIES CHARGE IN AND OUT dumping supplies. Bulldozers and excavators rumble late into the night. Dozens of local firms send workmen. 'Everyone here is going at the work as if their life depended on it,' says building supervisor David Neal.

Tirley Garth, 40-acre estate in Cheshire given to MRA by Miss Irene Prestwich, is being prepared for an international assembly. More than 500 people—mostly from youth and industry—will be arriving on 23 July from all parts of Britain and Europe for the six weeks' session.

'Get going for a Great Britain, a United Kingdom and a World rebuilt' is the theme.

The Sunday Times reported a fortnight ago that an overwhelming number of people were now in the mood to make real sacrifices to pull Britain out of her economic troubles. That mood is certainly found in those getting Tirley ready for the assembly. Hundreds are using their weekends, many their annual holidays, to work on building new accommodation. The apathy and unconcern in Britain spotlighted by many foreign correspondents is absent.

Billy Mills, storeman in a Belfast factory, arrived this week with colleagues from the shipyards and factories of Northern Ireland. 'Our experience,' he says, 'is that the ideas of Tirley help not only in industry but in home life, too.'

Working alongside such men are the youth. Apprentice joiner Philip Devonshire, 18, says, 'Before I came to Tirley I didn't care about anything or anybody as long as I got my wages. My personal aim now is to do my work better and faster than the oldest and most experienced joiner in my firm. Rebuilding the world is worth sacrificing for.'

Another 18 - year - old, Steuart Dennison, trainee salesman from Coventry, adds, 'I put my whole heart into what I'm doing. I enjoy it. I'm coming to Tirley to learn a new will to work and care for people. If the British get this spirit, no human power can stop them getting out of the economic mess.'

Businessmen understand what Tirley stands for. Gifts come in daily. They range from twenty tons of cement and a bus to Pyrex dishes, washbasins, immersion heaters, stoves, and all the piping for outside and inside plumbing. 'You are asking for something big,' said one manufacturer. 'But it's big enough. I'd like to help.' Cereals, marmalade, foodstuffs of different kinds have also come. A leading department store wants to help furnish the new buildings.

In Scotland last weekend Rt Hon Quintin Hogg, MP asked: 'By what means can a nation survive when faced with crisis?' He gave his answer opening a Conservative fete in the East Aberdeen constituency of Patrick Wolrige Gordon, MP: 'It can survive by patriotism.' His definition:

Levelling ground for conference hall at the Moral Re-Armament operations centre at Tirley Garth

Photo: Henderson









Hundreds have worked on new buildings. Here are an African student, a Merseyside apprentice and a London receptionist

'That means nothing more than putting into the country more than you are taking out of it.'

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon James Callaghan, believes that a 5 per cent increase in the spirit of the country would overcome Britain's economic crisis.

The Tirley assembly aims to awaken that patriotism and increase that spirit.

The invitation states:

'If you want to go all out to shift Britain into top gear, come and create the ways and weapons to

- ROCK the country into new hope and action
- ★ INSPIRE hard work and a winning spirit everywhere
- ★ CURE bitterness and unite the nation

#### ★ GIVE faith and a sense of national purpose to the millions

#### ★ LAUNCH Britain on her Godgiven task in the world

Roland Wilson, Secretary of Moral Re-Armament in Britain, echoed this last point at a Women of the Hour lunch in London. 'Greatness, shame, sacrifice are intermingled in our history,' he said. 'But petty aims have never preoccupied the British people. Mistakes have been many but the biggest mistake we could now make would be to decide that our world work was done.

'We in Britain pioneered the industrial revolution. Our goal could now be to produce an industrial system in which workers and management normally move together like the fingers of a hand, not just for personal affluence but to provide for the mounting needs of multiplying humanity, and to give men the secret of great living.'

It is with such objectives in mind that delegates at the Tirley assembly will talk and plan with authorities on national and international issues, attending the sessions.

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A new type of man, a new type of statesmanship, a new type of national policy—this is our instant need, and this is the purpose for which Moral Re-Armament has come to birth.

DR FRANK BUCHMAN Gelsenkirchen, Germany, June 1950

## Kenya farm plan outlined at Caux

A KENYA SCHEME for training Africans in mechanised farming to increase food production was announced at a weekend conference at Caux, Switzerland, on 11 July. Swiss farming leaders from many cantons came.

With the support of their government, Colonel Alan Knight and Michael Low, farmers and Kenya citizens, are launching a training scheme for farm mechanisation. They told the conference that 33,000 Africans are now working on land previously owned by a few hundred Europeans.

The training was essential to feed

a growing population, provide exports, secure employment and maintain political stability, Low said. Europeans with technical qualifications plus training in Moral Re-Armament were needed as instructors. The African farmers would learn accountancy, welding, plough setting and the running of cooperatives. A farm machinery station, jointly owned, would be set up.

Knight and Low this week finished a European journey in which they have outlined their scheme to responsible men in farming, business and government in England, Scandinavia and Switzerland.

### Uganda athletes see 'Freedom'

'FREEDOM' was shown to the finalists and spectators at the Uganda Amateur Athletic Championships last week. Kampala students travelled 400 miles to arrange this. The film was announced during the Games as the special feature of the evening.

#### Conferences planned

MRA conferences are scheduled in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda during August. Uganda students this week held the first of a series of performances of *Harambee Africa* in secondary schools. They are also raising money for a further tour of the musical in East Africa.



GENERAL K M CARIAPPA, (above) first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army after Independence, urged an MRA force to go to Pakistan. He said, 'We must create a climate free from hate' between India and Pakistan. General Cariappa was speaking last week to the cast of Sing-Out Australia in Bangalore.

'India and Pakistan should be a bulwark for the survival of de-

# General calls for Indo-Pakistan unity

mocracy. We have got to build a new Indo-Pakistan spirit. If you can do something to create a new spirit it could be a terrific service,' he said.

General Cariappa, formerly High Commissioner in Australia, said: 'There are two young leaders in this country today, Indira Gandhi, who as the nation's leader is youthful, and her namesake, Rajmohan Gandhi, who is raising the young leadership. These young leaders should rouse the country. Let's back them both fully.' The General was speaking after a performance of the show in honour of himself and Prince Basalat Jah.

In Bangalore, capital of Mysore State which has a population of over twenty-three million, the cast of *Sing-Out Australia* has sung and spoken in schools and business houses, and thousands have heard the music of the show in the city at peak traffic hours from a float organised by Bangalore students.

The Speaker of the Mysore Legisla-

ture, B Vaikunta Baliga, and the former Chief Minister of Mysore, K Hanumanthaiya, MP, who is also a member of India's Administrative Reform Commission, were amongst the audiences in Bangalore's modern National Theatre.

The state's English and Kannada language papers including the Indian Express, Deccan Herald, Samyukta Karnatic, Praja Vani, Tainadu and the South Indian weekly, Mysindia, have carried articles and pictures on the show's arrival and movements.

Sing-Out Australia came to Bangalore from the state of Kerala. There it was presented in Kottayam where eighty-five per cent of India's 50,000 ton rubber harvest is handled. It was seen by members of the divided national and local Congress Parties, and finally by 5,000 people in the village of Kottanam which is typical of five hundred thousand villages where the bulk of India's five hundred million people live.



#### Photo: Ashman

In one of India's 500,000 villages 'Sing-Out Australia' cast members sing to a Harijan (scheduled caste) community. After introducing them, Mr Hiralal (white hat), head sweeper from Panchgani, told them: 'I want you to do this wherever you go in India.'

## BRAZILIAN WORKERS CARRY FORWARD HOWARD'S CHALLENGE

**EN THOUSAND PEOPLE** in the city centre of Santos—home town of world football star Pele—saw an open air performance of the Brazilian musical *Dynamite '66* this week. The show inspires sacrifice, patriotism and hard work. The occasion was arranged with the help of Walter Menezes, National President of the Federation of Portworkers of Brazil.

The cast of a hundred young workers and students are keeping before the Brazilian people the challenge given by Peter Howard in 1965. In this they have the support of the press and television. Last week one of the newspapers of Santos, largest port in the Southern Hemisphere, published in a full page article a speech given

## Dockers greet Dutch youth

THIRTY-THREE YOUNG DUTCH will be among those welcomed by Tom Ham, an executive member of the National Amalgamated Stevedores' and Dockers' Union, at a meeting tomorrow in East Ham Town Hall. In this hall thirty-eight years ago, Dr Frank Buchman launched Moral Re-Armament before an international audience, including many from the Netherlands.

The Dutch visitors range in age from fifteen to twenty-six and are high, technical and medical school students, teachers, surveyors and nurses.

Dutch political and military leaders and large numbers of youth have seen *Sing-Out Nederland*, a musical show they have written. Dutch national papers have carried long reports on their action which contrasts with riots set off by frustrated young 'provos' in Amsterdam and other cities. The musical depicts in songs and sketches what patriotism means and how youth can use their passion and energy conby Howard to labour leaders in the headquarters of the National Federation of Industrial Workers last year.

Howard said then, 'I firmly believe that you in Brazil will overcome your present economic difficulties. But unless it is accompanied by something more, this could make your real job even more difficult. Without an answer for the divisions which paralyse the nation, without an answer for the materialism which is flooding over every nation, without an aim sufficiently big which demands the maximum of sacrifice from all our citizens, our whole civilization is condemned.

'Productivity needs to mount more rapidly than the population, and to be justly divided. This will come about

structively to redirect the future of their country and the world.

At the invitation of Mrs Peter Howard they will visit Hill Farm near Lavenham, Suffolk. During their twoweek visit they will go to Oxford, South Wales and Bristol and attend the conference at Tirley Garth, in Cheshire.

# LAW OF CHRIST

TWO HUNDRED YOUTH presented a programme of MRA to the Mayor and citizens of the Rhineland town of Neuss this week.

Father Loers, head of the Catholic centre in the town thanked the youth for 'the valuable help MRA is giving each one of us, whatever religion he belongs to.' He said, 'MRA does not want to be and never will be a religion, but we must make the four absolute moral standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love real, so that the law of Christ becomes the main thing in the Christian life again. What we have heard tonight from these youth each one of us must take to heart.' with a change in men's motives everywhere. We need strong legislation but we need to change men. Leaders who refuse to lead, and employers who do not provide employment, are as much to blame for the national crisis as workers who do not work.'

The young Brazilians in Dynamite '66 will take the show to other cities of Brazil and South America. Portworkers from Rio de Janeiro and Santos who are waging a fight against corruption, subversion and economic recession are working with them. In Santos and the industrial suburb of Cubatão the young Brazilians appealed for funds following performances. The audience responded by pouring money on to open blankets.

### APPEAL TO ARABS

A BRITISH EDUCATOR, speaking at the Rotary Club in Jerusalem, Jordan, appealed for the co-operation of the Arab world in Moral Re-Armament—'this great constructive enterprise.'

Dr Charis Waddy, a PhD in Arabic history, said, 'You have priceless standards and values which the world needs. If everyone you send to Europe and America is an active ally on the right side in the battle now raging for the soul of civilisation, it will immensely strengthen us. I wish every young Jordanian who comes to the West could take part in what the youth of MRA are doing.' She said the germs of fear, hate and greed must be eliminated as thoroughly as medicine had eliminated the malariacarrying mosquito.

The chairman said the club would like to have a representative at the Caux conference.

Dr Waddy's father, Archdeacon Waddy, first came to Jerusalem with Allenby's Australian Troops in 1918. He founded a college at which many of Jordan's leaders were educated.

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