

New moves initiated by Asians and Europeans at Caux

VIETNAMESE STUDENTS appealed this week for Moral Re-Armament as the way to unite their conflicting organisations in Europe. Previous attempts to bring them together had foundered on distrust. The conference centre in Caux could provide a meeting ground, they felt.

The Vietnamese were addressing the conference's first session of 1968. Europeans announced plans that included a succession of international conferences in Caux from 18 May through September (*see article, page 4*). Representatives from every continent responded to the challenge of a Chinese student, 'Is your target for 1968 to carry further afield the world revolution of Moral Re-Armament?'

'The misery that millions of Vietnamese will undergo this cold New Year will continue as long as the ideological conflicts separating men are not resolved,' said Tran Viet Dzung, a Vietnamese medical student in Paris. 'Moral Re-Armament is getting men to understand they are citizens not just of one country, but of the world.'

Attack distrust

Biologist Li Quoc Hong, also from Paris, said, 'We must attack this problem of distrust among the Vietnamese in the different countries of Europe.' Previous attempts had failed because so many conditions had been attached, even to meetings. 'I would like to think that we could unite people of opposed conceptions if we

Trade unionism means caring for the workers of every nation. This is being made practical by Gerard Legoff (left), French electrician in the Nantes dockyard. He and others from French industry have gone to India to support the campaign of Rajmohan Gandhi

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could bring them to Caux,' he said.

Another Vietnamese, a leader of his country's students in Europe, said at Caux that after the downfall of Diem the Vietnamese youth became involved more and more in political intriguing and violence. He personally had used intimidation, employing thugs to gain power. Such methods, he realised, had brought only more despair to his people. Now through applying MRA in his life he felt he could help put this situation right.

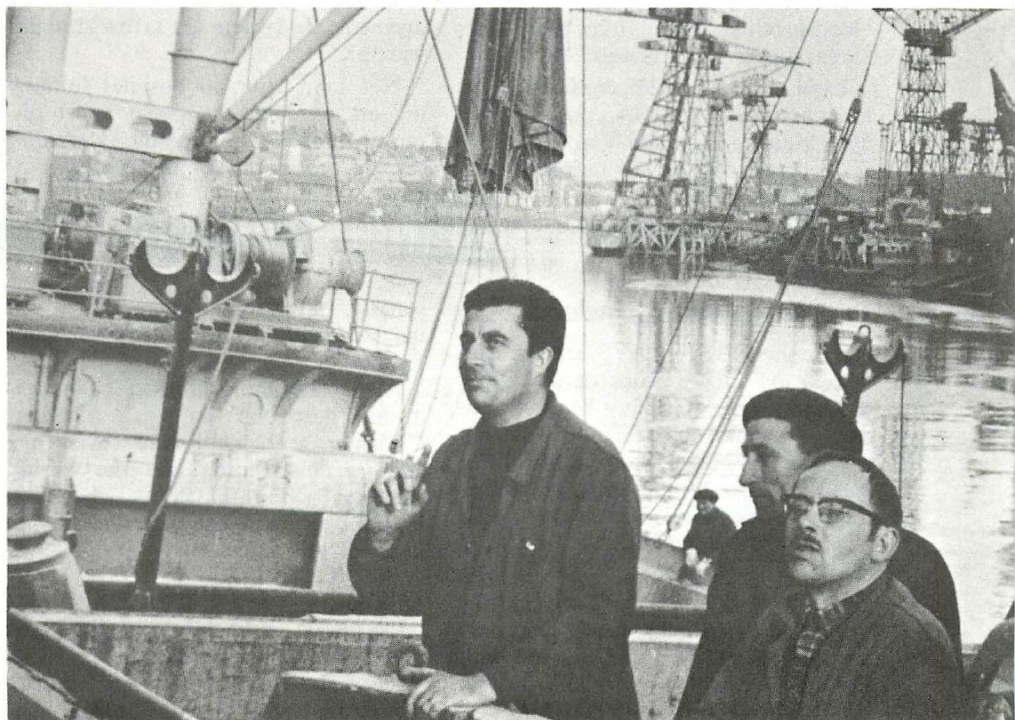
Cambodian speaks

A Cambodian sitting next to him got up, 'On that basis,' he said 'our two countries, enemies so long, can work together.'

Pierre Spoerri, Swiss chairman of

this morning's session said that a leading Vietnamese had recently told him, 'The war goes on. But the real question is what happens afterwards.' Spoerri said, 'We will certainly stand beside these men in what they want to do.'

A delegation of industrial men from the Loire Atlantique region of France spoke at the conference, before they left last weekend to join Rajmohan Gandhi in his work in India. Gerard Legoff, an electrician in the port of Nantes, said that if trade unionism meant anything it meant care for workers from all over the world and not just in one's own country. The French workers go to India for three months backed by area industrial, trade union, civic and church leaders.



Chief Walking Buffalo, Canadian statesman, dies at 97

Chief Walking Buffalo last week died at his home in Morley, Alberta, Canada. Mrs. William Cameron-Johnson of London, who taught Red Indians in Michigan and knew the Chief well, writes:

WE SALUTE the memory of a great Red Indian warrior, Chief Walking Buffalo, farmer, hunter, statesman and spiritual leader of his people, the Stoney Indians of Alberta, Canada. A man of uncompromising faith, who witnessed the turbulent changes of the last 100 years, he saw in Moral Re-Armament the way in which his people could make their proud and needed contribution to the world family of nations.

Early in the thirties in Alberta he met Dr Frank Buchman, initiator of Moral Re-Armament. Coming from a race of people whose ancient concern has always been the development of individual character, the Indian Chief may have recognized in Dr Buchman a man of the same concern, for the Stoney Indians chose to make Dr Buchman an honoured blood-brother, giving him the name, 'Great Light in Darkness.'

Later, at a world conference on Mackinac Island, USA, the Red Indian leader caught the vision of what his people could do for humanity. He



Chief Walking Buffalo (third from right) and chiefs of the Stoney Indians make Dr. Frank Buchman (second from left in front) a blood-brother of their people in 1933

saw that the virile qualities of courage, obedience, endurance, honesty, purity and the reverence for life that had once made his people supreme in grappling with the forces of nature, were those needed by the whole of mankind now if it were to survive.

At 86, upon glimpsing this vision he relinquished his bitterness toward the white man and from that time was no longer an old man bent with discouragement. He became an arrow-straight warrior.

Not long after, in hospital following an accident, the Great Spirit directed him to 'go on the warpath' around the world for MRA. Without

consulting doctor or nurse he rose from his bed, left hospital and went to his friends to plan a world tour.

Across five continents, through 18 nations, the Chief, with his party, travelled as unofficial ambassador for the Canadian people, backed by the then Prime Minister Diefenbaker, reaching more than 100 million people through radio, television and the press.

He won the profound respect of young and old alike on every continent, restoring to urban civilization a lost secret of living. To teeming, interracial cities he brought the sanity of listening once again for the direction of the Great Spirit.

Hallen Viney — human engineer under God

From a correspondent

AS THE FIRST RAYS of the sun bathed the snowy peaks of the Dents du Midi in an unearthly beauty, hundreds from 39 countries stood in silence at the MRA Caux assembly to honour Hallen Viney, English pioneer of the Oxford Group and MRA, who died on 30 December, aged 68.

Young Arab leaders from N Africa and the Middle East stood side by side with French, Germans and British. Old friends who had worked with Hallen for many years joined with students who had not known him per-

sonally, but who were eager to learn the secret of his life and to take up his battle.

Alan Thornhill, lifelong colleague of his, described him as 'a fighting Christian gentleman' who loved his country, his church and the world. 'He was a faithful friend who first brought me to a new life and to the heart of this force.'

Navy discipline

Thornhill spoke of his active service at the age of sixteen in the First War in the Royal Naval Air Service. 'He carried with him the bearing and

discipline of the Navy to the day he died. After the War he became an electrical engineer and as a young Englishman of 25 was in charge of a big factory in New York. There he met his destiny—Moral Re-Armament. He decided to become a human engineer under God. With a relentless passion for the rest of his life he fought that the Church of God should be a Church aflame.'

Loudon Hamilton, who had known Hallen since 1924, said 'He was all-out, tireless, convinced, always ready for anything. For him no job was too big if he felt it was God's call. He

WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL WORLD OF 1968

IN 1968 WE CAN SET OUT to establish, as universal currency, the *man of God's Design*. The world awaits and needs that normality, of God-designed men, everywhere and now.

The man of God's Design will eagerly develop the human mind. He will tune it to God's Mind. Our aim is not to make man master of the universe. It is to open up to everyone everywhere the adventure and glory of being mastered by a God who made the universe, and presumably knows best how it should be run.

The Master Mind of God, willingly sought and obeyed, is the answer to the absence of leadership, and to the presence of dictatorship. It is the cure to the smallness which is a sure cause of division. It is the antidote to the restrictive philosophies which claim that one elite shall rule, one generation (any generation) shall rule, one class, one colour, one nation, one race shall rule. God shall rule. And nothing else will halt the hurtling towards fragmentation. Nothing else will swing the vast tide of humanity on to a new course.

Greatest superstition

The greatest superstition that has dogged man through the centuries is that he knows how to handle the world. The most fundamental right of every man and woman, younger or older, is to receive light and power from God every hour of every day. *In this Year of Human Rights, this right should have priority.* And some

of us would do well to decide to refurbish the practice of it this New Year.

The New Year is a good moment to call in question the falsehoods that run so much of our thinking. Men today are toiling to make a compromise world work, to come to terms with the weaknesses and contradictions in human nature. But a mini-skirt mentality, and the mandatory power of me-first, is no match for the challenges of our amazing world. These attitudes are out of date. Of course weary, bored, indulgent people lose the passion to produce. That result is as sure as any scientist's conclusion. There are forceful reasons why our technologists, researchers, and doctors should be paid more. But more pay alone will not end the brain-drain. The greatest discoveries have not been outpoured to the world because men have been paid for them. They have come from a kindling of the human spirit, a questing urgency to tap fresh truth and free it for the use of the whole human family.

People underestimate what organised indulgence has done to the human will and the human mind. Sex, freely indulged, will not in fact be the hallmark of a wonderful, wonderful world. That world will only be built by men and women with clean hands and pure hearts. The purity of Christ and His men and women set new social patterns in history, rather than the lusts of King Herod and the capers of Herodias' daughter. The

magnetic power of purity which God offers those who let Him give it, could be a decisive world force in 1968.

Prevails over problems

Millions of people plan their lives on the gigantic lie that problems must prevail and shape programmes. *MRA is a programme that prevails over problems.* A shop steward in a large plant decides to let God remould his motives. His family make the same decision. New trust is created, at home and at work. New industrial agreements are reached, revolutionary in their implications. Production mounts 150%, wages 28%. The man's friends, of all shades of view, equip him to take the working answer he and they have found to India, where the needs are the same. His family supports this Christmas programme for him.

This experience is normal, and can be universal. There is nothing more outdated or old-fashioned than the belief that human purposes must remain self-centred.

We want a world lured by miracles, not conditioned by problems. *There is a force called the Holy Spirit.* Exploring that force is the newest thing on earth. If you study the Holy Spirit, He seems to be *against* known evil, depressive doubt, dirt, all forms of hate, the whole spirit of 'I could not care less.' He seems to be *for* the great forces of progress—honesty, sacrifice, generosity, laying down life for others, changing oneself rather than blaming others, courage, initiative, the willingness to stand alone.

This age claims a scientific spirit. The fact that men understand little today of the Holy Spirit will stimulate rather than deter the real scientist or student. A genuine student of this Force can be guaranteed to discover working answers to a whole range of problems which lie like unreasoning roadblocks on the path to progress. Why does affluence seem to destroy our economy? Why is peace more remote than ever it was? Why has human achievement so dismally

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was also clear that no task was too small. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints".

Claus Robach, Swedish clergyman, told how Hallen fought for the Church to live its destiny, mentioning especially the powerful visit to Sweden recently of a delegation of English clergy which he had helped to train.

William Jaeger said, 'As a clergyman he lived in reality. He was planning how to help and inspire the world meeting of bishops at Lambeth this year. He wanted to see that every bishop was an effective changer of men, in order to change policy.'

Mention was made of his service in India and America. Pierre Spoerri, who was chairing the morning assembly, recalled Hallen's joyous full-hearted participation in so many Caux assemblies. The meeting ended with silence and Alan Thornhill repeated words which Hallen had used in a decisive interview with him in Oxford nearly 40 years ago: 'Lord now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.'

Hallen Viney was laid to rest at St. Denys' Church, Rotherfield, Sussex, on Thursday, 4 January.

Six Arab nations represented at Caux

NINETEEN TUNISIANS, studying in Geneva as part of the Swiss Development Aid Programme, said a three-day visit to the MRA conference in Caux had given them 'a new thinking and a new way of life.' The visit last week was 'a decisive beginning' to their work with the aid programme.

Faisal Krichen, speaking on behalf of the delegation, recalled that President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia had described Moral Re-Armament as 'an organisation which is contributing to the renewal of world civilisation.'

Philippe Mottu, one of the founders of Caux, in reply said, 'Many of us have come to love your country through the Tunisians who have constantly been coming here. I have had the privilege to meet your President many times. Once he took me to the small hotel in Geneva where he had spent several years in exile. He was President of his country and had many important people around him, but the thing most on his heart was to show care to the housekeeper who

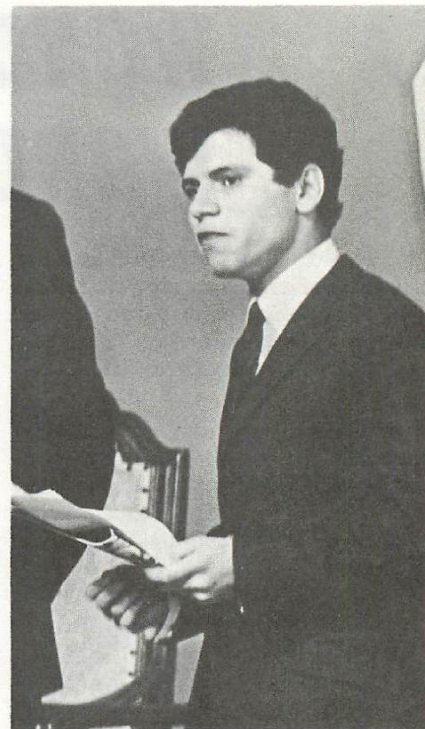
had looked after him all that time. He wanted to be sure this person had the contact with MRA which he valued so highly.'

Representatives of six Arab countries, including a student delegation sent by the Moroccan Ministry of Education, were among the 500 delegates from 35 nations at the conference.

'We Arabs know each other very little,' said Krichen. 'An institution like Caux helps us very much to come together and work together.'

It was reported to the conference that the Maritime Prefect of Casablanca, Africa's largest port, has turned to MRA for help. The Prefect has been appointed by the King to put the port on its feet again after a period of crisis. The MRA film, *Men of Brazil*, will be shown shortly to the administrators of the port.

The Moroccan Minister of Education has asked for a programme of Moral Re-Armament for the high schools and universities.



'Caux helps us Arabs to work together,' says Tunisian Faisal Krichen photo: Maillefer

FUTURE PLANS AT CAUX ANNOUNCED

It was announced that a succession of international conferences in Caux will begin with a medical conference on 18 May.

This will coincide with sessions of the World Health Organisation being held in Geneva during May.

There will be industrial sessions as well as a new set of courses in 'Training for Responsible Leadership in the Modern World' which last summer had assembled representatives from eighteen different countries.

Teachers from nine countries announced a world education conference in Caux from 27th July to 11th August on the theme, 'The Re-Education of a Nation.' They spoke of their continuing plans for redistribution of *Give a Dog a Bone*, particularly the raising of £5,000 for its dubbing in French for use in Morocco, Camerons and Vietnam. Miss Marielouise Bois, a teacher in Haiti, is one who plans to stage performances of the pantomime in her country.

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failed to produce a secure or even a happy world? Why does our mounting education give us more and more purposeless people? Is violence to become the normal mark of modern civilisation? Every man has his own question. The Holy Spirit offers a floodtide of answers. When asked He lights up the human mind.

He is, of course, the supreme revolutionary, as those who seek Him out soon discover. His revolution, like every real revolution, does not court human support, whether of individuals or governments. No revolution has soldiered to victory on the strength of supporters. It summons prophets and martyrs, humble, hopeful warriors, who choose the high-road at every crossroad, regardless of cheers or jeers.

Here is the secret of the wonderful world that we want: take the biggest target our heart glimpses and years

for; yield everything we see that hinders; then decide at any cost to march daily along the road to that target.

Men of God's Design possess the single-mindedness and farseeing determination of the scientist and the revolutionary. There is power in the conception of 'this one thing I do', *provided* this one thing is so far beyond us that we normally need the bracing electricity of God. But where there is no vision the people perish.

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