

HOUSE FULL notices were up outside the Westminster Theatre. It was a gala performance of Peter Howard's two plays, *The Hurricane* and *The Ladder*. It was also publication day of his latest book, *Frank Buchman's Secret*. In the audience were more than a hundred from the bookselling and publishing trades who came especially for the occasion. Earlier that day book-stalls on some of London's main-line stations were already sold out of their first supplies of the book. That morning, 4 December, the *Daily Express* (estimated readership more than thirteen million) published the following review of *Frank Buchman's Secret*, by its literary editor.

FRANK

BUCHMAN'S

SECRET

**NO ONE 'WILL
FILL FRANK
BUCHMAN'S
PLACE'**

By **ANTHONY HERN**

THERE will be no successor to the late Frank Buchman as head of the Moral Re-Armament movement, because there will be no new single leader.

So says Peter Howard, himself in the forefront of the movement, in a book* today.

For many years Buchman—who died last August—worked to make himself dispensable,' writes Mr. Howard.

He quotes a Buchman declaration: 'If I do not train many others to do what I have been doing better than I do it, then I shall have failed.'

Then he adds: 'Few things made him more angry than the desire of some people to find in him their authority or to have him tell them what they should do.'

That is why surmise about the successor to Buchman or the future leadership of Moral Re-Armament is fruitless.

The work will be carried forward in the future as it has been for many

* *'Frank Buchman's Secret,'* by Peter Howard (Heinemann, 10s. 6d.)

years past, by men who have learned to live free from jealousy and ambition and to go all-out and all-together for the right as God gives them to see the right.'

'TRUTH'

The question has often been asked: Where does the money come from to finance the MRA.

In his book, which is part-biography, part-testament, Mr. Howard says: 'When newspapermen in Bombay were throwing questions in his face, like stones, about the mysterious American millionaires and tycoons who were supposed to be giving him money, Buchman told the truth.'

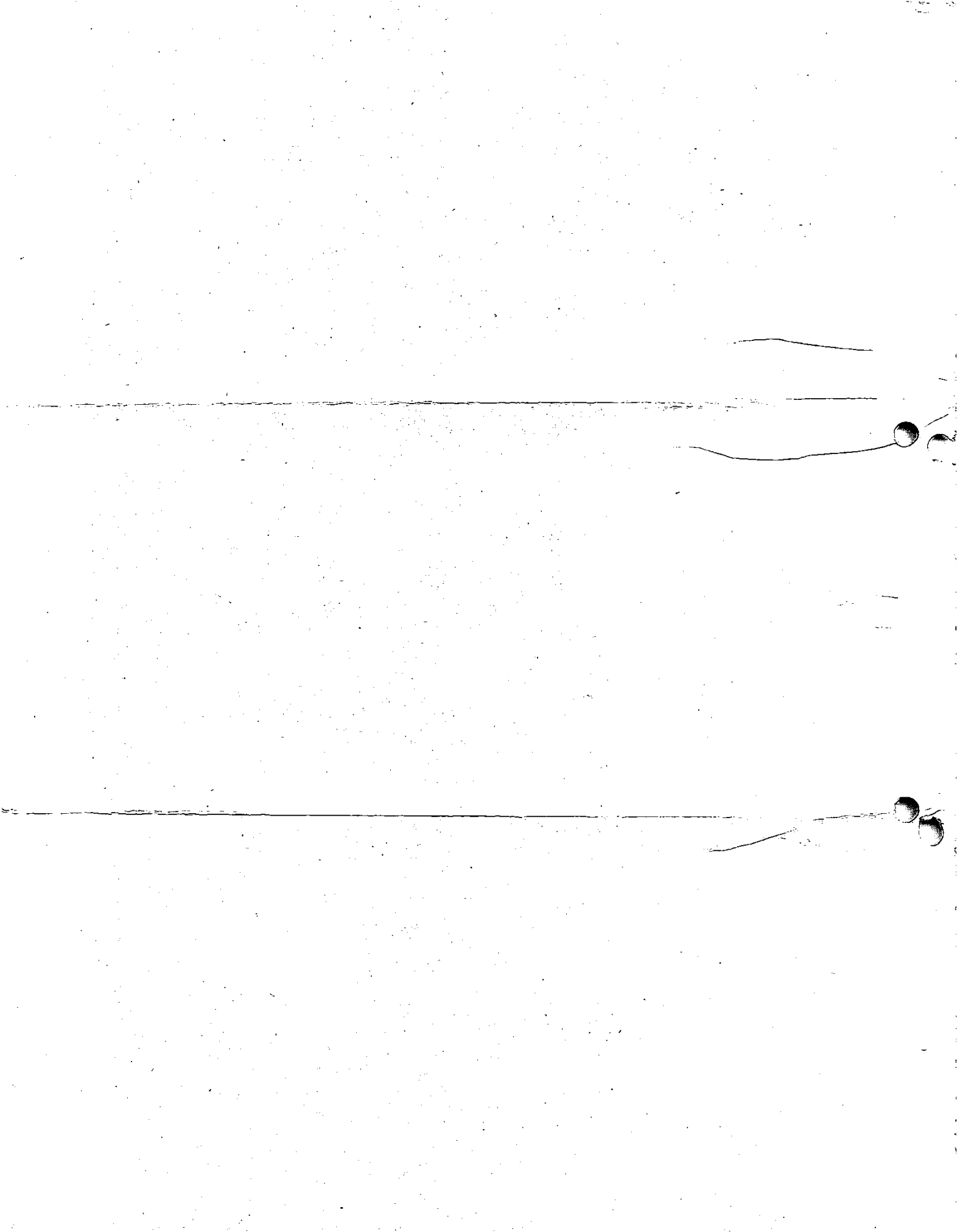
'He said that Moral Re-Armament is financed by thousands of gifts, rarely large ones, not from surplus but from sacrifice.'

Buchman, Mr. Howard says, 'took nobody for granted. He did not think that a bishop was necessarily more free from sin than a bartender.'

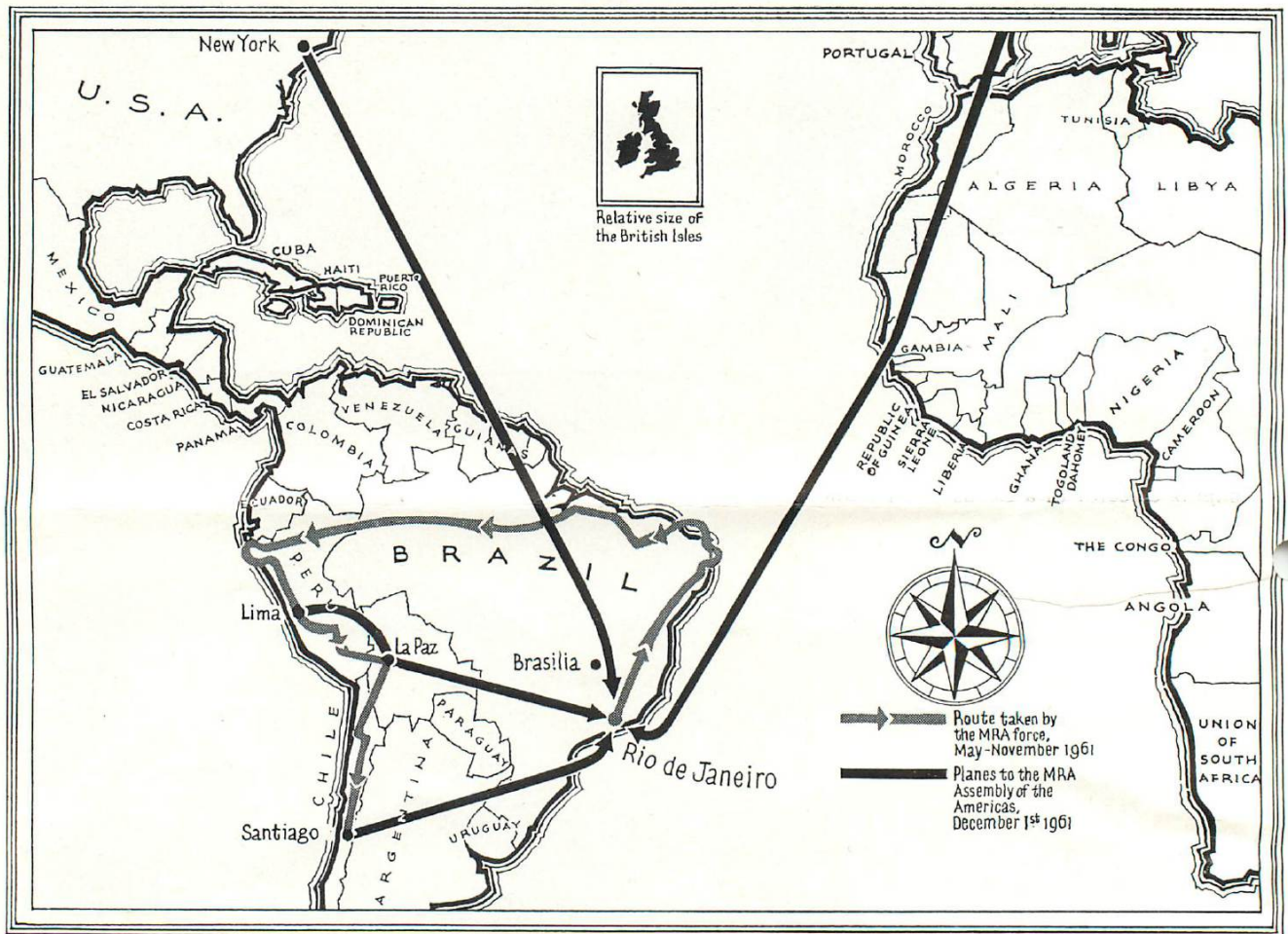
'Once he was talking to the Prime Minister of a great country and the word "sin" was mentioned. The Prime Minister's wife said, "Oh, Dr. Buchman, don't use that word. I do dislike it so much."

"I'm sorry," said Buchman. "Call it anything you please. Call it rheumatism if you like."

"Oh, don't call it rheumatism, Dr. Buchman," said the lady. "I am full of rheumatism."



MRA
INFORMATION
SERVICE



WHEN STATESMEN IN THE FREE WORLD offer a dynamic alternative to the materialism of Washington and Moscow, the response is immediate and overwhelming.

Marshal Juarez Tavora, the great soldier-statesman and revolutionary hero of Brazil, and General Hugo Bethlem, former Brazilian Ambassador to Bolivia and Pakistan, are two such statesmen.

In seven months they have reached and roused millions in their own country and throughout Latin America.

Now these men, with other Brazilian leaders, have initiated the Assembly of the Americas for the Moral Re-Armament of the World, at present in session in Petropolis, near Rio de Janeiro.

The conference, called to plan the next forward steps for Latin America and every continent, is described by General Bethlem as providing 'a new dimension which can give an answer to Washington, Moscow and Peking. Here is an ideology,' he says, 'to be lived by everyone in every corner of the world, regardless of his race, class or creed.'

The Assembly is focusing the convictions of statesmen in all parts of the world who have decided to act in their continents before it is too late.

President Prado of Peru wired: 'From this Assembly a dynamic answer is bound to come to the threat which hangs over our continent.'

Former Prime Minister Kishi of Japan declared that the Rio Assembly will be 'a milestone in the history of the Americas.'

Prime Minister Keith Holyoake of New Zealand sent his daughter to the conference with his profound wishes for its deliberations, which are 'of such importance in the fight to put right what is wrong in the world.'

The Honourable Saburo Chiba headed the Japanese delegation. Chairman of the Constitutional Committee of the Diet, he is one of his country's greatest political figures. 'Prime Minister Ikeda,' said Chiba, 'is dedicated to this fight.'

These and other statesmen are convinced that their countries must now go on the ideological offensive.

ASSEMBLY OF THE AMERICAS OPENS IN BRAZIL

A SPECIAL PLANE LEFT EUROPE on 1 December with 83 on board for the Rio Assembly.

With General Carpentier of France and Prince Richard of Hesse from Germany, were miners and employers from the Ruhr, British and Dutch dockers, French and Italian Socialists, Members of Parliament from Switzerland and Holland.

FROM BRITAIN came Air Vice-Marshal Maitland, R.A.F., who was Director of Operational Training, and Lady Hardinge of Penshurst.

Dockers from London and Liverpool, the Midlands Area Organiser of the Clerical Workers' Union, the managing director of a Leeds oil firm and other business men were among the British delegation.

U NARADA, Secretary General of the Presiding Abbots' Association of Burma, is the highest Buddhist dignitary ever to visit Latin America. He flew on the special plane from Europe with K. M. Cherian, editor of the *Malayalam Manorama* from Kerala, South India.

THREE AFRICAN LEADERS from Kenya who were detained for their political activities during the Mau Mau emergency are at the Assembly. They are Nahashon Ngare, Stanley Kinga and Fred Kubai who was detained with Jomo Kenyatta and released at the same time.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR flew by special plane from New York. Among them were three members of the Olympic gold-medal rowing crew from America, and an Olympic half-mile winner. Also in the delegation were men from Wall Street and from the trade unions, among them the President of the dockers of San Pedro.

A BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE PLANE flew to Bolivia to fetch the Bolivian delegation. Ten Latin American republics are represented at the Assembly.

LEFT-WING STUDENT LEADERS from San Marcos University, Peru, the oldest university in the western hemisphere, spoke on 2 December. These men rioted when U.S. officials visited Lima recently.

One of them told the Assembly, 'The students of San Marcos have always fought for social justice and a better life. But the more we fought, the more bitterness we created, because the real problem was in our own hearts. The next revolution humanity faces is in the hearts of men. That is the revolution of MRA.'

NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO the world over have reported the opening of the conference.

In Brazil itself, the *Diario da Noite* came out with a whole front page announcing the Assembly, with pictures of personalities attending.

O Jornal, the main paper of the Chateaubriand chain, and *O Globo*, Rio's largest daily, both had front-page stories.

Television featured the Assembly on seventeen channels on 2 December.

'We workers will take the lead'

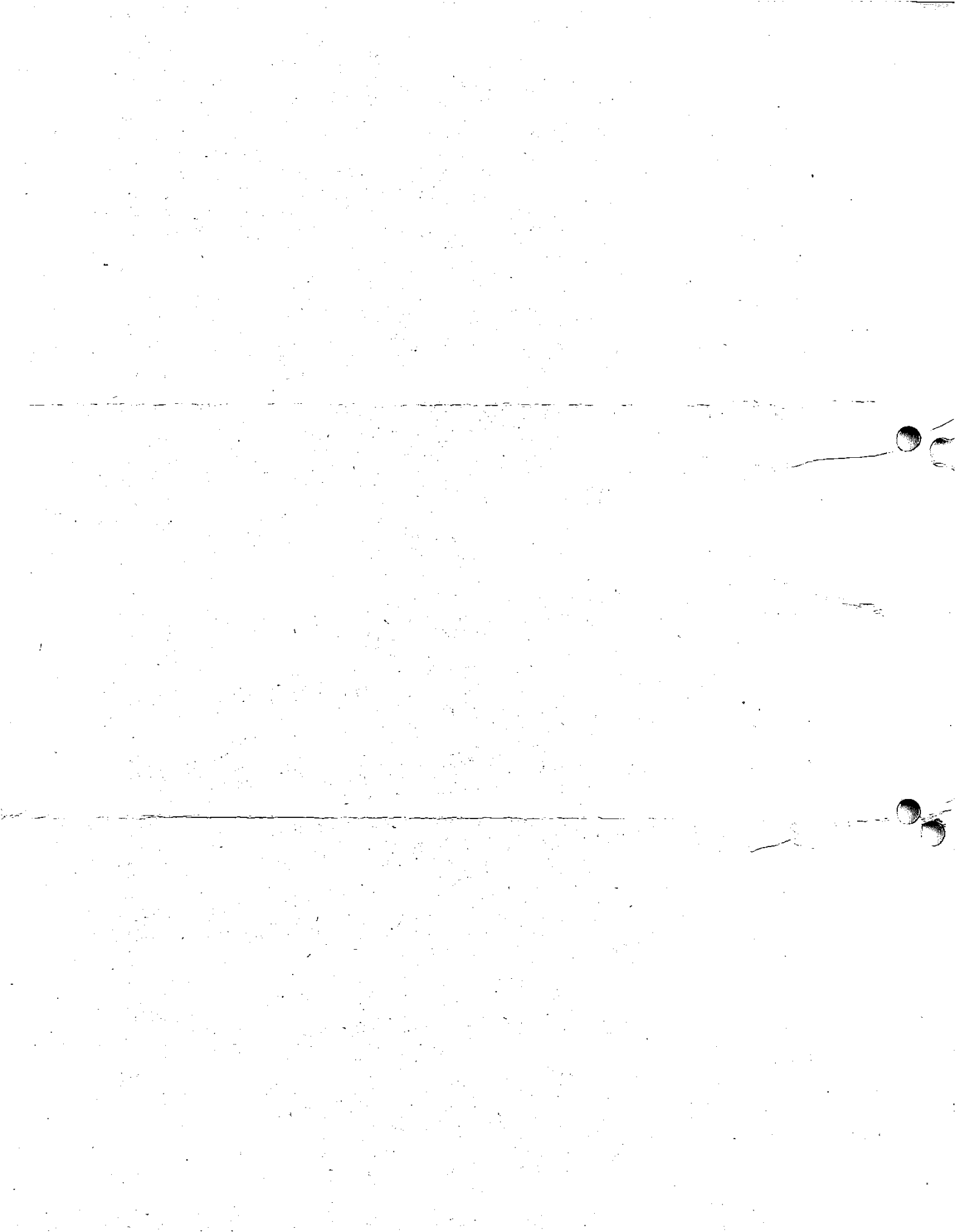
One hundred and thirty-three trade union leaders from five continents, representing millions of workers, massed on the platform on 3 December and told the 38-nation audience that 'with Moral Re-Armament the workers will unite the world.'

Brazilian dockers and transport workers, standing together with Father Henrique Otte, priest of São Crosto (the dockers' district of Rio de Janeiro), introduced their colleagues from the waterfronts, factories and mines of Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Guatemala, Australia, Britain, Canada, Holland, Japan, Italy, Germany, Norway and the U.S.A.

The president of two and a half million workers has arrived at the Assembly instead of going to Moscow, where he had been invited with all his expenses paid. He is Odilio Nascimento Da Gama, President of the Confederation of Land Transport Workers of Brazil. He was joined on the platform by fifty men from the militant Street-car Workers' Union of Rio, who have led some of the worst strikes in Brazil's history. Da Gama said, 'MRA is what the workers of Brazil need to plant in the hearts of their fellow workers. Brazil needs an ideology. Our fight now must be for a great ideal if we are to give the people a better way of life.'

The Secretary of the Catholic Workers' Organisation of Brazil, with half a million men, Comendador Sinibaldo Macillo, said, 'We are a country sunk in corruption. Without the four moral standards of MRA I consider it impossible to save Brazil or the continent. We must give our lives for this great idea for which Frank Buchman lived and died.'

Summing up the session Nelson Marcellino, a waterfront official from Rio, called on those present to finance the next great offensive of Moral Re-Armament throughout the Western hemisphere. He said, 'We workers will take the lead.' He pledged himself to give a regular sum from his own wages. 'We are going to give a uniting ideology to the whole world and rebuild the society in which we live,' he concluded.





PENETRATION

Brazil's great newspapers bring their readers news of a world answer.

Last month every reader of *O Globo*, Rio's largest and most influential daily, received with his newspaper a copy of the MRA pictorial bearing on its cover a scene from *The Tiger*, the Japanese ideological play which drew vast crowds during three months in Brazil earlier this year.

This action by *O Globo* is being followed by *O Estado* of São Paulo.

Ideological warfare occupies the best military minds in the free world today.

Military leaders know that nations have lost their freedom without a shot being fired because they have been infiltrated and taken over ideologically. They also know that armies confused on ideological issues lose the will to fight.

In Latin America the armed forces have contributed much in the last seven months to turn the ideological tide with Moral Re-Armament.

On 17 November at the invitation of General Maurelle, Commandant of the



N OF AN IDEA

Superior School of War in Rio, General Hugo Bethlem delivered a two-hour lecture on 'The Ideological War'.

He addressed 150 senior officers of the three services, as well as military attaches of the United States, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Italy, France, Bolivia, Venezuela, Portugal and the Argentine.

At the close the Commandant announced that copies of the lecture would be distributed to all Army officers. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force requested that the same lecture be given for the Air Force Staff College.

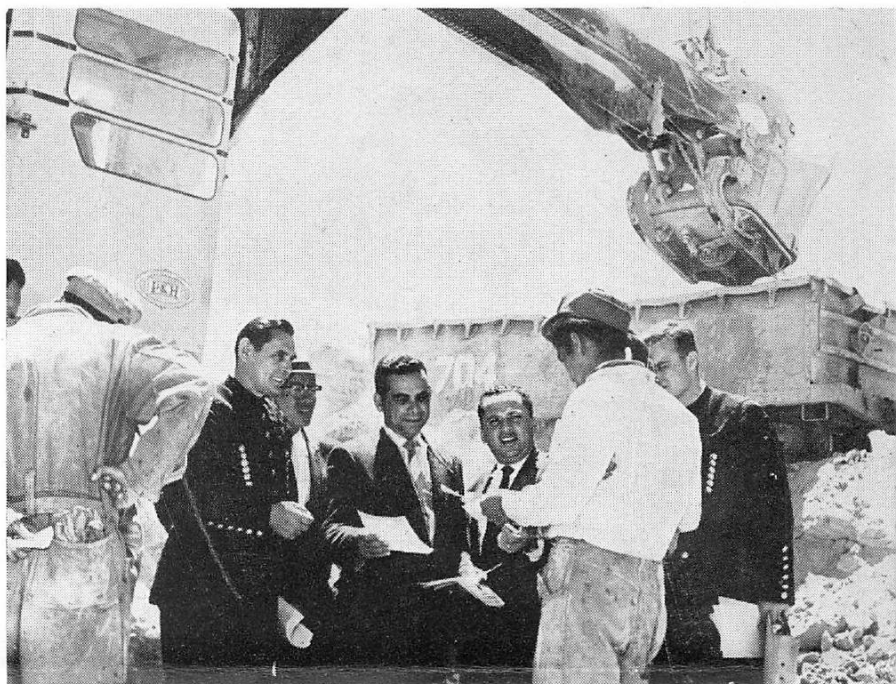
The workers of the world long to unite mankind with an answer to corruption, exploitation and war.

Communism, promising such an answer, and in default of a greater idea has taken over, bit by bit, nearly one-third of the world's population. Other vast areas, among them Latin America, have long been thought ripe for take-over.

Moral Re-Armament, in seven months, has proved that what the people of Latin America want is not a revolution of hatred, of race and class war, but the more revolutionary programme which deals with the roots of every social evil—human nature.

A Bolivian intellectual, part of an influential left-wing group, said to one of the MRA force, 'Marxism is out of date. We in Bolivia do not want the Communism of the left, nor the capitalism of the right. We do want MRA. Bolivia is waiting for you.'

The pictures (*right*) show the response of the working people of the Andes to the wave of hope brought by *The Tiger*: (a) A group of Indians watch the play in Cuzco, Peru. (b) Nitrate miners of Pedro de Valdivia, Chile, meet and talk with German miners (in their traditional uniform) and dockers from Rio de Janeiro, travelling with the MRA force. (c) Night-shift workers at Catavi, Bolivia, the largest tin-mining centre in the world, attend a special morning performance arranged for them.



THIS BOOK IS FACT NOT THEORY.

Through its pages moves as wide a variety of human beings as the human race can offer. They were all Buchman's friends. And they were all drawn by his secret, the power which drove him passionately and patiently towards the constant goal of his life—the building of a new world.

Peter Howard does more than capture Frank Buchman's personality on paper—a task challenging enough in itself. He sets forth the fundamental choice facing men today and brings into sharp focus what the ideological conflict is all about.

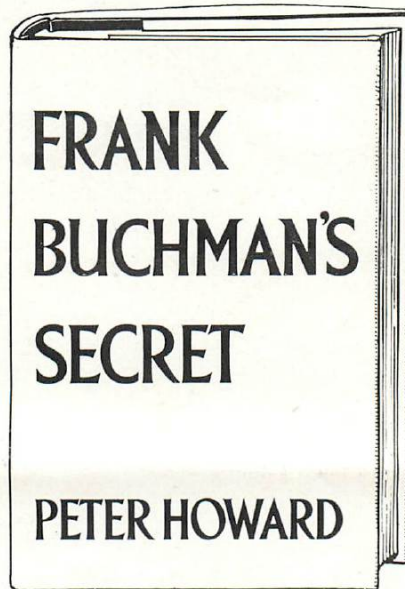
Buchman was a realist about man and about the power of the living God. He dealt with men on the real issues. He went down to the deepest places of their lives, which, exposed to the transforming power of Christ, led to men becoming permanently different. He translated into action, every day of his life, what all Christians know but few practise—that they are called to be fishers of men.

World-wide force

But Buchman took this truth a stage further. No one valued a personal faith higher than he did. But he understood, far ahead of his time, the relevance of changing men to the ideological struggle. He realised that not only must men change and affect their surroundings, their social conditions, their national policies: they must also learn to move as a world-wide force with a strategy for nations and an ideology for all men, or risk being swept away into a new dark age by the forces of materialism which are bidding for world control.

What Peter Howard so brilliantly—and movingly—portrays is Frank Buchman at work with men and their effect on nations, on continents, on the whole history of our time.

Buchman loved people; for a lifetime he spent himself for them, and never ceased to believe in the miracles of change, the limitless destiny, that awaited every person



who would give up going his own way and start going God's. Coal-miner or cabinet minister, lift-man or viceroy, it was all one to Buchman; all were royal souls, all were called by God to a life of undreamed-of effectiveness in saving a crumbling world. They pass in a cavalcade of infinitely varied personalities through Howard's book—African chief and Chinese lawyer, prime minister and taxi driver, atheist and archbishop, industrialist and labour leader—men and women who learned something of Frank Buchman's secret and applied it. As they did so, stubborn national and world problems began to yield. 'He has done as much as any man of our time,' said the Prime Minister of New Zealand of Buchman, 'to unite the peoples of the world by cutting through the prejudices of colour, class and creed.'

In *Frank Buchman's Secret* Peter Howard ranges over the continents and over the years of Buchman's life. The roots of Frank Buchman's unrivalled understanding of the ideological realities in the world stem back to his long visits to Asia from 1915 onwards, when he came to know the men who were leading vast social revolutions and their

peoples. He first met Mahatma Gandhi in 1915 and became his life-long friend. Howard tells the story of Rajmohan, the grandson, who today is giving his life to take Moral Re-Armament to Asia and to the whole world.

General Ho Ying-chin, who was recently in London, is, with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the only surviving leader of the revolutionary group who overthrew the Manchu Dynasty with Sun Yat-sen in October, 1911, and became the founders of modern China. It was in 1917, as Howard describes, that Frank Buchman first met Sun Yat-sen. General Ho, as a young officer, was one of the men guarding him at that time. Frank Buchman saw the beginning of Communism in China at first hand; he saw its mighty growth, years before most Western statesmen were aware of it—and at the same time he resolutely tackled the moral weaknesses in men which were the high road of Communism into their land.

'I have done nothing'

Frank Buchman expected every man to do what he had done. He felt there was no mystery about it. He had done nothing: God had done everything. To a statesman who tried to flatter him, as Peter Howard recounts, he replied: 'I have done nothing. Or rather, I have been doing what men like yourself should have been doing all the time. I stopped trying to run things the way I wanted many years ago. I started listening to God and letting Him have His way in everything. If men like you did that, you would find the answers, instead of spending your lives beaten by the problems you yourselves create.'

Frank Buchman knew and lived the secret the Kremlin and the Free World lack, the secret of how to create new men with the will and direction to build a new world. The secret is in this book for every man to find for himself and his own nation.

K. D. B.

What is Britain's Voice?

Peter Howard, author of The Hurricane and The Ladder, returned to London on Saturday, 2 December, from Asia, where, together with Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma, and a Moral Re-Armament delegation, he had conferences with leaders in India, Burma, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand and Free China. Speaking from the stage of the Westminster Theatre after the plays he said:

One week ago my friends and I were in Vietnam. We saw one village where everything was burnt out—just wiped out. Everybody in the village had been killed the week before, with the exception of two people. We were told that five thousand people are killed there every month, mostly by night. People arrive at the homes of the villagers and ask for rice. They terrorise the people and shoot or behead them if they will not obey.

We saw President Diem. He told us of the 20,000 guerillas moving through his country and killing his countrymen. He said, 'In Britain I don't think many know about that, and few care about it. We are afraid of nothing, so long as the truth is known.' He asked us to take a force of MRA to his country.

In Japan Prime Minister Ikeda delayed another engagement to talk with us. He was so impressed by the evidence we gave of what is happening around the world that he said he wanted to negotiate with Burma and other countries in the spirit of Moral Re-Armament. Later we were told that the spirit of the Sino Burmese reparations conference in Rangoon had been something never known before. Japan and Burma had begun to move in unity.

Asia is waiting

We were for two weeks state guests of the Burmese Prime Minister. We were flown from end to end of the country. We were up close to the Chinese border in the Kachin area. The day we were there a man of 18 was taken out of school and hacked to bits in the street. U Nu told us that in the next two years the spirit of MRA must permeate his country.

On the island of Taiwan we talked to the Generalissimo and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek. People in this country have different views about them. They sent us to Quemoy. Mme. Chiang Kai-shek said, 'Some people think of this as a piece of real estate, a piece of property that can

be traded.' We met some of the 43,000 people who live there, simple people, ordinary workers, who don't want to be enslaved. Two million shells were pumped at them in the space of six weeks. Their homes are destroyed, but the island is solid rock. The people hide in the rock and so they live. 70,000 soldiers guard 43,000. Chiang Kai-shek said, 'I respect the British people, but you never understood what is happening in China.' That is his view.

Last Thursday we saw President Prasad of India. He is now 76. He spent twelve years in British prisons fighting for the independence of his country, and he has a great love for this country, a true love. He told how the whole of Asia is waiting for a moral lead.

We face a choice

Why doesn't Britain speak to the world today? What is our voice to the world? What do we say? It is hard to tell what the voice of Britain is. We debate what will pay best as regards the Common Market and the Commonwealth. You hear labour say management is to blame, management abusing labour.

But to the villagers threatened by the guerilla troops, to the people in Vietnam who every night lie awake listening for footsteps, to the people hiding in the rocks of Quemoy, and to the Japanese, what is our voice?

Frank Buchman, as he lay dying, thought of this country. He said, 'I want to see Britain governed by men governed by God.' It would mean a colossal change in the leaders and the led in Britain. And don't underestimate the task, because convinced, committed forces in Britain are resolutely determined to rob this nation of the truths of God. They have succeeded to a large extent. We have come a long, long way in the last twenty-five years, and it has not been upwards.

We face a choice in Britain. We can be a nation which slides into the shadows of history, which failed to understand or measure the challenge of our times. Or we can stand, as in the past we have often stood, and take the measure of the need and say with God's help we will not yield until the right is done. I believe millions in these islands will rise to that challenge. And then, throughout Africa, Asia and the entire world people will say, 'Britain brought back hope to humanity again.' And we will be able to build a world fit for our children to live in.



'THE CROWNING EXPERIENCE'

round the world in recent weeks

- **The Lord Mayor of Sheffield** welcomed the film from the stage of the Palace Cinema. 'Sheffield has become famous throughout the world for its steel,' he said. 'If we can produce the steel of character in this city, that will make us still more famous.'
- **At a time of crisis** in the Kerala coalition government, five Cabinet Ministers, two Socialist and three Congress, saw the film in Trivandrum.
- **Eighteen hundred guests** attended the gala first night in Seattle, Washington. It was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds went to the distribution of the Spanish and Portuguese versions in South America.
- **One hundred and fifty miles** north of the Arctic Circle, in Tramsøe, the Northern Norway première was crowded out. One hundred and fifty thousand people have so far seen the film in Norway. Twenty more towns have booked it before Christmas.
- **In the Caribbean**, the Prime Minister of the West Indies Federation, Sir Grantley Adams, and the Mayor of Port of Spain joined in inviting guests for the Trinidad première. The Prime Minister of Barbados, Dr. Hugh Cummins, welcomed the distinguished guests at the première on his island. In Barbados and Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, the film was introduced by Walter Lambert, Director of Universal Pictures for the Caribbean area, as 'an answer to the encroaching tide of atheism and dictatorship; and also superb entertainment which can change your life.'
- **Miners and mine managers** have been pouring in night by night for the performances in the Ruhr.
- **The Minister-President** of Baden-Wurttemberg and the Mayor of Stuttgart sponsored the first night in the state capital.
- **After a seven-week run** in Berne, the Swiss capital, the film opened in Zurich at the invitation of leading citizens.
- **In South Africa** the film has been showing in Springs, the second largest town of the Gold Reef.
- **On the first night in Christchurch**, Hampshire, the Mayor read a message from the Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TRIVANDRUM

Eight daily papers in Kerala, South India, carried an authoritative statement by Eudocio Ravines, founder of the Communist Party in Peru and former professor in the Leninist Academy in Moscow, on the aims and methods of world Communism, and the dynamic answer he has found in Moral Re-Armament.

STOCKHOLM

With Scandinavia under increasing ideological pressure, an MRA force has arrived in Sweden. *The Dragon* opened in Stockholm City Hall on 5 December.

ESSEN

In the Ruhr 86,000 people have seen *The Dragon*, written and acted by young Free Chinese officers and graduates in the last five weeks. In Essen there were such crowds that the police had to cordon off the theatre.

The *Ruhr Nachrichten* reported:

'A task force of Moral Re-Armament is moving through Europe in an ideological offensive to overcome defeatism, division and Communism. *The Dragon* has received enthusiastic ovations.'

LONDON

Miss Muriel Smith, who is currently appearing at the Westminster Theatre, spoke at a luncheon at 45 Berkeley Square given in her honour by fellow-members of the casts of *The Hurricane* and *The Ladder*.

Miss Smith said, 'When I met Moral Re-Armament I walked into a world of sanity. We need an inspired world theatre where we see ourselves not only as we are but as we are meant to be with moral integrity, true unity and a common commitment to create a new world governed by God.'

Among the guests were several theatre personalities including Miss Olga Lindo, Miss Phyllis Konstam, Miss Ann Buckles of New York, Miss Elaine Montgomerie, and Miss Jane Wax of Hollywood.

Speakers were introduced by Mr. James Sharkey, who is also appearing at the Westminster Theatre. Mr. Sharkey said, 'We actors no longer just appear on the stage. Through television we go into the homes. The way we live as well as the way we act has become of vital importance to the life of the nation.'