

Who changes hate, changes history

How MRA seeks to save world from disaster

AS a revolutionary African I am convinced that Moral Rearmament is the only answer to the problems of South Africa and of the world. It is the answer because it deals with the root of all problems — human nature.

Until I met Moral Rearmament I believed it was impossible for White people to lose their superiority and arrogance towards Black people; and impossible, too, that Black people like me could lose their hatred and bitterness towards White people.

Different

For years I fought passionately for the freedom and unity of my people. But I fought with a heart filled with hatred and aflame with bitterness.

Then I met an Afrikaner who was different. Like me he was a revolutionary with a passion for his country. But he was fighting in a different kind of way. He apologised to me for the arrogance and superiority which had governed his attitude towards me and my people.

That apology from the heart of a humble Afrikaner changed me. Make no mistake, I am still a revolutionary. My heart is aflame, but not with bitterness, not with hatred.

My heart is aflame with the passion that we could seek together the wonder world that God has planned for us.

Such a seeker, too, is Nobusuke Kishi. As Prime Minister

of Japan after the war he discovered the statesmanship of the humble heart when he visited 9 of the countries ravaged by Japan. To the people, he said how deeply sorry he was. He promised reparations for the damage done. The res-

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replies to Raymond Heard's article "How moral is Moral Rearmament?" which appeared in the "Rand Daily Mail" on November 30.

ponse was miraculous. The enemy and her victims found a new basis of unity and trust.

Moral Rearmament is an ideology which is moving massively in many countries. At this moment, a force from 35 nations is taking part in what the press has described as "the greatest ideological offensive in the history of Europe."

Changed

In Europe a few weeks ago I saw desperate masses—audiences of up to 20,000—at Moral Rearmament demonstrations. They are hungry, these millions, for an ideology superior to Communism.

I met many Communists who had changed. Among them were veterans from the Ruhr whom Hitler could never crush. They stood up to give all, now,

for the one idea which could unite the world.

The mind of General Ho Ying-chin has been captured. He was the last Prime Minister of free China and commanded an army of five million in the last war. I met him in Europe with 50 young Chinese officers and youth leaders who have been sent by the Taiwan Government for a year's ideological training in Moral Rearmament.

Meanwhile in Asia in the past five weeks an MRA delegation led by Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma, and Peter Howard, the author and playwright, has been conferring with the Prime Ministers of Burma and Japan and the Presidents of India, Free China and Viet-Nam. From Taiwan they have been broadcasting to the Communist mainland.

Saved Brazil

Prime Minister U Nu asked that Moral Rearmament should be taken throughout Burma. The President of Viet-Nam asked for his country to be "saturated" by this superior ideology.

Moral Rearmament has been sweeping through South America. A big force led by the Brazilian soldier-diplomat, General Bethlem, and including Japanese students — the very students who before they changed, prevented Eisenhower from visiting Japan last year—has moved through Brazil, Peru, Bolivia and Chile. One and a half million people have seen their ideological play, "The Tiger."

Last month, Brazil's national hero, Marshal Tavora, told political and church leaders (including the Pope): "Moral Rearmament has saved my country from civil war and Communist take-over."

Last week, a world Assembly for MRA opened in Rio de Janeiro. Prime Minister Holyoake of New Zealand, and Prime Minister Ikeda of Japan were two of the world figures who sent special despatches. President Prado of Peru said: "From this Assembly a dynamic answer is bound to come for the threat which hangs over the continent. I have the faith that now we will surely win."

I'll fight

Among those who flew the Atlantic to attend the Assembly were General Carpentier, former C-in-C. of NATO Ground Forces, Central Europe, Justice C. J. Claassen of South Africa, the Shah of Iran's representative, Buddhist dignitaries from Burma, and Fred Kubai, one of Jomo Kenyatta's aides.

Kubai was released only three weeks ago from nine years' detention in Kenya. He said: "I have come to this MRA Assembly because I know we are involved in global war in which I must forget my personal affairs. Because of MRA I have come out of prison without bitterness towards any one, but with confidence that this ideology will sweep the world like a prairie fire.

Yes, I, Vundla, will fight with men like Kubai and Carpentier, Tavora and Howard, and with a growing army around the world.

I will fight to change men—until no man is content to have too much while any other man goes hungry. I will fight for a world wherein no mother rests content while any other mother's son is robbed of his chance of greatness because of his colour, birth or upbringing. For a world where nation learns to care for nation.

We can do these things together as the sons and daughters of God. We can do nothing if we persist in the pride and bitterness which made us stand alone.

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