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LATIN AMERICA: DRAMATIC COUNTER TO COMMUNIST STRATEGY

TWO WEEKS AGO troops and tanks patrolled riot-torn Recife, capital of Pernambuco, north-east Brazil. To this tense city, scene of students' demonstrations, arrived Marshal Tavora, national hero of Brazil and Presidential candidate in the 1955 elections. The Marshal came to join the 186-strong MRA international force from 28 nations. Flanked by this force, the Marshal spoke on arrival before a TV audience estimated at a million. In a thirty-five minute programme he gave his urgent conviction:

'Tonight you see before you the picture of a world ideology capable of superseding the differences between Communism and capitalism. It is going to enlist each one of you—big, little, black, white, educated, illiterate

—because all are sons of God. I am sure that this ultimate revolution will give the answer to our disappointments and bitterness. We must build a new Brazil—a united Brazil—which will give this answer to the whole of Latin America.'

On the following night crowds overflowed and encircled the Santa Isabella Municipal Theatre to see the première performance of the Moral Re-Armament play, *The Tiger*. The Governor of Pernambuco State, C.I.D. Sampaio, with his family and staff, the former federal Minister of Agriculture, seven Generals, priests, sugar workers, dockers, and the very students who last week caused the President to declare martial law in the city, sat spellbound watching the play. Acted by

An international force from 28 countries arrives in Brazil to 'plan with the Brazilians the greatest ideological offensive the world has ever seen.' Speaking to the press and TV on arrival is Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. Led by General Bethlem the force includes General Rollin (centre), Steve Collins of the Sarcee Indians, Canada; Isaac Amata of Nigeria; Richard Wailes, the US Olympic Gold Medal winner; Hans Bjerkholt, one of the founders of the Norwegian Communist Party; and Rio portworker Nelson Cardoso (right).





Captain Carlos da Silveiro Neto, official representative of the Governor of Guanabara, greets General Hugo Bethlem and the MRA force on their arrival at Rio's international airport. 'They come to Brazil,' said the captain, 'to bring a new ideology and to answer once and for all the doctrine of Communism in Latin America.'

Japanese students, it dramatises last June's Tokyo riots and the answer to them.

Those who were not wedged into windows, perched precariously on ledges, stairways and doors were taken in buses to the nearby cinema for a showing of *Men of Brazil*, which was introduced by dockers from Rio.

The importance of the MRA offensive in Recife was stressed by one of Europe's former top Communists, co-founder of the Norwegian Communist Party. Hans Bjerkholt called the move 'a most dramatic counter to the Communist strategy for Latin America.' The Communist plan is to gain in north Brazil—which is near Cuba—a bridgehead into the continent.

The Moral Re-Armament force has moved into Recife after a six-week campaign in the nation covering the cities of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Niteroi and the new capital Brasilia. Last week, in Petropolis, once the

imperial city, seven thousand people poured into two performances of the Japanese play, *The Tiger*. *Tribuna da Petropolis* called it 'a veritable human avalanche'. Military police were called in to hold the crowds in check. A thousand people on their way to the theatre were unable to board the packed buses and were stranded in the centre of the city. Present at one of the performances were Crown Prince Dom Pedro, grandson of the last Emperor of Brazil. The Federal Minister for Education told the cast of *The Tiger* that the events dramatised in their play were similar to what he had actually experienced in Recife the previous week. He stressed the urgency of their action.

The Times reports in its issue of 19 June that the United States is watching north-east Brazil with particular concern, 'where President Quadros was forced to send military reinforcements last week in case student

STRIKE SETTLED IN NITEROI

At a meeting of the Workers' Association of the Pedro Antonio Hospital, the President, Dr. Bellot de Souza (second from right), announced that a settlement of their strike had been reached following a midnight showing of the MRA film, *Men of Brazil*. The Vice-President of the Association, A. V. Olavia (extreme right) said, 'Moral Re-Armament is bringing peace and calm not only for ourselves but for our families and our children'.



strikes spread to the peasants, who comprise about a third of the country's population.' One of the MRA force is Mr. Vaitheswaran. 'As a Communist,' he says, 'I took part in an armed peasant uprising in South India. Today, from Peru to north Brazil, the same revolutionary situation exists among the peasants. The future of our nations depends on whether we accept in our lives an ideology which answers the bitterness and injustice on which Communism thrives.'

Leading the MRA force into Recife with Marshal Tavora is General Bethlem, former Brazilian Ambassador to Pakistan and Bolivia. 'Communism,' says General Bethlem, 'is not the only wrong thing in the world. The fact is that the non-Communist world is on the road to decadence. He went on to say, 'Nations have pulled down all moral fences, and corruption is normal in the social and political life of the non-Communist world. Only a superior ideology based on absolute moral standards can create the new type of man who can answer corruption, Communism and war.'

Luis Puig, founder of the Guatemalan Trade Union Council, disclosed earlier this month at Caux that planeloads of Latin Americans were being flown for training behind the Iron Curtain. Chinese indoctrination teams are visiting every Latin American country. People in the mountain regions are being trained in their own dialects by Moscow radio.

Nightly TV broadcasts

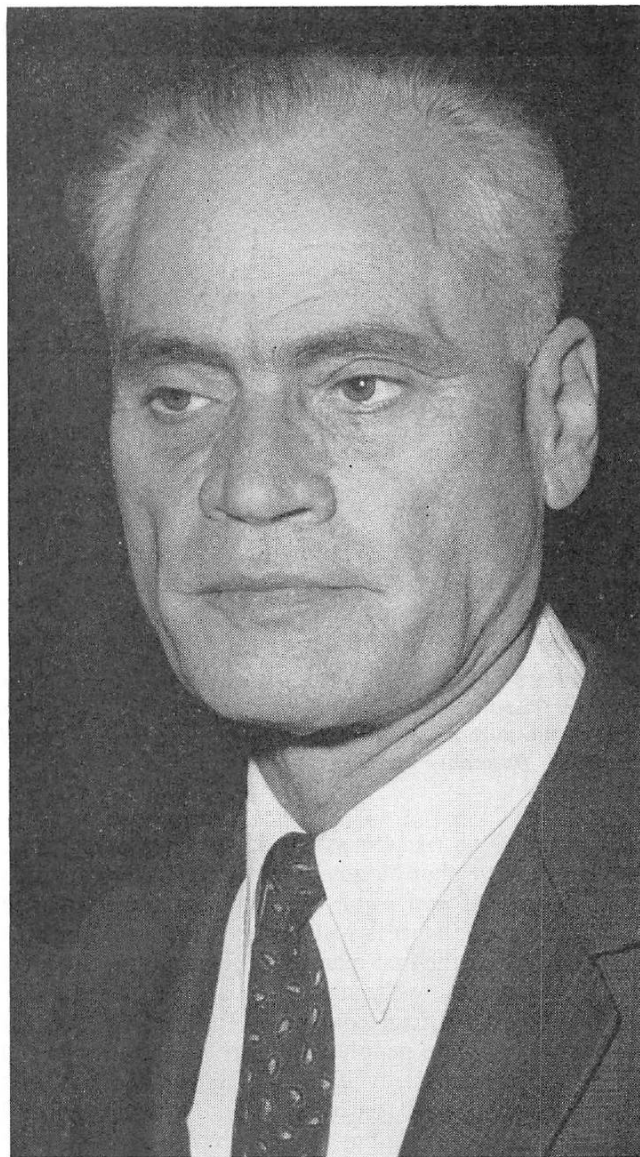
Meeting the onslaught of Radio Moscow is the most powerful TV station of South America which broadcasts from Recife nightly programmes on Moral Re-Armament. A man who came from a village a hundred miles inland said, 'Everyone is talking about *The Tiger* since seeing the cast on TV last Saturday.'

General Motta, Commander-in-Chief of the Fourth Army, with a command in north Brazil the size of western Europe had the film *Men of Brazil*, presented to 550 officers and sergeants at his base headquarters. The General said, 'I am convinced that Moral Re-Armament will remake the world.'

The impact of this ideology is being felt all over the nation. Deputy Hugo Tamora, speaking in the federal Parliament, said, 'We have received aid in great amounts, but if we don't have an administration based on absolute moral standards it will all be worth nothing. We don't want capitalism of the right or Communism of the left. Our choice is to walk straight ahead.'

'It cures man's inhumanity to man'

Addressing 700 workers and management of a phosphate factory in their huge warehouse in Recife, Rajmohan Gandhi said, 'Millions are hungry for bread, peace and the hope of a new world order. Millions are turning to MRA because it cures man's inhumanity to man. The people of Pernambuco are destined to take this idea to the world.'



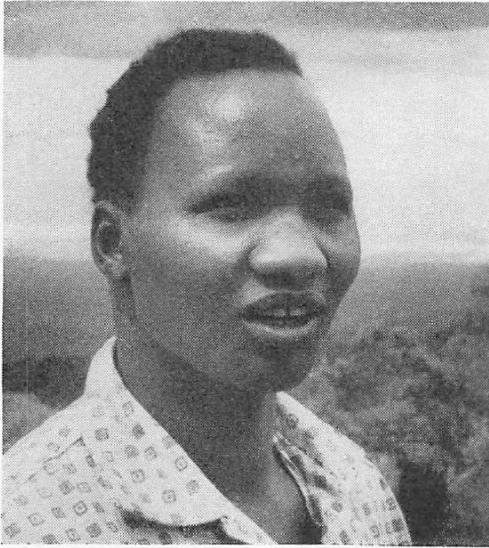
Marshal Tavora: 'This is the ultimate revolution'

MILLION MRA PICTORIALS FOR LATIN AMERICA

Printing started on 28 June in Geneva of the first 400,000 copies of the Portuguese language edition of the MRA PICTORIAL. These will be followed by 600,000 copies in Spanish.

Entitled *Riots or Renaissance*, these pictorials have been specially ordered to reinforce the ideological offensive now being conducted on the Latin American continent. The ninety-six tons of paper needed for the editions is a gift from the people of Scandinavia.

The MRA PICTORIAL is now printed in twenty-two languages more than any other magazine in the world.



Nahashon Ngare, former Mau Mau detainee, says:

FOR AFRICA— MORAL RE-ARMAMENT OR CATASTROPHE

NAHASHON NGARE is one of the men of Africa who came to Caux to consult on further steps to answer corruption, Communism and war throughout the continent. On 13 June he addressed the assembly:

MANASSEH MOERANE, former President of the African Teachers' Federation of South Africa, who was one of the authors of the All-Africa film 'Freedom', told the MRA Assembly at Caux:

AS HEAD OF AN ORGANISATION of 10,000 people I used my position to plan bloody revolution. One day a man said to me, 'If you want your country to be different the best place to start is with yourself.' I told him that in South Africa the first man to change and the only man to change was the white man.

At a South African conference for MRA I saw for the first time white people who were not afraid of what their friends would say if they lived and worked with the African on the basis of equality. Whereas before I had not seen anything but bloody revolution that would change the white man, I saw with my own eyes white people who were living a quality of life that made me feel guilty because of my bitterness.

Moral Re-Armament showed me that the things that created my bitterness—the selfishness and dishonesty that I associated with white people—were in my own life. My ambition to be a great political leader was the very thing I hated in what I called imperialism. I wanted to be a leader, not so much for the good of my people but for my position and the glory of it.

When we started to use our film *Freedom*, I saw leaders change and begin to redirect the policies of their nations. I decided at that time that anything I could do or sacrifice was not too big if we could carry on the chain reaction of change I had seen.

Our prime task in Africa is to take an answer to corruption to men of leadership and the ordinary man. Only with the ideology of MRA can we achieve and ensure freedom and justice for the people of Africa.

AFRICA IS ON THE MARCH to freedom. The future depends on which ideology is used to bring that freedom.

Seven years ago today I met Moral Re-Armament. I was in detention camp. I was fed up with the way the white man was living in Africa. I hated the white man and vowed never again to have anything to do with him.

One day my Camp Commandant apologised for his superior attitude towards black men. I had never heard anything like it before. When he said this, despite my intense hatred for the man, I decided to go to him the next morning and find out why he said it.

His answer was simple. 'I have looked at myself through the light of four absolute moral standards—honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. I apologised yesterday because I have never lived those absolute standards.' My immediate reaction was, 'This is another trick. It's trying to sell Christianity to the black man.' I went out.

But one thing never left my mind. Whether or not the Commandant was living those standards, I knew that they were as necessary in my life as they were in his.

Cured of every bitterness

I decided to apply them. Immediately I found unity with that man. I began to fight for change in the prisoners, the officers and the guards.

I had been a sincere racialist. I had also been a tribalist, and since I came from the major tribe I felt that under a democracy my people should carry forward the government. Moral Re-Armament cured me of every bitterness.

In the mornings I used to listen to God and write down my thoughts. I gained a deep, firm faith. Three years later I was released from detention camp. I was

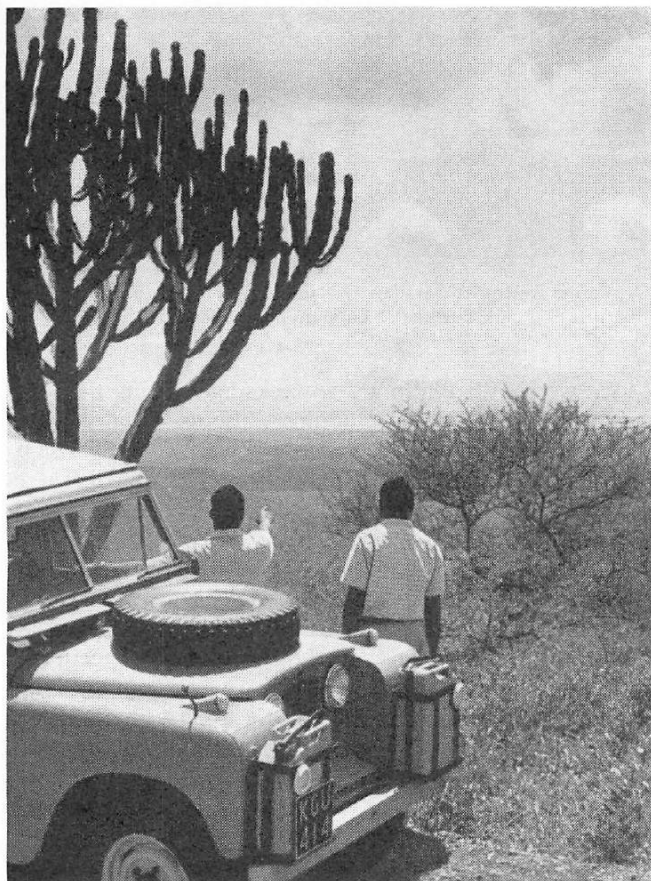
a free man. I got a good job. One morning the thought came to me, 'Give the rest of your life for MRA.'

I questioned that thought. I still wanted other things.

Recently I realised the nature of international Communism and the aims of the Kremlin. They have a plan for each one of us. Their programme is to see that all the free world is under their domination. They want to give every African an opportunity of *not* fighting for what he knows is right. To bind him. To blind him. To see that he *never* stands for what he believes in his heart is the right thing for the continent.

If an ideology of revenge is the order of the day in Kenya the result will be chaos. We try to answer white imperialism with black imperialism. But two wrongs never make a right. Black and white human nature is the same. MRA taught me that we Africans must live straight if we are to expect the white man to change.

For myself, I have decided. We are standing at a very critical time in Africa today. Unless we decide to go all out there is no alternative but catastrophe.



Councillor Stanley Kinga of Nakuru refused nomination as a candidate in the recent elections in order to take the MRA film *Freedom* in mobile film units to every part of the country before polling-day. With his colleagues he showed it to 100,000 people. 'We did more to answer the problems of our people in a few months than in the previous fifteen years of hatred and bitterness,' Kinga said. He is seen with Nahashon Ngare overlooking the Rift Valley.

'The Crowning Experience' moves across the world

STRASBOURG

FIFTY PARLIAMENTARIANS from Africa, and from the six countries of the Common Market, attended a performance of *The Crowning Experience* on 22 June. M. Robert Schuman, Honorary President of the European Parliament, was in the audience.

M. Konde from the Congo told the delegates, 'We have blamed our politicians for the problems of our countries. But the corruption, ambition, dishonesty and tribalism which existed among us have been the real causes of our problems, and these are the things that Moral Re-Armament is curing.'

At the end of the showing Robert Schuman warmly thanked the African delegates who had come from Caux and told them of his determination to fight with them. 'We are going to upturn the world,' he said.

MILAN

A DISTINGUISHED FIRST NIGHT AUDIENCE gave *The Crowning Experience* première a standing ovation on 22 June and surged forward to meet the stars, Muriel Smith and Ann Buckles. Arturo Lanocita, known as the most influential film critic of Italy, said, 'I have never seen a film with a more powerful moral challenge than *The Crowning Experience*.' The *Corriere della Sera* described it as 'morally and socially the greatest film the industry has ever produced.'

BOMBAY

AT A TIME WHEN the Indian newspapers are full of the crisis in Laos, when Indian leaders are calling for unity and strategic areas of Indian territory are still under Chinese occupation, *The Crowning Experience* brought its powerful, timely message to India at its première in Bombay on 16 June. *The Indian Express* wrote: 'The film presents an eye-opener to many who fall prey to the preachings of Communists.'

MELBOURNE

DURING THE FIVE WEEK première season of *The Crowning Experience* at the Athenaeum, 38,297 people saw the film. Parties came from 47 factories and firms and 26 churches. 3,491 students from 20 schools and colleges came in school time. Parties organised by the services came from the naval base at Flinders, the Air Force Academy at Point Cook and the police training college of Melbourne. The film is now going to urban and country cinemas where it has been requested by managers who have remarked on its response in Melbourne.

DR. PHILIP PETERS

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One of Dr. Philip Peters' friends writes:

PHILIP PETERS would not be greatly concerned with what we say or write of him. I believe he is deeply, passionately concerned to see what choice we make—whether we decide to take up the battle which he fought and in the course of which he died.

He planned and he lived in a way that was adequate to cure the evil in the world—the evil that threatens to take us over. He did it in the one way that is permanent and effective. He poured out his life for men and women one by one, so that they caught from him a new conception of what life is meant to be.

He was the new type of man, adequate for this age, who really met people's needs. He sought to move in God's dimension.

Above all, his strength was that he knew his own needs. He was daily honest with himself and with others about where he stood. He had mastered the pride that keeps men silent. Then he daily accepted God's power to change him, and he moved forward in that faith and in that supernatural force.

This was particularly so in these recent weeks. He was ill. He knew it. Yet it was rare for him to speak of it. He fought the good fight for his ideology, the master purpose of life for which he was given, regardless of weakness, pain or future prospects. As one of his friends said, 'He did not calculate. He gave.'

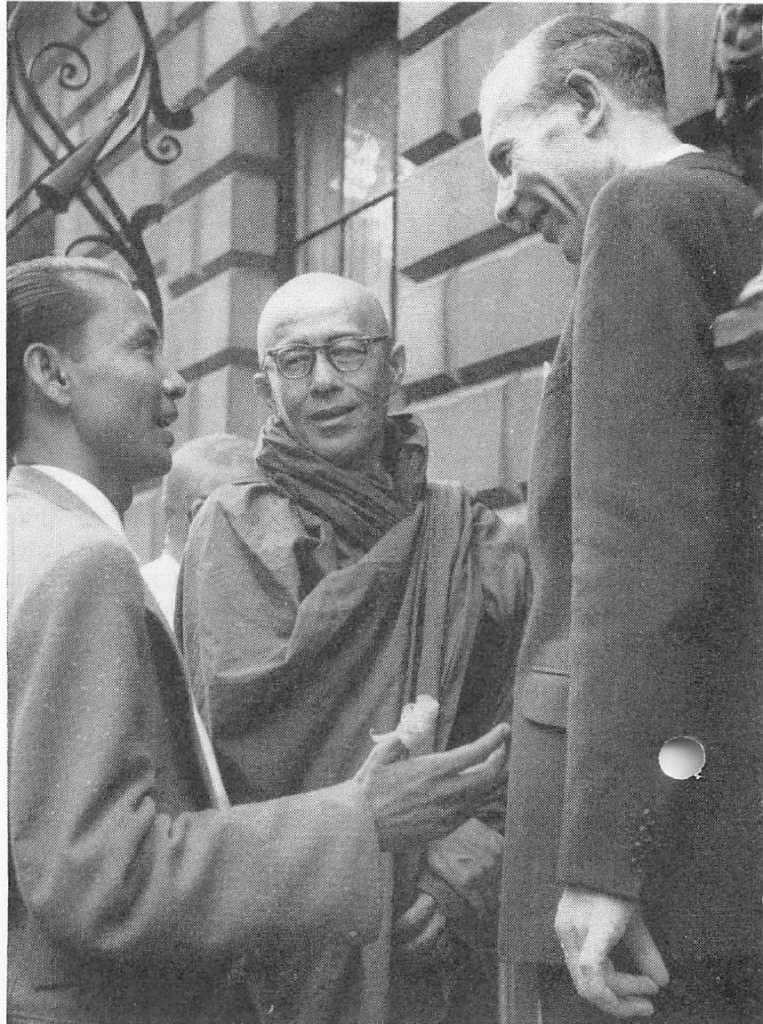
Edward, his nephew, who is seven years old, saw him a day or two before he died. Afterwards he said to his mother, 'He is so gay! He does not seem to mind being so ill. He is thinking about other people all the time.'

Focal point of fresh thinking

Philip belonged to a family on whom the hand of the living God has been laid. In 1932 his father, Alfred Peters, found a new dynamic. He was a responsible citizen of Sheffield, a member of the business community and of the City Council. Alfred Peters was a man of great enthusiasm. He now poured his energy into bringing a moral answer to men.

Others in the family, including Philip's mother, enlisted in the battle. Their home became a focal point of fresh thinking and new living for the city. In the years that followed there grew up in Sheffield a force of men and women who spoke to the world. Sheffield men, trained in Moral Re-Armament, helped to answer Communism and its causes in the Ruhr. They took this answer to Africa, Asia and America.

It is a marvellous thing that in this day and age God lays His hand on whole families and gives them a commission to clean up and heal nations.



Dr. Peters welcomes Sayadaw U Narada and his interpreter, to Dr. Frank Buchman's London, home, May 1961.

We were with Philip a few weeks ago during the visit to London of the five Buddhist Abbots from Burma. These distinguished men came, as they themselves said to Chancellor Adenauer in Bonn, because they are determined to make Moral Re-Armament the policy of their country.

When they left London they heard that Philip's illness was moving on. They asked for daily and even hourly news of him. When their leader, U Narada, heard at Caux of his passing, he said to the assembly, 'I spent the morning praying for him. He was a great man.' Philip gave U Narada and his friends the priceless gift of an ideology that unites East and West. He had also captured their hearts.

To how many of us in the West is that grace given? The way Philip lived, in a country not his own, inspired the Buddhist leaders there to change and save their nation.

In recent months these Abbots have rescued their land from violence, and riots against America and the West. They have ensured that when their country adopts Buddhism as the state religion, there shall be no discrimination against the Christian minority. Certain forces, for obvious reasons, were trying to promote this.

BUDDHIST ABBOTS VISIT THE WEST

BONN, 21 JUNE

CHANCELLOR ADENAUER today received at his Chancellery in the Palais Schaumburg five Presiding Abbots from Burma. Led by Sayadaw U Narada, General Secretary of the Presiding Abbots' Association, they are the largest and most senior group of Buddhist dignitaries ever to come from Burma to the West. Accompanying the Abbots is Thakin Chit, M.P., the personal representative of Prime Minister U Nu.

'Burma looks to you'

After giving the greetings of Dr. Frank Buchman and reporting on the world conference at Caux, U Narada said to the Chancellor, 'We in our country know that you, and your policy since the war, have built up Germany and saved it from the hands of Communism. The people of Burma look to you because you are honest, upright and a friend of Moral Re-Armament. We are determined to make Moral Re-Armament the policy of our country. I am convinced that, working together on the basis of MRA, Germany, Britain and America can bring peace to the whole world.'

Thanking the Abbots for 'all the news and ideas you have brought from Caux' and particularly for the greetings from Dr. Buchman, the Chancellor spoke of his long friendship with Dr. Buchman. U Narada said that there are only two camps in the world—those who believe in God and those who don't. 'Those who believe in God will win.' 'Yes,' said the Chancellor, 'they will win.'

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They have offered an alternative strategy to Communism to the leaders of their country.

Could money buy these things? And does that sort of answering quality become now the rightful sequel to Britain's earlier role in the East, in Africa, and everywhere in the world?

Philip patterned the Britain that is to be, that must be. He was humble, hopeful, with a loving heart, a spirit of steel, not fearless by nature but daily cleansed by God of the power of fear, gay in spirit, selfless in service, and, above all, impassioned, dedicated, ablaze with a master purpose that works.

It worked for him. It worked for the people who surrounded him in St. Bartholomew's Hospital till he died. It worked for the Communist-led students of Kerala and Rangoon, for the Buddhist dignitaries, for the men and women in the steel industry in his own home city, to which he was deeply devoted, and for the Service men among whom he toiled as a doctor during the war.

One of his last requests was to have read to him

BERLIN, 22 JUNE

THE FIVE SENIOR ABBOTS and Thakin Chit, M.P., flew to Berlin as guests of the German Government. They were received at the Federal Government headquarters in Berlin by Dr. Heinrich Vockel, Chancellor Adenauer's plenipotentiary in the city.

After U Narada told of his 6,000 mile journey to attend Dr. Frank Buchman's 83rd birthday, and expressed his conviction that Germany, with Moral Re-Armament as the basis of her policy, could be a pattern for the world, Dr. Vockel told his distinguished guests: 'I am grateful that you come not only as representatives of your country but as fighters for the great ideology of Caux, the ideology of Moral Re-Armament. With you, we believe in the work of Moral Re-Armament in changing men. We in Berlin are in the midst of a colossal struggle with the forces of Communism and that is why we are grateful for your help.'

NICOSIA, 24 JUNE

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, President of Cyprus, when he received the Abbots at the Presidential Palace, said, 'I share fully your views about MRA. I am really happy to see MRA being spread all over the world. There is one world that believes in God and the other which does not. I am absolutely sure that the world believing in God will succeed in the end. We have different religions but common ideas. MRA is not against any religion but its ideas are in common with the religions of all people who believe in God.'

Richard Baxter's hymn which gloriously fits both his life and his passing.

If life be long, I will be glad,
That I may long obey.
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day?
Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet
Thy blessed face to see
For if thy work on earth be sweet,
What shall thy glory be?

Philip has entered into that glory. A new world breaks on his wondering eyes, a world, as his friend Frank Buchman said to him in his last letter, 'where men are free'. For Philip it is a world peopled with loved ones.

It remains for us to make the costly decisions that set men free to fight the battle for this new world. Philip would not be satisfied with anything less from us than an all-out fight.

Olympic oarsmen declare:

'WE ARE IN A CLOSING FINISH'

'TWO YEARS AGO we had a plan—to win the Olympics,' said Richard Wailes, one of the three members of the United States rowing team who won gold medals at the Olympics at Rome, and who are attending the Caux assembly.

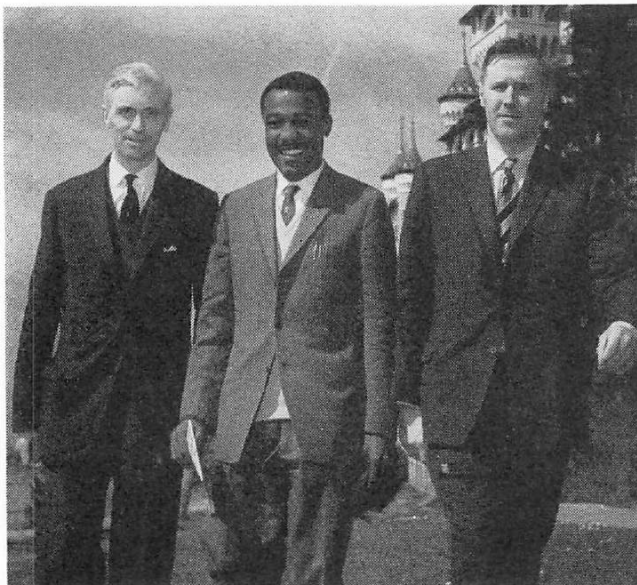
'We lived for this plan twenty-four hours a day. Here at Caux we have seen a greater plan. We are no longer in preparation. We are in the race. The pace is going to be furious. We are in a closing finish, but we are going to win.'

Wailes told the assembly how world sport instead of uniting nations was being used by Communism to further their ideology. He illustrated how this was shown up in Rome last year. 'We could compete in rowing and win,' he said, 'but in ideological competition we were non-starters. Russia's oarsmen, whether they won or not, rowed for their ideology. We rowed to show how good we were.'

'We Americans cannot afford to go anywhere today unless we are ideologically trained.'

Conrad Hunte, the West Indies opening batsman, said at Caux that he was going to use his talents as a sportsman 'to remake mankind so that generations as yet unborn may see a new tomorrow.'

'The West Indies, with all the races united, can be a bridge for the Americans and a pattern for the world.'



West Indies Test cricketer, Conrad Hunte, on the terrace at Caux with T. C. Dodds, who opened the batting for Essex for 14 years (left) and Brian Boobyer (right) who played cricket for Oxford



Olympic oarsmen, Dan Ayrault, Richard Wailes and John Sayre (left to right), talk with Dr. Frank Buchman in the great hall at Caux

But my country is threatened from without, eighty miles north of its border, and from within through disunity, corruption and bitterness throughout the territories.

'MRA challenged me to give everything—my talent, my time and my will—to rebuild the moral fences in my nation and the world. How can we sportsmen hope to bring peace and unity among nations if by the way we live we destroy the morals of their youth? What does it benefit me if I gain position, privilege and fame and lose my country?'

'To make Moral Re-Armament the policy of my nation and the world has become the one thing I will live for.'

Hunte spoke of the physical slavery of the last century and the mental and moral bondage of selfishness and inequality today. 'We have been part of both,' he said. 'William Wilberforce challenged Britain to set free the slaves*. Frank Buchman challenged me to set myself free from the slavery of dishonesty and impurity—the disease of our age.'

'I have put things right with men of every race and colour and today I am part of an answer.'

Wailes and Hunte have put their convictions into action. Wailes flew last week to Brazil as part of the 28-nation MRA force. Hunte left this week with T. C. Dodds, who was for fourteen years opening batsman for Essex and who captained the MCC against Scotland earlier this month, to launch an ideological offensive in the Caribbean. The first step in the campaign is the première of *The Crowning Experience* in Kingston, Jamaica, on 5 July.

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