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President Diem receives MRA international force

PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM of Viet-Nam on 4 June received the fourteen-nation Moral Re-Armament force, which has been for the last month in the country at his invitation. He told them, 'You have had a great success during your tour of Viet-Nam. I congratulate you. Thank you for your contribution to the struggle which we are carrying on for the preservation of freedom and human dignity.'

The President, attended by the Ministers of Economics, Cultural and Social Affairs, National Education, Civic Action and the Chief of Staff of the Vietnamese Armed Forces, received the force in the Audience Room at Gialong Palace. He greeted all seventy personally and said, 'More than ever in the modern world we must return to the moral principles and spiritual values which ensure and safeguard the peace and security of nations. The Vietnamese people have responded to your individual and collective message.'

'Our times require men of faith, militants and apostles in face of the destructive threat of atheistic Communism. Each man and each woman in the free world could understand that the common salvation of humanity is the concern of all individuals and all nations. Moral standards, nourished by a deep spiritual current, can serve as the foundation of that new society we are all building together.'

Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, told the President, 'We salute you and your nation.'

We pledge our lives, under the guidance of God, to the one passion of remaking men and nations, so that the day will come when divided nations are united again, enslaved nations free, when men will walk with freedom and dignity in Hanoi, Peking and Moscow.'

The President told the Japanese students with *The Tiger*: 'You are a living witness of the fight against evil.' He told Americans working backstage with the play, 'What you are doing is a real inspiration to many.' The President referred to the 'great leap forward' of Moral Re-Armament in the past year and said, 'Every corner of Viet-Nam is echoing with Moral Re-Armament. You are direct, that is why men respond. Your visit has fortified the faith of our people.'

After the Presidential audience, the Minister of Social and Cultural Affairs, Truong Cong Cuu, gave a reception in honour of Frank Buchman's birthday. It was attended by the Ministers of Finance, Health, National Education and Rural Affairs, and the Ambassadors of France, Germany, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Australia and the Consul General of Switzerland; also the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the President and Members of the National Assembly and senior Government officials.

On the anniversary of the launching of Moral Re-Armament, Viet-Nam papers carried a photograph of Dr. Buchman with President Diem in 1956, and articles evaluating his work on the front and editorial pages.

'Hammer blow for freedom' in Southern Rhodesia

THE ATMOSPHERE REMAINED TENSE in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, last week, after two people had been killed and many wounded during the recent strike action.

While all political meetings were banned for a period of eight weeks, posters appeared throughout the city announcing a 'Hammerblow for Freedom'—a Moral

Re-Armament demonstration in the Athenaeum Hall, with German coalminers, Norwegian resistance fighters, Cypriots, and Nigerian and South African nationalist leaders taking part.

With mounting public response to the challenge presented by this international force, the South African cast of Peter Howard's play, *The Ladder*, in which white

and black nationalists together present the choice confronting every man, was asked to put on the play in Salisbury last week-end.

The Deputy Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Mr. Cyril Hatty, told the audience at the opening performance, 'Sir Edgar Whitehead (Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia) is away, so could not be here this evening. But he spent a very interesting hour with the German miners, Africans and others of this force. I can assure you he is very interested in what MRA is doing for all of us.

'We can do with every bit of help to build up in our lives absolute moral standards. If ever there was a need for absolute moral standards, I say that need is in Africa, with our mixed races. We from the Government side very much welcome having you with us at this time.'

'An answer for the Soviet Union and the U.S.A.'

A BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE C54 plane flew the cast of the Latin American ideological play, *The Condor*, together with a 17-nation MRA force, to the port of Recife last week-end. Invited by the Mayor, the rectors of the Catholic state universities, and a group of revolutionary dockers, they arrived at Recife, centre of the critical North-East area, as all the students went on strike.

Mr. Waldmer Agra, once a Communist lecturer to the sugar workers of North-East Brazil and now manager of the Portworkers' Co-operative in Recife, told *The Condor* cast, 'Your play vividly dramatises the causes of the social misery in this area. More important, it

The audience included black and white representatives from Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, men who are at the heart of the conflict raging over the question of federation. There were gasps of astonishment when, after the play, the multi-racial cast were introduced by Mr. John Trengrove, Q.C., who had been a Government Advocate at the South African Treason Trial.

The head of the students of Salisbury University, who was recalled to Nyasaland that same day because of the explosive situation there, came to the theatre with the former head of the nationalist youth organisation at Pretoria University. The two of them sat down after the play with last year's student president at the Coloured college of Western Cape, to plan an effective strategy for uniting the youth of Africa.

shows the one effective solution.'

Declaring that the play, written by students, would have something to say to the striking Recife students, he added: 'You are living, with a spirit of intense revolution, a way out of the selfishness and impurity so characteristic of nations today. You are transforming the life of the whole world.'

Another docker, Jarbos Leiros, for 22 years a militant Communist, said: 'We workers want to thank you for bringing the *Condor*, that great bird of the Andes. It will transform the people of the North-East. It will give the answer to the peoples of the Soviet Union and of North America as well.'

Lena Ashwell honoured at the Westminster Theatre

DAME EDITH EVANS unveiled a sculptured head of the great actress Lena Ashwell, Lady Simson, O.B.E., at the Westminster Theatre on Wednesday afternoon, 23 May. It has been presented to the theatre by Lena Ashwell's sister, Miss Hilda Pocock, and will stand in the Dress Circle Foyer.

Before an audience of well-known stage and screen personalities, including Miss Marie Ney, Mr. Esmond Knight and Miss Nora Swinburne and the cast of *Music at Midnight*, Dame Edith spoke of her long friendship with Lena Ashwell. It was highly appropriate, she said, that the head should be at the Westminster, because of Lena Ashwell's 'great love for the principles behind the present productions there and for the theatre itself, which she helped to found'.

Dame Edith recalled that she had met Lena Ashwell at the end of the 1914-18 war, when she had gone out to join the Lena Ashwell Players, a forerunner of ENSA. 'She was a great actress. She would never have been a "has-been"'. To the end, her voice was the gay, en-

thusiastic, vital voice of a girl of eighteen. She took a great part in *Moral Re-Armament* and rejoiced in their plays.'

Sir Hamilton Kerr, M.P., read from Miss Ashwell's last speech, made at the Caux MRA Assembly in 1949. After speaking of her early struggle to get on to the stage, of success and failure, and finally 'the privilege of playing with many great actors, notably Henry Irving, Charles Wyndham and Ellen Terry,' she had said of her association with the Westminster Theatre:

'I have only a small part in this enterprise, but I am glad to have a share. It is a wonderful thing to be doing something in the theatre, through the theatre, which brings so true and vital a message to my great country.'

It seemed a fitting tribute to Lena Ashwell's vision for the Westminster Theatre that guests arriving for the ceremony saw the 'House Full' board out for the evening performance of *Music at Midnight*. As we go to press the 'House Full' notice has been out for the last three performances.

THE SHADOW THAT FELL ACROSS AMERICA

by DR. MORRIS MARTIN

who has just returned after three months in the United States

ATERRIFYING SHADOW fell last week across America. It seemed as if the day the politicians had said would never return, had returned. With the sudden collapse of the Stock Market, memories of bankruptcy, unemployment, grey despair and suicide broke through the comfortable prosperity of the world's highest standard of living.

Twenty-four hours later the shadow had lifted. The Market had bounced back. But the memories of 1928 and the shock of 1962 remain. Everyone is asking, 'Why did it happen? Will it happen again?'

America faces a crisis of confidence. Confidence in her leaders and confidence in her system of government. Brilliant minds in Washington have been supplying the Administration with the economic answers to the economic phases of the problems of production, defence, social security, medical care for the aged. But more and more people are asking: What is the value of all these things if the country—the men and women who make it up—crumbles and collapses behind the defences, the prosperity and the social security?

Breakdown of character

The insight that made Lord Salisbury say in the House of Lords, 'The cause of the world's state is not economic. The cause is moral. It is there where the evil lies,' is being exercised also in America. General Eisenhower recently spoke of the failure to repair the moral and spiritual defences of the country as being a betrayal of the unique tradition of America. The President of Ann Arbor University said that it must become an arsenal of morality. The President of Vassar put her finger on the moral looseness of the women's colleges as being a prime factor in the breakdown of character in national life. The prospect of a large-scale revelation of corruption has tarnished the record of the Kennedy Administration, and Government seeks a remedy.

It is the moment for a rebirth of American character. The publication of a first edition of 75,000 copies of *Frank Buchman's Secret* was announced to the American Press as the revolutionary story of a man who drew his inspiration from the well-springs of American revolutionary tradition and character. Press reviews have underlined this. One Michigan newspaper headed its editorial page comment, 'Wanted—Incorruptible Men'. The Hearst Press syndicated an editorial through its nation-wide chain which spoke of this 'tremendously effective counter-ideology to Communism'. The Richmond (Virginia) columnist, Ross Valentine, said Buchman's words will win because they express a truth 'it has been too long socially and politically convenient to forget. And because we have forgotten it, we have been

vulnerable'. An editorial page review in the *Washington Star* summed up the contrast between the floundering policies of nations and the possibility of world-wide renaissance as the difference between 'changing maps and changing men'.

A sense of national destiny

Part of the uneasiness that produced the Stock Market shock goes back to a partisan feeling aroused by President Kennedy's handling of Big Steel. Big Industry creates America's life-blood. A new confidence has to be built between management and labour, and between management and government. This will come only from the mastering sense of a national destiny, an ideology, for all Americans.

At this moment General Ho Ying-chin, former Prime Minister of China and Commander-in-Chief, with fifty Chinese and a hundred from America and other nations, is at the heart of one of America's greatest industries. With men who understand the menace of Communism and the futility of anti-Communism, he has been invited by the Phillips Petroleum Company and executives of other great American oil concerns to their Oklahoma and Texas headquarters. The oil industry, with its world outreach, touching North and South America, the Middle East, and South East Asia for its crude oil and the world with its products, can become the demonstration of a new relation between America and the other nations.

'Washington must use this force'

America divided will collapse, as Abraham Lincoln foresaw. America, with an ideology superior to the Communism that frustrates her foreign policy and the materialism that emasculates her domestic policy, an ideology which gives her industry a world purpose beyond profit, can banish the fear of unemployment and nuclear warfare that darkens mankind.

The announcement of the opening of the Mackinac Assembly for 1 July, 1962, comes at a critical moment. The presence there of leaders of Industry, Labour and Government from many nations, with the Chinese force, will be a decisive factor.

'MRA is what America so desperately needs,' said Gold Medallist Olympic oarsman, John Sayre, when he introduced General Ho and his force to the American public.

'The real challenge to America today is that once again we find that latent revolutionary spirit which is our heritage, and make it a passionate, moving force. America, born in revolution, needs to outrevolutionise the world.'

The Secret

by

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Extracts from an editorial page article in 'The Sunday Star,' Washington, D.C., 20 May, 1962

WE LIVE in a broken and divided world—so shattered that it seems that all the king's horses and all the king's men can never put it together again. At the wailing wall of these 60's of the 20th century is heard the moan of multitudes, who seem to discern in the despair of the day naught but the drumbeat by which our once boastful civilization moves in a dead march towards doomsday.

Recently I heard the Shah of Iran talk to a joint session of the United States Congress about the hazardous position of his ancient country as it faces threats from without and from within. Later, at the new ornate Iranian Embassy, I met him again. The problems with which he and his advisers wrestle seem insoluble for Iran, and for every other nation facing the question of survival and freedom there is finally but one solution.

The New Testament tells it to the world. It is as simple as this—the only way to change all that suspicion and jealousy and selfish conniving are doing to this world, which could be so fair, is to change individuals.

As I emerged from that embassy, where were gathered diplomats from all over the world, this was the thought uppermost in my mind—our civilization will never be saved by fanning fires of hatred for dictators abroad, or by any panacea for whatever ails our social order. It will be saved by individuals, men and women, hundreds, thousands, hundreds of thousands, whose own lives are as candles of the Lord and whose own attitude to others, across all social classes and national gulfs, make them a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem.

Peter Howard has said that vividly in a life of Frank Buchman, recently published. For half a century in

what the world now knows as Moral Re-Armament, Buchman, in the movement which has belted the globe, had emphasized the New Testament secret that this planet can only be rescued from catastrophe by changed people. He never claimed that he had a patent for that idea. He believed that the doctrine of change is the true traditional property of the church. He did put a new flashing light in the secret. He lived his life in the faith and experience that human nature, starting with his own, could be changed. That is the secret and the root of the answer. The one hope for redeeming our world is that millions whose own lives have been changed until they face Godward, instead of selfward, will pay the price as peacemakers by giving their changed lives to bring millions under God's control.

It was Frank Buchman's mission to shout the secret from the house-tops in this distraught world in the grip of evil forces. As he put it, not long before his death, 'We need to scour out the dirt in our national life, our political life, our economic life, our school life, and our home life, by a change in men.'

The fundamental essential is just what the New Testament says it is—changed hearts, changed desires, changed motives, changed objectives in individual lives.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brazilian Admiral Galvao Atunes, Commander of the Fleet based on the Bay of Guanabara, receiving Rear Admiral Sir Edward Cochrane, K.B.E., on board his flagship, the aircraft carrier, *Minas Gerais*, asked for the film *Men of Brazil* to be shown to his officers and men. Already 36,000 men of the Brazilian Navy have received the MRA Pictorial, distributed by the Ministry of the Navy.

The Japanese edition of 'Frank Buchman's Secret' was fifth best-seller in the Tokyo area and also best-seller in two of Tokyo's major bookshops during its first week of publication. *Mainichi Shimbun* (circulation 3,500,000) says it is 'tackling Japan's biggest problem—sweeping out corruption and impurity'.

In Hong Kong the gala première of the film *The Crowning Experience* was held in the theatre of the stately new City Hall. Among the audience were prominent businessmen, educationists, members of the Diplomatic Corps, and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Red Cross.

The 'Sunday Express' of 27 May told the story of the Rev. Cecil Pugh, the R.A.F. war-time chaplain whose bravery earned him the posthumous award of the George Cross. He was a close friend of Dr. Frank Buchman, to whom, he said, he owed his own deep faith and the secret of passing it on to other men. His son Geoffrey is with the MRA task-force in Vietnam, his daughter Fiona with another force in India.

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