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# GENERAL NEGUIB RECEIVES DR. BUCHMAN IN CAIRO PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON WELCOMES DR. BUCHMAN TO COLOMBO FIRST ASIAN ASSEMBLY OPENS IN CEYLON TURKISH PREMIER'S VISIT AFRICAN INITIATIVE TO COUNTER THE MAU MAU

GENERAL NEGUIB, the Egyptian Prime Minister, received Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman at the Residency in Cairo on Saturday, 11 October. They talked together for an hour and a half. The Prime Minister then invited Dr. Buchman and a number of the party travelling with him to be his guests at dinner. Others present were M. Hassouna, the former Foreign Minister and Secretary General of the Arab League, and Sayed Mohammed Saleh Shangiti, Speaker of the Sudan Parliament.

The following morning General Neguib drove out to the airport at Heliopolis to see Dr. Buchman off on his journey to Colombo. The Prime Minister told the press that he did not normally go to the airport to say goodbye to people, but that he wanted to assure the leader of Moral Re-Armament of his fullest support for the ideas of the movement.

#### AN HISTORIC MISSION

On 11 October Dr. Buchman left Geneva Airport on a 5,000 mile journey to Asia. A Royal Dutch airliner that had been put at his disposal by a group of industrial leaders in Holland took off with a party of 44 on an historic mission.

They are the advance group of a task force of 180 who have been invited by the leaders of seven Far Eastern nations to bring Moral Re-Armament to their countries.

Invitations have come from India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, Indonesia and Japan. A national committee of eighteen leaders of India—government, industrial and labour figures—wrote: "We are convinced that the true hope for bringing lasting change in social and economic conditions lies in multiplying such practical results as we believe to have been achieved by Moral Re-Armament—the giving of a new incentive

to industry, the change of heart of capitalists and communist alike, the replacing of mistrust, bitterness and hate between individuals and groups with understanding and co-operation.

"Such moral re-armament of the nations is the need of the hour and the hope of the future.

"We agree with you that no one group, no one class, no one nation or race is adequate to solve the problems we are facing today or to change the course of the world away from unemployment, poverty and war towards an age of security and prosperity, and that this will take the combined efforts of all, plus wisdom greater than that of the most brilliant individuals.

"Together we must succeed in turning the world from crisis to cure and in demonstrating an overarching ideology for Left and Right, East and West."

#### PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON WELCOMES DR. BUCHMAN

The Times, 14 October, reported that Dr. Buchman had arrived in Colombo to open the first Asian Assembly for Moral Re-Armament on Friday, 24 October. With him are a task force of 180 from Europe, Africa

and America. Government and industrial leaders from the Asian countries on the rim of the communist world are welcoming this task force. The Prime Minister of Ceylon, the Hon. Dudley Senanayake, cabled a "warm welcome" to Ceylon, calling for Moral Re-Armament as "a uniting idea that can overcome our differences and create the spirit that will make peace permanent."

The Prime Minister, members of the Government and leading citizens in Ceylon wrote in their invitation, "Democracy, when absolute moral standards are enshrined at its heart, makes a stronger appeal than materialism, and has the answer to exploitation and want. This inspired democracy is the common need of East and West. It can overarch our differences and create the spirit that will make peace permanent. All who pursue this path must welcome the evidence of reconciliation in families and industries, between class and class, nation and nation, that attends the work of Moral Re-Armament."

#### DAYS OF IDEOLOGICAL UPHEAVAL

The Prime Minister of Thailand, Field Marshal Pibul Songgram, in his invitation to Dr. Buchman, stated: "We shall find through Moral Re-Armament the basis of unity for South East Asia. No country can survive for long in these days of ideological upheaval without the practice of MRA principles." He has commissioned the Ministry of Culture to make arrangements for Dr. Buchman's visit to his country, and sent the Vice President of the Thai Parliament and Secretary of the Trade Union Congress to Caux to plan it.

The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, said in a

recent message to Dr. Buchman: "Moral Re-Armament has potentialities for providing a basis on which national and international problems can be solved. In our country it is steadily gaining support from various sections of the population."

An invitation was sent from a mass meeting of Buddhist and Christian leaders in Burma: "Moral Re-Armament has bridged the gulf between the East and the West. Dr. Buchman's visit is bound to be greatly beneficial in finding a solution to the many problems facing us today."

#### A GREAT VENTURE OF FAITH

Many in Europe have joined in supporting this move to Asia. It is a great venture of faith. To move 180 people and the stage equipment for the production of four plays half-way across the world demands a considerable budget.

Dutch businessmen underwrote the cost of the initial charter of the K.L.M. airliner to Colombo. The Scandinavian countries have chartered another plane which leaves this week-end. Another 70 travelled by air from Britain.

An English lady gave her inheritance to help meet the expenses. Groups of shop stewards and workers have opened funds to contribute. Clothing and textile firms in different parts of Britain have equipped the force with tropical clothing.

#### TURKISH PREMIER VISITS DR. BUCHMAN'S HOME

The Turkish Prime Minister, Adnan Menderes, paid a visit to the London headquarters of Moral Re-Armament during his stay in England. He was accompanied by the Foreign Minister and the editors of the Liberal and Democratic newspapers. He came, commented one of the party, because through Moral Re-Armament his bitter enemy, the editor of the Liberal newspaper Vatan, had become his warm friend and was now accompanying the Prime Minister. A force which could bring such change, stated the editor, was greatly needed in international affairs today.

Also visiting Europe is a group of trade union leaders

which was recently commissioned by the Turkish Government to attend the World Assembly in Caux. The spokesman for the delegation, Mr. Alpay, Secretary of the Chemical Workers' Union, Istanbul, pledged the support of the workers' movement in Turkey for Moral Re-Armament.

With Mr. Alpay are Mr. Turun Akyurek, Vice-President of the Ankara Federation of Trade Unions, and Mr. Sureyya Birol, Secretary General of the Istanbul Trade Union Federation. They were returning to Turkey, they said, with "capital beyond the value of money—in the principles of Moral Re-Armament."

### AFRICAN INITIATIVE TO COUNTER THE MAU MAU

The murder of Senior Chief Waruhiu of Kenya, on 7 October, by Mau Mau terrorists, is one of the latest and most extreme cases of violence in that country. It has been followed by attacks on Europeans and threats to the Governor. Moves to counter the forbidden Mau Mau society have become a matter of urgent concern in Whitehall and Nairobi and far-reaching action has been taken in the past few days. But, in the

long run, as Mr. Lyttelton stressed in the House of Commons, effective resistance must emanate from the Africans themselves.

It was in this resistance that Chief Waruhiu himself played a notable part during the past few weeks, through the inspiration of Moral Re-Armament. He and his son David saw *The Forgotten Factor* when it played in Nairobi at the Governor's invitation. They found a new

unity as a result, and together invited 70 of the MRA force to come to meet the Kikuyu people at Kiambu.

The Senior Chief then took the initiative, together with other Kikuyu leaders, in calling the great assembly of 50,000, widely reported in the world's press, which was the first effective African resistance to Mau Mau. All those attending the meeting who had been forced

to take the Mau Mau ritual oaths raised their hands and were formally absolved from them. Next day, a crowd of 5,000 gathered at the airport to see the Hon. E. W. Mathu, first African member of the Legislative Assembly, and David Waruhiu, leave for Caux. They were two of ten delegates from Kenya, and it is on these men's efforts that the future of Kenya will largely depend.

#### CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION

Mr. Godwin Lewanika, the Chairman of the Kitwe African Federation Committee and founder and former president of the Northern Rhodesian African Congress, addressed a group of 50 members of Parliament of all parties on the question of Central African Federation on 16 October.

After outlining in detail the Africans' point of view on the proposals, he continued: "Caux has given me a new hope for Africa. When I began to examine my actions in the light of Moral Re-Armament I wrote a letter to the Hon. Roy Welensky, leader of the European

elected Members in the Northern Rhodesian Legislative Council, and apologised for my past bitterness towards him which had caused me to say many hard things against him. I assured him of my friendship for the future and my desire to discuss our differences in a new light. I pray it may be the beginning of new relations between our two peoples."

Mr. Lewanika put forward a proposal for a Round Table Conference of all sections, to discuss the whole question informally before the opening of the next conference on Central African Federation.

#### CHANGES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The President of the Trades Union Congress of Southern Rhodesia, Mr. Gray Bango, addressed a meeting of 700 in London on Sunday, 19 October. The meeting included industrialists and trade union leaders from all parts of the British Isles.

"I grew up to hate the white man and fought to have him driven out of Rhodesia," he said. "But, after *The* Forgotten Factor came to Bulawayo, three results changed my outlook.

1. Employers, who had previously refused to recognise the unions, came to ask our officials to organise their firms.

- 2. Non-African trade unions which had had no contact with the African unions suggested we held joint consultations.
- 3. There was a noticeable change in the attitude of the Government towards the unions.
- "MRA is giving me a passion to bring about mutual understanding between labour and management, and between the races," he concluded. "MRA means everything to Southern Rhodesia. It is the fight for what is right. Southern Rhodesia can be made a peaceful home for both black and white."

#### A MARXIST ASSESSES CAUX

Frank Swift, a well-known Marxist thinker, and a branch secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, has written a stimulating article in the Federation's Journal, describing his visit to Caux. He writes, "I have come to realise that most of us in the world really want the same things—and that the great tragedy of our age is that in spite of our common objectives there is so much division and disunity between us which prevents any of us reaching our goal. It is because the situation today is so fraught with disaster for us all, it is because the need for unity of purpose is so urgent, that I made my journey to Switzerland.

"The strength of Moral Re-Armament lies in the fact that it embraces all nations, all colours, all classes and all creeds. It is not a movement you join, it is a

philosophy you carry out. If everyone tried to base his own actions and decisions on the four moral standards it is apparent that, although there would still be at first a wide gulf between the major economic factions in society, a mutual respect for the other fellow's point of view would soon come about, and when you know that he has reached it after careful and honest deliberation you feel less like blowing his head off—and possibly your own as well—to prove that he is wrong and that you are right.

"For my part, therefore, whilst I still feel that I must play a rôle in the economic struggle I am determined that I shall do nothing which is not in accord with the high moral objective of MRA. Charity starts at home and so does change. I have made my decision." Newsreels—The French Pathé newsreel reporting the Caux Assembly showed in 280 leading cinemas in France on 16 October. It will be seen by four million people during the coming weeks. This summer's Assembly was covered by both main German newsreels, Fox Movietone and Neue Deutsche Wochenschau, and Ciné Journal Suisse. Together they have an estimated total audience of overten million.

Press—The first of a series of three articles written for the International News Service by Peter Howard appeared on page 2 of the New York Journal American on 25 September. In addition to wide coverage by the main world news agencies, the Caux Assembly was reported in over 200 European papers and was front page news in Burma, Thailand, West and East Africa. "The Times," in a summary report at the end of the Conference, headed "Approach to Economic and Social Problems", stated: "Government and Parliamentary delegations and representatives of employers' and trade union organisations took part in the 10 week sessions of the Moral Re-Armament World Assembly which has now ended at Caux. The conference was called at the request of political and industrial leaders to provide a basis of world unity and a new approach to economic and social problems. Some 6,000 delegates representing 65 countries took part in the discussions, which fell into two main groups—parliamentary and industrial sessions.

"A strong delegation of African leaders from East, South and West Africa considered the question of race relations and the future of the continent. In talks with leaders of the European communities in Africa it was decided that a change of attitude was necessary on both sides towards such questions as central African federation and progress towards self-government in colonial territories.

"The special industrial conferences dealt with the practical results of applying the principles of the move-

ment in industry, substituting for the profit motive 'the over-riding objective of meeting the needs of men for food, clothing, and housing, for peace in the heart and home, for a satisfying part in the shaping of society and for unity between the nations.'"

Bishop of Rangoon.—The Rt. Rev. George West, Bishop of Rangoon, has just completed a tour of Australia and New Zealand, during which he outlined to the Dominions' leaders the plans of Dr. Buchman's visit to Asia. In Wellington, the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition, with business and union leaders, were present at a reception given in his honour by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

During his ten-day visit to Australia, the Bishop was received by the Governors of Victoria and South Australia, Federal Cabinet Ministers and heads of Government departments in Canberra, and the Lord Mayors of Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne. He broadcast to the nation in the principal Sunday radio programmes, and, at the invitation of the Primate of Australia, preached in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, before his departure.

A delegation of twelve, headed by Air Marshal George Jones, Chief of Air Staff, 1942-51, has left Australia to meet Dr. Buchman in Colombo. The Minister of Territories has announced that four of this delegation are to be representative Papuans, among them Mr. Merari Dickson, the only Papuan member of the Papua and New Guinea Legislative Council.

Industrial Conferences—A 16-page report of the special industrial conferences held at Caux from 13 September to 6 October, is now available. It includes a list of delegates, a general summary of the conferences, and evidence given from the textile, chemical, oil, coal, steel, engineering and transport industries. The cost of the report is 1s., postage 2d., from 4 Hays Mews, London, W.1.

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