

“THE FORGOTTEN FACTOR”

(From Our Own Correspondent)

ON Sunday June 25, a most inspiring play “The Forgotten Factor” was shown to non-Europeans at the Gandhi Hall. Moral Re-Armament is the aim of the play and its producers. This play was written by a University Lecturer Mr. Alan Thornhill in 1940 and President Truman described it as the most important play produced during the war. The people in the play are making a grand venture of faith. They feel this play is important to the whole world and so they have thrown in everything they have - careers time and money. The cast give their services without any remuneration and they come from America, Britain, Ireland, Norway, Switzerland, Kenya, and different parts of the Union. There are thirty in the cast with eight main actors. One hears the note of sincerity ringing throughout the play and that touches the heart. The spirit of these people whom we have seen in this play, shows us the spirit of many such people all over the world, who are on the move to advance Moral Re-Armament, which is the only way to save this war-torn world from destruction. “The Forgotten Factor” is shown so true to everyday life that it hits the mark straight away and sets one thinking. It shows how changes in individuals can bring about changes in bigger things. It teaches you a simple lesson. “If you listen God will speak to you” It shows us how if we start changing our own attitude and recognising our own faults we can change the whole world. How by recognising our own faults we can be tolerant towards others and how big problems can be solved by deep understanding. The play shows

us the missing factor in our lives, in the planning and the statesmanship of the world to-day. The missing factor is our lack of an ideology for democracy, As Dr. Buchman says in “Re-making the world”:- “We have lived too long in an atmosphere of imagining that security, prosperity comfort and culture are natural to man. We forget the eternal struggle between Evil and Good, Victory in which brings the blessing of security and prosperity. But defeat in this struggle and even ignorance of it brings poverty hunger slavery and death. Division is the mark of our age Division in the heart, Division in the home, Division in industries. Division in the nation, Division between nations Union is our instant need. We have lost the art of uniting because we have forgotten the secret of change and rebirth. Moral Re-Armament has the tremendous uniting power that comes from change. The problem is not just an iron curtain which separates nation from nation, but selfishness which separates man from man and all men from the Government of God. And when men listen to God and obey, the steel and iron melt away.”

This is what is brought home to us in “The Forgotten Factor.” These good people are bringing God into the lives of those who have forgotten. They are calling to all the people of the world to break down barriers and to live in the brotherhood of man. They are trying to bring home to us the fact that “if men will not be governed by God, then they will be ruled by Tyrants. We have a lot to learn and this work is something that should be kept alive, for it is a lighthouse in this dark and stormy world of ours and it will guide us to the right way.

Our tribute to the people who gave us this play is that their play has given us new hope and strength in our dark days. We feel as if the darkness that surrounded our heart has been lifted.