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It is a pleasure tonight to have these men and women of Moral Re-Armament from a number of countries in Europe. They have come here as they have come to a lot of other countries in the world. As one of those who was privileged to go to Genex, Switzerland, which is the headquarters of this movement let me say this before you see this play here tonight that we are living in a troubled world. We are living in a world where there is a lot of suspicion. We are living in a world where we fear our fellow human beings which was not meant to be. And if there is something wrong in the world it is man who has got to put right what he has made wrong.

I say I was privileged to have gone to Europe, not only for the experiences of Moral Re-Armament, but to see what has happened to Europe, the lands that have brought out ~~the~~ what we call Western Civilisation, but if we have a look at the wrongs brought about by misunderstandings of the people of Europe we have to think whether we can continue in the same way. Here we have men and women who are trying to bring an answer and these men and women believe that what has gone wrong with the world is that we are not honest enough, we have not got love and purity and we are selfish, and I am inclined to agree with them. There is a great deal of deterioration of moral standards and if we can build the moral standards of the people of the world we will have achieved what the world has lost today.

We have got here in Rhodesia, people from different parts of the world who have chosen this country as their home. We cannot hope to build a true understanding of the races if we lack these moral standards. If we are going to live these moral standards, we have got to start from the beginning, and these people believe the starting point is in the home, and I am inclined to agree with them. If we can build our homes and bring this to our children we will have a new world. In our homes we can teach them that we are of different races, but we are one. We have been placed on this planet to live together. If everyone cares enough and shares enough, everyone would have enough. This lack of sharing and care comes from a lack of moral standards.

You will see in this play that these people appeal to individuals and will show you what will happen not only in your home, but in a bigger family, which is built on a sound foundation. It is the home.

We hope that today we shall learn from these people and what we have learned put into practice, to care enough to be able to share enough. We cannot hope to have a happy world when other people are starving, that is how we must try to live up to these absolute standards of absolute honesty and justice, unselfishness and love. I think if you want down to the philosophers of all the nations of the world you would find these principles, these four standards, and I think they are the standards which God has given to every human being to live by. Those of you who live this will not only be building this country, but building the world. Commendations are such today that we are just one family of nations it is time up to these standards I am sure we will have the answer to this troubled world.