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# ... for a new world update

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## We need help!

Dear <<First Name>>,

Your small but highly dedicated Production Team have been beavering away on this project and are ever more conscious of how much help is needed to keep it developing. Our chief project manager Leif Söderlund took up a new professional challenge on July 1, and while we are happy for him we also miss him hugely!

We have launched [a new 'Support' page](#) on the website which explains graphically the kind of help that is needed. You might consider checking it out and see with us if there is a part you would like to play?

<p><b>Donate financially</b></p> <p>Make a regular or a one-off gift to our Foundation.</p>  <p>Much of this website is produced by volunteers. But we also need paid professional skills, and we have some fixed costs.</p> <p><a href="#">CONTRIBUTE</a></p>	<p><b>Translate</b></p> <p>If you know more than one language, please consider helping us.</p>  <p>The website has 11 interface languages. There is a lot to do to make more of the site fully multilingual.</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Proofread</b></p> <p>Share with us your eagle eye for detail!</p>  <p>Words mis-spelt or missing? Punctuation? Formatting problems? We want high quality!</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Share your story</b></p> <p>Share your experience to enrich this 'human library'.</p>  <p>At the heart of For A New World are the "stories of lives changed"...</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>
<p><b>Check quality</b></p> <p>Help review the media on the platform.</p>  <p>We need to check the quality of media files: photos, PDFs, video and sound.</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Coordinate work</b></p> <p>Oversee and lead areas of work like Proofreading, Digitalisation, Quality checking, Translation, etc</p>  <p>Our team is small and the areas that need oversight and coordination are many. Therefore, we need some "team coordinators".</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Other needs</b></p> <p>Get in touch with us.</p>  <p>You want to help, but don't see how?</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Test the website</b></p> <p>Check links and other possible errors by surfing around the website.</p>  <p>With the website still being under development, there is a constant need for user testing to find unexpected problems.</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>
<p><b>Structure content</b></p> <p>Make links between different items.</p>  <p>Some links are already there but many more are needed to create the experience we are looking for!</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Write summaries</b></p> <p>Make short summaries of longer content.</p>  <p>Every page on the site needs a succinct 15 word summary which appears in lists and in search engines.</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Subtitle films</b></p> <p>Help subtitle films (or translate subtitles) from prepared texts.</p>  <p>Many films available in only one language can be subtitled into other languages, and it is not difficult!</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>	<p><b>Scan material</b></p> <p>If you have a scanner, you could help us.</p>  <p>We are aiming to make available more PDF versions of books and press cuttings, as well as digital photos.</p> <p><a href="#">CONTACT US</a></p>

We also ask you to excuse us if our responses to emails and suggestions are sometimes slower than we would like.

## Caux 75th Anniversary Stories

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Caux conference centre. One of the initiatives to mark this jubilee is to tell a story for each of the years since 1946 on the Caux web site. Many of them use material from For A New World and link to publications, photos or film clips on our platform.

You can see all the stories at <https://www.iofc.ch/anniversary-stories>.

The latest one tells about the visit to Caux in 1997 of New Zealand's Maori Queen: <https://www.iofc.ch/stories/1997-maori-queen>. Since the 1930s, one theme running through the work of the Oxford Group (later Moral Re-Armament and now Initiatives of Change) has been supporting indigenous peoples in their search for justice and recognition.

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## God's Freedom Fighter



Fearless in spirit, a passionate leader, always ready to meet and talk frankly with anyone, to whatever race, party or camp they might belong – this describes this man of the cloth, Rev Arthur Kanodereka (above left), a nationally-known politician, a husband to his wife, Gladys, of 20 years, father of their six children and a senior minister of the Methodist Church.

During the 'bush war' between the freedom fighters and the white Security Forces leading up to an independent Zimbabwe, Kanodereka actively recruited young 'guerilla' fighters. He suffered with his people. Three times he was

arrested, tortured and interrogated, in fruitless efforts to make him talk. He said, "I became a black nationalist who hated whites like hell."

Kanodereka was invited to an occasion where a fair-haired man was chairing the meeting. The young man began by giving his name, "Alec Smith" (above right). Kanodereka sat up. This was the son of the Prime Minister, Ian Smith, who embodied all he hated. "I have come to realise," Alec said, "that I bear a personal responsibility for my country's dilemma. It was me, Alec Smith, who was answerable, because my selfish lifestyle and insensitive attitudes drove those boys into the bush..... For my part, I am deeply sorry for the selfishness of my past life."

Here was something Kanodereka had never heard before. He was thunderstruck. "I picked up a vision of what could happen. I saw Christ, the suffering Christ, not just for blacks or just for whites, but for all people."

He realized that the hatred he had towards the white people had spilled over on to his family. "You cannot have hatred in one pot and not transfer it to the other pot," he said.

Kanodereka fought a battle between the bridge-builders and the bridge-wreckers. His outspokenness won him a world-wide range of friends who respected and loved him; but it also won him enemies. Their hatred of him and of all he stood for drove them to arrange his murder in December 1978.

[Read the full story on For A New World](#)

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## Academic Interest

There is considerable academic interest in the history of the Oxford Group, Moral Re-Armament and Initiatives of Change.



We have just published Andrew Dawson's [thesis on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Oxford Group](#). Bonhoeffer was a major theologian and a figure in the resistance to Hitler in Germany. This thesis makes fascinating reading, linking Bonhoeffer to Emil Brunner (pictured right with Frank Buchman and Theo Spoerri), another major Swiss theological figure of the period, closely associated with the Oxford Group.

For A New World is a precious resource for academics and researchers. In September, Andrew and Eliane Stallybrass attended the defence of the first of the two doctorates financed by the Swiss National Fund for Scientific Research on the Caux archives. Cyril Michaud received his doctorate, at the University of Lausanne. His title: '« For God's sake, wake up! » (sic, in English) Moral Re-Armament on Swiss soil (1932-1969). An international of believers against the spectre of Communism. Organization, networks and militancy.' 614 pages (including the bibliography and index), with 217 pages of 'annexes', with a database of 3,000 fiches names with biographic material for the Swiss 'teams' of the early years of Caux! In November, the second doctorate, by Audrey Bonvin, will be presented at the University of Fribourg, covering the following years. We hope that all or much of this material will find a home on For A New World.

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## Thank You!

Finally, thank you again for showing interest in our endeavour.

Best wishes from [the Production Team, Board and translators](#) (click the link to see who we are).

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