

# M.R.A. LEADER'S LAST WRITTEN STATEMENT

## *Call for new revolutionaries who scorn extremism*

SOON buds will blaze in Bladon churchyard. The casual, the curious, as well as a host of others who care for Britain's glory will flock to Churchill's grave.

It is one thing to mourn that mighty Englishman. It is another to live so the country he loved offers new greatness to the world. All should remember the warning theme of his last war volume *Triumph and Tragedy*: "How the great democracies triumphed and so were able to resume the follies which had so nearly cost them their life."

Today some great democracies are like a paralysed man sitting on a hot oven enjoying the smell of cooking. They do not know what is cooking. Soon they will have to find out.

### Struggle

We are in the midst of a mighty world struggle. It is something deeper than a test of power between communism and anti-communism. It is not between America and Russia, Russia and China, Black and White. It is a struggle to decide whether the freedoms we inherited, and for which millions died, shall survive or perish from the earth; whether a civilisation based on the supremacy of moral order shall endure, or whether humanity is to be robbed of ancient virtues and, like godless, spiritless animal matter, caged in zoos or left to self-destruction in an atomic jungle.

The communists have substituted dialectical materialism for faith in God. Many of us, for our part, have substituted disorganised materialism for faith in God. We debunk honesty, chastity, patriotism, fidelity and hard work. We substitute cynicism and indifference, rationalised selfish-

ness and the secularisation of society. Thus the nature of the struggle is blurred. While many in the democracies either blame or praise the communists, they tolerate the social and economic injustices and propagate the materialism which make fascism or communism inevitable.

Some church leaders use "theology" to destroy morality. So long as they are thought to be "with it", they do not mind leaving a nation without God. Intellectuals use their brain to kill their conscience for their own comfort. They then use their positions in life to kill the consciences of a nation, so they can indulge their deviance and compromise without being criticised or blamed. Some B.B.C. producers tilt the balance against Christian morality. Some writers debase human nature by glorifying vice and animalism. They dip their pens in mud and muddy-minded hail the marks they make as brilliant.

### Symptom

There is much confusion about communism. Some say communism is the red devil responsible for divorce, drunkenness, industrial unrest, corruption and everything from corns to cancer. Others say communism is the red angel capable of curing everything from overpopulation and middle-aged spread to under-nourishment.

The truth is that communism is a symptom of determination to cure ills which have got to be cured and which Christians and men of faith could and should have cured in the free world long ago. Too many Christians have used their churches either to protect their

property or to cover their corruption by claiming that Christ's forgiveness entitles them to continue as before. The crossless Christians have done as much to camouflage the truths of faith and freedom from the world as any fascist or camp-follower of communism.

Mao Tse-tung is reported to have told Nehru in Peking that he would be willing to see half humanity destroyed in order to build socialism in the other half. It is the language of lunacy. It is the same language as that of my general in the free world who declares he would be ready to launch a preventive atomic war in order to destroy communism.

### Next step

Somewhere out of the heart of the free world has to come a theme, a goal, an aim bigger than communism or anti-communism which will be pursued with a discipline and unselfishness that wins. Someone must pattern the next step for humanity, communist and anti-communist alike. Moral Re-Armament's theme—new men, new nations, new economic and social justice, new international relationships, a new world—means that the work and wealth of the world becomes available for all and for the exploitation of none.

It means change in us all. It means sound homes, teamwork in industry, unity in the United Kingdom. It means the end of selfishness and hate. It means the creation of a new type of revolutionary who scorns the reactionary attitude of extremists. The badge of extremism is a man who wants to put the world right but is determined to stay the same himself.

Moral Re-Armament points a finger at nobody. It points a finger at absolute standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love as Christ's standards, as standards of common sense for those who lack faith, as

standards of society which alone can preserve the peace and build the new world. Purity is a word like patriotism that is now under attack and becoming debased. "Puritan" in some mouths has become a dirtier word than "prostitute" or "pervert". If "puritan" means a belief in chastity before marriage and fidelity after marriage, together with an experience that God who gave us our senses and bodies can teach us to control them, then no Christian or man of faith should be ashamed to be called puritan.

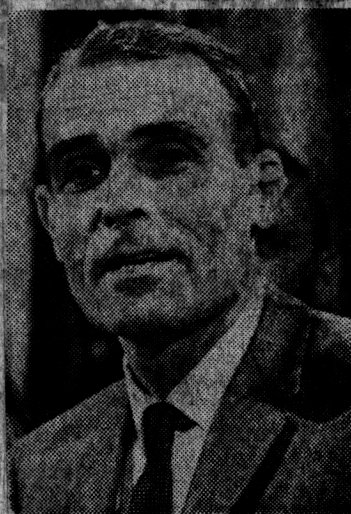
The world must be rebuilt. If this task seems difficult it is well to remember that when Britain faced her finest hour, some said and more believed victory was impossible. Churchill's word was: "Never give up. Never give up in things great or small. Never, never, never give up." If we do not fight in the life of our island now for the Moral Re-Armament of Britain, we may have to risk the life of the island in war later.

### Victory

Again Churchill said to us: "If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory can be sure, you may come to a moment when you have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance to survive. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, and it would be better to perish than to live in slavery."

A woman of Churchill's generation, Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, was asked to speak in the Church of Scotland at Buenos Aires in the Argentine. Before an audience of hundreds she said:

"Moral Re-Armament is working all over the world. It is not a religion. It is a way to live. Anybody who lives that



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... the M.R.A. leader, wrote this shortly before his death in Peru last week.

way fights for God. Those who attack Moral Re-Armament are actually fighting against God. The people who do that are those who do not themselves want to alter corrupt, comfortable and easy-going lives and adopt a higher standard.

"I am totally committed to Moral Re-Armament because I believe it is in the tradition of godliness, truth and loyalty. These are being assailed today. It is a bulwark against the attacks on the throne, the church and patriotism of today. It stands for faith in God, purity in man. It is the moral doctrine of Great Britain. It is a standard to which the lovers of Scotland can and will adhere. It is the strongest force in the world today by which men of all colours can be invited to join the fight against the obliteration of standards of right and wrong."