

"Die Kerkbode" Attacks Moral Rearmament

STRONG DISAPPROVAL of the Moral Rearmament Movement and the methods it employs is expressed in a leading article in the current issue of "Die Kerkbode." "We do not like to see this movement come to our country," says the article.

The report that Dr Frank Buchman and his "international team of followers" will visit the country has caused considerable anxiety and confusion, says the article.

The Moral Rearmament Movement was just a new form of the Oxford Group and was also under the leadership of the founder of this movement, which became known in this country especially during the years 1933-37.

Precisely for this reason a visit by Dr Buchman to South Africa would not necessarily meet with general approval.

"The typical propaganda methods of this movement, the excessive claims of success in their labours by its workers, not to mention the numerous other objections arising from their actions, have often invited criticism and will never be accepted among us without serious reservations.

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"They are always preoccupied with kings, princes, parliaments and the great ones of the earth, but in their methods they seldom follow the kingly road and their actions are often unparliamentary."

Originally it was reported that the movement was invited by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Assembly and all four Administrators, but now it appeared that Dr Buchman was a guest of the

movement itself and that these persons only expressed their appreciation for his visit.

This incident, says the article, was in the form of a preconceived propaganda plan to pave the movement's way to South Africa by the use of influential names of leaders in the political field.
