

## Ethiopians prepare for world conference

'The future does not belong to those who are content or apathetic'

AFRICANS, ASIANS and Europeans will soon be arriving in Asmara, capital of Eritrea, the northern province of Ethiopia, for the international conference for Moral Re-Armament which opens there on 25 April.

Many preparations for the conference are now under way, and members of the MRA Conference Committee, representing Amhars, Tigrinyans, Arabs, Italians and Israelis, met recently with 100 leading citizens of Asmara to plan for the financing of the conference.

A message from His Highness, Ras Asrate Kassa, Governor General of Eritrea was read on this occasion:

'The Asmara Expo held last month has helped to bring to the forefront the material progress which this province has made. We should all now strive hard and put our heads together to show to the world the progress this province has made in re-arming its spirit.'

There were five different speakers in the five local languages expressing what the coming conference signified for each of them and their communities.

Mesfun Hailu, who recently attended the MRA conference in Panchgani, India, said, 'During the 11-day period I spent in Panchgani and Bombay I learned a lot about Moral Re-Armament. I have realized the importance of listening to God daily; of having faith in the messages I receive; and of obeying and being guided by the messages. I have also learned that hate and bitterness do not answer the problems of a nation.'

'At the conference I have seen political, economic and social leaders change their views and reconcile with their bitter enemies. All of what I saw and the stories of change I have heard

gave me hope and inspiration of what our forthcoming conference could do to answer our bitterness and division, to solve Africa's problems and to establish a permanent Moral Re-Armament Training Centre here to help recruit fighting men with the global aim of uniting the peoples of the world.'

The Senior Regional Manager of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, Ambaye Ifter, Chairman of the meeting, summed up:

'Moral Re-Armament is a crusade which must be strongly accepted and supported morally and financially by all sections of our community if we are to succeed in eradicating the



Mountains of Ethiopia photo Camera Press





# What can be done for British industry now?

JACK CARROLL (right), Branch Chairman of the Transport and General Workers' Union in the Port of Bristol, talks with Jim Worthington, National Executive member of the National Union of Seamen, at the Westminster Theatre conference last Sunday.

Worthington, in a humorous reference to David Low's famous cartoons, said, 'The shaggy old TUC cart-horse should become a steeple-chase winner.'

'Working people are sick and tired of strife and strikes, but they see no alternative to going along with the chap who shouts loudest—so it is up to the TUC to shout the loudest for what is right.'

MRA principles showed, he said, what was right for industry, the nation and the world. They could help make the unions and industry, under the leadership of the TUC, become a force for answering the needs of the world.

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JOHN NOWELL, Chairman of the Leather Institute, speaking on the same occasion, said:

There is general agreement that from somewhere there must come a new factor into the industrial situation; that without a radical change in attitudes there is no answer for the sickness which afflicts so much of British industry. But what few realise is that it can be the privilege as well as the responsibility of the men in the management and direction of industry to bring in this new factor of change.

There are three basic points of change for us in management which are revolutionary, as I have proved in my own experience.

The first is a new priority, in which the man himself is accepted as the most important factor in industry. Industry must be for man, not man for industry. The value of a man as an individual in his own right must be restored. People must come before profit. It is the sure way to ensure profit. This is the key issue of our age.

Too often the man is thought of in industry as a productive unit and even welfare work is justified as making him a better productive unit. Too often the trade union 'bosses' think of him as a power unit in the fight for control. He longs to be treated as a man and the key to his confidence is honesty.



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The second point of change is a new authority, one that is freely accepted by all. Is there such? There is; it is the rule of what is morally right, expressed in the simple phrase, 'Not who's right, but what's right'. My experience is that when I was prepared to put on one side my right to control or my demand to control, in order to find what was right for all, a new authority was established, which became accepted by most.

When it was realised that the boss accepted for himself the same authority which at times led him to decisions which were demonstrably not in his

self-interest, there came a self-discipline which is the answer to the anarchy and chaos which threatens our society.

The third point of change is a new incentive for industry. One of the chief causes of the trouble in industry is that it has never had a big enough objective. Profit as a motive is wrong. It is destructive of character and finally of the conditions in which profit can be made. It spreads from the balance sheet to the wage packet and poisons industrial relations. Profit there must be, but as the product of the teamwork of all in a common objective.

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scourge of hatred, bitterness and prejudice from the hearts and minds of people in different walks of life, and create better conditions of understanding and co-operation to meet the needs of mankind.

'You can play your part in this noble and gigantic task. More than that you can get others to do the same who will undoubtedly follow your example.

'For the fortunate among us, there is the temptation to follow the easy and familiar paths of personal ambition and financial success so grandly spread before those who enjoy the pri-

vilege of education. But that is not the road history has marked out for us. Like it or not, we live in times of danger and uncertainty. But they are also more open to the creative energy of man than any other time in history.

'The future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic towards common problems and their fellow men alike, timid and fearful in the face of new ideas and bold projects. Rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the ideals and great enterprises of our society.'

# Indonesia's hopes for the future

THE BANNERS in Djakarta nowadays say 'Repelita', the name of the Five Year Plan initiated by President Suharto on 31 March. During the next five years the Indonesians, in a down-to-earth manner, plan to increase food production and to improve the national road and rail system.

Trust in the rupiah has been restored and money is flowing into the country from Hong Kong following the increased value of the rupiah *vis-à-vis* the dollar. Rice production last year increased by almost 10%.

If trust at home and overseas grows in the new government and the progressive aims of Repelita are carried through, Indonesia will rise from her destitute position to a prosperity based on her natural resources.

Indonesia needs foreign capital and investment and it is therefore regrettable that a large number of the 106 foreign investments which have been agreed to, exist on paper only.

## Leaders see MRA films

Indonesia today opens her door to the Dutch with whom the country's leaders feel there is a special tie. Following the recent Moral Re-Armament assembly at Panchgani in India, the Dutch delegation flew on to Indonesia.

On the invitation of Dr A M Tambunan, Minister of Social Affairs, and General Hoegeng Imam Santoso, Commander in Chief of Indonesia's Police Force, the Moral Re-Armament films *Galloping Horse* and *Freedom* were shown in Djakarta.

The distinguished audience included the Ministers of Social Affairs, Justice, Information, Parliamentary Affairs, Education and Health, the President of the Supreme Court and many officials. Most of the ministers were accompanied by their wives. Also in the audience were former Vice-President Dr Mohammed Hatta and his wife.

The guests were welcomed by Social Affairs Minister Tambunan and the films were introduced by Dutch Socialist Senator Dirk de Loor. Eighty-eight year old Mrs Willem van Beuningen from Holland was especially welcomed by the Indonesians.

During his stay in Djakarta, the Dutch senator was received by General

A H Nasution, Chairman of the Supreme Advisory Council, Foreign Minister Adam Malik and others.

The Minister of Manpower, Rear-Admiral Morsalim, in an interview, discussed the fruitful exchanges between the International Labour Organization conferences in Geneva and the World Assemblies for MRA in

## 'Thousand mile journey begins with first step'

*A young Malaysian of Chinese descent, Yeow Kian Peng, last week said the people of the developing world and the West could show mankind another way than the Chinese way of answering hunger and exploitation.*

*Peng was speaking to people from 24 nations at the Easter conference in the MRA centre at Tirley Garth in northwest England. Since arriving in London to study chemical engineering he had become acquainted with MRA.*

I COME from a multi-racial society, a society that has one of the highest standards of living in Asia. It has a very stable economy.

However, it would be foolhardy for me to say that we do not have problems. For instance, communal misunderstandings sometimes arise and our relationship with Singapore and the Philippines has not been as good as it ought to be. I came to London with a sense of guilt, even of despair that there should be such misgivings in South East Asia.

But during my stay in London I find that I am able to look at the situation in a better perspective and I have come to regard that a lot of these misgivings have been due to the fact that we as human beings are weak. We pretend to stress our petty desires and the differences between peoples rather than to explore common ground.

There is a Chinese saying that 'a thousand mile journey begins with the first step.' Today, on Easter Day, I am taking that first step. I feel the only solution to this is for people to get to-

gether and to live up to the ideals of MRA, namely absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

Caux at the other end of the Lake of Geneva. 'The United Nations will never reach their aim without moral re-armament at the same time,' said the Minister. 'Political co-operation is only possible when there are moral ties.'

Senator de Loor congratulated the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Adam Malik, for his successful efforts in overcoming the antagonism between Indonesia and Malaysia. 'We must achieve regional co-operation and therefore we have to overcome the disputes which have divided us up till now,' said the Minister.

My grandfather left China at the age of 14 about 65 years ago. He left a China which was poor and in misery, a China torn between petty warlords and exploited by the West.

Today China has become a world power and whether you like it or not the world has to live with it and has to recognize its existence. And the important thing is that China is now giving a choice to the world—to the under-privileged world—whether they should follow the totalitarian system or the capitalist system which exists in the West.

I am a Malaysian by birth but events in China do affect me a great deal. I do want to see a China which is strong economically in the same sense that I would want to see the under-privileged world strong, able to feed their own peoples and able to free the masses from hunger and want.

It is very important that the peoples of the West and the under-privileged world should show that there is, in fact, an alternative form of society, which is neither Communist nor capitalist. It is a challenge to all of us here to show that alternative.

I look forward to the day when the world will be full of people who are not divided by races or by boundaries, but who will regard themselves as citizens of the world, a world in which men are not driven by impulses and instincts, but are guided in their actions by listening to the inner voice which is in every one of us.



## Constructive Revolution

Assemblies at the Westminster Theatre on Sundays 11 am

- 20 April 'How to live intelligently on this planet in this century'. Dr Paul Campbell author of 'Modernising Man', will be the main speaker. The Moelwyn Male Voice Choir from Blaenau Ffestiniog, North Wales, will sing.
- 3 pm Concert by the young Brazilian Pianist, Nelson Freire. 'The Times' described his performance last year as 'dazzling'.
- 27 April Conrad Hunte, former Vice-Captain of the West Indies Cricket Team, Subbiah Kistasamy and Ralph Priestley will speak on a uniting programme for every class and race. A special plane is expected from Holland and also parties from Germany and France.

## Sermon on 'Hide Out' in West End actors' church

THE PLAY *HIDE OUT*, currently running at the Westminster Theatre, was the subject of the evening sermon at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London, on 13 April.

Known as 'The Actors' Church', St Paul's was built in 1633 by Inigo Jones and has been seen by millions in the film *My Fair Lady*.

Prebendary Clarence May said *Hide Out* was 'a microcosm of the world at this time,' with a message relevant to its strife and division.

Speaking of the failure of the attempted coup d'état in the play, Prebendary May said, 'The true revolution is the revolution of the heart, the mind, the spirit. That is the new revolution, the revolution that is going to take place.'

*Hide Out* had an Easter message, he said. It was 'calling everyone everywhere to the revolution of the redemption, of good over bad. It is the redemption which brings us the Kingdom of Christ.'

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### Bishop and Press announce 'Anything to Declare?'

Northern Ireland's largest daily, *The Belfast Telegraph*, last Saturday announced the arrival of the cast of *Anything to Declare?* in Belfast, with a five-column front page photo. The caption gave details of the performances of the revue in Londonderry, 16 to 19 April and in Belfast, 29 April to 3 May.

'A new outlook is needed' was a front-page headline in this week's issue of *The Londonderry Sentinel*. The Unionist paper was reporting an Easter Day address given by the Rt Rev Dr Charles Tyndall, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe.

The article quoted the Bishop: 'To anyone who has learnt to love Derry, the last six months have been a truly terrible experience. Friendliness has been swallowed up by fear; flying bottles and broken windows have symbolized the general breakdown of law

and order.

'Derry men are great fighters, but they need to discover the right battles. The issues today are moral issues and the war is on between ideas which are constructive and those which destroy men and communities through lust and greed and hate.'

The article concluded, 'The Bishop warmly commended the forthcoming production of the play, *Anything to Declare?*, in the Guildhall and said it represented the right ideas and principles of faith and deserved the support of all Christian citizens. "I have the support of other Church leaders in saying this," he added.'

Dr Tyndall is one of the men who has invited *Anything to Declare?* to Londonderry.

## WALES

### Revue cast in Bangor and Caernarvon

Citizens of Bangor in North Wales, on Wednesday last week stopped in the street to hear music and songs

given by the cast of *Anything to Declare?* from the balcony of a restaurant in the city centre.

The cast were in Bangor, home of the University College of North Wales, to give two performances in the theatre of the Normal College of Education.

At the end of the first performance, the Mayor, Alderman I Hughes, thanked the cast for the show, the aim of which, he said, was 'to create a new moral awareness'.

With him in the audience were other members of the county and city councils.

On their arrival in North Wales the cast went first to Caernarvon, now known round the world as the town in whose castle the investiture of the Prince of Wales will take place on 1 July. They were guests there at a reception presided over by the Mayor, Councillor I B Griffiths.