

Initiative by Kenyans



Three of the students organising the Demonstration, as photographed in East Africa's biggest daily, the *East African Standard*. The paper headlined its 1200 word feature article 'Students' Aim For Africa'.

THIS WEEK THE ALL-AFRICA Demonstration opened in Nairobi.

Editor Michael Henderson gives a background report: In a tense Africa more and more are looking to Kenya to what the *East African Standard* calls, 'A new type of student demonstration during the next three weeks which could have important repercussions throughout the world.'

Javelin jets and RAF transport planes from Aden, standing by for Zambia, were at Nairobi Airport as my VC10 landed. A colleague on the plane was nearly refused admission because he was thought to have a Rhodesian passport.

Eight hundred and forty East Africans have already accepted for the demonstration. This includes 160 students from Uganda and 210 from Tanzania. Further delegations are expected from other parts of Kenya and overseas. Special railway carriages are bringing students from Kisumu, Mombasa and Kampala; boats are coming across Lake Victoria and chartered buses are coming from all over East Africa. They come from 185 schools and colleges.

The Tanzania Minister of Education has given his personal consent to all the schools and colleges for students to travel to Kenya, where the

Ministry of Education has made the facilities of Kenyatta College available.

Rajmohan Gandhi, chief editor of the Indian news magazine *Himmat*, was asked to comment on the Rhodesian crisis at a Press Club luncheon shortly after his arrival in Nairobi for

the demonstration. He said, 'Various measures are being tried or are being attacked. What has been lacking is a mature, intelligent bid to bring about a change in the aims and motives of the white Rhodesians themselves.'

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'Change China' bid



Conservative MP Patrick Wolrige Gordon

PATRICK WOLRIGEGORDON, MP, reporting on talks with Asian statesmen, said in London, 'The West must get an ideology that can change China and the men of Peking.'

On an Asian tour Wolrige Gordon conferred with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Cyprus and India, the Prime Ministers of Japan, Malaysia, and Ceylon, the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, other political leaders and representatives of all walks of life.

He continued, 'Not even Communism has been able to unite East and West in a revolutionary programme that works; parliamentary democracy and the Commonwealth have failed. Democracy and the Commonwealth can work if it becomes the purpose of our nations to make them work. For that nations need an ideology above self-interest, race, colour, class or creed. That ideology is MRA.'

Songs to beat the cynics

by Kathleen Johnson

THE GREEN LAWNS OF A Cabinet Minister's residence, a busy government office, a dusty village street, a college campus, a dignified city mall, a hospital full of wounded soldiers, an airport packed with dignitaries for the Prime Minister's departure: during recent months, all these places have echoed with the rhythm of guitars, as a determined bunch of students have expressed through songs their convictions for the country. They have covered thousands of miles in jolting buses and trains, sleeping sometimes on school benches, sometimes in homes. They have earned their name—The Trail Blazers.

Bolder

Recently the Vice-Chancellors of several universities have been forced to take strict measures against student indiscipline. The Trail Blazers in this situation are bolder. They are enlisting old and young in a purpose bigger than career, comfort, caste or creed. To travel with them is an adventure I would not have missed for anything.

The students come from different states and different backgrounds. Their aim is the same, and this fact strikes people everywhere. Take Kerala. As a Westerner, I have become used to being scrutinized with curiosity and even suspicion. But in Kerala my friends from north India were regarded as foreigners too. People remarked on their dress and accent as though they were from another planet. Division exists between north and south India over Government efforts to make Hindi, a northern language, the national and official language.

No killing

When all of us sang a song in Malayalam, the main language of Kerala, the effect was electric. At that very moment, Madras State was torn with violence over the language issue, and Kerala students were under strong pressure to start burning and killing in sympathy with their southern neighbours. But men trained in MRA fought successfully to keep the demonstrations peaceful, and 120 Kerala students came for training at an MRA camp.

In the west of India lies Maharashtra State. This year its people face months of famine due to the failure

of the monsoon. Lives will depend on people sharing what little they have with their neighbour.

In one village this has begun to happen. Last May, a group of students visited this village, 2,000 feet below their camping ground. They went on foot. The villagers were suspicious at first, and unwilling to listen. But they could not resist the Marathi and Hindi songs which the students sang. In twos and threes the men appeared, while their womenfolk peered shyly through the doorways.

Soon about eighty people were listening in rapt attention, as the students told them how they had decided to build a new India, starting with themselves. At the end everyone was quiet. Then an old man stood up. He told how, because of a feud between two families, the village had been divided for generations. Some of the vil-

INDIAN FOCUS

THE INDIAN FOOD SITUATION is serious due to the failure of the rains in September and October. Gujerat expects 50% of last year's production; Maharashtra, 25-30% of her staple crops. The President of the Congress Party, K Kamaraj, has warned that Indians should be ready for only a 6oz cereal ration instead of 12oz. Last year India had to import six million tons of US wheat despite a second grain crop of eighty million tons.

The Minister of Irrigation, Dr K L Rao, promises that there will be sufficient food grains by 1969.

The demands placed on industry due to stepped-up war production have created difficulties. A cable factory faces production cutbacks because copper imports are earmarked for defence purposes. An automobile factory has had to lay off one third of its workers because the scooters it produces are not 'defence-orientated'.

There was violence last month in a Nagpur factory where the manager was killed. In Bombay 20,000 mill workers were recently on hunger strike because of production cuts.

lagers had to trudge miles to fetch their water because they were not allowed to use the well. The old man apologised there and then for his own part in the quarrel, declared that the well would be available for everybody, and that this village should become a pattern for all that neighbourhood.

'Can't buy us'

Patriotic songs are part of the national bloodstream of India. But a new trend is being set, where patriotic songs are backed by the commitment of those who sing them, to bring about a revolution in the living of every citizen. News travels fast. When the Trail Blazers met the President recently in the Palace gardens, his first words to them were, "Now, what are you going to sing for me?" Mrs Vijaylakshmi Pandit told them, "The look on your faces gives me hope for India, because I can see that you really mean the words you sing". Asoka Mehta, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, said that one of their songs should become the theme song of the Planning Commission.

The songs have been heard far beyond India's borders. Two school-girls from Poona, now in Australia, have sung the theme song of their play "You Can't Buy Us" over Australian television.

And what of the fast young set who crowd the coffee-bars, tapping and swinging to the latest 'Cliff' or 'Beatles' record? Kalpana Sharma, a Bombay student who plays the guitar for the Trail Blazers, says: "My friends and I were crazy about Western music. But I got fed up with songs that just made you soft and cynical. The reason the Beatles and others top the Hit Parade is that nobody has offered something better. Now we have begun to create fast, infectious songs, that make it normal to live absolute honesty and purity, and get our generation on the move to remake society. They are becoming hits everywhere."

In the next weeks a full-scale musical show is going to be produced. It will include the colour and pageantry of traditional Indian dancing and songs, as well as newly written skits in Hindi and English, and some of those could be the spark that will fire this hungry nation to blaze a trail for the whole of Asia.

Mackinac College launched

MACKINAC COLLEGE IN THE USA—a new liberal arts college aimed at giving students purpose as well as academic instruction—is now officially launched. The Michigan State Board of Education has granted a charter, the Board of Trustees has met and accepted the grant of the MRA buildings for the college from the Directors of MRA in the USA. These buildings will continue to be used during the summer for MRA assemblies. The college will open for the freshman class in September 1966.

Basil R Entwistle, Chairman of the Trustees, said, 'The supreme task which faces young Americans is to turn the tide of events from nuclear destruction and the extinction of freedom towards the free, responsible and satisfying life which God intends for every human being. In the face of this challenge Mackinac College will strive to equip youth for the moral, intellectual and social leadership that the age demands.'

The college's first President, Dr Douglas Cornell, formerly Executive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington DC, said the college has begun a three-year building programme with construction already under way on a one-hundred-thousand-volume library, scheduled for completion early next summer.

The library is being named in honour of the late Peter Howard, noted British author, sportsman, playwright and world leader of Moral Re-Armament. Howard, Cornell said, had given much thought to the creation of Mackinac College following a speaking tour of major US colleges and universities last year.

Additional facilities planned are: classroom-laboratory buildings, a gymnasium-recreation centre, a 1,250-seat theatre-auditorium, administration offices and additional residence accommodation.

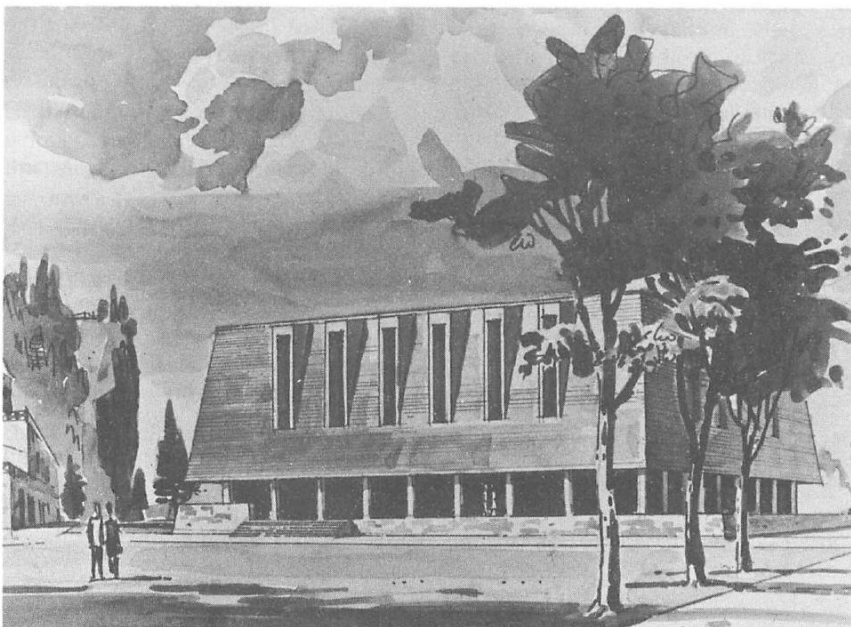
Among the members of the Board of Trustees are R Gordon Hoxie, PhD, Chancellor of Long Island University; Henry N MacCracken, PhD, President Emeritus of Vassar College; Mrs Helen Harrington Schiff, member of the Board of Trustees, University of Puget Sound; Mrs Margaret Hicks Williams, US Department of State; and J Blanton Belk, Director of MRA.



Administrative building



Dr S Douglas Cornell, the college's first president



Design of future Peter Howard Memorial Library

Clyde and world shipbuilding

JOHN CRAIG, SECRETARY OF Colvilles Steel, urged the end of division in world shipbuilding at a Clydeside MRA conference.

Craig said, 'It is not justifiable to set the Japanese shipbuilder against the Clydesider. This would only increase division in the world. We have to find a common motive with the Japanese shipbuilder. It is no use staying in industry for what we can get out of it for ourselves—profit for the capitalists or more wages for labour. How do we meet the need of the world for steel and ships? On that basis we will build an industry that will unite the world as well as answering hunger and poverty. That is the revolution we should take from Clydeside out to the world and then we will answer the problems on Clydeside.'

The conference was attended by 120 shop stewards, union officials and workers from the Clyde shipyards and Scottish car factories.

Tom Friel, a shop steward of John Brown's said the Managing Director, John Rannie, had said, 'the dedicated industrial anarchists' had been eliminated and there was a new spirit among the men on the Clyde.

Friel, a Boilermakers' branch president, gave his reason for the new spirit. 'Four years ago many members of the Clydebank Town Council, including myself, attended MRA film showings,' said Friel. 'Some 200 of our men from the yards went in parties to London to see the Westminster Theatre plays and to take part in industrial conferences. In John Brown's we have never had any trouble in my department in these four years.'

Fight or negotiate

'We have come now to a decision where instead of constantly fighting with the management, we have been negotiating with the management. And for my lads, and for my wife and children, our standard of living has been raised. I am earning fifty per cent more in wages than three years ago. We have had no strikes. We have plenty of trouble and arguments between management and men, but we have got somewhere.'

A plater in Lithgow's shipyard, John Mackenzie, said, 'For three years we have had no strikes and no restrictive practices by agreement.' Mackenzie, a Boilermakers' branch secretary, said,

'The new flexibility is doing away with demarcation disputes. From Lithgow's a number of men went to see Peter Howard's plays in London. It is these men going to London and their new way of thinking that has helped bring about these changes on the lower reaches of the Clyde.'

The conference decided to invite two Japanese shipyard workers to Clydeside in the near future, and to send representatives to the European assembly at Caux, Switzerland.

The *Glasgow Herald* headlined its report, 'MRA looks at world shipbuilding'. It said, 'The immediate need for a "world collaboration" of shipbuilding men and management instead of "cut-throat, suicidal competition" was emphasised yesterday at a conference convened by the Moral Re-Armament movement in Glasgow.'

'The world-wide collaboration of shipbuilders, Britain with Japan, Germany, Sweden and other shipbuilding nations would build the ships needed to carry the necessities of life to the needy millions across the world. In this task of providing for the immense needs of the world everyone would be needed and there would be no fear of unemployment.'

Initiative by Kenyans (continued)

With the remarkable success of freedom in Kenya, he said, her people were perhaps better equipped than any other to bring a new element to the Rhodesian picture. Any approach to the Rhodesian problem had to have four criteria. 'Does it benefit the Africans of Rhodesia? Does it benefit the Africans in the rest of the world? Does it help or hinder the British people assuming a greater responsibility for the world? Does it shift the white leaders in Rhodesia in the right direction?'

Gandhi is scheduled to address the student body of University College on 'Can Africa Civilise the World?' and the United Kenya Club on 'Kenya the Trail-blazer'.

'Famous Batsman for Nairobi' headlined *The Sunday Nation* on cricketer Conrad Hunte's participation in the demonstration.

On the 'Open Day' Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament have been invited to see the activities of the demonstration and to hear Rajmohan Gandhi and Conrad Hunte speak.

The daily sports programme will be under the direction of the US Olympic Gold Medallist, Mal Whitfield, and representatives of Kenya's sporting bodies. The climax of the opening day will be a cricket match between Hunte's XI and the Indian High Commissioner's XI.

During two days the demonstration will take part in a self-help project in the President's constituency.

European, African and Indian businessmen and farmers are contributing finance and produce, including fifteen prime beef steers, fourteen sacks of flour, gallons of milk and two thousand pineapples.

KHARTOUM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUDAN, Ismail Azhary, and members of the Supreme Council met with Rajmohan Gandhi this week to confer on the Nairobi All-Africa Demonstration. Eleven Sudanese students have left to attend the demonstration. The President said, 'When these young men return they will provide the basis on which we can build unity'. A Supreme Councillor said to Gandhi, 'We need your ideas to solve the situation in the south of our country.'

NORWICH

BBC-TV (EAST ANGLIA) broadcast shots of the Norwich exhibition of Peter Howard's life and work and of Howard speaking to the US colleges.

A similar exhibition opens in London on Monday, 13 December at 4 Hays Mews, W1, until Christmas.