

Godwin Lewanika Sends A Message

From Caux To All African Leaders On --

MESSAGE FOR THE

Dear Friends,

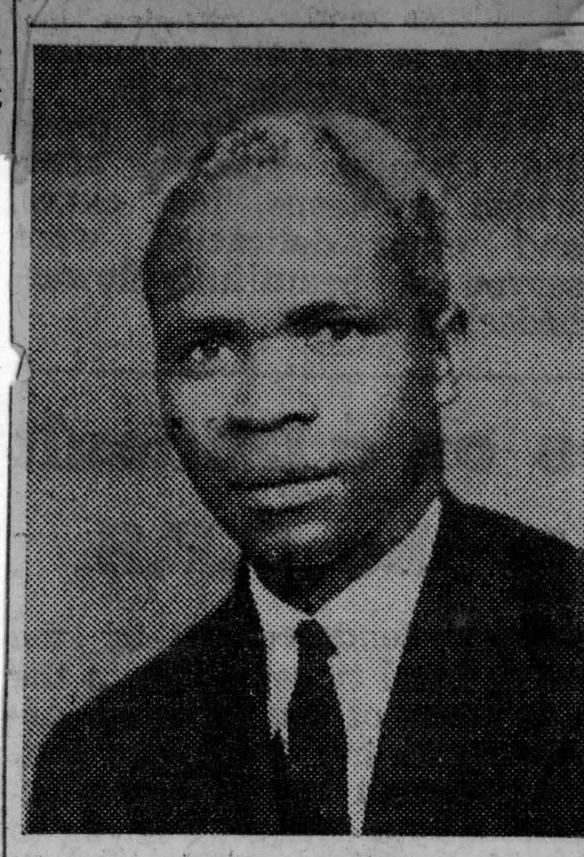
I have to thank all of you who have sent me greetings on the occasion of my visit to the World Assembly for Moral Re-Arnament at Switzerland. Your good wishes have given me courage and showed me my responsibility to you and to the whole world.

Some of you have asked me how and why I came here. I have come on the invitation of friends in Moral My first impression was the Re-Armament specially for this World Assemply. I accepted the kind invitation because I had seen something of what this world force is doing in Kenya and other countries and wished to study it at close quarters. Needless to say, I cannot but approve of the work Moral Re-Armament is doing for the peace of mankind and the happiness of the whole world.

Caux is an interesting place. Situated 3000 ft. above the lake of Geneva and looking out over the magnificent

Swiss mountains, it has become a world centre for men of goodwill from many nations. During the time 1 have been here some 5000 people have been present from over 60 countries. They represent every section of their nations' life, trade unionists, employers, Members of Parliament, Journalists, Church leaders and youth. Here the nations learn the secret of how to become a family.

absence of any discrimination on account of race or colour. One finds oneself at home with everyone one meets. People form India, Japan, Afrika, Brazil, Britain, U.S.A., and other places too numerous to mention, share the same dining room, mix freely at the meetings, live at the same hotels and receive the same treatment. A man's colour, creed or religion is no barrier.



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There are many important issues facing the world today. At Caux it becomes clear that the basic issue throughout the world is 'disunity'. There is division between nations and within nations; there is division in political parties, between governments and citizens, race and race; between there is division between employers and workers; and further, there is division even between husband and wife, between father and son. If we can solve the proplem of division we may well have the key to the happier world we all long to see.

At Caux I saw this answer demonstrated in a hundred different ways that must convince the most sceptical. Moral Re-Armanent says that if there is disunity anywhere the place to begin to cure it is in oneself. We cannot force others to change but we can change ourselves.

For me it was most significant to hear of the change of heart white South Africans present. Those who spoke asked forgiveness for their past superiority towards the African peoples and pledged themselves to work with us to bring this new spirit

to the whole continent. There are many problems facing the African continent today. Unless something is done now, we shall find ourselves too late to save our country and nobody will be able to help us if we do not help ourselves first What worsens the situation is 'fear'. Europeans are afraid of the advancement of the Africans, and in the same way Africans are anxious for their future. This suspicion and mistrust des-

troy unity and harmony between the two major races in Africa. Moral Re-Arnament says that the answer lies in four ab-

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men and nations. guide are absolute honesty, selfishness and absolute love. It is for lack of these that we, Europeans and Africans alike, have suspicion and uneasiness in Africa. Moral Re-Armanent says that if every man will listen to the voice of God, speaking in his heart, he will be told what he should do. If he listens, God will show him where he needs to change first, and will then help him to bring this change to others.

Buchman, Dr. Frank the Re-Moral founder Armament, has said, "There is enough in the world for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed. If everyone cared enough, and shared enough, everyone have would everyone enough".

We have representatives present from many parts of continent. African Among them were the Paramount Chief Naa Kwasi Afrani III from the Gold Coast; Mrs. Azikiwe, wife of the President of the National Council for Nigeria and the Cameroons; Mrs. Bode Thomas, whose husband is Minister for Transport in Nigeria. Also from the West Coast were Mr. Biyerum Eluwa, Secretary of the Ibo State's Union, with 4 million members, and Mr. Henry Offonry, an editor of a Nigerian newspaper.

From East Africa came the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mathu, the only African representative on the Kenya Executive Council; Mr. and Mrs. David Waruhiu, son of the Senior Chief of the Kikuyu; Councillor Ishani of the Nairobi City Council; Mr. Fred Kubai, Chairman of the City of Nairobi branch of the Kenya Atrican Union and editor of "The African Voice"; Mr. Mishak Ndisi, Assistant Industrial Labour Advisor in Kenya. From Central Africa came Mr. Grey Bango, President of the Federation of African Trades Unions of Southern Rhodesia and myself. Altogether there were 30 representative of the African peoples present as well as a large number of Europeans from South Africa, Central Africa and East Africa.

Addressing the Assembly at one of the sessions Mr. Waruhiu said: "We look to MRA as the only effective organism of unity in the world. It is the only answer for peace. Through MRA I have seen South Africans Kenya settlers change, change, and we ourselves have changed. Africa will give everything for MRA."

This is the year of destiny for Nigeria," said Mr. Paul Chukwueke from Nigeria He read a message sent by African leaders from his district to the Assembly. Mr. Chukwueke said he had been convinced of MRA by the change that had taken place in a British administrative officer who had apologized for his previous attitude.

Many times during Assembly the large international chorus which takes part in the meetings sang the African anthem Nkosi

Sikelel' iAfrika while the audience stood mark of respect to the African peoples.

absolute purity, absolute un- I. heard a Dutch-speaking South African say that his visit to Caux had given him a "new world vision." He pledged himself to work through Moral Re-Armament "to change the tide in South Africa and bring the right answer to deadlock" Referring to the Indian and African leaders present he said: "I feel honoured to work with such men in the great fight for a new Africa and a new world."

> It has become clear to me from my visit to Caux that there is no political or problem which economic could not be solved if approached in the spirit of Moral Re-Armament. There is no problem which does not have its personal aspect, possibly in the relasionship between two political opponents. If a man can get right with his opponent, the answer to the wider issue will come clear. If a man is at enmity with his opponent, no plan wich either of them devises will ever work. Before coming here I thought resentment was necessary when one is wronged. By applying the four moral standards I have discovered that that was a grave mistake as it was another way of creating and encouraging disunity and misunderstanding.

> Moral Re-Armament does not tell a man to stop fighting for what he believed to be right. But it tells him to fight with clean hands and a pure heart. Only so can we discover what is right for all. I found Moral Re-Armament to be not a new religion, nor a new political party, nor a new trade union, but a world organism which aims to transform the thinking and living of men and nations. It helps leaders in every walk of life to perform their duties with perfeetness of mind. In particular, as a Christian and one closely associated with the Church, I found that MRA confirms and puts into practice what the Holy Church preaches.

is my earnest conviction that no leader will be able to help his people successfully without applying the absolute moral standard of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love and living by the guidance of Almighty God. Here at Caux I have found a new hope for the whole world and especially for my people in Africa.

t is my earnest desire that more and more of our leaders, both African and European, will come here to Caux and make themselves acquainted with the ideas and practice of Moral Re-Arbament. Common battle is double strength. I pray God we may all find the unity of heart and mind in which African can play its full part in the world. Because whatever the case may be, whether we like it or not, these two major races are bound to live together in African and work together side by side, so it should be the duty of everyone of us, Europeans and Africans, in Africa to find a better and peaceful solution by the earnest application of the four absolute moral standards in whatever we do.