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1. 'BRITAIN NEEDS AN IDEOLOGY'  
Reprinted from the *Daily Express*
2. Report on the Assembly of the Americas  
for the Moral Re-Armament of the world

## 'THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY NOW THAT MANY LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS WILL MAKE MORAL RE-ARMAMENT THEIR NATIONAL POLICY,'

declared General Hugo Bethlem, former Brazilian Ambassador to Bolivia and Pakistan, at the end of the Assembly of the Americas for the Moral Re-Armament of the World, held in Petropolis, Brazil, from 1 to 11 December.

The Assembly, which was attended by 610 people from 35 countries, saw the beginnings of a new and solid unity between North and South America and the healing of deep divisions among Latin Americans themselves.

Revolutionary student leaders from the extreme Left Wing *Fidelista* (pro-Castro) faction in San Marcos University, Lima, Peru, launched at the Assembly their new play called *El Condor*. The play shows the dramatic response of Latin American youth to an idea more revolutionary than Castroism that can cure the selfishness of society.

In the audience on the première night was Mrs. Hannah Nixon, whose son, former Vice-President Richard Nixon, was stoned in riots in Lima in which these students were involved. At the end of the play the students apologised to Mrs. Nixon and invited her and her son to participate in their new revolution. Newspapers, radio and television stations in North and South America took the news of *El Condor* to millions.

The leading newspaper in the State of Rio de Janeiro carried an eight-column headline across its

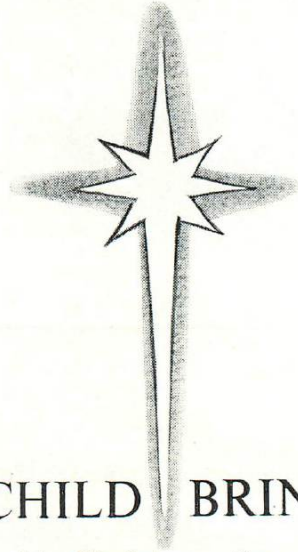
front page on 16 December: 'Reconciliation has taken place between Marshals Tavora and Lott.' The headline referred to the visit of Marshal Henrique Teixeira Lott, Presidential candidate in 1960, to the Assembly, where he was welcomed by Marshal Juarez Tavora, Presidential candidate in 1955. The bitterness between the two for many years had divided the nation. Addressing the Moral Re-Armament force, Marshal Lott said, 'The national situation is very serious. It is now necessary for your work to save civilization.'

General Marcel Carpentier, until recently Commander of the NATO Ground Forces in Central Europe and the man who has trained many of Brazil's army officers, said at the Assembly: 'I want you all to realise the capital importance of the reconciliation between two of Brazil's most eminent leaders. It will have a great effect on South America.'

More than 200 leaders of organised labour, representing millions of men around the world, issued a Proclamation in which they said: 'In this nuclear age the concept of class war is out of date and suicidal. The world awaits a true revolution—a revolution of change in people—a revolution which will permanently transform the world. We can build a world in which the work and wealth of the world are available for all and for the exploitation of none, where empty stomachs will be filled with food, empty hands with work, and empty hearts with an idea that really satisfies.'

Summing up the conference, Hans Bjerkholt, co-founder of the Norwegian Communist Party, member of the Comintern for twelve years, said, '**This conference of national leaders committed to the new revolution of Moral Re-Armament will have a greater and deeper effect on the world than the recent 22nd Party Congress held in Moscow.**'





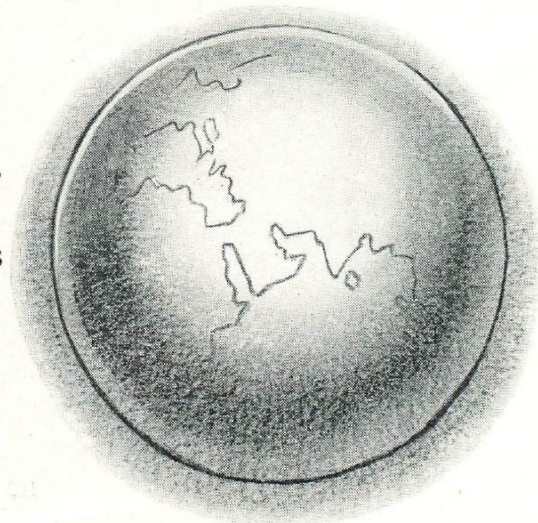
## MAY THE CHRIST CHILD BRING

*us the birth of a new thinking at this Christmas time and usher in the new world that the statesman and every man want. We need a fourth-dimensional thinking—a gift from God—that will lighten our darkness and bring a speedy answer.*

Wise men came from afar, guided by a Star, at that first Christmas. May each one of us, illumined from afar, bring a gift to all mankind that will be more acceptable than any earthly reward.

Trials and tribulations are the furnace which forges prophets. May we have the courage to accept the gift of this fourth-dimensional thinking for which God has prepared us with a common unity of mind to become the remakers of the world. Ours is the eternal unity of being guided by a Star to give to every man and the statesman the gift of a new world.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!





## MARSHAL LOTT speaks in Rio de Janeiro

On 23 December fifty thousand people went to the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. O Jornal wrote in its editorial the following day: 'The magnificent demonstration at Maracana showed the strength of this moral force which is gripping and uniting personalities of the highest standing in social, economic and political circles in Brazil. At this moment in our country MRA has achieved a significant triumph in uniting under its banner of peace and hope two men long known as irreconcilable political rivals—the Marshals Teixeira Lott and Juarez Tavora. Moral Re-Armament, which is at the service of the Christian ideals of humanity, has erased the differences between these two illustrious military figures—an accomplishment worthy of praise by all who fight for unity among the Brazilian people.'

The text of Marshal Lott's address in the Maracana Stadium follows:

Moral Re-Armament is based on a simple idea—that man must change himself before taking on the fight to change society. Instead of adopting extreme positions or positions based on personal interest we must make a real effort to examine our own conscience, so as to bring our actions into line with our most intimate thoughts.

In this way Moral Re-Armament reaches many men of faith. MRA is not a religion but aims to unite all men of goodwill, of whatever faith, making them rethink their destiny on this earth and leading them to a way of life which makes them worthy of being called men—a way of life based on absolute moral standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

There is an old, but always new, truth: There cannot be good government when evil men are in control. We might have the most perfect constitution in the world, completely adequate for the needs of the country, but still live in poverty and disorder if this constitution were not honestly lived out by those who govern and those who are governed.

When people speak of our political immaturity, they generally refer to our lack of civic education. This is undoubtedly true and must be corrected in schools and in homes. But we must not forget that unless there is moral change in each one of us so that we are prepared to meet the challenge of

aggressive ideologies which are threatening our world, and unless we have this renaissance of Moral Re-Armament, then democracy will definitely be compromised.

In Brazil today certain regions have a great future while in others people continue in misery. They do not have homes, their children do not have clothes. A tremendous work needs to be done in Brazil which can only happen if we unite. There is no future for Brazil unless we change people.

There is no point in workers asking for more than is right in proportion to their labour. Equally, capitalists need to see that those for whom they are responsible have an adequate and decent life. And capitalists must trust their workers so that the workers want to co-operate and thereby production increases. Extreme poverty will only disappear if we end this crisis and begin to produce enough for our needs. This is our objective and that is what Moral Re-Armament is out for, not only in Brazil but in the whole world.

We must fight. We must unite. Instead of mistrust we need to have confidence in each other. We must remember Christ's teaching that we must love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves.

## Scandinavia

### CARL J. HAMBRO thanks General Ho Ying-chin

The Hon. Carl J. Hambro, elder statesman of Norway and for many years President of the Norwegian Parliament, was also the last President of the League of Nations. In 1938, with a group of delegates to the League, he invited Dr. Buchman to Geneva, where he was guest of honour at a luncheon attended by diplomats and delegates from 53 countries.

He issued the following statement to the press on 29 December, 1961:

It was a privilege for me to invite and to receive General Ho Ying-chin, his delegation from Free China, and the international MRA Force. The General himself has a distinguished record of service in the fight for freedom. He and his colleagues of the Republic of China have borne the brunt of armed aggression, from Fascism and Communism alike, longer than any of us. Now they have brought us a message which has strengthened and encouraged us and which we shall never forget.

The future of China is of vital con-

cern to every free man and woman. We failed in the League of Nations to find an answer to the military aggression of that time. We have failed equally in the United Nations to find an answer to the ideological aggression of today. The present tragic division of China, and of other nations around the world, is a fruit of this failure.

Now a new factor has appeared on the international scene. Free China is taking the offensive with a moral ideology; a revolutionising idea for East and West, for Communist and non-Communist alike. The play, *The Dragon*, and the force from thirty nations travelling with it is offering Europe a realistic alternative to appeasement or war. They are challenging us to give our all for the rebirth of democracy and the uniting of the world.

The visit of this force to Norway brings back to my mind the occasion in Geneva when we first invited Frank Buchman to meet the delegates at the League of Nations. As I said to him then: 'Where we have failed in changing policies you have succeeded in changing men.' Since that time Moral Re-Armament has grown and grown and today it has support all over the world.

I want to thank General Ho and his force for what they have done in our Nordic countries. It is necessary for us to wake up to the danger of Communist infiltration. It is, above all, necessary for us to begin now to live and give to the world the creative, dynamic answer to Communism and every materialism of right or left. Let us wake up to the signs of the times that we ignored to our cost before the last war.

## Press Comment

Moral Re-Armament's offensive in Norway has caused a storm of interest. On 20 December the Oslo daily, Vaart Land, in an editorial about the slander campaign launched from Communist quarters against the West German Federal Republic, wrote:

There is a way to clear away hatred and mistrust and lay the foundation for peace in the mind of man. This is being demonstrated these days in Oslo in the Opera for all who will see and learn. It is being demonstrated by people from twenty to thirty nations, and of every colour: yellow, red, brown, black and white.

They speak of a human fellowship above all races, classes and divisions and tell how they have reached this fighting fellowship. A Chinese woman who lost thirty-eight of her relatives in



the red blood-bath of Communist China tells how she conquered her own hatred and bitterness against the Reds and how she now is eager to win them for a God-led society.

Some people in the Norwegian press, even today, fan hatred of the Germans, while at the same time they publish articles about 'peace research'. This is the language of confusion.

Martin Gareis, during the war, led a German tank corps in Russia. He had the rare courage to disobey an order from Hitler which he knew would mean suicide for his units, and he was promptly dismissed and imprisoned.

The other day General Gareis stood on the stage of the Opera and said in the presence of the Chief of the Norwegian Army, General Frisvold, and the Chief of the NATO land forces in Norway, General Erikson: 'I know how many bitter memories will be awakened in you when a German general speaks to you. I feel a deep shame for what we Germans have done to your country and I sincerely ask forgiveness for it.'

The long, sustained applause which spontaneously came from the packed audience showed that these words from the heart had gripped their hearts.

On 23 December Vaart Land published an editorial which described the attempt to stop the performance of the ideological drama, *The Dragon*, in the Opera House the night before:

For the first time in the Opera House we experienced a regular whistle-concert last night. It was carefully organised. It was easy to see what forces were behind this demonstration. Some of them were recognised as active Communists and Marxists, and they were not afraid to show their colours. After a short break the performance could be continued in peace and quiet.

Up to now the Marxist and materialist forces have tried to silence Moral Re-Armament's work and have used all kinds of misinformation and smears to stop it. The demonstration last night showed that they have become uneasy at the advance of Moral Re-Armament and now find it necessary to use physical means of stopping a spiritual force from getting its message across.

The young demonstrators will perhaps find out that such spiritually bankrupt demonstrations will produce a serious reaction. People in this country will wake up to what is at stake and what forces confront each other. It is nothing new that the materialistic forces in their powerlessness have to resort to physical means of combat. But this country has not yet gone so far

towards the Marxist police-state that clamour shall conquer the spirit.

*In Finland a columnist in Lahti asks the question:*

Why do we grope in darkness when near at hand we have a light which pierces through the thickest fog? The modern messenger of this strength and light is the force of Moral Re-Armament now in Scandinavia. It wants to help cabinets to govern right and national leaders to find a permanent solution to difficult problems. It shows a way which is understood by the modern man—to change ourselves so that we can stand morally straight to support the cabinets and statesmen.

Using a modern idiom, *The Dragon* gives an impressive picture of slavery and freedom, evil and good, right and wrong, between which there is no neutrality.

### Britain

## THOUSANDS RESPOND

SINCE 25 October more than 20,000 people have paid to see *The Hurricane* and *The Ladder* in the Westminster Theatre, London. Each night many stay on in the theatre and at receptions, to find out how they can play their part in the battle for the nation. One man with long experience in the theatrical world said last week as he left the theatre, 'In all my life I have never seen plays that say so much. I have never been made to think as I have tonight.'

Of the plays the *Belfast Telegraph* wrote on 22 December: 'They blend entertainment with a deep delving into human motives. *The Hurricane* deals with the problem of Africa in personal terms, posing the threatening issues in that great continent in a way that challenges the individual to put his own thinking straight before he presumes to offer a solution.'

'*The Ladder* is a searching enquiry into the springs of human conduct. The singing of Muriel Smith and superb acting by Paul Campbell and Phyllis Konstam give the plays an impact quite out of the ordinary.'

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MILLIONS have read the full pages *Britain Needs an Ideology* and *Britain's Gift to Mr. K. and Mr. K.* in *The Times*, *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express*. Hundreds of letters express the response:

I found myself agreeing with every word. Here you have a cause which I could serve. Thousands of British people will join you. Let me know how I can help.

I quite agree with the necessity for an ideology to save the world and would like to know what practical steps could be taken by ordinary folk like myself, a housewife and mother.

Your page struck me as being the only effective answer to Communism and corruption.

The reasoning of this ideology is logical, sensible—a firm voice, calm in a sea of chaos.

It seems the only true solution to a world in crisis.

It is the first real sense I have read in a newspaper for years.

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YOUTH respond at once to the challenge to live an ideology that Britain can export to the world. One schoolgirl wrote after seeing the page in the *Daily Express*, 'I am only eighteen years old but I should like to hear more of MRA. I am saving up to buy Peter Howard's book, but meanwhile I should like to hear from you.'

At the New Year Assembly in London, students from eight universities committed themselves to create a new type of man so that the country once more gives moral leadership to the world.

A Cambridge undergraduate said, 'Communism has a plan for world youth. Great nations like China were taken over by turning the youth against the establishments. But God has a greater and far more interesting plan for youth—to bring about a brand new world for every person on this earth.'

The daughter of an M.P. writes: 'Her Majesty the Queen said on Christmas Day that we younger people must not complain about the world, but go out and put things right. We do not want to be good and earn a halo—we want to do something that takes real courage—have a part in saving our nation. Nothing is so exciting or satisfying.'

One girl said after the plays at the Westminster Theatre: 'This is what we want—a big enough challenge to make us go all out. Our generation in Britain are known all over the world for sitting down and giving up. Now we must stand up and fight. If we accepted that challenge we would not only have the time of our lives, but would also change the history of this country.'