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LABOUR LED BY GOD CAN LEAD THE WORLD

Thirty-eight Labour and Trade Union men and women issued a full-page statement under this headline in 'The Times' and 'Daily Herald' last week.

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'THE ONLY BASTION'



An Easter Conference for the Moral Re-Armament of the Nations opens at Caux, Switzerland, on Friday, 31 March. Chancellor Adenauer of Germany and Robert Schuman of France have sent the following personal messages to the assembly.

AT THIS PERIOD OF HISTORY so fraught with danger we need more than ever an ideological concept which is superior to Communism.

I welcome the fight of Moral Re-Armament, beyond every difference of class, race and nationality, for the preservation of freedom and for peace. It is our task to ensure that our children likewise and grandchildren can grow up in freedom.

KONRAD ADENAUER

Chancellor of the German Federal Republic



NO TECHNICAL PROGRESS, no political structure can ever by itself impose or preserve a just peace, unless that peace is buttressed by an unshakable moral force.

In these times of danger through which we are living, faith in the right idea is in fact the only real bastion which can effectively counter materialistic, godless materialism.

Through commitment to that idea Moral Re-Armament is making a practical and priceless contribution to the survival of our Western civilisation.

ROBERT SCHUMAN

Former Prime Minister of France

Honorary President of the European Parliamentary Assembly

'Moral Re-Armament or national decay'

On the day of the opening of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London the following statement by young Commonwealth leaders was carried in full page announcements in 'The Guardian', 'The Scotsman' and 'Glasgow Herald'.

THE COMMONWEALTH can give an answer to Communism.

Anti-Communism is not the answer. The answer is a revolution which changes men and includes everybody.

The Commonwealth has a place in the affairs of men held by no other group of nations. People of every colour, race, background and point of view live in the Commonwealth. These countries are planted at the heart of every continent and united by an allegiance born from common history and upheld by more than self-interest.

The world is seeking unity. Unless it is found, the world may destroy itself. Unity will never be produced by bombs, necessary as they may be. Nor will it be produced by marchers, boycotts, expulsions, resignations, partitions, vetoes or blame.

Unity is the grace of rebirth. Unity comes when men and nations humbly, hopefully decide to pay the price of it by change in their own lives, personal and national. Such men and such nations will lead mankind to justice and freedom, which are man's longing and God's plan.

The Commonwealth must show the world how millions can live as sons of God, where everybody cares enough and shares enough so that everyone has enough. Men guided by God change social and economic conditions more swiftly and deeply than men committed to abolishing God.

In the Commonwealth work and wealth must be made available to all and for the exploitation of none. Character, not colour, must become the yardstick of a man's value in life.

There is room for everyone in this revolution. The passion and discipline of the Russians and Chinese, the skills of America and Europe, the strength and greatness of heart of the millions of Asia and Africa are needed. All are needed. The Commonwealth can challenge the non-Communist world to revolution and the Communist world to greater revolution.

It needs more than co-operation and co-existence. It needs a revolution that changes the motives of men. Communism is too small and inadequate, because it does not change people. Hans Bjerkholt, a founder of the

Norwegian Communist Party, said: 'The unfinished business on the agenda of the Kremlin is how to create a new type of man.'

Millions of sincere people turn to Communism because they see no other way of putting right what is wrong in the world. Our countries can show the world there is another and a better way. The Commonwealth can accept a new role in history, to unite the world and restore God to leadership. Then no class, no race and no nation will be excluded, exploited or destroyed.

It was in Britain that Dr. Buchman first laid down the challenge of Moral Re-Armament in 1938. He says: 'When man listens, God speaks. When man obeys, God acts. When men change, nations change.' In that eternal experience lies the key to the future of the Commonwealth. With that experience we can undertake the most revolutionary task in history—to remake the world.

The Earl of Athlone was noble in his service and his love of the Commonwealth. He was Governor-General of South Africa and of Canada. When Moral Re-Armament was launched, he wrote in *The Times*:

'Throughout her long history this country never failed and has not failed now, to meet recurring crises with the courage which each demanded. But the spiritual crisis remains and calls for action. Nation and Empire must stand or fall by our response to that call. The choice is Moral Re-Armament or national decay. That choice will decide whether ours is ultimately to go the way of other dead kingdoms and empires, or whether our Commonwealth led by God may become a leader of the world towards sanity and peace.'

Standards of right and wrong have lost their fullness of meaning. We need a moral cleansing in men and nations, and we need it now. Without it the Commonwealth may fall apart. It could even become a carrier of Communist-inspired policy.

The choice given to the Commonwealth by the Earl of Athlone is the same today. If we make the right choice, the children of the world and their children's children will rise up and bless a Commonwealth morally rearmed. 'And nations shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God.'

RAJMOHAN GANDHI

Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

ROGER HOLYOAKE

Son of New Zealand's Prime Minister.

NAHASHON NGARE

Former Secretary of the Mau Mau Council in a district of 220,000 people.

DR. MALIE SMUTS

Cousin of the late Prime Minister of South Africa.

R. VAITHESWARAN

Lecturer in Economics, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

ANDREAS VASSILIOU

Trade Union Organiser, Cyprus.

ISAAC AMATA

Formerly University College, Ibadan.

FREDERICA BULL

Daughter of the Canadian Ambassador in Tokyo.

ANDREW PEPPETTA

African Teachers' Association, South Africa.

‘A veritable apostolate’

‘**W**HERE THERE IS division the white man does not win and the African does not win—Communism wins,’ said an African nationalist in Elisabethville last week. Manasseh Moerane, militant leader in the African National Congress of South Africa, was addressing a distinguished audience gathered to see *The Crowning Experience*.

New men for a new Africa

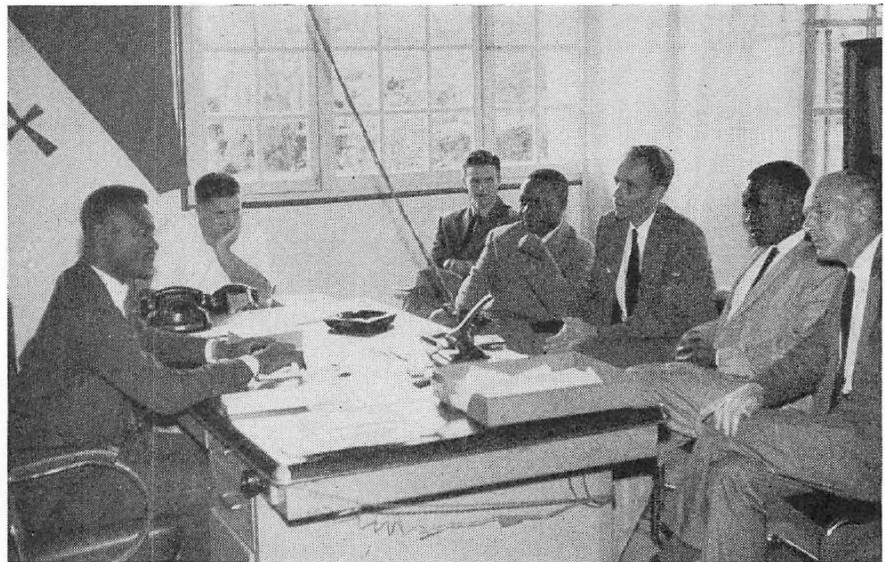
Bremer Hofmeyr of the Afrikaans political family said, ‘There is no place in the new Africa for the old kind of white man. We have to change. That is why I am here.’ In the audience were Mr. Thomas Tshombe, brother of the President, the Ministers of Foreign Commerce and Education, three Bishops of the Catholic Church and the General Manager of the Union Minière.

Earlier in the day, the MRA force sang and spoke before Grand Chief Kasongo Nyembo and the Minister of Justice. The Grand Chief is a Minister of State and head of all the Balubas of Katanga who are central in the ideological struggle. During the singing one of the Chief’s party rose and presented a thousand franc note to each of the Colwell Brothers. Their singing in the Chief’s own language created a sensation among his people. The Minister of Justice is arranging the recording of the songs.

The MRA force was also invited to address a leading Catholic boys’ school, the Katanga College of Saint Gregory the Great. Introducing them the Father Rector said, ‘It is a great privilege to welcome men who are giving all their life and all their means to bring an answer to the world. It is a veritable apostolate.’ Thunderous applause greeted Manasseh Moerane, who was head of ten thousand teachers, and the Colwell Brothers.



Grand Chief Kasongo Nyembo, head of the Balubas of Katanga, welcomes Mr. Bremer Hofmeyr of South Africa and Mr. Leonard Kibuthu of Kenya to his village. The Grand Chief held a mass outdoor showing of ‘Freedom’ for his people, and attended two performances of ‘The Crowning Experience’.



The District Commissioner of Kamina, a Katanganese who administers 40,000 square miles of territory, draws up a strategy to solve the divisions which endanger the security of the country. He participated in seven film showings and called together his closest colleagues for ideological training sessions.

Tokyo rioters apologise to Hagerty

Action electrifies U.S. TV audiences

WITH NEWSREEL CAMERAS whirring and photo-bulbs flashing, James C. Hagerty shook hands with the men who, last May, were shouting, beating, pounding on the roof of his car at Tokyo's Haneda Airport.

Hagerty, former White House Press Secretary, had just seen a performance of the Japanese play, *The Tiger*, a drama of last June's riots, the events leading up to it, and the ideology of Moral Re-Armament at work during the heart of the crisis. The cast, Zengakuren student leaders, have taken it to America



A scene from 'The Tiger,' drama of the Tokyo riots



2,760 pack New York's Carnegie Hall for the American première of 'The Tiger'



U.P.I.

THEN ...



... AND NOW. Four Zengakuren student leaders apologise to James C. Hagerty, former White House Press Secretary, for the riots last June

because they believe Moral Re-Armament provides the complete answer to the Communist bid to take over Japan and the world.

Speaking from the stage, Hagerty declared, 'What they said in the play was all the apology I or any American would want. We in the free world are lucky indeed to have people of their type on our side.' The New York audience rose to their feet in applause.

The next day the news of the dramatic event was broadcast across America on national television. Receiving peak news hour time, the coverage of the apology

lasted for four minutes of a fifteen-minute news broadcast. Hagerty declared on the radio, 'The sincerity of their beliefs, the change of heart they have had, is such that I am sure all Americans and indeed the whole free world will welcome them on our side in this fight we're now having.'

The cast in recent days have appeared on coast-to-coast television variety shows. *The Tiger* has played night after night to thousands in New York's famed Carnegie Hall. The major newspapers of America have carried the story of their visit from day to day.

'America's immediate task'

The 'New York Times' carries challenge of Moral Re-Armament to the American people

UNDER THE HEADLINE 'Men Must Choose' the *New York Times* of 26 February published a full page clarion call to the people of the United States. Financed by the sacrificial gifts of men and women from all walks of life, this challenge comes in response to the thousands of letters that have poured in from every corner of the country answering the first call to the American people 'The Hour Is Late', which appeared in 130 metropolitan daily newspapers in America and in hundreds more on every continent.

This second challenge states:

'I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.' Patrick Henry said that. As men of courage chose to stand, a free nation was born.

'Today the life of nations is breaking down. Riot and rebellion, hell and holocaust are in our midst. An ideology born in frustration and hatred challenges the world. A period of danger unparalleled in human history confronts us. America must stand and give the answer.

'There is an answer. It lies in Americans accepting the challenge to live by absolute moral standards and the guidance of God. An extreme of evil can only be met by an extreme of good. A fanatical following of evil by a passionate pursuit of good.

'Lip service to the faith of our fathers cannot counter

an all-out devotion to an evil ideology. Human brilliance that does not obey the guidance of God cannot answer human brilliance dedicated to destroy God.

'Abraham Lincoln knew the secret of God-control. He wrote: "If it were not for my firm belief in an overruling Providence, it would be difficult for me in the midst of such complications of affairs to keep my reason in its seat. I am satisfied that when the Almighty wants me to do or not to do any particular thing, He finds a way of letting me know it."

'This is the missing factor in the planning and the statesmanship of the world today—a God-centred ideology for democracy.

'Moral Re-Armament offers America and the whole world the superior armament of an ideology without which armies are out-fought and statesmen out-thought. America's great, immediate, positive task is to live and give Moral Re-Armament to the world. Then empty hands will be filled with work, empty stomachs with food and empty hearts with an idea that really satisfies.

'Across the free world an army of men and women is growing, united in their commitment to live under God's direction. They present an impregnable barrier to evil men and evil ideas and give a sure hope to despairing millions on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

'As men choose and change, they turn the course of history.'

King Mohammed V of Morocco

BY FRANCIS GOULDING

ON 26 FEBRUARY the news came of the passing of His Majesty, King Mohammed V of Morocco.

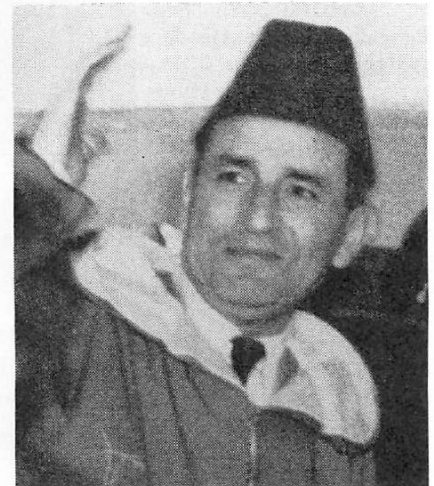
On many occasions His Majesty had expressed his gratitude to Dr. Buchman for the work Moral Re-Armament had done to bring about the peaceful independence of his country. In a recent message he said:

'I thank you for all that you have done for Morocco, the Moroccans and myself in the course of these testing years. Moral Re-Armament must become for us Moslems just as much an incentive as it is for you Christians and for all nations. Material re-armament alone has been proved a failure. Moral Re-Arma-

ment remains the essential. My desire is that your message, which is founded upon the essential moral values and the Will of God, reaches the masses of this country.'

Speaking at another time of Algeria, he stated, 'Islam says it is the duty of a neighbour, when the next door house is in flames, to pour on the water. Our neighbour's house is in flames, and Moral Re-Armament is the water to put out the fire.'

A great deal of his thought and work during the last months of his life were devoted to bringing about peace in Algeria. There is an element of mingled triumph and tragedy in the fact that he should leave us at the



early age of 51 at a moment when hopes of the final solution are so near.

NAIROBI

BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX THOUSAND people a night have crowded into the Nakuru Football Stadium to see *Freedom* this past week. Altogether since this film was released last January over 100,000 people have seen it.

At the heart of this move to reach the whole country with the answer of MRA is a group of former Mau Mau leaders who see in it the only chance of averting another blood bath in Kenya. One of them, Leonard Kibuthu, introduced the film in Nakuru just before rejoining a Moral Re-Armament force in the Congo. He said: 'MRA is creating in Africa incorruptible leaders who cannot be bought with women, drink, power or money, and who have the answer to tribalism and division. Without MRA we and the whole world shall lose freedom.'

While Nakuru Councillor Stanley Kinga decided not to stand in the recent Legislative Council elections so that he could make this move a priority, his colleagues have been taking the film in mobile units to other parts. Nahashon Ngare, who used to be head of a Mau Mau Council in a district of 220,000 people before being changed through MRA, is showing the film nightly to thousands in Central Province.

LAGOS

CITY COUNCILLORS and trade union officials were at the opening of a month's run of the Brazilian dockers' film, *Men of Brazil*, in Lagos on 2 March.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Ministry of Education, Mr. D. C. Ugwu, told them: 'The whole world faces today the decision to choose being led by God or being led by Satan who shows his true colours in basic materialism, racial acrimony and class warfare. It is for us in Nigeria without any fear or shame to adopt the principles of MRA.'

'Avaricious ideologies have been preached to us: from the West a democracy that has never been lived and the rights of man that have never been extended to all people; and from the other side an ideology that tells us we can never attain greatness without atheistic materialism and class war. Even the new ideas of multi-racialism and co-existence have not gone to the root of world problems. If the people of Nigeria are led by God in accordance with the principles of MRA Nigeria can lead Africa and Africa can lead the world in this moral resurgence.'

CALCUTTA

TWO MEN FLEW LAST WEEK from Kerala, which used to have a Communist government, to Bengal on the north-east frontier, where the Communists plan an ideological bridgehead. They were introduced to leading men in Calcutta by the former Law Minister, Niharendu Dutt Mazumdar. Speaking before the film *Freedom* G. S. Kartha, assistant editor of the largest paper in Trivandrum, Kerala's capital, described how it had been shown throughout the state and had played a key part in answering communal divisions and bitterness. As an example of how it created unity he cited the showing of the film last week at Kallara village on the invitation of 105 people representing all communities and parties.

V. C. Viswanathan from Malabar, the most Communist area of Kerala, declared that today man faced the choice between annihilation and creating a moral renaissance. The former Law Minister of Bengal said: 'Moral Re-Armament can provide a moral ideology for collective life and action. It is building a bridge for all to use between East and West for all humanity.'

CYPRUS

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of the new Cyprus army, General Pantelides, in a message of greeting to the London première of *The Crowning Experience*, joined with other Cyprus leaders in expressing gratitude for what MRA has done for Cyprus and the whole world.

'We have seen the effectiveness of the work of Moral Re-Armament and its ideological plays and films,' he said, 'We call on the government and the British people to join with us for the moral re-armament of the world as we believe that this is the true destiny of the British nation.'



Seventy-six Chelsea pensioners arrive

The Crowning Experience

'Biggest weekend crowds'

AS THE COMMONWEALTH Prime Ministers assembled in London last weekend *The Crowning Experience*, now in its second week, drew, in the words of one of the theatre attendants, 'the biggest crowds in the West End.'

Discussed in the national press and television, the subject of hot debate in educational and church circles, Moral Re-Armament has drawn an ideological battle line through the nation. Full pages and editorial comment in the religious and professional press have provoked nation-wide interest.

The Mother Superior of a Convent school came with three of her staff and a party of her girls. She said: 'This film gives me hope. I get asked so many questions about Communism. Now I know how to answer them. The point of this idea is that you have to start with yourself.'

A young Australian, who dropped in by chance, said afterwards: 'That film is the most important thing that I have ever experienced. So far I've been bored with life. This has shown me something worth living for.'

The First Secretary of the Liberian Embassy said, 'It is not power politics which will win the world but this ideology.' A Fleet Street photographer said, 'This is greater than *Ben Hur* in colour and in photography.' A newspaper critic: 'When you come out of most films you go back into reality. Here you take something real from the film with you.'

Six million listeners in the South-West of England and Wales heard MRA discussed for ten minutes on television. A passer-by interviewed in the street said: 'I think they want to put God first and not man and I think they are right.'

Another six million are estimated to have listened to Muriel Smith singing in the BBC Light Programme, 'London Mirror'.

At the end of a triumphant week's run with 'The Crowning Experience', 31 of the Warner Theatre staff with their wives and families came to a celebration lunch in Dr. Buchman's London home with the stars of the film, Muriel Smith and Ann Buckles



Muriel Smith talks with His Excellency Don Gustavo Luders de Negri of the Mexican Embassy and Mrs. de Negri

