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## 'DESIGN FOR DEDICATION'

CARDINAL CUSHING WRITES FOREWORD TO NEW HOWARD BOOK

CARDINAL CUSHING has written the following foreword to *Design for Dedication*, a new book of speeches recently made in America by Peter Howard:

'PETER HOWARD is a friend of mine. He is in charge of the programme of Moral Re-Armament and well known throughout the world for his great and scholarly efforts on behalf of that noble cause. To his talent and training as a newspaperman he has added the moral insight drawn from experience with men in many lands.

'He has made some of the finest addresses I have read in modern times. In these, reprinted in this present volume, he has stated old truths magnificently in their fresh relationship to the realities of today. To Americans, carrying a larger load of world responsibility than ever before in history, they point a leadership that could preserve faith and freedom for millions.

'We can never influence the Communist world merely by showing how our democracy functions and how well off we are. Every Christian prays: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." It is nonsense to pray like that without seriously desiring what we are praying for.

'If I really want it, then I must stand up for it, in my own life and in the life of others, in the life of the nation and in the life of the whole world, with all that I am and have, led by God, in community with others who feel the same obligation.

'Then, indeed, the miracle will be achieved and other nations and peoples will be impressed. They will follow genuine moral leadership, not material progress.

'That is ideology. That is Christianity. That is moral strength.

'Speaking on 4 March of this year before the Massachusetts State Senate in an address which has given the title *Design for Dedication* to this book, Peter Howard said:

"We live in an age for heroes. No time has ever

offered man such perils or such prizes. Man can either provide a full life for humanity or destroy himself with the problem he has created. The test of this century will prove to be whether man matches the growth of wealth and power with the growth of spirit and character—or whether, like an infant heedlessly playing with terrible toys, he destroys the house he would have inherited.

"If America succeeds in creating the new type of man and the new type of society that the pace and pressure of the hour demands, she will lead humanity onward in the next stage of human evolution."

'His words are a challenge for all. They bring an extraordinary clarity about America and the world that is most welcome.'

RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING,  
Archbishop of Boston

*Design for Dedication*\* was published on 9 July by Regnery Publishing House, U.S.A. The first-print order was 200,000. Of these 75,000 were taken by sales in advance of publication.

The book, a pocket size paper back, contains 12 speeches made in widely different parts of America between December 1963 and March 1964.

There is also a chapter with the most frequent questions asked after these speeches, and the answers the author gave.

Henry Regnery, the publisher, addressing youth delegates at the Conference for Tomorrow's America at Mackinac Island, hailed Howard's book as 'a first step in changing society'. Books, he said, 'are the most effective means of circulating ideas. Your generation is turning away from the stale concepts of collectivism, materialism and secularism. You want constructive ideas.'

\*Obtainable from 4 Hays Mews, W.1, price 6s., postage 6d.

## U.S. youth ask say at Republican Convention

YOUTH have been demanding their say at the Republican Party Convention.

Last week a delegation from the Conference for Tomorrow's America on Mackinac Island went to San Francisco, where the Republican candidate for President was being nominated.

The delegation represented eleven hundred youth at Mackinac, who cabled the Chairman of the Republican Convention's programme planning committee, asking for 15 minutes to address the Convention on 'What youth today expect from men standing for public office.'

'Although we have no political affiliation with any party or candidate,' they said, 'our future affiliation will be determined by the party or candidate who does accept, and live, the convictions of "Tomorrow's America."'

### Hearst Press Editorial

Hearst papers, the *New York Journal-American*, the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, and the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, carried an editorial on the opening of the conference entitled 'How to Build'. It said:

'Evidence keeps coming to light that a great many of our young people are concerned—spiritually, morally and intellectually—with the future of our country and the world. In themselves they refute the beatnik attitude that life is essentially without meaning.'

'That evidence manifests itself again at the Conference for Tomorrow's America under the sponsorship of Moral Re-Armament at Mackinac Island, Michigan.'

'MRA arranged for planes to bring college and high school delegations from all sections of the United States. They include young Negro leadership, Indian groups from the South-West, representatives of Ivy League schools, delegations from Appalachian coalmining communities and Mid-West farms, groups from West Coast centres of learning.'

'The related themes to be considered are: how to build homes in which families learn to live together; how to build industries in which management and labour learn to live together; how to build a nation in which all races, colours and classes learn to live together.'

'It is estimated that by 1966 half the population of the U.S. will be under 25. How to build those things has therefore an immediate purpose to America's youth.'

Dr. Douglas Cornell, Executive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., is one of several speakers from the State Department, the U.S. Information Agency, Press and publishing and the American Legion (War Veterans' Association) who have addressed the 1,100 young delegates.

'In Washington,' Dr. Cornell told them, 'scientists and statesmen are struggling almost hopelessly with the complex problems of America and her relations with every nation of the world.'

'To come from Washington to this conference is to step from frustration to clarity and hope. Here you are learning the secret of effective statesmanship and patriotism.'

## Young Britons speak on BBC-TV

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT was described by young people over British Television last Saturday as 'the most fascinating, adventurous and satisfying way we know.' They were interviewed in the first of a new series on BBC-2 called 'Let Me Speak.'

Introducing the panel of young supporters of Moral Re-Armament—which included a U.S. Rhodes Scholar, a Swedish playwright and people from different walks of life in Britain, Paul Hallows said, 'I speak for thousands of my generation who've taken on the moral rearmament of this country and the world. We want a world where all men everywhere have work to do, food to eat, a decent home to live in, but, above all, an aim that really satisfies. To do this we must have a revolutionary change in the heart and character of men.'

For half an hour there followed a vigorous discussion with Malcolm Muggeridge, former editor of *Punch*. Competing for the mike, the youth outlined a Christian revolution that was affecting the human and social problems of the day. Apprentice Rob Pattison, of Rolls Royce, told of an answer to class war coming to British industry, farmer Tim Harris of 'feeding the

hungry millions' replacing 'quick profits' as the motive for agriculture.

Swede Björn Ryman spoke of a new 'moral toughness' in youth and student nurse Rachel Hallows of giving patients a purpose that would prevent suicides and drug-taking. Joan Turpin, daughter of the former mayor of Bethnal Green, said, 'I just know I have got to treat other people the way I want to be treated—including T.V. announcers'.

Replying to a suggestion by Muggeridge that MRA regarded Communism as its principal foe, Rhodes scholar Steve Dickinson said, 'Materialism in East as well as West is the chief enemy. Communism is a wrong idea. But I respect men who live sincerely what they believe and have sacrificed years and years to bring about a change in the world. I want to see our countries in the West bring something bigger, giving the same sacrifice and dedication. If we do, other countries will say, "That's the way men are meant to live."'

The Rhodes Scholar described Moral Re-Armament as 'the most intelligent idea I met at Oxford.' And added, 'It's also the most practical.'

# LATCH-KEY CHILDREN

BY ALINE DOLMAN

**H**OME SWEET HOME seems to be the music of a bygone era. Nowadays, homes are becoming empty shells as more and more mothers go out to work. Children let themselves in with a latch-key after school. Their mothers come back later, tired out after their day's work. Small wonder, then, that children get into trouble outside the home.

'I give him all a child could want, and I can't understand what's the matter,' is a mother's well-worn lament as she buys yet another present for a dissatisfied child. Well, what is wrong with the latch-key children?

## What teachers think

One teacher tells of a boy of eight who could not concentrate on his lessons. She asked him to write down what was on his mind, since it seemed to be elsewhere. He promptly wrote down a list of things his mother had asked him to buy after school. He was afraid he would get the slipper if he forgot something.

Then there was the 13-year-old girl who kept falling asleep in class. Her mother went out to work at seven each morning. The girl got up at 6.30, cooked breakfast for her four-year-old twin brothers, took them to Infant School and went to school herself without breakfast. The moment school ended, she rushed to pick up the boys, do the shopping and take them home. School was the only place she could get a rest.

She is one of many children who cannot do their school work properly because they have to do their mother's work at home. Still more important, how does this topsy-turvy life affect them as they grow up? Could there be some connection with the outbreaks of teenage hooliganism that so often hit the news?

Take, as an extreme example, a four-year-old boy who was put out of the house each day when his mother went to work. Neighbours out of the kindness of their hearts gave him meals periodically. He grew up with a twisted and bitter character. He was cruel to younger children and small animals. He started smoking and drinking at an early age. He was expelled from one school. He had been on probation, and is now on the way to becoming a typical young criminal.

## Necessity or luxury?

Boredom, not money, is often the reason a mother goes out to work. She also wants to keep certain luxuries. A teacher asked her class what they considered luxuries in the home and what necessities. She discovered from the children that everything was a necessity now, nothing a luxury.

Think of the tragedy of a generation growing up without homes that they love to be in and want to come back to. They lack this essential security. It would take

sacrifice for mothers to go back into the home. But the whole trend of aimlessness and rootlessness in our society could be changed if they did.

One couple had very little money when they married. When their first child came, the mother gave up going out to work. They waited nine years to get a car, and still have no T.V. But with their three children they have a home which is a joy to them and to those who come into it.

## Night into day

Another mother used to go to work at seven in the evening and come back at seven in the morning in time to get the children off to school. Her eldest boy of eight was so difficult that she had to give him tranquillizers. His school work was bad, he could not read and he spent his time drawing weird pictures in class.

In despair the mother saw his teacher, who said bluntly that the child was being harmed by this night work. The mother said she could not get anywhere near the boy. But the trouble was she was so exhausted and irritable that she never had the patience to sit down and talk with him.

Eventually she decided to work for two hours by day instead. She went again to see the teacher to find out how the boy was getting on. 'He is completely different,' the teacher said. 'He gets on with the others now and enjoys his work.'

Sometimes the mother has to work because the father has left home or is not the wage-earner he should be. But the children understand this and accept it. They know Mum is doing a job she has to do and they are behind her.

## Built on rock

There are, of course, many happy, well-cared-for families. The sad thing is that they are becoming rarer. A mother from one such home said, 'Our home is the envy of the children of the neighbourhood.' It is constantly overflowing with the children's friends. The parents plan interesting things for them to do, and a family outing is accompanied by as many neighbours' children as can squeeze into their car. These parents feel deeply concerned, not only for their own children, but for all those who come into their home.

Homes should be like the house built on rock—a solid security where the children feel wanted and cared for. What children see at home need not turn them into hardened cynics by their mid-teens. Their lives should be interesting, exciting and adventurous.

It will be a new day for Britain when mothers lift the latch as the children run home from school.

## Dame Flora's 'Declaration'

**D**AME FLORA MACLEOD, 86-year-old Chief of the Clan MacLeod, made the following 'Declaration of Faith' in Edinburgh recently. She was addressing two hundred 'Scottish Women of the Hour' at their inaugural luncheon. Dame Flora said:

'We need a solid basis of right and wrong in our national life. It is the anchor of the nation. If it is not held firm, the nation goes on the rocks.

'I have decided, and I believe that everybody who loves their country should decide from now on, to hold fast to that anchor and help deliberately and definitely to recreate *the character* of the nation.

'Such a Britain could once again save herself by her efforts and the world by her example.

'I am totally committed to Moral Re-Armament because I believe it is in the tradition of godliness, truth and loyalty which are assailed today.

'It is the bulwark against attacks on the church, throne and patriotism. It is the answer to Mods and Rockers because it offers a satisfying course for both. It stands for faith in God and purity in men. It is the moral decency of Britain which twisted intellects and misguided individuals hate and are trying to destroy.

'It is a standard to which the lovers of Scotland can and will adhere.'

## 'The Endless Adventure'

by ROGER HICKS, with foreword by T. Corbishley, S.J.

**H**ERE is a book\* on how to live by men and women through the centuries who have tasted life to the full. The author has chosen interesting characters. One says of himself, 'My one delight was to love and be loved; I could not distinguish the white light of love from the fog of lust. In the 16th year of my life in this world, the madness of lust took complete control of me and I surrendered wholly to it.'

### Heretic and Saint

Another of his heroes, a French girl of 18, was described by a Bishop of the Church as a heretic, a whore and a witch. Twenty-five years later she was canonized a saint.

The value of this book is that its characters so clearly show how the life of every man and nation can become an endless adventure. The adventure of building a better society. The adventure of constantly entering

a new range in the experience of living.

St. Augustine, Archbishop Fénelon, Jean D'Arc, St. Francis of Assisi give the secret of their own contribution to history. The author makes plain that they all have an experience which can become the common property of the common man.

Father Corbishley in his foreword says, 'Whether or not men are more vicious today than in any previous age, it is surely fair to claim that for the first seventeen centuries of our era, civilized men everywhere in the West accepted a common code, even though they frequently failed to live up to it. Today's disease seems to be the failure to admit any absolute moral standards, along with the rejection of Christian belief. . . . In this wide-ranging book the author has pressed into service the example and the teaching of men and women of every shade of Christian belief, Paul and Augustine at their head, to recall our generation to a re-appraisal of the Christian message.'

PAUL CAMPBELL.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Switzerland**—Conferences will be held at Caux each weekend in August.

**Lusaka, N. Rhodesia**—*Freedom*, the African colour film, was shown in the Roman Catholic Cathedral hall.

**Watford, England**—The Mayor of Watford, the Town Clerk and a civic party paid an official visit to the Westminster Theatre last week to see *Mr. Brown Comes Down the Hill*.

**Delhi**—Home Minister Nanda has arranged a counter on his lawn where students can sell their book, *Wanted—A National Clean Up*, to the complainants against corruption who visit him daily.

**Chelmsford, England**—The *Essex Chronicle* writes of *Mr. Brown Comes Down the Hill*: 'If you have any interest in the way we live today I commend this play to you as an absorbing and fascinating "must see" entertainment.'

## Danish Tax Decision

**M**ORAL RE-ARMAMENT, which in Denmark enjoys the same tax privileges as other non-profit foundations, has won the further right for donors to deduct covenant gifts from taxable income.

The right to receive such covenants was challenged last year by the tax authorities. Now Copenhagen City Court has ruled that MRA retain this right. The Ministry of Finance is ordered to comply and to pay costs of the court case.

According to a news agency report broadcast by the Danish State Radio, the decision by the court indicates that Moral Re-Armament now in the eyes of the law has status as a religious body or an association of religious character although people of all beliefs participate in it.

Under the headline, 'Danes' Tax-Free MRA Gifts', the *Sunday Telegraph* of 5 July reported: 'The verdict, published today, was in favour of a taxpayer who had pledged himself to give a fixed annual sum to MRA over ten years.'

\*Published by Blandford Press. Obtainable from booksellers or from 4 Hays Mews, W.1. Price 7/6, postage 9d. This book is well suited for study and discussion groups. Questions on each chapter have been prepared by the author for this purpose and are available in mimeographed form. Price 6d, postage extra.