

ADENAUER SPONSORS 'THE DRAGON'

BONN, 15 January—Chancellor Adenauer is sponsoring the performances of the Chinese ideological play, 'The Dragon', which opens here in the new Beethoven Hall on 22 January. This was announced from the Chancellor's office today.

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What can Britain offer the world?

PETER HOWARD, author and playwright, spoke at a luncheon in London last week on the day of his departure for Trivandrum to attend the Asian Assembly for Moral Re-Armament. Present were senior service officers, labour leaders, business-men from the City of London, leaders of the Church, ambassadors and members of the Diplomatic Corps. Howard said:

THE MAIN PROBLEM in the modern world is not the hydrogen bomb, though it is a problem. It is not Communism, though it is on the march through every nation. The problem is rebellion by man against Almighty God—the conscious acceptance, in every nation throughout the world, of standards in our lives which we know are lower than we should accept.

Communism baldly and frankly says, 'We shall never succeed until the myth of God is removed from the mind of man.'

But what about nations that call themselves Christian? We say we believe in God, yet among our youth, in our family life, our industrial life, in our nationhood, you see a complete denial of the moral governance of the universe. That is the problem confronting the whole of humanity today.

Howard told of his visit to Asia last autumn where the statesmen had told him of their dismay that Britain was not giving a moral lead to the world. They called for Moral Re-Armament to come in strength to Asia in the coming months and help them before it was too late. He then continued:

Moral leadership is more than words. It is the way we live in our public life and our private affairs.

Which cabinet minister, which diplomat, could you send from Britain to the statesmen of Asia with the certainty that he would sit down with those men and give them an ideology which would govern all their motives—which would change them, would clean them up and give them a plan for their nation and the world?

It can be done. Frank Buchman used to sit down with men like that and they became different. He regarded that as the normal art of any man who loved God. He believed that if you said you loved God but were not being used to change people, there was something wrong with the way you lived your faith.

Supposing we in Britain began to act in our family life, in our industrial life, in our national life, with such a peace and such a purpose that the whole world said, 'That is the way we want to live'. Supposing we began intelligently to capture the thinking of Moscow and of Washington—instead of just complaining about them. Supposing we offered to Asia, to Africa, to the Muslim belt around the world, a legitimate and realistic pattern of what we want the world to be and said, 'All our resources are behind this. We will live with you and die with you to see it come to pass.'

It can come to pass through change. Are we in Britain ready to set the pace in change? Nothing short of that will meet the challenge of our times.

'Nations shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God.'

Which modern nation can that be said about? Which modern nation will that be said about?

'Nations shall run unto thee '—not because of your money, or your power, or your bomb, or your bombast or your threats, but 'because of the Lord thy God.'

I long to see a hundred men in this country who will not be daunted by bluff, by smear, by the lure of comfort or personal success, but will say, 'We will devote ourselves to making Britain a nation that will express Moral Re-Armament to the entire world.' If we do that the whole world will rise up and call us blessed.

Frank Buchman said to me not long before he died, 'I do not say that I am without sin. I do say that I live for one thing only, to make Jesus Christ real and regnant in the life of every man I meet.'

One day, and one day soon, a nation will arise that can say before history, 'Our national life, faults though we may have, is supremely devoted to this purpose—that God will become real and regnant in the life of every man, woman and child throughout the world.'

Britain could be that nation.

Launching an Asian revolution

An Assembly called to launch an offensive throughout the state of Kerala in South India and across the Asian continent was held this week in Trivandrum.

K. M. CHERIAN, chief editor of *Malayalam Manorama*, the city's largest paper, said at the opening session: 'From Kerala we shall go forth to India and other parts of Asia. We are joining with Japan to create a pincer movement to save all Asia. That is what God is preparing this land for.'

PETER HOWARD, from Britain, declared: 'Kerala could pattern a state where men learn to live like sons of God, where people care enough and share enough so there is no division, and men walk in the street as brothers. India, peace-filled, could change the motives of Washington, Moscow, Peking and London.

Pranab Ganguli, General Secretary of the Calcutta Dockworkers' Union, introduced 64 Calcutta workers' leaders and said: 'MRA enables us to fight to cure the greed in capitalism, the dictatorship in Communism and the selfishness in each one of us. Our trade union, thanks to MRA, is marching ahead to do this.'

Frank Buchman's Secret, the new book by Peter Howard, was published in Malayalam during the assembly. It had been translated and printed in twenty days.

The Cobra, a new drama produced by men from Kallara village, once a Communist stronghold in Kerala, was given its première performance during the Assembly. The play describes the impact of MRA on the village, where the Communist Party membership fell from 614 to 75. Every member of the cast had been part of the village Communist drama group, some as recently as two weeks ago. Kallara Sukumaran, author of the play, said: 'MRA has shown us that a new society can only come through changed men.' He added that this play would take the ideas of MRA throughout the state.

90,000 IN STADIUM

Trivandrum—15 January

THEY LINED THE STREETS, they filled the windows, they stood on the roofs. Finally in tens of thousands they followed. That is the story from Kerala.

Police controlling the crowds estimated that two hundred thousand people lined the roads of Trivandrum as the MRA procession marched for one and a half hours through the streets of the city to the University stadium.

An estimated crowd of ninety thousand sat and stood for two hours hearing evidence of the advance of MRA throughout the world and then witnessed the première of a

new play in Malayalam, *The Final Revolution*. In a State where forty-two per cent vote Communist the audience responded enthusiastically.

Mannath Padmanabhan, 85-yearold leader of the Kerala liberation struggle, led the procession on foot through the streets. At his side was K. M. Cherian, until two years ago known as his political enemy.

One Kerala industrialist said, 'The whole city is breathless. We have never seen anything like this in Trivandrum before.'

Five gold caprisoned elephants, an Indian orchestra and a hundred girls with lighted lamps preceded the international delegations marching with the flags of fifty-seven nations. All traffic in the centre of Trivandrum was held up for an hour and a half while passengers in cars and buses watched enthralled.

Padmanabhan told the crowd in the stadium, 'Today I have seen what I wished to see in my own dear Kerala before I died. It is not only the grandeur of the procession or this sea of humanity. We saw today the light shone by God. He has prepared this arena and the occasion for us to go ahead in this new way, united above every distinction of race, class or colour. We are grateful for the strength, unity and clarity which has come as a result of the work of MRA. I want to see what happened here today repeated in every part of India.'

LABOUR'S DILEMMA-THE WAY OUT

BY WILLIAM G. JAEGER

TODAY the leaders of labour must rethink what they stand for as well as what they are against. Labour is meant to put right what is wrong in every nation; to give a lead that will build a new society for the whole of mankind and to bring a permanent answer to corruption, tyranny and war.

Obviously every form of exploitation is morally wrong and every worker is justified in his determination that exploitation be removed from the earth. Too often the history of the workers has been unemployment, poverty, war and death. It is time this ceased.

There have been economic improvements. Yet if these gains are to be preserved and if a free society is to survive, a new factor must be discovered to answer the apathy, deadness and disillusionment in many men and women of labour who once set out to build a new world.

A well-known labour leader said recently, 'The progress of the workers' movement can be summed up in four words: sacrifice, struggle, success and then stagnation. Stagnation comes from failure to deal with moral questions.'

This is one part of labour's dilemma.

He pointed out the other part when, speaking of the world labour movement, he said, 'Having lost its impetus, this mighty force, once determined to capture the world and build a new civilization, has been overwhelmed by the materialistic onslaught of Russian Communism.'

Of a recent visit to Moscow, he said, 'I was disillusioned with what I saw there and was forced to look elsewhere for the answer to labour's dilemma. This I now see in Moral Re-Armament. The great, new revolutionary force of Moral Re-Armament will have increasing influence in world labour because it is the answer to labour's dilemma in every country.'

'It changes capitalists'

Many sincere Communists themselves recognize Moral Re-Armament as the next revolutionary step ahead for labour. Hans Bjerkholt, co-founder of the Norwegian Communist Party and a member for thirty years, was among two hundred labour leaders at the recent Assembly of the Americas for Moral Re-Armament in Brazil. He told the delegates, 'When Frank Buchman launched Moral Re-Armament he gave the twentieth century its mightiest ideology. I am only one of many Communists all over the world who have accepted a superior idea.

'Today we are in a race with time. It is a worldspanning fight between good and evil, democracy and dictatorship. When the free world accepts MRA and fights with this ideology all the way, then we will win the Communists to a bigger revolution.'

Bjerkholt quoted Lenin, who said, 'If capitalists could change their motives there would be no more need for Communism.' 'MRA,' said Bjerkholt, 'does change capitalists. Lenin did not know MRA, but Krushchev does. No one can any longer excuse himself from accepting it by saying he does not know about it. The choice is MRA or Communism, and we must choose.'

One man who faced this choice was Jarbos Leiros, who was 22 years a Communist in the port of Recife in north-east Brazil. At the Assembly of the Americas he decided to take up the revolution of Moral Re-Armament and wrote a letter to his wife, telling her that he had decided to leave the Party. He travelled to Sao Paulo with a task-force of Moral Re-Armament and brought with him a friend who had been with him in the Communist Party. At a meeting in the suburb of Santo Andre this friend said:

'Out to cure all wrongs'

'It was the greatest shock of my life when I read in the paper that Jarbos had accepted MRA as an ideology superior to Communism. Together we have created much violence and led many strikes in the port. I thought Jarbos had turned traitor, but I decided to study MRA because I felt it must be something very powerful to win Jarbos after 22 years in the Party. I was actually in Jarbos's home when his wife received a letter from him putting right all the mistakes he had made in the past. She insisted that I read it. It was then that I began to understand that MRA is out to cure all the wrongs in the world, while Communism only cures them in part. Now I have decided to put right the past and to give my whole life to this battle of MRA.'

The forces behind Fascism and Communism have always opposed Moral Re-Armament. They have attacked it as being controlled by employers or controlled by labour; as being British or American; as being Christian or non-Christian, even as being pacifist, Fascist or Communist.

Naturally, Communists and under-cover Communists in every walk of life are compelled to spread these false rumours. But the idea of Moral Re-Armament goes forward today with greater strength and conviction than ever before because the workers know that absolute moral standards are right, and no new world can ever be built without them.

That is why the two hundred and twenty workers

Return to Sao Paulo

AFTER a journey of 31,000 miles through Brazil, Peru, Bolivia and Chile, the international force of Moral Re-Armament returned to Sao Paulo on 1 January, 1962.

6 January. Marshal Juarez Tavora flew to into the city where 28 years ago he took part in the second of his four revolutions. He spoke to 12,000 people at the international demonstration in the Ibirapuera stadium.

'If Communism goes on as it is now going,' he said, 'we shall see it take over the entire world by peaceful means-unless a power like the United States, refusing to give in, resorts to atomic war. In this catastrophic perspective, Moral Re-Armament has gone to work to answer the divisions which split humanity from top to bottom. It is bringing a change in the nature of men. A new man is indispensable if we want a new nation, and a new nation must be made up of new men if we want a new world. This revolution really produces miracles of unity which will make it possible for the world to live in peace.'

7 January. Francisco Souza, who has been known as one of the toughest and most dangerous men in the port of Rio de Janeiro, was married in Sao Paulo in the church of Sao Gabriel. He and his wife have lived together for 25 years. Immediately after the wedding their six-month-old child was baptised.

Since childhood Souza's life has been dominated by hatred.

'When I was nine,' he said recently, 'I saw my parents shot down in a rain of bullets in a battle between two landowners. I threw my body over them, but they dragged me away by the hair. As a result, I grew up in banditry, bitterness and hate against the society which had done this to them. I dedicated my life to vengeance against those whom I held responsible. I hated the bosses, the police and everybody. The Communists used me as an instrument for all their violence. I became the biggest problem in the port.'

At the reception after the wedding Souza said, 'The society, which once crushed my world, today has given me back everything twice over. I am ready to fight until we plant the flag of God and Christ in every part of the world.'

9 January. Speaking with revolutionary dockers from the ports of Rio and Recife to the directors of the Sao Paulo Commercial Association, former Minister of Transport Dr. Octavio Marcondes Ferraz, challenged his hearers to support Moral Re-Armament with 'all the means at

'The Hurricane' and 'The Ladder' go to Scotland

THREE consecutive full houses marked the climax of the eleven-week run of *The Hurricane* and *The Ladder* in the West End of London, where 27,643 people have seen the plays at the Westminster Theatre.

Now the plays begin a tour of provincial cities arranged by Howard and Wyndham, Britain's leading theatre owners. They open in Aberdeen on 22 January for one week. On 29 January a two-week season in Edinburgh begins.

our disposal'. 'I am convinced with Marshal Tavora,' he said, 'that this is the final revolution. We shall win it or we shall be completely submerged in chaos and bloodshed.

'Only I can tell you all the worries I had as Minister of Transport because of these men from the docks who have now changed and accepted absolute moral standards. I did everything in my power to defend myself against them, but I was incapable of winning them. MRA won them, and here they are today, apostles in this modern crusade which is bringing peace to the world.'

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leaders at the Rio Assembly issued a proclamation in which they said:

'In this nuclear age the concept of class war is out of date and suicidal. Pushed to its logical conclusion class war can only lead to mutual destruction of the capitalist and Communist societies and the probable annihilation of mankind.

'The world today looks for a better idea, an idea that can unite all mankind, an idea to which every man can give enthusiasm and allegiance. All those who have tried to change the world so far have told everyone except themselves to change. In Moral Re-Armament men find that the place to change first is with yourself. In MRA is found the only idea that creates unity between men of all races, classes and social backgrounds.'

Before he died, Ben Tillet, the great dockers' leader, sent a message to Frank Buchman: 'Keep on fighting. You have a great international movement. Use it. It is the hope of tomorrow. It will restore sanity to the world.'

Today a life-and-death struggle is being fought within the world labour movement. Must not labour leadership begin to live absolute moral standards and stop being blind to the forces that want to destroy it? Must it not learn how to read men; to change and unite the difficult men in its own ranks; to change the capitalist and Communist and anti-Communist alike; to unite men of every race? The destiny of the workers of the world is to be the remakers of the world.

Labour led by God can lead the world. Labour united can unite the world.