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HISTORIC EVENING

Inter-Racial Audience At Salisbury Theatre

"WE have schemes on paper for partnership in Africa, but Moral Re-Armament goes quietly ahead and does it," said an official of the oldest African political organisation in Southern Rhodesia. "An historic evening," said an African head-

Inter-racial audience in Palace Theatre, Salisbury, at premiere performance in Africa of the Moral Re-Armament play, "The Boss." In this cross-section of the crowd, which goes right up to the front row on the right, can be seen, from the left, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Singh, Secretary of the Indian Commission; Mr. M. M. Hove and Mr. J. Z. Savanhu, Members of

the Federal Assembly for Southern Rhodesia; Mr. W. M. Chirwa and Mr. C. R. Kumbikano, Members for Nyasaland; Mr. W. A. E. Winterton, Deputy Speaker; a number of European M.P.s, including Mr. L. M. Hodson, Q.C., Salisbury, Mr. G. A. Davenport, Minister of Mines; and Lady and Sir Godfrey Huggins, Federal Prime Minister (right-hand corner).

RHODESIA RESPONDS : 14,000 SEE PLAYS

"AFRICA needs a revolution based upon absolute moral standards," said Aidan Mwamuka, Secretary of the African Association of Southern Rhodesia, speaking in Highfield town-

The MRA plays, "The Real News" and "The Boss," have been given 21 times, before audiences representing the African, European, Indian and Coloured communities. Lusaka's

tion Hall at Ndola came bus-loads of African leaders from mines at Chingola, Mufulira, Nkana and Luyansha. 25 of the 30 members of the African Representative Council of Northern

European leaders too have met this ideological force. The Governor General and the Prime Minister of the Federation have been to the plays, along with many political, industrial and

master. "This is just it," said a prominent Indian. "This is what we need," said a leader of the Coloured community. "Here is the new positive thinking without which we would be lost," declared a European M.P.

These men were giving their impressions after the premiere performance in Africa of "The Boss," Peter Howard's ideological play, which was presented by Moral Re-Armament at the Palace Theatre in Salisbury on February 2nd. On the eve of the opening of the new Federal Assembly there was a distinguished inter-racial audience, including the Acting Governor of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Milliam Murphy, the Federal Prime Minister, Sir Godfrey Huggins, and more than half the Members of the Federal Parliament.

In the stalls sat African leaders with their wives, along with European Cabinet Ministers. The Secretary for the Indian Commission, Mr. Nirmal Singh, was present with a group of Indian businessmen. Their wives' bright saris gave added brilliance to the scene.

PARLIAMENTARY GREETINGS

From Representatives of ten Parliaments of the world, messages had come to Salisbury for the occasion. M.P.'s from Britain, the United States, India, Ceylon, France, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, New Zealand and Australia sent their greetings. They included a number of Cabinet Ministers. Senator Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate, stated in his cable, "Africa may well become the decisive area in the ideological twentieth century. We consider Moral Re-Armament a unique ideological force bridging barriers of race, class and bigotry

and making for world understanding and unity. Dr. Buchman and his colleagues have been ambassadors of the highest order winning the hearts and minds of men to those absolute standards without which no nation new or old can long endure."

A NEW AFRICA

A veteran fighter of the African National Congress of South Africa, Mr. Selope Thema, cabled from Johannesburg: "I see Moral Re-Armament as the ideology that seeks from the mind of God answers to the problems created by the minds of men. MRA is the inspiration for the new Africa."

A HATE-FREE WORLD

After the play, the audience heard a group of youth from eight countries who challenged their hearers to join them in the total commitment of their lives to build "a hate-free, greed-free world" on a basis of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. With them spoke Mr. Paul Kurowski, a Ruhr miner who was for twenty-five years a militant Communist until he met Moral Re-Armament. "Here is the superior ideology, the greater revolution," he said "In this atomic age only an idea big enough to unite the world can save the world. Moral Re-Armament is that idea. It has united my home. It is uniting the workers of the world. It gives to all men a programme of immediate, constructive action to remake the world, above differences of race, colour, class, point of view or personal advantage."

ship, Salisbury last month. "We think much of the political future. But our own family life, and our relationships together need some revolution. If we begin in our hearts, our homes and with our neighbours, we can start a revolution that will make the whole place over,"

EVERY RACE

Mwamuka is one of the 14,000 people who have welcomed the travelling force of Moral Re-Armament which has been visiting Central Africa during the past two months on the invitation of leaders of all races. Thousands more have learnt of their work through the press and radio.

Garrison Theatre was opened for the first time in its history for an inter-racial audience; so was Salisbury's Palace Theatre. Bulawayo's Large City Hall was packed out. In the bright lights of Copper Belt cinemas, in schools and homes in Harare or Highfield, at the kraal of a Nyasaland Chief and at an open-air gathering called by Chief Mangwende at Mrewa, the travelling force have given their news with song and story. It is news of homes and industries united, of national and racial divisions bridged, in an all-out offensive to rebuild the world.

AFRICAN LEADERS

Distinguished African groups have met them. To the Recrea-

Rhodesia came to the Lusaka premiere. Mr. J. Z. Savanhu, M.P., Mr. M. M. Hove, M.P., Mr. Joshua Nkomo, President of the African T.U.C. of Southern Rhodesia, and Mr. Godwin Lewanika, founder and first President of the African Congress of Northern Rhodesia, have introduced the plays to audiences in their areas.

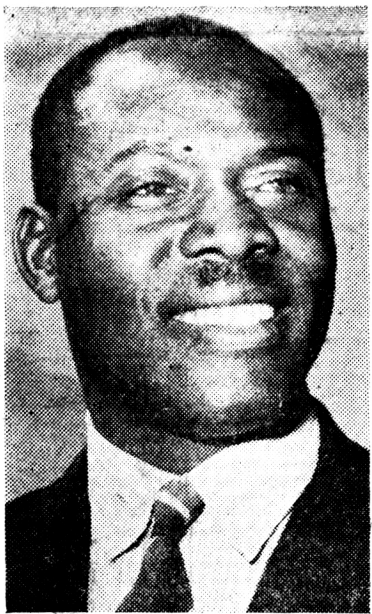
Before a inter-racial presentation in Bulawayo, Mr. N. V. Desai, spoke for the Indian community: "We in India know the principles of Moral Re-Armament very well, because our great leader, Mahatma Gandhi, not only knew them but fought the battle of independence on the same basis."

trades union men. George Daneel, famous as a Springbok rugby player, who is a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, apologised from the stage to an African audience for his attitude of superiority towards those of other races. "I pledge myself," he said, "to work along with men of all races who will build a new world based on teamwork."

An African headmaster summed it up: "As people grow from childhood to manhood, the screws and nuts of their lives begin to loosen; but MRA being an adjusting spanner for every nut, can be used by anybody anywhere." Then he added: "I will go ahead with MRA, because it helps me to be a man."



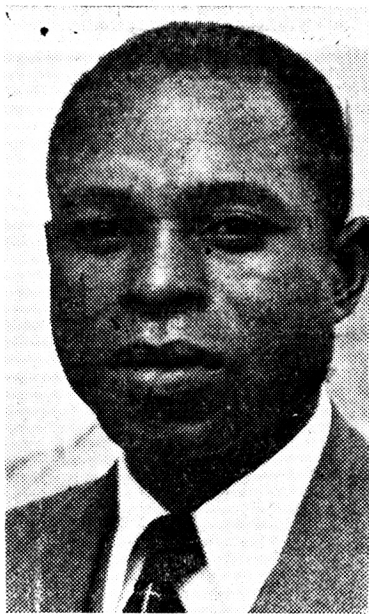
Part of crowd watching "The Real News", MRA play, at Ru nyararo Hall, Harare, Salisbury, in January. In the audience can be seen a number of the tribal, political, trade union and nationalist African leaders of Southern Rhodesia.



Lawrence G. Katilungu,

President of the Northern Rhodesia African Mineworkers Trade Union and of the Northern Rhodesian African Trade Union Congress.

● Speaking in the Wuzikili Hall, Nkana, in December, Mr. Katilungu said, "We are confronted with many problems including racial problems. Nevertheless they are problems which can be settled on the basis of MRA. It is the answer to all these questions. I feel very strongly that we should widen the practical idea of MRA."



Aidan Mwanuka,

Secretary of the Southern Rhodesia African Association, the country's oldest African political movement.

● Speaking in Salisbury in January, Mr. Mwanuka said, "To me MRA has been an eye-opener because living it solves the question of race without having to say much about it. The people of MRA have brought us a message greater than any other message we have ever received, and I am glad they have come to Central Africa. They are very welcome here."



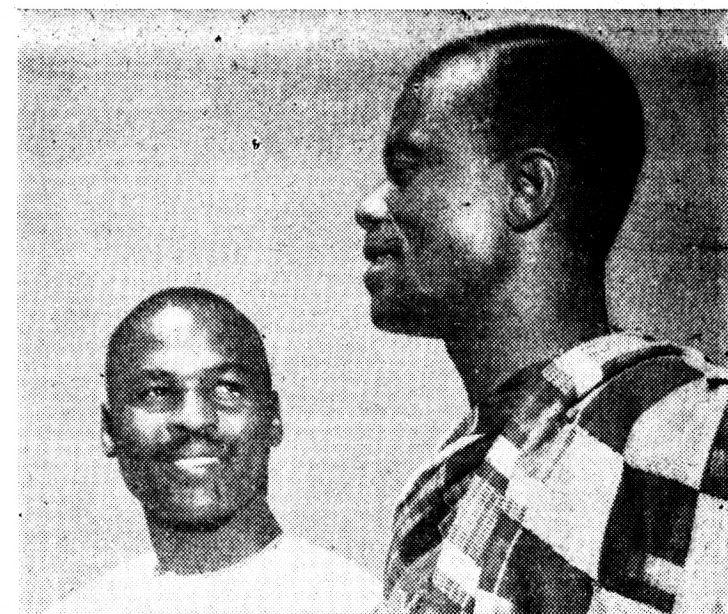
Godwin A. Mbikusita Lewanika, Founder and first General President Northern Rhodesia African Congress; and President, Mines African Staff Association.

● "In Moral Re-Armament I have found a new security, not only for myself, but also for my people. There is no stronger weapon in politics or economics or trade unions than is offered to us in MRA. For a man who is bitter always fails, but a man who fights with clean hands will win."



Dr. William F. Nkomo, Pretoria, Founder of the African Congress Youth League and revolutionary leader.

● "Through Moral Re-Armament I have seen white men change and black men change. We found a unity we had not found before. There are two ideologies which are likely to run through the great continent of Africa. One is materialism and the other is Moral Re-Armament. The last is more revolutionary because it begins with myself. Here is the revolutionary answer to race conflicts."



Chief J. Barasa

G.O. Awuma

● "We applied an idea better than Mau Mau—MRA", says Chief Jonathan Barasa, left often called "The most progressive Chief in Kenya." He says, "MRA is the only adequate ideology to bring peace in Africa." Here he is seen at the Caux MRA Conference with G.O. Awuma, Member of the Gold Coast Legislative Assembly. Mr. Awuma says.

"The tide of nationalism which is sweeping Africa cannot be stopped. If anyone tried to stop it by force of arms, there would be war. But what would self-government mean to the Gold Coast, Africa, and the whole world if we were to achieve it through bloodshed. Unless we who are leaders are very careful, Africa may become another China. Another and better way must be found."

MRA IN NYASALAND

By A. J. M. Banda

(Secretary General of Nyasaland Congress, 1950—1953)

FOR five years I have been working with the Nyasaland Congress, and have fought for the rights of the African people. Since I have met MRA, I have begun to see a new way to fight, where hate, bitterness and fear can be replaced by the four absolutes of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. When I accept these standards for my life, then I can expect people of other views or of other races to live them too. In MRA I see the path on which African and European can travel together under God's guidance towards a new world, free from hate, free from greed and free from fear.



TASK FORCE INVITED TO AFRICA

THE Moral Re-Armament task force numbering 120 people from 15 countries have come to Africa at the request of leaders of all races of this continent—East, West, Central South and North Africa.

Sixty-four prominent citizens of all races from Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar sent such an invitation. It reads in part: "We believe that Africa needs a God-inspired unity, big enough to include all and exploit none, and before which even the most insoluble problems will melt. The time is short. The need is very great."

A Cabinet Minister from Nigeria said, "MRA is in great demand throughout the world, but Nigeria must be given a priority at this time."

The Speaker of the House of Assembly and the President of the



Mr. and Mrs. Banda

ANSWER TO MAU MAU

By David Waruhiu

"The impact of Western ideas and the breakdown of our tribal life, left a vacuum in the minds of my people, and into that vacuum has rushed the idea of Mau Mau. It is an ideology, and we will never answer it until we win my people to a greater ideology."

"MRA brought unity between me and my wife. One problem was the money I spent on smoking and drinking. When I cut that out, because it was selfish, there was enough money for my family. Every morning we get up for a quiet time of listening to God. And so a new world is born."



David Waruhiu, of Kenya, son of the first Senior Chief to be murdered by the Mau Mau.

BASIS OF LEADERSHIP

DR. NNAMDI AZIKIWE

President of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons:

"It is no use trying to get the other fellow to change: you have to change yourself first. When you change, the other fellow will change; then you have two individuals changed. They change four and then eight; then a community is changed; a nation is changed; a race is changed and it is possible we will have humanity changed. When one points an accusing finger at the other fellow, three fingers point back to me. So there are three chances to one you are wrong yourself. Upon my return from Caux I

went to the house of the leader of my political opponents and said to him: "You want self-government for Nigeria. I and my group want self-government for Nigeria. Why are we at each other's throats? Is it right that we should be at each other's throats simply because we are too proud? I am an African, and in Africa we give respect to age. I am many years younger than you. I am sorry for what has happened before. It is not that I am right and you are wrong, but henceforth let us concentrate on what is right for Nigeria and let that be the basis of leadership. Here is my hand." He responded.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly and the President of the Senate of South Africa have also issued an invitation, supported by the Administrators of the four provinces and South West Africa.

Thirty-five African leaders in South Africa have joined in an invitation which states in part:

"The African masses are hungry for something which will inspire them with hope for the future. We are convinced that the ideology of Moral Re-Armament points the way to an answer for Africa because it restores God to leadership in the affairs of men and nations. With changed men we can build a new Africa and help to remake the world."

HOW TO KEEP INFORMED

MANY who have heard about MRA want to know how to keep in touch with this world force. We recommend the following books:

REMAKING THE WORLD: the collected speeches of Dr. F.N.D. Buchman, initiator of Moral Re-Armament. 5/-

THE WORLD REBUILT: by Peter Howard. The full story of Frank Buchman and the men and women of Moral Re-Armament. 2/6

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? The A B C of MRA in cartoons. 1/-

MRA INFORMATION SERVICE: A fortnightly report from key points of the world plus a quarterly pictorial illustrating the advance of MRA. Combined rate 25/-.

These books and other information may be obtained by writing to MRA, P.O. Box 2142, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Frank Buchman, founder of MRA, at Caux, Switzerland. A co-founder with some of the delegates of all of the Communist Party in one country who was later changed at Caux called it "the revolutionary centre from which radiates a new type of man."

MESSAGE FROM DR. FRANK N. D. BUCHMAN

"MEN are hungry for bread, for peace, and for the hope of a new world order. Before a God-led unity every last problem will be solved. Hands will be filled with work, stomachs with food, and empty hearts with an ideology that really satisfies. That is what Moral Re-Armament is out for. It gives faith to the faithless, but also helps men of faith to live so compellingly that cities and nations change."



NIGERIAN delegates to the London Constitutional Conference attended the 1953 World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Caux, Switzerland. (Left to Right) M.M. Ojike, Vice-President of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons; Mrs. Ekpo, National Executive Committee of the N.C.N.C. the Hon. Paul Birabi, member of the Nigerian House of Representatives; and Mrs. Ogunlesi, of the Action Group

We have two visitors in our house —



MR. GIMME



and MR. GIVE

When MR. GIMME is in our home



it looks like this —

When MR. GIVE is in our home



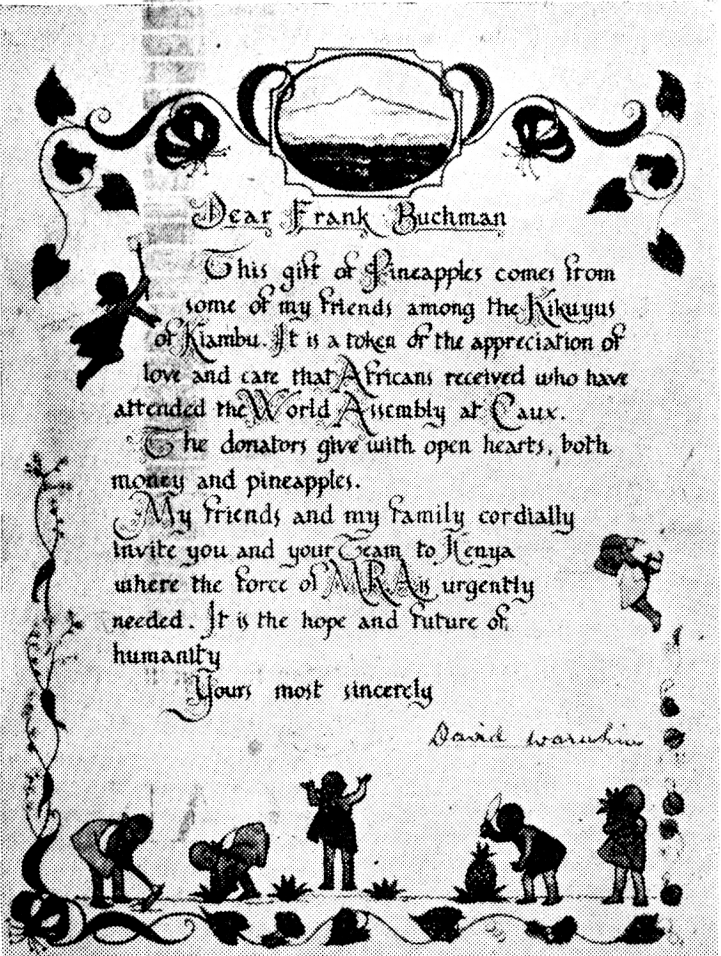
it looks like this —

And THIS is the WORLD



when MR. GIMME is in everybody's house

When Mr. GIVE comes in he turns the world upside down. You try it and see!



Dear Frank Buchman

This gift of pineapples comes from some of my friends among the Kikuyus of Kambu. It is a token of the appreciation of love and care that Africans received who have attended the World Assembly at Caux.

The donators give with open hearts, both money and pineapples.

My friends and my family cordially invite you and your team to Kenya where the force of MRA is urgently needed. It is the hope and future of humanity

Yours most sincerely

David Warshim

MRA is financed by gifts of all kinds — goods and services as well as money. Above is a scroll presented to Dr. Frank Buchman along with a gift of pineapples for the Caux conference, by Kikuyu people of Kenya.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

It takes hard work and sacrifice to remake men and bring a revolutionary change in world affairs. It also takes money.

Moral Re-Armament works on an economical basis. None of its hundreds of fulltime workers in any part of the world receives a penny of salary. Each one gives his time, energy and talents freely on the basis that "Where God guides, He provides."

Frank Buchman himself is not a rich man. He began his work among the under-privileged in the poorest quarter of the city

rance benefits. A nurse gave her savings. A Bulawayo trade unionist gives £3 a month. An African gave £5 towards this

CAUX

By J. Z. Savanhu

(Reprinted from "African Parade," January 1954)
SITUATED 2,000 feet above Lake Geneva, Caux looks out over a panorama of mountains and valleys and distant towns, circling the lake like a string of pearls.

During the sessions of the conference which began in June and ended in October last year some 8,000 people attended from 79 different countries.

Naturally it was the African delegates that interested me most. There were 117 from the key centres in the African continent. I met men from the heart of the Mau Mau country, political leaders from Nigeria, African and Europeans from South Africa, not to mention an Oxford student from Southern Rhodesia and a European member of the Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia.

Perhaps the thing that most impressed all of us from Africa was the spirit that enabled us to be ourselves in a multi-racial society. It was not that the different nations forgot their nationality and culture. In fact, they learnt to be proud of it. But one found oneself talking naturally with people of different colours and creeds. Against the background of the world's need we felt we were members

of one family who needed each other very much.

When you hear a white settler from Kenya telling a vast audience, "At Caux I have learnt to accept the blame myself and to put myself right first," you begin to see the significance of MRA.

It was not surprising that such honesty and humility won an immediate response from the African leaders present.

When we said goodbye to Caux, this 'lighthouse of the world' as someone called it, our hearts were deeply moved. But it has been good to see these good friends of MRA in Rhodesia during recent weeks. For those who have met them it has been a memorable experience. And in my humble opinion it may well mark a turning point in the history of the Rhodesias.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

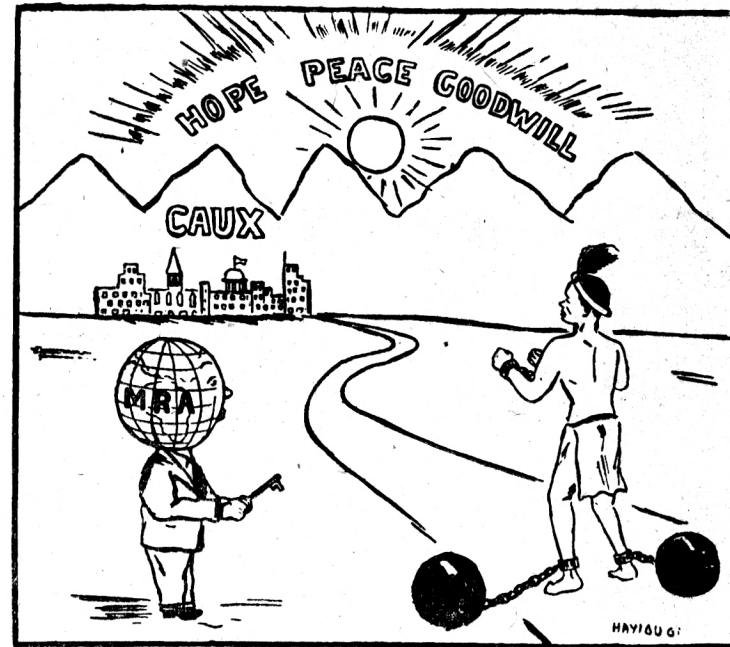
Moral Re-Armament is demonstrating on a world scale that human nature can be changed and changed quickly.

The way to change is to begin putting right what is wrong.

Take pencil and paper and write down the places where change is needed. Write down the four standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

Start with honesty. Absolute honesty. What about money? One man was always complaining about dishonesty in the Government while he was cheating on taxes himself. His change meant paying back what he owed. Now instead of criticising the politicians he tells them how he became honest.

What about the person from whom I feel most divided? Is it all his fault? I may be 10% wrong, but it is easier for me to put



Reprinted from The Bantu World Johannesburg.

A CLASSLESS SOCIETY

By Paul Kurowski

(Miner and Shop Steward from Ruhr, Germany; 26 years a militant member of the Communist Party; and now travelling with his wife with the MRA force in Africa.)

I AM travelling today with this task force throughout the African continent because in Moral-Re-Armament I have seen the idea for our time, an ideology superior to any other.

At 15 I started work in a coal mine under the poorest conditions. After the first world war I was dismissed with one hour's notice because I fought for social justice for my fellow workers and I became one of the millions of unemployed.

Communism afforded me the opportunity to organise against those who, I felt, had brought poverty and distress to my class through exploitation and unemployment. I became a propagandist and an organiser of training.

Communism became my faith and I gave everything for that revolution.

derstand that the true revolutionary, who wants to bring an answer to the problems of today, is (1), the man who actually lives in his everyday life what he talks about. (2) A man whose ideals are not only in his head but move through his heart down to his feet. Where this happens capitalists and Communists change their class thinking and class living and begin to create a practical synthesis between capital and labour. This develops the economic capacity of a country and brings higher wages and better conditions to the workers. Everybody get a plan for today and an aim for tomorrow. This is the birth of

among the under-privileged in the poorest quarter of the city of Philadelphia, U.S.A. many years ago. Today there are no mysterious capitalist foundations or Government funds which finance MRA. The money comes entirely from the voluntary contributions of ordinary people in every continent, who give out of sacrifice from savings, wages or possessions.

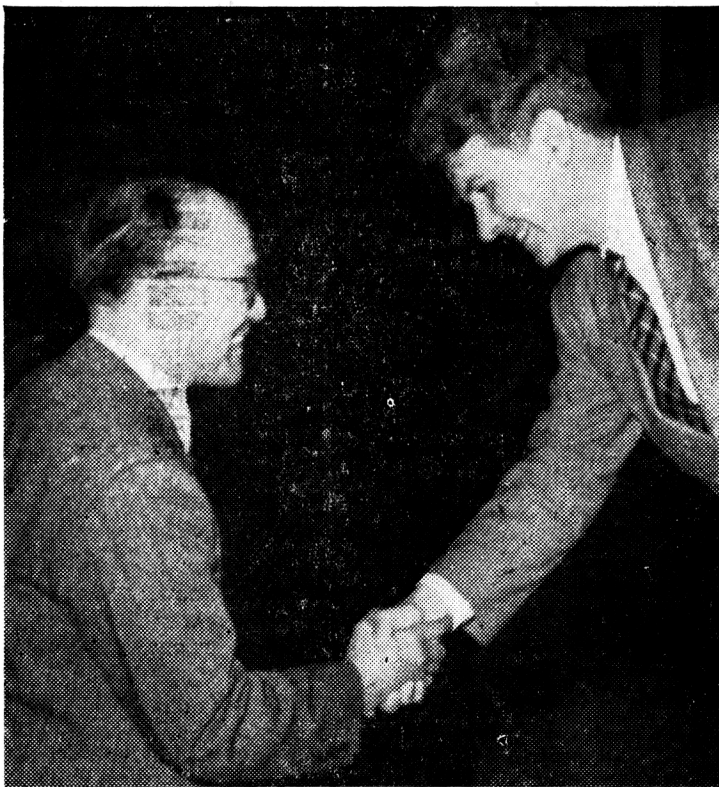
For example, over seven hundred men and women in Holland from every walk of life — a group of dock workers, the Secretary to the Queen, the Vice-President of the Council of State, industrialists and students — contributed money to charter the plane which brought an MRA force to Africa in December. A brother and sister whose father lost his life in an aeroplane accident on this continent have given the life insu-

ner savings. The highway trade unionist gives £3 a month. An African gave £5 towards this venture. A group of Harare housewives, gave £2 15s.

Other people donate gifts in kind — hospitality, food, services. For example, an African contractor lent his truck to transport the scenery for the MRA plays. A taxi company gave passenger transport which would have cost £80.

The world training centre for Moral Re-Armament at Caux in Switzerland runs in the same way. It was equipped and is run by gifts from all over the world — chairs came from Finland, carpets from Scotland, rice from Burma, coffee and pineapples from Kenya, coal from Germany.

MRA aims to make the work and wealth of the world available to all and for the exploitation of none.



Professor Robert J. Moon (right) atomic scientist of Chicago University, apologises at the MRA Assembly in Switzerland, for the suffering caused by the first use of atomic energy. The Japanese Ambassador to London, His Excellency S. Shunichi Matsumoto, whose home in Hiroshima was destroyed by the atom bomb, was so moved he immediately left his seat to shake the professor's hand.

What about the person from whom I feel most divided? Is it all his fault? I may be 10% wrong, but it is easier for me to put right 10% than for him to put right 90%. So why not start there?

Take time to listen to God. Write down every thought that comes. Check the thoughts against those four standards. Obey the thoughts you get. Start every day with this discipline.

Most of us, the first time we listen, will get ideas about how to put right things that are wrong. Money to pay back. Apologies to make. Honest relationships to restore in the family.

The way is simple. Listen honestly. Write it down. Test it. Carry it out. You will become an effective force for remaking the world.

KEY TO UNITY

If a man is guided by God and has a clear vision, he will avoid bloodshed," said James Bassoppo Moyo, Secretary of the Reformed Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union addressing a packed hall in Harare African Township, Salisbury, at a showing of an MRA film.

"His motto" he continued, "will be 'Workers of the world unite the world.' In Moral Re-Armament the African leaders can find a way to unite. If the African leaders live MRA we would have such unity ourselves that we would be able to achieve greater things than we have done now."

WOMEN FIGHT FOR MRA.

A team of African women from Highfield, Harare and Police Depot have found in MRA an answer to the rising tide of moral and spiritual laxity of our time and have therefore pledged themselves to fight for a new world.

In a special statement they express their thanks to the travelling team of MRA who have made them more convinced that women have a very important part to play in every sphere.

The message is signed by: Charity Mwamuka, Stella Sundayi, Rhodina Samuriwo, Emma Chigoma, Victoria Chingati, Sarah Bakasa, Eunice Opperman, Mary — Emma Chieze, Rhoda Mhlanga, Kate Mkandawire.

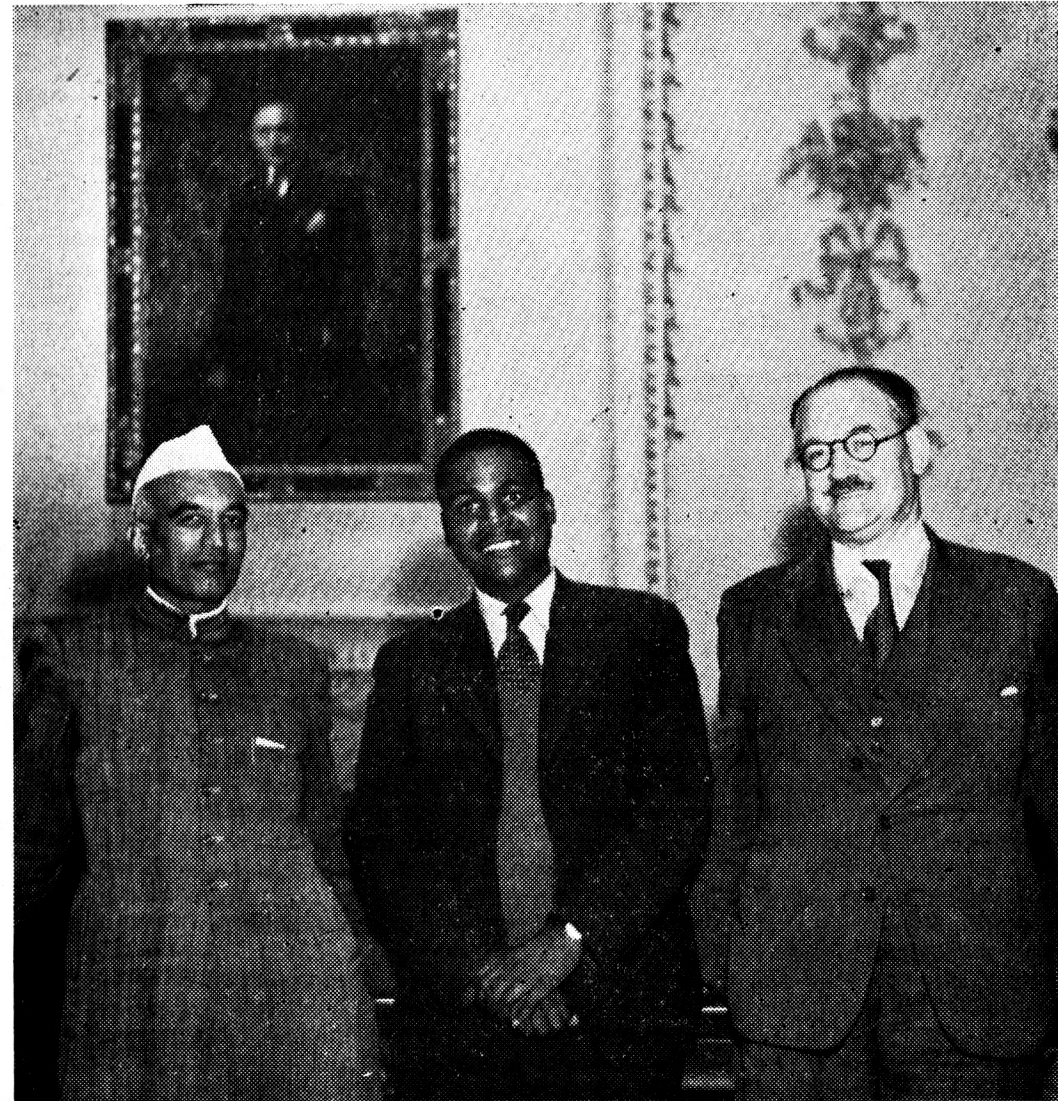
revolution.

When I went to an advanced Communist Party School in the Eastern zone of Germany, I found however that some of the leading Communists did not live the Party doctrine that they taught and that made me think.

In 1949 I met MRA and saw their play, "The Forgotten Factor." Here I met for the first time people who practised what they talked about, I began to un-

tomorrow. This is the birth of the world of the classless society

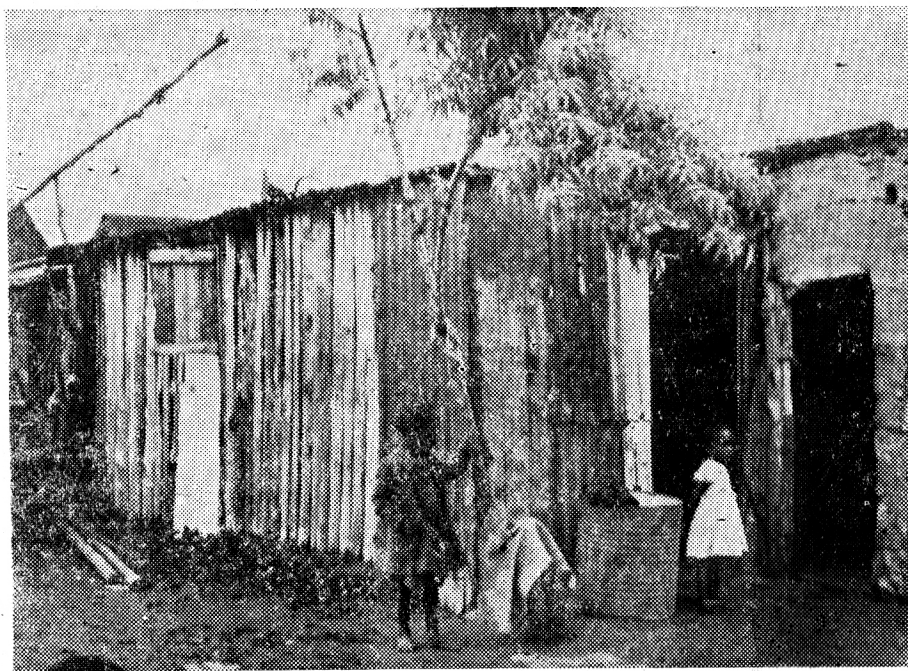
So the ideology of Frank Buchman becomes the answer to the atomic age and the only guarantee for peace because peace will only be possible if people start to live it in small as well as in great things. That is why I as a revolutionary cannot stand apart but find my true destiny in the fight for this new world that we have all longed to see.



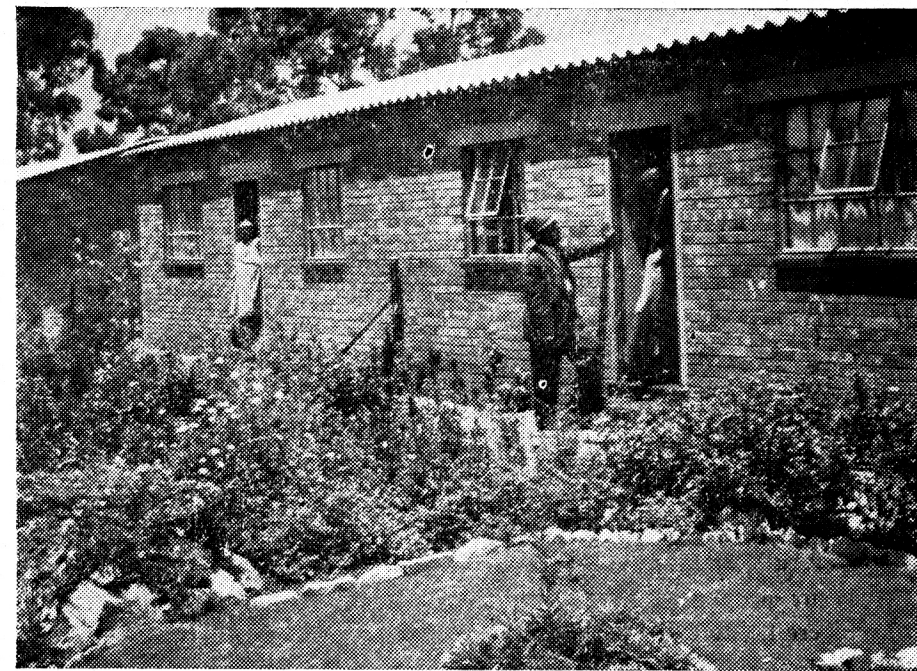
Labour Leaders visit Frank Buchman's home. Left to Right: N. Keshavaiengar, Member of the Indian House of the People for Bangalore and President of the Indian National T.C.U. for the State of Mysore; Joshua Nkomo, President of the African Congress and of the African T.U.C. of S. Rhodesia, and General Secretary of the African Railway Workers' Union of S. Rhodesia; and James Haworth, President, Salaried Staffs Association of the British Railways and Member of the Executive of the British Labour Party. Upper left is a portrait of Dr. Buchman.



Author in the street named after him.



Before: Typical African Housing in Springs before the new building started



After: One of the brick houses now being built at the rate of 1,000 a year

Their Change Meant BETTER HOUSES FOR AFRICANS

By JACOB MOHLALA Chairman of African Advisory Board, Springs, South Africa



THE greatest cause of racial unrest in South Africa is a very great housing shortage.

In my town of Springs, homes were needed for 21,000 families. But the Town Council and the African Advisory Board had failed to come to an agreement on a housing scheme. We used to picket the city hall with banners, but it never got us any houses.

Yet today we are building at the rate of 1,000 houses a year. Why?

To understand that, you have to go back four years to the visit of the MRA force with the industrial drama, "The Forgotten Factor", to our town.

The first result was a spirit of teamwork, in the Advisory Board. Secondly, the Town Council agreed to acquire land for African housing. The Town Engineer, Colonel Archibald, who had

layers and 400 labourers. At one period we built eight four-room houses a day, in quarter-acre plots, with full plumbing and at a rent of £2 a month.

Building a house is divided into twenty-three stages with a team on each stage. Top grade bricklayers build the corners while less skilled workers do the straight sides. This system has reduced costs so that African workers can buy the houses for

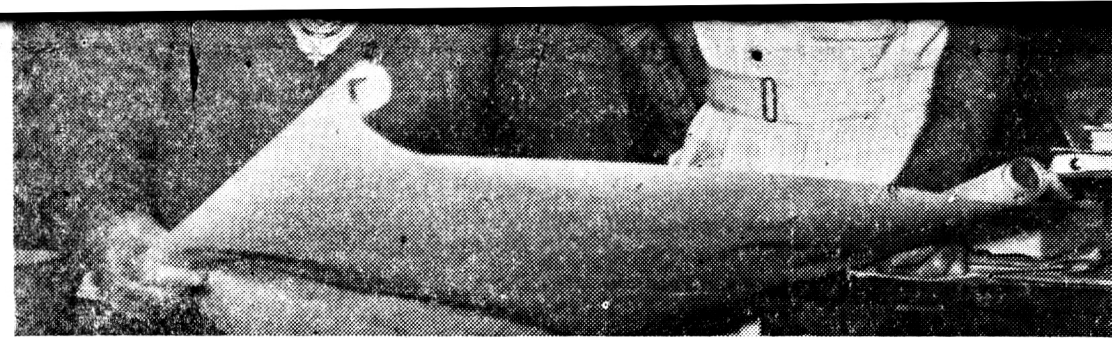
£250 to £500.

The example of employing African builders is now being followed in other places in South Africa. Our Town Engineer has since been appointed Housing Director for Johannesburg, responsible for 80,000 Africans who need homes.

The secret has been a new spirit.

In my opinion it could never have happened without MRA.





The Town Engineer, Colonel Archibald, showing the Mayor the plans for the new Housing Scheme

er, Colonel Archibald, who had been at loggerheads with the Town Council, became reconciled with them and the plan went ahead.

For the first time in South Africa, on a really adequate scale, African workers were to be trained and employed in the building of new homes. When the Town Engineer approached me with the proposition I welcomed it heartily, a thing I could never have done before I met MRA.

Together we trained 120 brick-



Following the inter-racial premiere of "The Real News" in the Garrison Theatre, Lusaka, Jacob Mohlala tells the story to the Governor of Northern Rhodesia, Sir Gilbert Rennie.



Left: Work nears completion on a house. African workers are trained on the job to do semi-skilled work.



Right: One of the new streets of completed houses at Springs



THE HOME INSIDE THE HOUSE

By MRS. AIDAN MWAWUKA

This idea of Moral Re-Armament is very practical at home and helps a lot in raising children. I have a busy husband and five children under ten and my experience is that MRA works.

I first met Frank Buchman in 1929 when I was at Lovedale in the Cape taking a teacher's course. I had heard about Moral Re-Armament the previous year. Later I became a nurse at Holy Cross Hospital. I was married in 1942.

LISTENING DAILY

Each day my children and I have a time of quiet together when we listen to God. We write down our thoughts and then share them with each other. I generally let them share their thoughts first.

These family quiet times make the day run smoothly. Our ten-year-old daughter does not bully the other children any more since we started going by this idea, and she works harder around the

house now and can prepare almost a whole meal including the vegetables and the salad.

Our seven-year-old boy had guidance to help in the garden and with the cleaning in the house.

PUTTING IT RIGHT

One day I apologised to the children for being too hard on them and for doing too much scolding and spanking. All of them looked up at me in great surprise and real interest! They told their father about it when he came home, and ever since then, they all have been anxious

to know what my guidance is each day.

Through this experience I have learned to attend each child's individual characteristics. I discovered that one of the children especially needs encouragement. It has helped her a lot and she has stopped being bad.

Another of the children I had a special soft spot in my heart for because he was so quiet. He began taking advantage of my liking him and using it against the others. Now I try to care for them all equally.

Another child we used to call

"mad cap" because she is very bright. I had guidance to be careful of what I said in front of her because she quickly repeats things elsewhere and it might cause trouble.

SECRET OF CHANGE

My husband and I find that the spirit between him and me makes a big difference to the children.

Instead of pointing my finger at him I see I need to correct myself and he responds much more to this than to argument. I decided to keep an open heart and even though prepared for

disappointments to keep my heart clear and not to retaliate. The result is that now even after a hard day's work at the store he comes home happy.

We used to have arguments that would make both of us unhappy during the day, but now it is just a question of who gets to apologise first.

OTHER FAMILIES

We are all very grateful for the visit of the MRA team and we and many of our friends are planning to carry on this idea and spread it to the other families of this country.