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AT the beginning of 1953 Moral Re-Armament is on the offensive in every part of the world. Over the New Year, Asian statesmen confer with Dr. Buchman in New Delhi. Japan awaits a visit from the MRA task force in the spring. Pakistan, Burma, Thailand and Malaya are preparing to receive Moral Re-Armament forces in the next few months. In Africa, a group from eight nations arrived shortly before Christmas. A full scale campaign is opening up in South, West and East Africa. In Australia, a national conference to plan the extension of the work of MRA throughout the country is taking place this month. The Middle East recognizes this force. In Europe and North and South America, industrial leaders are creating a new pattern for industry.

## INDIAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES DR. BUCHMAN

The President of the Republic of India, the Hon. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, received Dr. Buchman and the entire international team of Moral Re-Armament in the President's House, New Delhi, on 19 December. In the gardens, where fountains were playing, two hundred chairs were arranged in a three-quarter circle, with two chairs placed opposite, for the President and Dr. Buchman.

Dr. Buchman introduced one after another of the group he had brought with him from Europe. He recalled the pioneers of MRA in East Ham where Moral Re-Armament had been launched before the war. He mentioned Tod Sloan, "A watchmaker by trade, and an agitator by nature", who had become a world revolutionary, and presented former communist veterans from the Ruhr, a British general and the grand-daughter of the General who re-captured Delhi after the mutiny.

The President asked the international chorus to sing and Leland Holland, star of the musical *Jotham Valley*, sang songs from the Moral Re-Armament shows playing in New Delhi. Representatives of the Moral Re-Armament force from Burma, Japan, Ceylon, Ireland and Scotland spoke. In the splendid setting of what was formerly the Viceroy's Palace gardens, scarlet clad retainers served tea to the visitors. The magnificent

Asian costumes mingled with the colourful national dress of many of the European visitors.

Since their arrival in New Delhi on 3 December, the MRA force has presented the plays *Jotham Valley*, *The Forgotten Factor* and *Annie the Valiant* to crowded houses in the Regal Theatre, Delhi's principal theatre. Three of the Cabinet were at the opening performance.

The first week's showings were over-booked before the opening night. On the final night of the week, the audience filled every available space, and even sat on the ledge of the balcony. "*Jotham Valley* amply justifies the lavish praise it received," wrote the *Hindustan Times*.

The *Hindustan Standard* commented: "Superb acting, colourful scenes, wonderful stage-craft—against a background of the fast-deteriorating world situation. This bold and timely effort to re-arm men morally evoked a thrilling response from the spectators, who cheered the actors."

"The acting has that naturalness which the producer so often endeavours to obtain but so seldom achieves," wrote *The Times of India*.

The series of plays continued through Christmas, by public demand, and on Boxing Day, in response to urgent requests, an Asian Assembly began in New Delhi.

## DELHI ASSEMBLY OPENS

On 26 December, the Delhi Assembly for Moral Re-Armament opened at the Constitution Club. Shri Krishna Prasada, Director General for Posts and Telegraphs of India, welcomed the 400 delegates from all parts of Asia at the opening session.

"We are building a new India," he said. "Public co-operation on the basis of MRA is essential to the success of our Five Year Plan. The formation of the character of the people should receive first priority. In view of this priority a committee of national leaders was formed in India. This committee invited Dr. Frank Buchman and an international force. We are very pleased that they have come to plan with us how to apply this force."

Representatives from Japan, Thailand, Burma and Ceylon addressed the opening sessions.

Senator Hunter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance in the Ceylon Government, who is the leader of a delegation of eight from Colombo, delivered to Dr. Buchman a personal message from the Prime Minister of Ceylon, the Hon. Dudley Senanayake. Moral Re-Armament, said the Prime Minister, had "left an abiding impression in the hearts of the people of Ceylon."

The message continued: "We are living today in a world that is under the shadow of gathering materialism. Our spiritual and religious values are threatened. Our liberal traditions are menaced. Poverty and starvation are universally present. And, deplorable as they are in themselves, they are also the nursery of materialistic ideologies that promise salvation by bloody revolution and scorn mankind's deep-rooted spiritual heritage. Into such a world Dr. Buchman and his followers have attempted to shed again the light of the spirit. It is with great pleasure that I wish Moral Re-Armament a very successful tour in the Republic of India."

Madame Togano, Socialist Member of the Japanese

Diet, and her husband, Professor of Politics and Economics of Tokai University, have been officially sent as representatives of the Socialist Party in view of the contribution Moral Re-Armament has been making to political unity in the country. "Japan can only expiate her past crimes by building a new nation on higher moral standards," said Madame Togano.

Madame Vichet, wife of the Thai Ambassador to India, representing her husband and the Prime Minister, told delegates that the Thai Government, of which her husband was a former Cabinet Minister, was "greatly interested in this new force." She said that the principles of MRA had won the favourable support of the Buddhist Holy Order, and that "many important personalities will pave the way for a favourable reception" when Dr. Buchman travels to Bangkok in 1953.

A group of business men and trade unionists travelled by plane from Europe to join Dr. Buchman and the international force of 190 with him at the Assembly. They include Mr. John Nowell, Director and General Manager of the Camden Tannery, Runcorn; Mr. Farrar Vickers, Managing Director of Benjamin R. Vickers & Sons, the Leeds oil manufacturers; and M. Maurice Mercier, Secretary of the Textile Workers' Union (Force Ouvriere) from France.

Mr. James Haworth, Treasurer of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, said: "India has a unique opportunity today to give a lead to the world. No one would accuse India of being materialistic or self-seeking, or of having ulterior motives. India is in a grand position to make use of this force of MRA which also has no ulterior motives. MRA does not offer ready-made solutions, but fits men and women to find the right answers to the problems of the age. This movement has grown in power and influence through the world until it must be reckoned with as a world force by any statesman in the world."

## THE PORTS OF EUROPE

The influence of Moral Re-Armament is growing rapidly in the ports of Europe, where it is raising and training a new leadership and presenting a programme on which men of every background can unite. The treasurer of a national transport union stated last week that unofficial strike leaders of two years ago were bringing a new spirit of teamwork in the docks of Liverpool, London and Glasgow.

Training meetings were held last month in Tilbury, Canning Town, Liverpool, Bristol, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Genoa, Antwerp and Gothenburg.

Among the speakers at Canning Town, in the hall where Ben Tillett had pioneered the dockers' movement,

were Commendatore Bigazzi, a Genoese shipowner, and Maurice Mercier, Secretary of the Textile Workers' Union (Force Ouvriere) from France. Dockers' leaders from Britain and New Zealand spoke at the meeting in Tilbury. Thirty British dockers, including members of the executives of the Stevedores' and Dockers' Union, sent greetings to Dr. Buchman in India last month. In their message they stated:

"We portworkers belong to a world brotherhood, and our calling is the same in the Indian, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Moral Re-Armament has strengthened these links between the nations and within our homes."

"We are proud the great leader, Mahatma Gandhi, lived with us in London Dockland, the place where you launched Moral Re-Armament. We join with our brothers in the ports of the East in your fight to remake the world."

In Rotterdam and Amsterdam, a number of the executive of the dockers' union work closely with Moral Re-Armament. Twelve of the portworkers from Rotterdam attended the Caux Assembly this year. Three of the seven on the union executive in the Rotterdam dry dock were among them.

A month ago Marcel Convents, President of the Belgian Independent Trade Unions and head of the Seamen's Union, organised a meeting for dockers in

### HOW MRA CREATES NEW WATERFRONT LEADERSHIP

In the Swedish port of Gothenburg the Gotaverken shipyards are a key factor. They employ 6,000 men and claim to have the third largest tonnage output of shipping in the world.

The welding department has for a number of years been a focus of unrest in the yard, with numbers of slow-downs and strikes. The management found a tough man to master the situation as superintendent, who was nicknamed the "King". But things went from bad to worse. Two men headed up the opposition to him and tried to get him thrown out. The "King" had to go to hospital to rest and on his return was met by a sit-down strike.

One of his workers interested the "King" in Moral Re-Armament and in 1951 he went to the Moral Re-Armament conference at Caux for ten days. When he came home he was a different man. Many of the events that have happened in the yard since then go back to his change.

The same year, the president of the platers' union went to Caux. Soon after his return there was an election for the board of the unions in the yard. For the first time in ten years the communists lost the election and the president of the platers, Nils Carlsson, was elected vice-president of the union board.

In January these two men persuaded the Company to send representatives to a management conference for Moral Re-Armament in Saltsjobaden, Stockholm. They created a team around themselves of men who were also fighting for Moral Re-Armament. This soon included the

Antwerp. The personnel director of Solvey Chemicals, and French, British, Dutch and German trade unionists spoke. Convents called on his colleagues to become part of a force to unite Europe through the docks.

In Hamburg, the chairman of the shop stewards in the docks and two of the full time officials have spent between them a total of 90 years in the Communist Party. All three were at the Caux Assembly last year. They meet regularly now with a Moral Re-Armament force in the port.

A combined meeting of port management and labour was held recently, at which Christian Tilse, one of the port owners in Hamburg, and dockers' leaders spoke on the importance of MRA for the port.

two men who previously led the opposition against the superintendent.

In the spring they arranged a first information meeting for some two hundred picked people in the shipyard, the board of directors, leading men in the different departments and the union.

At the end of September, the Company sent a delegation of six men plus their wives, three from management and three from the unions, to the Industrial Conference in Caux.

On November 30 a meeting of 300 shipyard workers took place. Nils Carlsson, the vice-president of the union was in the chair.

The union head of the electrical department, described by *Dagens Nyheter* a few weeks previously as the most troublesome section of the yards, spoke. "We would be able to solve all the problems of production and all other problems on the basis of Moral Re-Armament," he said. "Wages would be higher, we would be happy in our work and feel at home. The application of the four standards brings change in home and industry."

The wharf manager paid tribute to the new teamwork in the yards: "We have seen where personal change is necessary," he said. We acknowledge our mistakes and want to treat our workers as co-workers in future." The managing director rose to his feet at the end and pledged the fullest support of the Company for Moral Re-Armament.

### NEW RELATIONS CREATED IN CANADIAN INDUSTRY

*The Toronto Telegram* reported on 6 December an address by Mr. Russell Harvey, Canadian director of organisation for the American Federation of Labour: "The principles of Moral Re-Armament as applied in wage negotiations by John Dibblee, personnel manager

of Ontario Hydro, were a 'refreshing experience' Harvey told his attentive audience. He explained how 18 unions with bargaining rights for workers engaged on the Niagara Falls power project formed themselves into a council to negotiate a master agreement with Hydro.

'Our approach was to get all we could without consideration to moral factors involved,' admitted Harvey, who is chairman of the council.

"Dibblee, explained Harvey, was the chief negotiator for Hydro and at the outset the union bargaining team looked on him as a representative of big business and approached negotiations with scepticism. 'We soon realised that here was a fellow examining problems realistically,' remarked Harvey. We had felt that the only way they could get things was by two-fisted scrapping. The shock of dealing with people you could trust was a refreshing experience. MRA not only

affected our thinking but our overall attitude.'

"As a result of the agreement reached between the council and Hydro he has been in receipt of enquiries across Canada by unions impressed by its contents. 'The secret behind the agreement is a new foundation where management and labour can sit and honestly discuss differences,' he said. 'We hear a lot of people advocating an honest approach in negotiations but both sides are fearful of being honest. We now realise that if MRA is to be successful then we've got to break down suspicion so it will be an inspiration to the enslaved people in other parts of the world.'"

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Great Britain.**—Thirty-six daily newspapers including *The Times*, *The Daily Herald*, *The News Chronicle*, *The Evening Standard* and *The Manchester Guardian* reported the honour conferred on Dr. Buchman by the German Government. Many other provincial weekly papers commented on the appropriateness of the award. As one paper wrote: "An item of news specially appropriate to this Christmas season of peace and goodwill comes from India, where a high award has been conferred on Dr. Frank Buchman, leader of the Moral Re-Armament movement, by a representative of the government of Western Germany."

**Nairobi.**—Godwin Lewanika, founder and first President of the Northern Rhodesian African Congress, addressed meetings in Nairobi on his return to Africa from Europe. The struggle in Africa, he said, was not between African and Indian or African and European, it is a war against the selfishness of man. He stressed the fear with which racial co-operation is regarded. But racial co-operation, he said, meant building a better Africa for future generations. He would work for it with everything he had. David Waruhiu, son of the late Senior Chief, spoke at a meeting in Nairobi about the

murder of his father. "The future of Kenya now depends on the men and woman of Moral Re-Armament," he said. "The winning of Africa for the right ideas lies with those who have accepted this new life."

**The Hague.**—Dr. G. G. M. Schmal, M.P., spoke of the "atmosphere in industry" in the Dutch parliament during the budget debate before Christmas. He told the story of the Momm textile factory in Bavaria which had demonstrated a solution to the unemployment problem and quoted from the Report of the Industrial Conferences in Caux the words of Dr. Buchman: "Industry can be the pioneer of a new order, where national service replaces selfishness and where industrial planning is based upon the guidance of God. Industry with this force of Moral Re-Armament at its heart will produce enough for the needs of all. When Labour, Management and Capital become partners under God's guidance, industry takes its true place in national life."

"The achievements of Moral Re-Armament deserve the attention of our Government," he continued. "I hear that a Minister of a former Cabinet has visited Caux officially. I commend this subject to the attention of the present Minister."

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