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## 'ONCE IN A THOUSAND YEARS'

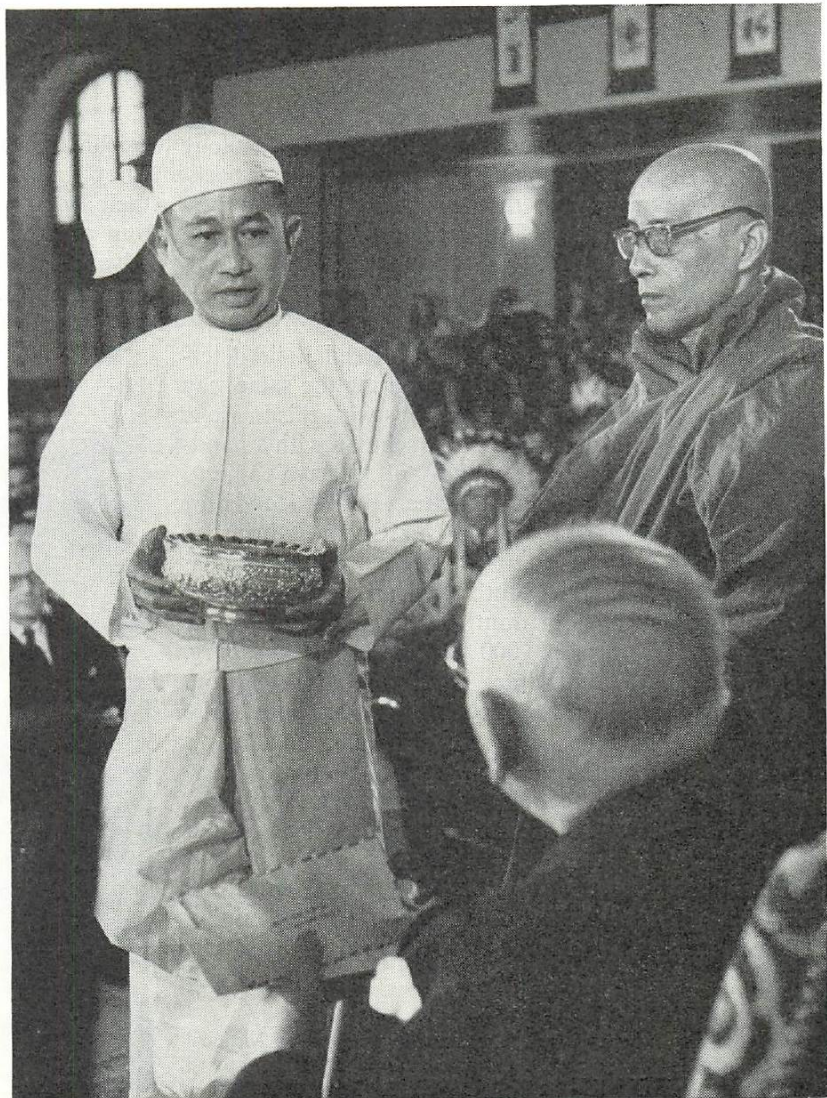
IT is early June. 1,130 people from 46 countries are arriving for the opening of the Moral Re-Armament World Assembly, marked on 4 June by the 83rd birthday of Dr. Frank Buchman.

In the spacious front hall with Dr. Buchman to greet the new arrivals from every corner of the earth, mingle hundreds of delegates—the saffron robes of Buddhist abbots, the eagle feathers of red Indian chiefs, the gay red, gold and blue dress of Scandinavia, Lapland and Switzerland. Here stands a Cypriot priest with three British M.P.s. There a general from Brazil, talking with a Hollywood actor and a former leader of Mau Mau. An African head of state enters in his ceremonial dress and accompanied by men from all over the continent.

Meanwhile, as delegation after delegation comes through the front door and is welcomed by Dr. Buchman, TV and film cameras record the vivid scenes beneath the glare of huge arc lamps.

This was the scene during the weekend of Dr. Buchman's birthday. It was a week-end that proved beyond any

On Dr. Frank Buchman's 83rd birthday, Thakin Chit, M.P., representing Prime Minister U Nu at the world assembly at Caux, hands Dr. Buchman a letter from U Nu and a silver bowl on behalf of the Burmese delegation. In his letter the Prime Minister stated: 'Moral Re-Armament has an essential role to play in preserving world peace and human happiness.'







One hundred and thirty people from eight Latin American countries fly in for the Caux conference. General Hugo Bethlem of Brazil (seen with Rajmohan Gandhi of India) leads the delegation. Nelson de Carvalho, a founder of the Portworkers' Union in Rio de Janeiro, said: 'Latin America is in great danger. Every country is a potential Cuba. We dockers are men who have worked out Moral Re-Armament in our own lives. We are absolutely convinced we must take it to Latin America and the whole world to provide nations with the incorruptible leadership that will lead them to their true destinies.'

shadow of doubt that, on the basis of the ideology of MRA, men and women of no matter what background, opinion, party, race or nation, can be permanently united in the task of remaking the world.

### AFRICA

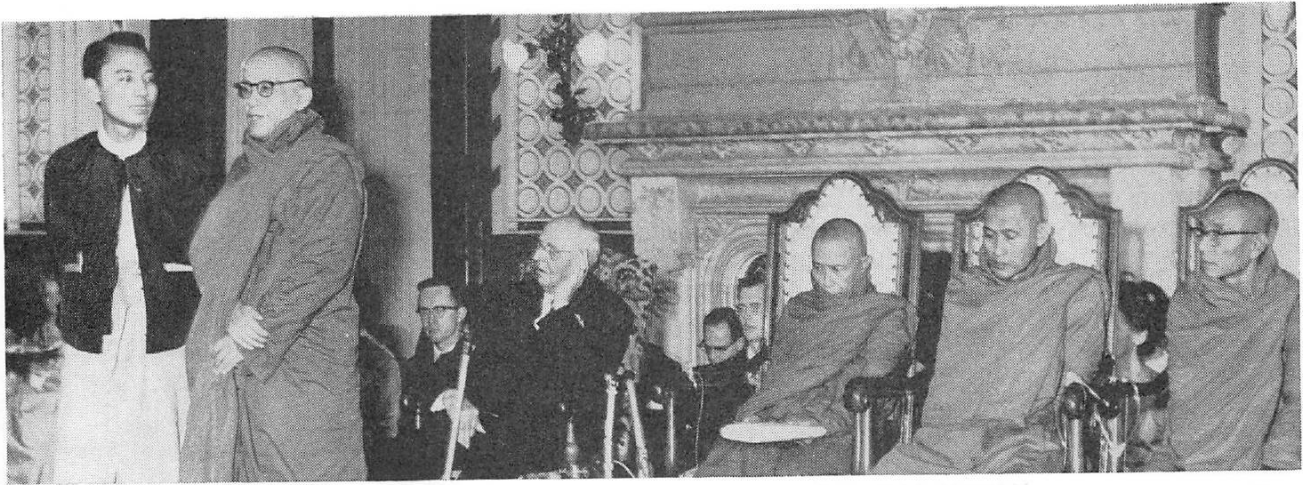
Spokesmen from all over Africa voiced their determination to prevent their continent going the same way as China and planned immediate steps with this in view. Sir Milton Margai presented Dr. Buchman with a hand-woven cloth from his country and said, 'I have come to pay honour to whom honour is due. MRA stands for independence with clean hands. MRA must bring to our community the standard we need.' Philip Vundla, once described by the South African police as 'the most dangerous man in South Africa,' and today the elected spokesman for 600,000 Africans in Johannesburg, spoke with black and white, Dutch and English from South Africa and former Mau Mau leaders and white settlers from Kenya. He told how Dr. Buchman's birthday is celebrated each year throughout the continent by all races meeting together: 'It is a miracle. MRA will solve the problems of South Africa without bloodshed.'

Among those representing the Congo was Grand Chief Mangole Kalamba, leader of the one and a half million Lulua people, who said, 'We have come to thank Dr.

Buchman for sending an MRA force to our country. They travelled through all six provinces and thanks to their work we now see the promise of a real answer to our problems. Only MRA can prevent the further advance of Communism in the Congo. We must go on the offensive. We must find incorruptible men and leaders who will put aside personal ambition.'



Marshall Juares Tavora, former Commandant of Brazil's National War College and Presidential candidate in 1955, is introduced to the Colonel in charge of Geneva's garrison by General Bethlem.



Sayadaw U Narada, Secretary of the 75,000-strong Presiding Abbots' Association of Burma, tells 1,130 delegates from 46 nations at Caux. 'A personality like Dr. Buchman comes once in a thousand years to lead humanity. That is why we have come 6,000 miles for the privilege of meeting him and giving him our blessing.' In a formal ceremony Dr. Buchman received the highest honour the Buddhist world can bestow, when five Burmese Abbots chanted their prayer of blessing and read from Buddhist scripture.

#### ASIA

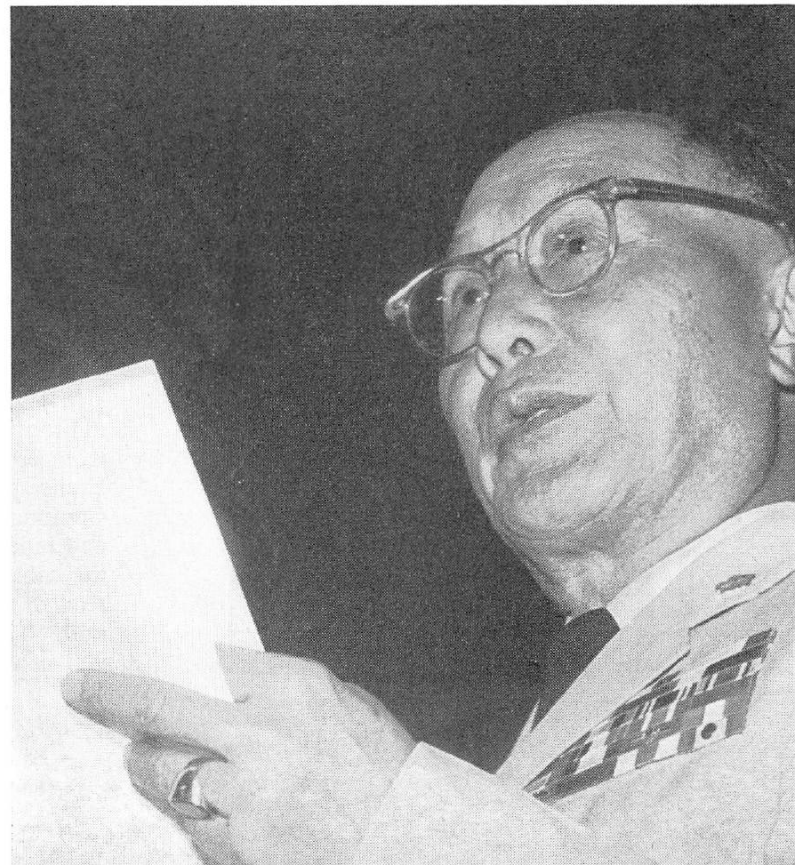
There were historic sessions of the assembly over Dr. Buchman's birthday as well as films, plays and musicals—weapons in the war of ideas which MRA has taken up on a world scale. On 4 June, in the presence of Their Majesties King Michael and Queen Anne of Roumania and H. E. Sir Milton Margai, Prime Minister of Sierra Leone, five Burmese Sayadaws—the highest ranking Buddhist group ever in the West—said prayers and gave their blessing to Dr. Buchman and the assembly. Handing him a letter they had brought from Prime Minister U Nu, their leader U Narada, said, 'A personality like Dr. Buchman comes once in a thousand years to lead humanity. That is why we have come 6,000 miles for the privilege of meeting him and giving him our blessing.' Also from Asia came a message from former Prime Minister Kishi of Japan: 'In view of the present crisis I pray for your increasing fight to point the real road to peace throughout the world.'

General Ho Ying-chin, former Prime Minister of China, rose to speak. He announced that 50 young Chinese had been specially selected to come to Caux for a year's training in MRA. Then he read a cable to Dr. Buchman from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek which said, 'MRA is playing an increasingly important role in the struggle against world tyranny.'

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#### SOUTH AMERICA

As South and Latin America seethed with the death of Trujillo in Venezuela the Communists used the incident to advance their cause. A diplomat said, 'But for a miracle this will be a red continent within five years.' To bring about such a miracle 130 from every walk of life arrived from the southern republics by special plane on the eve of Dr. Buchman's birthday. Leading this delegation was General Hugo Bethlem, former Brazilian Ambassador to Bolivia and Pakistan.





He declared, as he introduced his compatriots who included 28 militant dockers from the port of Rio de Janeiro, 'Moral Re-Armament is the ideology of our age. We must bring the answer to corruption, Communism and war. This is the moment and the place to plan how to do it.' Marshal Juarez Tavora, national hero of Brazil, told the conference, 'I planned many revolutions in my youth, two revolutions when I was older and now I must take part in one final revolution. I have now come to the conclusion that violent revolution cannot change the human conscience. May God give me the strength and spirit to take forward this revolution of Moral Re-Armament.' General Nicolas Lindley, Commander-in-Chief of the Peruvian Army, sent this message, 'The salvation of humanity is only possible through changed men who return to the road which Christ showed us through absolute moral standards.'

#### NORTH AMERICA

Speaking for the north American continent, which Moscow strives daily to divide from the south by exploiting and engineering provocative incidents, was Chief David Crowchild of the Sarcee Indians. In full ceremonial dress he said, 'MRA answers bitterness and hate. On this basis we can unite the world.' While Mr. Kennedy was still in discussion with Mr. Krushchev in Vienna, 36 United States senators and representatives sent this cable to Dr. Buchman, 'Communism must not be allowed to win the world. Only a superior ideology can bring an effective answer. Economic, military and political means alone are not sufficient to meet the grave crisis at this hour in history. The free world armed with the ideology of MRA can bring an answer to corruption, Communism and war. We are grateful for the moral stand you have



MOUNTAIN H

Three members of the British House of Commons attended the conference; Sir Hamilton Kerr, Bt., Mr. Harold Gurden and Mr. Patrick Wolrige Gordon (below).



taken over the years to show America what a nation under God is meant to be. We support your fight that brave men choose the right.'

Also from America came cables from famous Hollywood stars like Gene Raymond and Jeanette Macdonald, Joel McCrea and Francis Dee, Eve Arden and Charles Coburn, Spring Byington, Francis X. Bushman and Marjorie Main. One such cable read, 'We are ever grateful for your devotion to the motion picture industry. Your vision for the destiny of films to be a moral renaissance is a constant inspiration. We will fight to see that Hollywood uses its genius and its outreach that the liberating ideology of MRA may be dramatised for all mankind.'

#### EUROPE

From all over Europe hundreds arrived at Caux. Many came troubled by the rumblings in Vienna, the continued bloodshed in France and Algeria, the threat to world peace over Berlin and the Communist-control that is seizing the ports and industry of Britain and indeed the whole continent. A highlight of the week-end was the cable to Dr. Buchman from Chancellor Adenauer which was read to the assembly by Prince Richard of Hesse. The Chancellor said, 'The free world and our country owe you a great deal. May you continue for many years your work which has been richly



HOUSE, CAUX

Africans, black and white, mass on the Caux platform to give evidence of a uniting idea that is sweeping across their continent. The Congo was represented by Grand Chief Kalamba (centre in dark suit) and the Minister of Public Works from the Kasai; Liberia by the daughters of the President and the Vice-President.

blesed.' General Marcel Carpentier of France, who was commander of NATO land forces in Europe, declared, 'We are at war—not a war to kill men's bodies but to win their minds. It is no use being anti-Communist. If we are to win we must present a superior ideology. That is MRA.' The General, who was Commander-in-Chief of French troops in Indo-China, has just returned from Brazil. He said that his visit there had confirmed his conviction that the choice facing the world is 'Moral Re-Armament or global catastrophe.'

A special plane brought 67 delegates from Britain. Speaking on their behalf, Mr. Stanley Hoar, Managing Director of the Commonwealth Development Finance Company, said, 'The important question is what idea will control our countries in five to ten years time. We cannot escape that challenge. Those who live without an ideology today are vulnerable to those who live with one. I look forward to Africa and Europe united in an ideology of freedom and justice directed by God. Anything less will mean slavery. I have decided that nothing—home, relationships or job—will stand between me and giving MRA to the world.'

#### WEST INDIES

Conrad Hunte of Barbados, opening bat for the West Indies cricket team, presented Dr. Buchman with a cricket bat carrying the signatures of the recent Australian, English and West Indies team, and said, 'My best gift on your birthday is to rededicate myself to the winning of the world with the ideology of MRA.'

#### MIDDLE EAST

A final and moving tribute was paid Dr. Buchman by one of the most powerful figures on the troubled island of Cyprus. Rauf Denktash, Chairman of the island's Turkish Communal Chamber, said, 'Our nation has now found hope through the miracle that happened. The thanks must go mostly to Dr. Buchman and the teachings of MRA. The miracle is in our hands but Communism is getting stronger. If we—Greek and Turk—do not pool all our resources now, in four years at the next elections it may be too late. We know the road. All we need is courage and determination.' Making a presentation to Dr. Buchman on behalf of the Cypriot delegation, he said, 'We must bring to Caux as many of our leaders as possible so that they may know how to unite.'

The conference will be continuing throughout the summer. Chartered planes will be flying from Britain to Switzerland every fortnight.



## REACHING THE MILLIONS

**R**ADIO, TELEVISION STATIONS and newspapers the world over have taken Dr. Buchman's 83rd birthday speech, *Brave Men Choose*, to hundreds of millions. It was broadcast in 36 languages by Radio Rome and featured in 20 languages by the Government-sponsored radio station in Tokyo—reaching behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains. The 16 principal French-speaking radio stations of Africa broadcast it. It was recorded by Lloyd Nolan for local stations right across America and beamed by the powerful short-wave station in Boston (W.R.U.L.) to a potential audience of 71 million sets. Reuter's news agency sent it out to more than 70 countries, including Russia and China.

### 73 British newspapers

It has already appeared as a full page in the principal newspapers of every continent—more than 30 Swiss papers, including the *Neue Zurcher Zeitung*, of which 72 copies go to the Kremlin daily and in Germany's leading paper, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, which commented editorially on the opening of the conference. It appeared in *Die Presse*, Vienna, as Krushchev and Kennedy met. It was in the papers in Rome and Milan; the four national dailies of Holland and the Scandinavian papers.

The people of Britain arranged for it to be presented to the nation through full pages in 73 national and provincial papers, including *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Scotsman*, the *Scottish Daily Mail*, the *Glasgow Herald*, the *Newcastle Journal*, the *Liverpool Daily Post*, the *Sheffield Telegraph*, and the *Yorkshire Post*.

In Cyprus it was in the Greek, Turkish and English language papers and in Morocco in the Government paper, *El Fajr*. More than a million people in East Africa were reached in nine English and Swahili papers.

African and European papers in Rhodesia also carried it. It was in India's largest paper, the *Sunday Standard*, and in Tokyo in the *Tokyo Times*, *Japan Times* and *Mainichi Daily News*. *Yomiuri*, largest Tokyo daily, had a 30-inch article headlined, 'Celebrating Dr. Buchman's birthday—a great man who really loves humanity.' More than 250 papers in North and South America also carried the speech.

The biggest papers in the Latin American countries featured the speech, including *El Mundo*, largest Cuban paper, now published in exile. It was carried widely in Brazil, including a double spread in the *Brazil Herald*, which goes to Peking, Yugoslavia, Hong Kong, Rome and Washington. *El Pais*, of Montevideo, comments editorially that the overwhelming growth of Moral Re-Armament and the way important world figures are accepting this ideology built on rock as the normal way of life is the best birthday present that can be given to Dr. Buchman.

## 'All Out for God'

The June 4th editorial in the *New York Journal American*

**T**HE TITLE of this editorial is taken from a message to the world by Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, initiator of Moral Re-Armament on the occasion of his 83rd birthday. It is fitting that the message originated in Caux, Switzerland, at the opening of the MRA World Assembly attended by 1,000 delegates, including leaders from every continent.

Under Dr. Buchman's guidance MRA has become a powerful and successful counter-ideology to Communism. It occupies a high place on the Kremlin's black list. We quote from the message: 'Absolute moral standards are not just a question of individual conduct today. They are the conditions of national survival. There is no neutrality in the battle between good and evil. No nation can be saved on the cheap. If we go all out for God we will win.'

Dr. Buchman went all out long ago. Our congratulations and good wishes.



Mme. Quadros, wife of the President of Brazil, is seen arriving at a performance of the Japanese play *The Tiger* in Brazilia with (l. to r.) Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Mme. Irene Laure, former leader of the Socialist women of France, and General Hugo Bethlem of Brazil.





COUNCILLOR BIGG

### CANNING TOWN

**E**AST LONDON celebrated the eighty-third birthday of Frank Buchman in Canning Town Hall, which one speaker described as 'The cockpit of trade union struggles for the last 70 years and still the main meeting place of the dockers' unions.' The packed public meeting was called by seven East London councillors, led by Councillor Bigg of West Ham.

Bill Johnson, fiery East London personality and former mayor of Bethnal Green, said, 'There has been bitterness poured out in this hall for years and years but bitterness is no answer today to the problems of the world. We thought that the idea that could change people was the Marxist idea, but Marxist principles miss something. They do not cure hate, bitterness, filth and rotten living. I have found in Moral Re-Armament an incentive to fight for something better. When we see men in business change we East London workers want to fight side by side with them.'

Frank Ledwith, partner in a leading firm of shipping insurers in the City of London, declared, 'Management caused Communism. It was the selfishness of the employers which produced the bitter reaction of the workers. Management is serving Communism today not only in accepting Communist plans for trade but in accepting Communist ideas and in continuing the class war. But the third and most important thing is that management can choose and is choosing to fight for Moral Re-Armament instead. On this basis we are united with labour to remake the world.'

### KAMPALA

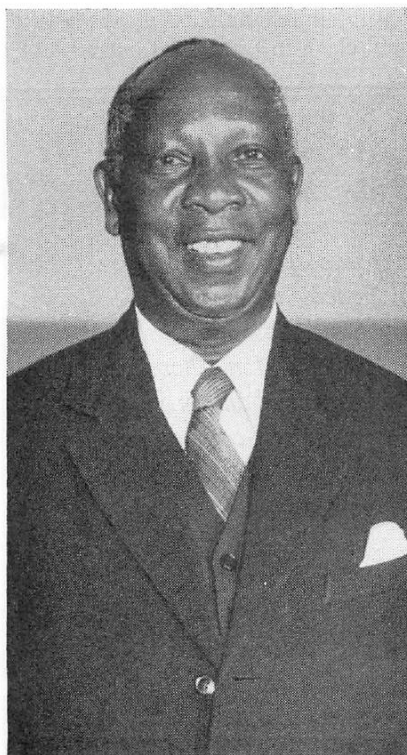
**W**HILE the crucial debates implementing the declaration of Independence were in full swing in Kampala, 76 out of the 92 members in the Buganda Lukiko Parliament came to see *Freedom*, the MRA all-African film. They were invited by Buganda's Minister of Justice Musoke. Among those present were three of the Kabaka's cabinet ministers, and most of the senior chiefs of Buganda.

Through the conviction of H.H. the Omukama of Bunyoro, Bishop Usher-Wilson and former Finance Minister Kavuma, public, commercial showings of the film are being given daily to hundreds in this modern city of Kampala.

### HOLLYWOOD

'**N**OLAN offers services for new MRA picture.' This was the headline in *The Hollywood Reporter* last week. The story read: 'Lloyd Nolan has offered his services to film *The Hurricane*, MRA's new play about Africa in which Muriel Smith of *The Crowning Experience* is already set to appear. Nolan, addressing delegates from 29 nations at the Caux Assembly gathered to honour Dr. Frank Buchman, declared "Hollywood with MRA will produce films that will build an incorruptible America and answer Krushchev's bid for world take-over."'

At the same time the film paper *Variety* carried the headline 'NOLAN'S HURRICANE' and told of the star's conviction to help construct a healthy film industry in America.



H.H. THE OMUKAMA OF BUNYORO



## REMAKING THE WORLD

ON DR. BUCHMAN'S 83rd birthday, Sir Hamilton Kerr, M.P., quoted these words of Disraeli: 'The Spirit of the Age is the very thing that a great man changes.'

Dr. Frank Buchman was presented with a copy of the new edition of his speeches, *Remaking the World*, published this week in London, a book which embodies the thinking and the experience of a man who has lived and fought to change the spirit of the age.

It is a commonplace to speak of the materialism of our age. Many come to terms with it. Few comprehend its dangers. Frank Buchman has demonstrated for fifty years that God's Holy Spirit 'is the greatest force in the world today.' He does so, not in the familiar language of past piety but in the ringing, modern coinage of experience: experience that is valid for a radical change in the lives and motives of men in Cyprus or Africa, East London or Asia, Washington or Brazil.

To the spirit of the age, absolute moral standards are not only in disregard but in disrepute. So great is the assault on the basic idea of morality that to many, honesty, purity, unselfishness and love are objects of derision and aversion. A senior police official in a great city said recently, 'Today it is the perverts who are regarded as normal, and people with normal moral standards who are looked on as queer.' That, too, is the spirit of the age, and across that tide, as these speeches show, Frank Buchman builds the granite wall of men and women who seek to live the absolute moral standards of the Sermon on the Mount.

All Frank Buchman's speeches have a unique freshness and penetration because they are rooted in experience—in the reality of revolutionary changes in men which transform stubborn situations of conflict, personally and on the scale of industry, race and nation.

### Men ablaze for the right

He thinks and acts in the dimension of answering the needs of nations. His speeches are a call to action for men who love their countries. 'For only men ablaze for the right can ever hope today to win men who burn for the wrong,' he says in his latest speech; 'no nation can be saved on the cheap. It will take the best of our lives and the flower of our nations to save humanity.'

The originality of Frank Buchman's thinking is evident throughout the thirty years of speeches included in this volume, and nowhere more strongly than in his

understanding of the ideological struggle and his analysis of its causes, and in his presentation of a living, world-wide ideological force to meet it. Statesmen of the world are beginning now to awaken to the ideological realities that Buchman was lining out for them with all the force at his command fifteen and twenty years ago.

Read his speech, 'The War of Ideas' in 1943, given at a time when the world's leaders, preoccupied with the immense tasks of the war, had hardly begun to think of what was involved in winning the peace. Frank Buchman outlined the struggle we have all since gone through, years before the democracies began to wake up to the fact that we are still at war, a war which can be won only if the weapon of a superior ideology is added to the weapons of military, economic and political power.

'All the moral fences are down,' warns Buchman, in the words of his old friend, Sir Richard Livingstone. When the moral fences are down in a nation, Communism floods in. 'Moral breakdown is the problem: Moral Re-Armament is the answer.' It is men and nations morally re-armed who will answer Communism and lead the world towards the new age everyone wants.

'Democracy and her freedoms,' says Robert Schuman, 'can only be saved by the quality of the men who speak in her name. That is what Dr. Buchman expresses in simple and moving words. May he be heard and followed more and more, in all nations of the world, by those who today still clash in fratricidal hatred.'

*The new edition of 'Remaking the World' includes Dr. Buchman's latest speeches: 'The Wrong Way and the Right Way', 'A Hurricane of Common Sense', 'All the Moral Fences are Down', 'Solid Rock or Sinking Sand' and his 83rd birthday speech, 'Brave Men Choose'. The index has been revised and brought up to date. There is a four-colour portrait of Frank Buchman as frontispiece. This pocket edition is bound in dark red cloth with flexible covers and printed on thin paper, for lightness and ease of handling: a book to take with you wherever you go. Price 10s. 6d. from your bookseller or from Moral Re-Armament, 4 Hays Mews, London, W.1 (postage 1s. extra).*