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'THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY NOW THAT MANY LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS WILL MAKE MORAL RE-ARMAMENT THEIR NATIONAL POLICY,'

declared General Hugo Bethlem, former Brazilian Ambassador to Bolivia and Pakistan, at the end of the Assembly of the Americas for the Moral Re-Armament of the World, held in Petropolis, Brazil, from 1 to 11 December.

The Assembly, which was attended by 610 people from 35 countries, saw the beginnings of a new and solid unity between North and South America and the healing of deep divisions among Latin Americans themselves.

Revolutionary student leaders from the extreme Left Wing *Fidelista* (pro-Castro) faction in San Marcos University, Lima, Peru, launched at the Assembly their new play called *El Condor*. The play shows the dramatic response of Latin American youth to an idea more revolutionary than Castroism that can cure the selfishness of society.

In the audience on the première night was Mrs. Hannah Nixon, whose son, former Vice-President Richard Nixon, was stoned in riots in Lima in which these students were involved. At the end of the play the students apologised to Mrs. Nixon and invited her and her son to participate in their new revolution. Newspapers, radio and television stations in North and South America took the news of *El Condor* to millions.

The leading newspaper in the State of Rio de Janeiro carried an eight-column headline across its

Enclosed with this issue:

1. 'BRITAIN NEEDS AN IDEOLOGY'
Reprinted from the *Daily Express*
2. Report on the Assembly of the Americas for the Moral Re-Armament of the world

front page on 16 December: 'Reconciliation has taken place between Marshals Tavora and Lott.' The headline referred to the visit of Marshal Henrique Teixeira Lott, Presidential candidate in 1960, to the Assembly, where he was welcomed by Marshal Juarez Tavora, Presidential candidate in 1955. The bitterness between the two for many years had divided the nation. Addressing the Moral Re-Armament force, Marshal Lott said, 'The national situation is very serious. It is now necessary for your work to save civilization.'

General Marcel Carpentier, until recently Commander of the NATO Ground Forces in Central Europe and the man who has trained many of Brazil's army officers, said at the Assembly: 'I want you all to realise the capital importance of the reconciliation between two of Brazil's most eminent leaders. It will have a great effect on South America.'

More than 200 leaders of organised labour, representing millions of men around the world, issued a Proclamation in which they said: 'In this nuclear age the concept of class war is out of date and suicidal. The world awaits a true revolution—a revolution of change in people—a revolution which will permanently transform the world. We can build a world in which the work and wealth of the world are available for all and for the exploitation of none, where empty stomachs will be filled with food, empty hands with work, and empty hearts with an idea that really satisfies.'

Summing up the conference, Hans Bjerkholt, co-founder of the Norwegian Communist Party, member of the Comintern for twelve years, said, 'This conference of national leaders committed to the new revolution of Moral Re-Armament will have a greater and deeper effect on the world than the recent 22nd Party Congress held in Moscow.'

The Dragon in the North

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Krushchev said recently that the time was past when the North could remain a corner of peace and tranquility.

It was an understatement.

Swedish troops are at war for the first time in 150 years—in the Congo.

Norway's government Party is threatened by splits—over NATO and the Common Market.

Finland faces pressure from the East and fears desertion by the West.

Divided and isolated, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark are easy prey to Communism's 'salami' tactics—takeover slice by slice. United by a common ideology they could give backbone to European solidarity. They could give the next ideological step to the countries of Africa and Asia, where they are regarded as patterns of social progress.

Hence the importance attached by Scandinavian leaders—and by the Kremlin—to Moral Re-Armament's offensive throughout the Nordic North.

For it is coming to grips with the fears that silence democrats and the lack of ideology that makes them a tool of Communist aims.

Underlying the military problems of NATO and the economic problems of the Common Market is an issue more basic to Nordic unity.

It was focused by General Ho, who is the Chairman of the President's Military Strategy Advisory Board of the Republic of China, when he said, 'The decisive force in affairs today is not geography nor diplomacy nor economics. We Free Chinese have come to Europe because we believe we have found an answer to the central issue of our age—ideology.'

'Why should we allow on any continent a small group of godless materialists to set back the clock of history when together we can launch an ideological offensive that will bring God's inspired answer to Communists and non-Communists alike?'

The Free Chinese moved into Stockholm at a moment when the Swedish representative at the UN was promoting the recognition of Red China.

The visit immediately became the subject of widespread comment in the press with editorials, photos, articles and cartoons. 18,000 homes were visited and crowds poured out to see *The Dragon* in the Blue Room of the City Hall, pride of Stockholm.

One hundred and eighty Finns arrived by plane. They included M.P.s from the Agrarian, Socialist and Conservative parties—among them a past Prime Minister and former cabinet ministers. Speaking to 1,000 people

at the reception following the Nordic première, Finnish M.P. Mikko Asunta declared, 'Tonight has given us the courage and faith that we will keep our freedom. We need Moral Re-Armament and men who are led by God to preserve our independence.'

James Dickson, M.P. and Chamberlain to the King, told the Swedish Parliament, 'Fear is a bad counsellor. We need men who can stand up and say to Krushchev, "We respect the total commitment with which you fight for your ideology, but your idea is too small, your methods are antiquated and mistaken and can only lead to disaster. You cannot build the right kind of world with hate, bitterness and division. Let us instead pledge everything together for a greater idea which by changing men really solves the problems of mankind."'

Major Axel von Heijne, of the Swedish Royal Life Guards, told an audience which included the founder of the Swedish Air Force, 'As a military officer it is self-evident that I must fight in the ideological struggle until democracy with MRA triumphs all over the world.'

Jan Cronstedt, Sweden's all-round gymnastic champion in 1959 and coach of the National gymnastic team, declared, 'I stand for Moral Re-Armament. It does not matter what reaction we get, we must speak the truth.'

The Stockholm daily *Dagen* editorialised, 'MRA has set out with all its strength to reshape society. All the forces for good must be engaged in this battle.'

In another editorial it added, 'MRA's aim is a fight against atheism and immorality. It fights hard when it fights these enemies of the people, because it is up against powers that are not easily dealt with.'

General Ho and the MRA force were invited to Norway by Carl Hambro, past President of the League of Nations and of the Norwegian parliament. In Oslo a tremendous reception awaited them. Television filmed the thousands of citizens who thronged the pavements along the main street as the ideological force—500 strong—marched from the main station past the parliament to the university.

The Oslo Daily *Vart Land* wrote of General Ho and the cast of *The Dragon*, 'They will show us another China which is on the march in the ideological struggle in the world. They have seen clearly what was wrong in the old China and shown tens of thousands of people a way out of the Chinese confusion and frustration. That is why they will be welcome in Oslo.'

The editor, Bjorn Høye, added, 'There is an alternative to Red China's Dragon. It is the army of General Ho. It gives me hope for the world.'

*Bookshops selling out as fast as their supplies come in; orders and re-orders streaming into the Publisher's head office; cables calling for copies by air from every part of the world; thousands of copies going into the Christmas mail in special white cartons with their gay labels—this has been the first fortnight of Peter Howard's new book in this country. At the same time, 100,000 copies came out in Portuguese in Rio. In Sweden the book was published to coincide with the visit of *The Dragon*, and news came of a Burmese edition on the way—the sixteenth language in which the book is appearing.*

All over Britain the press give reviews. Here are extracts from some of them:

'Peter Howard's books have sold over four million copies; two plays of his are now running in the West End of London. His latest book, *Frank Buchman's Secret*, reaches the highest level yet of personal insight and statesmanship. It takes that to understand and interpret Frank Buchman's Secret.

'For anyone, no matter what his class, colour, creed or calling, who wants the secret of dealing with men, in Cabinet, board room, trade union or shop floor, this book is a "must."'

*NORTHERN WHIG, Belfast,
12 December*

'Peter Howard has never written anything better than this, and his secret is that he writes from an experience which might very well have been one of the many stories and incidents he relates. Frank Buchman is allowed to reveal his own "Secret" and it is perhaps best summed up in his reply to a critic, "I do not say I am without sin. I do say I live for one thing only, to make Jesus Christ regnant in the life of every person I meet."

The book is a fascinating account of this personal work in contact with all sorts of people. The chapter on Africa begins with the story of Philip Q. Vundla, one-time militant leader of Africans in the Johannesburg area. Two years ago I sat in his little house in the African location and heard him tell me this story of his wonderful change of heart.'

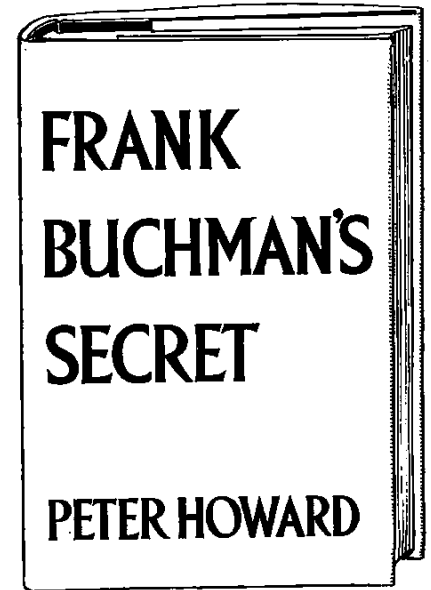
*DR. E. BENSON PERKINS, retiring
Secretary of the World Methodist Council,
in The METHODIST RECORDER,
14 December*

'Kings, Prime Ministers and statesmen came to him for inspiration. Confirmed atheists abandoned their disbelief because of him. Archbishops praised his work and Communists denounced his movement as "incorruptible"—when they were themselves not being converted! And when Frank Buchman died quietly at the age of 83, heads of State from all over the world sent messages of grief. 60,000 people in one country alone—Peru—stood in silence. Such was the influence of Buchman—once described by a Norwegian statesman as the "greatest man of our age"—and the Moral Re-Armament movement which he founded. Since he died, speculation has centred on his successor. . . . Peter Howard puts an end to the conjecture in his new book. . . .'

*ALAN BROWN in the EVENING ARGUS,
Brighton, 9 December*

'When Gandhi visited London he was scorned as a "naked fakir". But Frank Buchman entertained him to lunch and afterwards went outside the hotel to call a taxi for Gandhi, who had little money. He asked the driver how much the fare would be and paid it. Then, after a moment of thought, he tipped him too. Gandhi's son said twenty years later: "A rich man would never have thought of doing that. A man of God would." This is one of the stories of Frank Buchman told in *Frank Buchman's Secret* by Peter Howard.'

*BRISTOL EVENING WORLD,
4 December*



'The book contains a wealth of vivid stories which tell how Buchman changed the lives of statesmen and ordinary people in all five continents.

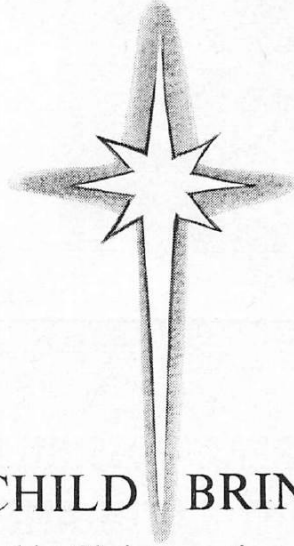
'Ford was one of the great pioneers of American management who knew Buchman well and was deeply influenced by him. Yet he never gave the movement money. "We had that kind of friendship," said Buchman, "where money was neither expected nor given." Ford once told Buchman: "Since you came here last year, nineteen of my managers have been saved from divorce as a result of what I learned from you." The great car industrialist saw in MRA a force to translate private moral convictions into public policy.'

DAGENHAM POST, 6 December

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Mr. E. G. Gooch, M.P., President of the Agricultural Workers' of Great Britain, chaired a luncheon in Norwich last week at which Frank Buchman's Secret was launched throughout East Anglia. With his Vice-President, Mr. A. V. Hilton, M.P., he welcomed the author, Mr. Peter Howard, and Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma.

'*Frank Buchman,*' said Mr. Gooch, 'was a great leader of men with an infinite capacity for good. His influence was felt in many lands because he dealt with men on the real issues facing them and their nations. This book of Peter Howard's captures brilliantly and with humour the spirit of the man and passes it on to those who read it.'



MAY THE CHRIST CHILD BRING

us the birth of a new thinking at this Christmas time and usher in the new world that the statesman and every man want. We need a fourth-dimensional thinking—a gift from God—that will lighten our darkness and bring a speedy answer.

Wise men came from afar, guided by a Star, at that first Christmas. May each one of us, illumined from afar, bring a gift to all mankind that will be more acceptable than any earthly reward.

Trials and tribulations are the furnace which forges prophets. May we have the courage to accept the gift of this fourth-dimensional thinking for which God has prepared us with a common unity of mind to become the remakers of the world. Ours is the eternal unity of being guided by a Star to give to every man and the statesman the gift of a new world.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

