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African unions admitted to South African TUC

AFRICAN TRADE UNIONS have been admitted into membership of the South African Trade Union Council. This decision was taken by an almost unanimous vote at the 8th annual conference of the Council, in East London.

Before the debate on this issue, on 19 March, the conference had been addressed by German miners, part of the international MRA force, which has been visiting the principal cities of South Africa in recent weeks, bringing an answer to bitterness and division. The Ruhr men challenged the delegates to conduct their congress on the basis of 'what is right for all, not who is right', and told them that 'Africa would then have the answer for the world.'

Hans Herrig, for thirty years a Communist in the Ruhr, presented the Chairman of the TUC with a Ruhr miner's lamp. Thanking him, Mr. Scheepers said, 'This lamp must be a torch for the workers of South Africa, showing us how to bring about more unity among ourselves and with all people in this country.'

During the subsequent debate on African membership of the TUC., three of the main speakers referred to Moral Re-Armament as the basis on which their decision must be made. The last speaker, pointing to the miner's lamp, said, 'This must be the light on our path.'

A transport workers' delegate told the miners afterwards, 'You brought light to this conference', while a leading African delegate commented that after they had spoken there had been a 'definite change of heart'.

Next morning the *Daily Dispatch*, biggest daily in the area, had a 4-column front-page picture of the miners and the MRA force, headlining their address at the Trade Union Council. In an editorial the paper said, 'They greatly impressed the delegates by their forcefulness and fluency, and by the emphasis they placed on the rejection of fear as an influence in policy making. If more people on both sides of the colour line heeded this conviction and acted upon it, Africa would be a much happier and much more prosperous continent in which to live.'

Nora Swinburne, Norman Wooland in new play at Westminster

'**P**ETER HOWARD is a most powerful writer,' the *Evening Standard* 'Londoner's Diary' wrote on 30 March. 'His next play is for the commercial theatre. It is called *Music at Midnight*. Rehearsals start next week with Nora Swinburne in the lead.'

The play will open on 3 May at the Westminster Theatre. The action of the play takes place on both sides of 'the Iron Curtain', at a time of crisis between East and West. The part of the Western Prime Minister is played by Norman Wooland, and the Prime Minister's wife by Nora Swinburne. Norman Wooland took the lead in *Passage to India*, which recently played for a year in London. Millions saw him as Horatio in Sir Laurence Olivier's film of *Hamlet*. George Mikell, who made a notable appearance in *The Guns of Navarone*, plays a rebel

patriot leader and there is a full West End cast in support.

Music at Midnight was written by Peter Howard and Alan Thornhill. 'It is subtle and exciting,' said one of London's leading actors. 'It is a great play. I only hope I shall be worthy of it,' Miss Swinburne said last week. The director, Dennis Ramsden, says that he is looking forward to producing it more than he has any other play.

Actors and actresses, who saw *The Hurricane* and *The Ladder* during their successful runs in London and the provinces, expressed a strong wish to take part in such plays. They want to see 'the Westminster' a permanent centre of healthy and exciting professional theatre.

The Westminster Theatre was presented to the Westminster Memorial Trust in 1946 with the following dedication: 'This theatre was given by men and women

of many countries in gratitude to God for victory, as a living memorial to those who gave their lives. Here will be presented the plays of the new Renaissance, to fashion the world they died to bring.'

The Box Office (Telephone: VIC. 0283) is now open for *Music at Midnight*, and there has already been a brisk demand for tickets. Enclosed is a card on which readers can order seats.

'America must be more than champion of freedom'

THE PREMIÈRE of *The Dragon* attracted more celebrities than a top-flight Academy Award show,' said the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* of 3 April. 'One of the most distinguished audiences ever,' added Hazel Flynn in the *Hollywood Citizen-News*. 'Stars of stage, screen and television were everywhere, as were social and political notables.'

For half an hour before the curtain went up, a TV audience of half a million heard the comments of those arriving. Katherine Quinn, granddaughter of Cecil B. de Mille: 'I was at Caux at the time *The Dragon* was written. This is something to which I am going to give my life.' Roy Rogers: 'I hope and pray that MRA wakes up some of the people in North America as they have been doing in South America. A thing like this happening tonight, and the effect it is having on people, gives you a new lease of life.' Robert Stack: 'MRA is a way of life that is superior to Communism and gives hope.'

'America's destiny to unite the world'

General Ho described *The Dragon* play as 'Free China's gift to the Free World. We offer it to the government and people of the United States in gratitude for the help they have so generously given over many years, in war and in peace. We Chinese no longer think in terms of sterile anti-Communism. We believe we are meant to bring a new dimension of living, based on a

transformation of men's motives in the communist and non-communist worlds.

'We thank heaven that America has the conviction and courage to be a champion of freedom, but America is meant to be more than that. America's destiny is to bring unity and healing to a divided world, through the force of a God-centred ideology. The men and women of Free China will be proud to follow where she leads.'

Twelve hundred people attended a banquet given in honour of General Ho and Mr. Peter Howard in the Biltmore Bowl. Mr. Howard told the audience, 'The time has come for America to save the world through the character of her manhood and the quality of her life. Anti-Communism by itself will never do it. It is too self-righteous and cheap. It costs no more than anti-Americanism and will never remake the world. America was built in a revolution. America, committed to bringing about the revolution of Moral Re-Armament, would enlist the attention of the men in the Kremlin, in London and everywhere in the world.'

On his arrival in America, General Ho, who was during the war Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Land Forces, China Theatre, told reporters that he looked forward to renewing his acquaintance with General Eisenhower and Vice-President Johnson and was ready to meet President Kennedy and other leaders of the administration.

Creating unity in Cyprus

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS,' wrote the *Sunday Telegraph* of 1 April, 'has worked hard to ease the bitterness between Greek and Turk,' and added that the Turkish Vice-President, Dr. Kutchuk, 'is also showing extreme moderation.' Extremists who aim to take over the island use every incident to further division.

General Pantelides, Commander-in-Chief in Cyprus, met last week with thirty leading men and women from all parts of the island, planning to prevent a land-slide into anarchy and civil war.

After the recent bombing of Turkish mosques on the Greek National Day, the atmosphere was tense. During the night after the explosions, until four o'clock in the morning, three police cars with ten policemen toured the streets of Nicosia, distributing Moral Re-Armament literature from house to house. There were no daily newspapers that day and, with rumours flying through the capital and demonstrators rallying crowds in both Greek and Turkish sectors, 5,000 families were able to

read of an ideology uniting the world, and the part Cyprus can have in it.

As the President and Vice-President met at the presidential palace to discuss the prevention of further outrages, four former EOKA fighters decided to visit the biggest Turkish high school, in the heart of Nicosia's Turkish quarter. There they planned to give MRA literature to every teacher and student, in an attempt to build bridges between the communities.

At the suggestion of leaders of all sides, 2,500 MRA magazines, in Greek, Turkish and English were sent to all cabinet ministers, M.P.s, military leaders, police and civil servants in Cyprus, Greece and Turkey, as well as to the head men of the island's seven hundred villages.

One Cypriot leader said, 'The only way Communism can conquer Cyprus is by using the disunity between the communities. The only way we can prevent that is by our unity. More Re-Armament is creating the character in people that can make unity possible.'

'THE NEW FAITH OF ALAN BROWN'

ON 28 MARCH the Northern edition of the *Daily Herald* came out with a two-column headline story on 'tough Alan Brown, £50-a-week manager of Sunderland Football Club'.

It said that Mr. Brown, noted for his 'reluctance to talk to Pressmen', and labelled by them 'Strongman' and 'Iron-man', had called reporters to his home to tell them of his 'new approach to life'. Earlier, with his wife and daughter, he had invited club players, directors and their wives to see a Moral Re-Armament film in the club's gymnasium.

Under the headline 'The New Faith of Alan Brown', the *Newcastle Journal* of 29 March published the following feature article by Alf Greenley on its leader page:

'Is it possible to carry a faith, a belief, a code of conduct of the very highest order—call it what you will—into the intensely competitive world of League Soccer?

'Is it possible to abide by a set of principles which are absolute, in a game which is really "big business", and still gain the success for which all clubs are striving?

'At least one man thinks so. He is Sunderland's Corbridge-born manager, Mr. Alan Brown, who is just beginning his second five-year term as boss at Roker Park.

'To 13 newspapermen, of whom I was one, Mr. Brown, at his Cleadon home, told of the remarkable transformation which has taken place in him during the past month, and left no doubts in the minds of allegedly hard-bitten sports writers as to his absolute sincerity.

'In a quiet voice, with no dramatics, he told of his introduction to Moral Re-Armament through two plays recently staged at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, of his talks with the cast and later with others connected with the movement, including former Davis Cup tennis star, Bunny Austin, and Essex cricketer, Dickie Dodds.

Principles

'Mr. Brown talked of his experiences for more than an hour and I'll guarantee that never has he had a more attentive audience.

'Afterwards he answered questions in the frankest possible fashion and left no doubt, in my mind at least, that if any man can carry the principles for which he stands to their ultimate conclusion, he is that man.

'He discounted completely my suggestion that in the mad, free-for-all rivalry of Soccer the "completely honest" man would be at a disadvantage.

'"There are a great many honest men in Soccer," he said, "men of the very highest principles—and make no mistake about it, there will be many more.

'"Far from hindering me in my work, I believe my new found faith will be of the utmost assistance. Certainly that has been my experience to date.

'"I have never felt so free in my whole life and for the

first time I am experiencing happiness—real happiness.

'"I feel I am working much more freely and easily with my board of directors and with my players and in doing so gaining a satisfaction I have never had before."

'Mr. Brown was equally frank when questioned as to his relations with the Press.

'He freely admitted that in the past they had often been poles apart and he appeared to most of us to be more than generous in attributing this to his own failings.

'Asked what he would do in the future if he thought he was being unfairly attacked, his answer was a brief and uncompromising "nothing".

Even stronger

'But make no mistake about it. This is no case of a once strong man losing his power. Rather is it a strong man becoming even stronger through an inner conviction which has imbued him with added authority.

'Brown the rationalist has become Brown the idealist, a word he would not use himself but which, for me, comes nearest to what I believe him to be now.

'As a player, he played hard. As a manager he worked hard.

'That energy, coupled with his new-found beliefs, build up to a formidable combination to which there seems no limit.

'Again he does not agree, but I believe that he is bringing something new into football, something that can only be beneficial.

'May he succeed.'

'Sportsmen can give the world an answer'

The *Daily Express* wondered what would now be Sunderland's chances of promotion to the First Division of the League table. With this season almost over and the likelihood slim, the paper's correspondent went out on a limb with regard to next year. 'I am jumping in first,' he wrote, 'and saying Sunderland WILL go up. Their new-found spirit, patterned by the new Alan Brown, practically guarantees it . . . 12 months in advance.'

No matter how the club fares, win or lose, Alan Brown has caught a vision of what the world of sport can do for the world as a whole.

'Recent experience,' he said last week, 'has convinced me that sport can give the whole country the lead it so badly needs. In a country where sport and sportsmen are idolised, our youth are entitled to look to us for the right way to live and play. MRA stands for the tops in sportsmanship. We gave the world football. Why shouldn't sportsmen give the world an answer?'

In a footnote to its story on Alan Brown, the *Daily Herald* noted that 'Dr. Frank Buchman, founder of MRA, said before his death, "I want to see a world governed by men governed by God."'

'For the happiness of all men'

The following is from a recent article in The Tribune, Catholic weekly published in Melbourne.

The Assembly of the Americas

WE have just received an illustrated report of the vast and impressive 'Assembly of the Americas' which took place last December at Petropolis in Brazil, under the auspices of the well-known international movement MRA.

This gathering, in the heart of Latin America, is of particular interest to Catholics because of the number of people of our own faith who were present at it—many of them having returned to the practice of their religious duties through the powerful moral stimulus provided by contact with MRA.

Princes of the Church speak

The most impressive endorsement of the work of MRA, from the Catholic standpoint, was given by the Primate of Brazil himself, Cardinal Jaime Camara, of Rio, who celebrated an open air midnight Mass in the square of Cinelandia, to which MRA force members received a special invitation, being greeted individually by His Eminence in the most cordial way.

On Christmas afternoon Archbishop Almeida Moraes Juricor, of Niteroi, also received the same MRA force—representing 35 nations—and gave them his pastoral benediction.

In his special message he prayed for God's blessing on their fight 'for the happiness of all men in the whole world', and spoke of the force of all-conquering love in combating the world menace of Communism.

We are of the opinion that the vast factual evidence of the pro-Christian and pro-Catholic achievements of this great movement begun by the late Frank Buchman ought to speak for itself—even without the expressions of approval of the eminent Church leaders we have quoted.

It may be added that it has done

much to create a situation which is the *sine qua non* of effective Christian evangelical influence in the world by bringing men of many races and creeds together, to converse with one another in friendship on the basis of the truths and values which they share in common.

MRA Assemblies at Easter

EUROPEAN ASSEMBLIES for Moral Re-Armament will be held over Easter in Edinburgh, Strasbourg and Silkeborg in Denmark.

The former Prime Minister of France, M. Pierre Pflimlin, who is also President of the French M.R.P. Party and Mayor of Strasbourg, has announced that he will be sponsoring the opening session of the Strasbourg Assembly.

Discussing these assemblies last week with an international MRA delegation, M. Benevenuti, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, stressed the need for an ideology in the free world. 'An economic miracle is not enough for Europe,' he said. 'It cannot satisfy people any longer. We need an idea to live for. I feel one with you in this battle. This is our fight.'

The invitation to the assembly in Edinburgh says, 'Men and women everywhere are deeply concerned about the country. The problems in home, industry and political life are grave and obvious.'

'Easter this year can and must carry the whole nation forward a decisive stage.'

'The weapons—plays, films, books—are ready for our use. The one thing needful is a united, expanding, wholly dedicated force of men and women who have decided that Britain shall become a God-guided country, committed to make God-government the policy of every nation.'

NEWS IN BRIEF

In Tokyo—for the fifth year running—MRA-trained men won the executive elections in the Seinendan, the 4,300,000-strong Japanese youth organisation. The President, two Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary and three national directors—all convinced MRA men—were elected by 83 votes to 2. Three of the directors have just returned from three months with *The Tiger* in South America and Europe.

When 'The Tiger' force arrived in Dacca, capital of East Pakistan—invited by President Ayub Khan—the Pakistan Minister of Commerce told them, 'Your coming is very well timed.' Dacca was in the tenth day of a students' strike. The striking students asked the Zengakuren students to address them. Later, they interrupted *The Tiger* play with wave after wave of applause. The Japanese challenged them to join with the MRA force in bringing an answer to Russia and America.

Every performance of the play was sold out and the run has been extended another week.

One of India's outstanding dockers' leaders, Mr. V. Dubey, invited Calcutta trade union leaders and their families to a showing of *Freedom*. Dubey, who is Vice-President of the All-India Portworkers' and Dockers' Federation, had 400 guests perched on walls, parapets and nearby balconies and crammed into every corner of the vacant allotment next to his house in a workers' district.

The Communist Mayor of Aprilia, industrial city near Rome, travelled 25 miles to a showing in Rome of *The Crowning Experience*. Fifty managers of one of Italy's largest concerns were also there, and representatives of the American Embassy. *The Crowning Experience* opens in Naples on 15 April. Further contracts have been signed with 66 cinemas in the Naples area.