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## Germans, Welsh see 'Music at Midnight'

As 'MUSIC AT MIDNIGHT' passed its 50th performance at the Westminster Theatre, London, one hundred and fifty people from South and West Wales came in a special train party to see the play.

Fifty of the party were from Pembroke and West Wales, headed by the Mayor of Carmarthen. The German Military Attaché, Lt.-Colonel Kraus, came to meet them at the theatre and to thank them for the generous reception given by the Welsh people to his countrymen when they came to do their training at the Castlemartin military range, near Pembroke.

Mr. Thiemann, Chief Shop Steward in a South German factory, who also came with other Germans specially to meet the party from Wales, told them and an assembly of 400 from all parts of Britain that he had been for three years with the German occupation forces on the island of Guernsey. 'Today,' he said, 'I would like

in the name of my nation and of the many soldiers who were there to apologise for the cruelty and hardness of many things we did on that beautiful island.'

Later, as a prisoner of war, he had met 'many fine people among the British officers and men. Now,' said Mr. Thiemann, 'it is like a miracle to be here for the third time—this time with a heart emptied of hate but filled with a new ideology, Moral Re-Armament. This is what I want for my nation, your nation and the whole world. I will fight for it with all my strength.'

Mr. Karl Schock, managing director of the factory, told the assembly that seeing the play *Music at Midnight* had made him decide to give the rest of his life to create a world governed by men governed by God. He said that he and his brother and a group of businessmen are sending 10,000 copies of *Frank Buchman's Secret* to leading people of Germany.

## 'China must lead in changing the world'

WITH MILLIONS STARVING on the mainland of China and refugees flooding daily into Hong Kong, it is clear that Communist China is failing to fulfil its promises. Formosa, by comparison, has had a marked success. Food production there has, in spite of similar natural conditions, been increased. At the same time, the reputation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has rebounded from the low position to which it had been reduced by the slander of enemies and by the corruption of some of his friends.

The key issue facing the Free Chinese Government, as the disillusioned millions look across the straits to see what they have to offer, is whether they live and give the world a philosophy cleaner and bigger than either Communism or anti-Communism.

Last week-end news of such a way of life was carried across the straits and over Communist territory, as balloons with MRA literature were released on the island of Quemoy. A 14-nation MRA force was visiting this

strategic fortress, 2,300 yards from the mainland. They were greeted on arrival by three generals and conducted on a tour of the defences. General Wong Don Nien, Commander-in-Chief, welcomed them to luncheon in the command tunnel with Army chiefs and senior American advisers.

The force, spearheaded by the Japanese and their play, *The Tiger*, had flown from Viet-Nam to Formosa. Eight thousand people gave a thunderous response to the première in Chinese, eleventh language in which *The Tiger* has been presented. Madame Chiang Kai-shek told them, 'All of us are happy to have you here. You believe in remaking the world, not through coercion but through moral suasion, with the same intensity of purpose as the Communists.'

The memory of many Chinese is still darkened by the years of bitter war with Japan. The President of the Taiwan Parliament, responding to an apology by General Inoue, wartime Japanese commander in the Andaman

Islands, said that bitterness cannot be clung to 'if we are to unite Asia,' while Professor K. T. Kwo commented, 'The Tiger visit has already gone a long way to removing the tension between Free China and Japan.'

Archbishop Paul Yu-pin of Nanking, now Rector Magnificus of Fu-jen Catholic University, presiding at

a luncheon given by the National Assembly and attended by 50 Assembly members, said, 'Your fight to rebuild the world is the greatest task any nation could take on. You fight effectively because you are so modern, concrete, impressive and interesting. China must lead in changing the world. China and MRA are inseparable.'

## 'Dragon' a counter to division in America

MEANWHILE, the Free Chinese play, *The Dragon*, is affecting deeply wheat and oil-rich Texas and Oklahoma. The initiative for this action came from men of management and labour who see in *The Dragon* a counter to the bitter left-right division that is affecting every walk of American life. They are convinced it is an answer for Washington—and that there will be a groundswell of support from the ordinary people. This is happening in such towns as Bartlesville, headquarters of the Phillips Oil Company; Enid, third largest wheat centre in the world, and Borger, which has one of America's largest petrol refineries.

In every town, the cast have stayed in the homes of labour leaders and the heads of great international concerns. In every town the initiative for inviting the play and filling the theatres has come jointly from local business, labour and civic leaders. The audiences have exceeded those of any previous travelling play.

The effects have been immediate. One oil city was split from end to end. The Junior Chamber of Commerce had tried to impeach the Mayor. The Mayor had fired the President of the Chamber. The town was suffering economically from the split. Inviting *The Dragon* force was the first thing they had united on, and now a permanent unity is being built. As *The Dragon* force left, the Mayor said, 'This city will never be the same again.'

Another major oil city had management-labour difficulties. The publisher of the local newspaper saw the play. His editorials, which had been bitter and divisive, began to cure disunity. The change in that editor and others is ending the costly strife.

Industrialists, tired of the anti-Communism which brings division and no cure, are interested in a play which shows a new road for Right and Left. One leading oil man in New York said, 'The oil industry is abuzz with what *The Dragon* is doing in the South-West.'

## Russia has a youth problem

WHEN THE YOUNGER GENERATION of Russians is compared with the American beatniks,' said the young poet, Yevtushenko recently, 'there is a grain of truth in the comparison. But only a grain. We are like the beatniks in that, like them, we despise everything that is pompous, that is false, that is humbug. But the American beatniks have no faith in any banner, while we do believe in one.'

This is fair enough comment, not only upon the beatniks of America, but of all the West. Yet it has been clear for some time that Russia does have a youth problem, no less than the West. Squatting there is not encouraged. Sometimes the authorities have tried to deal with youth by banning jazz, swing or twist, though more recently Mr. Krushchev himself attended a jazz concert and said that, while he does not understand it, he does not disapprove.

A major article in *Komsomol'skaya Pravda* recently reviewed the conflict between the generations and went over again the story of Communist parents who do not know how to enlist their children. 'There is still much left to be changed in man himself,' the article states. 'There is much to prove and much of which we still have to convince people. Perhaps man will yet raise himself above the feeling of self-satisfaction, above the love of power and will tame, conquer and finally root out the egoist and the selfishness in himself.'

'Let none of us forget,' the article concludes, 'that even over there, where they still worship the old witch of private property, people are talking frantically of "moral re-armament"... It, too, is striving after the "improvement of man" by shamelessly proclaiming honesty, purity, unselfishness and love as its four moral standards.'

This slighting reference cannot hide the sustained and constant Soviet fascination with the success of Moral Re-Armament.

Whatever their methods are in countries which they hope to take over, Soviet policy at home has included an element of what Edward Crankshaw, in *Russia after Stalin* in 1956, called: 'Moral Re-Armament, without God or Dr. Buchman'.

Moral Re-Armament, however, without God—and without men who aim to obey God as wholeheartedly as did Dr. Buchman—is not Moral Re-Armament. The Soviet leaders appear to see the need. But the price of success will be the abandonment of the doctrines that no revolution will succeed 'until the myth of God is removed from the mind of man', and that the test of morality is whether it forwards the class struggle.

When the purposeful youth of Russia and purposeful—or unpurposeful—youth of the West both accept Moral Re-Armament, with God, they will find their part in building the world which all men want.

# Report on Viet-Nam

*'Viet-Nam is now echoing with Moral Re-Armament—your visit has fortified the faith of our people'*

## PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM

at a reception he gave on the 4 June, 1962, for the MRA force which he had invited to Viet-Nam

**V**IET-NAM IS AT WAR. Every month five thousand people are killed in ambushes and guerrilla action. As the Saigon daily, *Tieng Choung*, writes, 'Viet-Nam is engaged in a life and death struggle against three enemies—Communism, internal division and under-development. MRA is helping us win that struggle.'

It was in March, 1962, that President Diem made an urgent request to Saburo Chiba, senior Japanese Member of Parliament, to 'saturate Viet-Nam with Moral Re-Armament'. As a first practical step, the President invited a Moral Re-Armament force to spend one month in his country.

So, at a time when U.S. Marines were moving into Thailand, as Laos continued to perplex Western chancelleries and Canadian and Indian members of the International Control Commission were documenting fresh guerilla aggression, eighty men and women from fourteen countries with the play *The Tiger* were taken by the Government throughout the length and breadth of Viet-Nam. Commented the Viet-Nameese Ambassador to Burma, 'Where many other measures have failed, the President is now placing his final faith in Moral Re-Armament.'

The Government not only undertook all the arrangements and financial responsibility—feeding, accommodation, transport and security—but also provided a permanent team of civil servants, army officers and translators to accompany the force wherever it went.

### 'Major topics—Laos and MRA'

The action began in Saigon. Six of the Cabinet came to the première performance of *The Tiger*. The Ambassador of Laos said, 'This is the only way we are going to answer Communism in South East Asia. Please come to Laos.' The Thai Ambassador, asked by his government for a report, concurred in this conviction. U.S. Ambassador Nolting assessed the action: 'You have been a great help to this nation. I thank you.'

Within a week the national news agency could

report: 'The two major topics in our press are the situation in Laos and MRA.'

Key to the security of Viet-Nam is the loyalty and morale of the armed forces. Thousands of tons of U.S. military supplies are flown in every month and hundreds of U.S. servicemen are attached to Viet-Nameese Army units all over the country. Every young man is conscripted for some form of national defence. Yet a bombed-out wing of the Presidential Palace bears witness to the need for ideological as well as military training.

### 'This is just the way to do it'

The President drew up a swift and comprehensive plan to reach the military with Moral Re-Armament. Every officer and man in the Saigon area paraded to see MRA plays and films. A mass open-air showing for 6,000 officers and men in the Army Stadium was attended by General Le Van Yy, Chief of the General Staff of the Viet-Nameese Armed Forces. 'An extremely relevant and useful evening,' he commented. The Commandant of the Army's Basic Training Centre added, 'This is what we and the recruits need.'

At a performance given for the Navy, the Senior Chief of Staff said, 'You have made a great contribution to our spirit.' At another for the Air Force, the Acting Commander said, 'Your dedication is an inspiration.' The senior U.S. Air Force General in Viet-Nam, General Anthes, commented, 'This is just the way to do it.' A special performance was requested for the National Military Academy in Dalat, which trains the officer corps for every service.

During the next weeks 100,000 Viet-Nameese saw the MRA films and plays. In addition hundreds of thousands in both North and South Viet-Nam heard radio broadcasts of *The Tiger* in Viet-Nameese. Five Air Force C-47s, and armoured convoys where necessary, took the MRA force to six provincial capitals, including areas where the Viet Cong activity is greatest. In Hue, old imperial capital and closest major town to the 17th Parallel, which by the Geneva Agreements of 1954 divides the country into two, 45,000 people

turned out to see two performances of *The Tiger*. The local USIS representative for the area said he had never seen such a response from the people. The Archbishop, the older brother of the President, said, 'I am encouraged to see your passion.'

#### **A uniting purpose for the nation**

Everywhere people commented on the uniting purpose that the force gave to the government and the population. In Nha Trang the Police Commissioner reported a noticeable change in the youth, who were causing trouble. In Qui Nhon, which was ruled by guerillas for ten years until the Geneva Agreements, the Provincial Security Chief said, 'You have done in a few days what the Army could not do in years.' The Governor of Vinh Long received the MRA force in his official residence, where his predecessor had been assassinated by the Viet Cong. He said, 'We need total mobilisation of human and material resources to win the military war. We need MRA to mobilise the resources to win the ideological war.'

Welcomed back to Saigon by a dinner attended by five Cabinet Ministers, the MRA force was asked to give a series of performances for strategic groups. After a performance for the Republican Youth, the President of this two million strong organisation said, 'The youth of Viet-Nam are talking about nothing except *The Tiger*. MRA has given them a new lease of life.' On the last day of their training to staff the 'strategic hamlets', 700 villagers responded to MRA.

These are the men on whom the government relies to counter subversion in the country-side.

Everywhere audiences welcomed and applauded the conviction of Rajmohan Gandhi: 'Here is more than an answer to the war in Viet-Nam. Here is the way to construct a new civilisation for mankind. As the free world turns more and more to Moral Re-Armament, the day will come when men again will walk with freedom and dignity in Hanoi, Peking and Moscow.'

#### **President orders filming of 'Tiger'**

To continue the saturation of Viet-Nam with Moral Re-Armament, the President ordered the filming of *The Tiger* in Viet-Namese. The Director of the Government Film Centre announced that they were printing 200 copies for use by mobile units in every village in the country.

At an audience for the MRA force in the Gia Long Palace, attended by three of the Cabinet and the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, the President thanked MRA for 'their contribution to the struggle which we are carrying on for the preservation of freedom and human dignity.' He continued, 'You have obtained great success during your tour of Viet-Nam. The people have been responsive to your individual and collective message. In face of the destructive threat of atheistic Communism, each man and woman in the free world ought to understand that the common salvation of humanity is the concern of all individuals and all nations.'

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# THE TURNING POINT FOR NATIONS

*The following article by Bishop Monrad Norderval of Troms, whose diocese includes the northern-most part of Norway, appeared in 'Morgenbladet', the leading Oslo daily newspaper, on 2 June, 1962*

**A** GENERATION AGO a great wave of re-awakening swept through the Nordic countries—The Oxford Group, as it was called.

It had as its basic message four absolute standards—honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. It aimed especially at winning leading men and women in the cultural life of the community, who through their inspiration and their conviction could win others.

Several of the foremost intellectuals of the North were changed from being either extremely salty pagans, or people full of doubts—powerless agnostics—to people who believed in Christ. And it did not stop only with the re-awakening. It lasted after the wave had subsided and thereby proved itself genuine.

## **Opportunity missed**

I was at that time invited to some of their meetings, but something always came in the way. One of them asked me if it were possible that the hindrance was in myself—that, in other words, there was something I feared might happen to me—a sin I feared would have to be recognised and fought, a decision I would have to face, but which might be God's way for me.

I protested, of course, but the man who asked me was right, and I have often thought since, 'I wonder how my life would have been if at that time I had not been afraid to face the full consequence of my failing Christ.'

While reading Peter Howard's book about Frank Buchman again and again the painful thought has struck me: 'You could have met and got to know this inspired and inspiring man. You could have exchanged ideas about our time and eternity and experience with this extraordinary and unique person. As a great Asian expressed it, "Such a man comes once in a thousand years to show humanity the way." But you neglected the invitation and thereby cut yourself off from a spiritual renaissance which you could have drawn on for the rest of your life.'

## **Buchman's 'extraordinary thought'**

Was it because I was afraid? Afraid that those piercing clear eyes should see through me and uncomfortably show me how small I was? But then, nor could I ever experience the warm radiance from his understanding Christian mind. I have often regretted my stubbornness and unwillingness to let his X-ray eyes shine through me and thereby open up for me the possibility of life's richest experiences.

Everybody who met this man said he was utterly ordinary to look at. It was not easy then to realize that,

because of the convincing clarity and strength of his spirit, he was to become the turning point for thousands of people he met and, as it seems, the turning point for nations.

Frank Buchman had an extraordinary thought: that Christ was the answer and solution to all problems in life. Up to now the world has been ruled with lies and intrigues, jealousy and selfishness, cruelty and hatred by people who live in a world enslaved by these sins and passions. Now one could try with the opposite values, with the spirit and mentality inspired by Jesus Christ—truth, openness, purity, warmth of heart, brotherhood, confidence and love.

But if this were to become reality, it must happen through people of a completely different quality, people filled by Christ's Spirit, changed people with pure minds and open hearts. With these people at the head of affairs there would be a world re-awakening—East and West, black and white, worker and manager would discover that they were brothers of the same blood, who no longer hate and kill each other but become a new humanity; who together, and in mutual trust, could solve their problems and difficulties. The source of inspiration was Christ. He was Alpha and Omega—the original and final goal.

## **Its power is the living Christ**

As Christians, we should rejoice that such a thing is possible in our materialistic and chaotic age, that such miracles can happen in spite of paganism and sin. We should rejoice and be proud of this mighty initiative to overcome conscious and unconscious godlessness and sin. It has originated from the Christian Church and its compelling and driving power, now as always, is the living Christ.

It is absolutely impossible for me to understand the scepticism and criticism, the conscious reluctance which comes sometimes from men in the Church against this man and his life-work. There are other things in life that cry more for our resistance and aversion than this will to realize God's Kingdom on earth. The very fact that the conscious godlessness in the world today sees this vital movement as its deadly enemy ought to convince us that it is of God. Frank Buchman made reality of what Charles Wesley said: 'Give me ten people who are completely and totally given to Christ and with them I will conquer the world.'

Read Peter Howard's short book about great matters, and if through that you come to feel small, you will become greater as a result.

## 'He fought for a new world for everyone'

By American labour leader William Schaffer, former President of Local 42 Shipyard Workers' Union. From 'Beach Cities Labor Journal', 11 May.

I HAVE HELD a union card since I was 16. First in the Teamsters and then in the Camden and Philadelphia shipyards. I want to tell my fellow members in the American Labour Movement about a 'best seller' that has just been written about my best friend.

The story of Frank Buchman of Pennsylvania is told in *Frank Buchman's Secret*, by Peter Howard, who worked with Buchman for many years. The pages of this book are packed with stories of a great human—and a great revolutionary, a man who understood the very heart of labour's struggle for a new world.

As I read my mind goes back a quarter of a century. At that time, after a life of poverty and struggle, I had become President of the 17,000 shipyard workers in Philadelphia. At the age of 29 I thought I had the world by the horns. But while I was negotiating work contracts for 17,000 men, I couldn't negotiate a home contract with my wife and two kids. We were about to break it up when I met Frank Buchman and began to learn his secret. My home was re-made, and with my wife, Irene, nicknamed 'Dynamite' by John L. Lewis for her work on the picket line, we found the true way forward for our family and for Labour.

What was Frank Buchman's secret as it struck a hard-fisted union organiser like me? It was simply this. He lived the new society we in labour had always longed for. Of course, we would sling it from the platforms, but we didn't live it. Buchman lived what we just talked about. He didn't blame the other guy. He fought for a new world for everyone. And so he brought the answer to the class struggle.

Every chapter in this book has something in it for Labour. Veterans of historic struggles for social justice in many lands march through its pages as Frank Buchman's fellow-revolutionaries.

Management too felt the heat of his conviction when he spoke of building a world 'where no man demands too much for himself while any other man goes hungry.' Hans Boeckler, post-war Chairman of the West German Trade Union, told Frank Buchman, 'I was convinced by the measure of the challenge you made to the employers.'

I once pinned my first organiser's badge on Frank Buchman's coat and made him an honorary member of Local 42, saying: 'I want to give this to the fellow I believe has done more to bring the answer for Labour across the world than any man I know.' I still believe that—more than ever.

## Film awards for 'Crowning Experience'

AT THE CLOSE of the Vichy International Film Referendum it was announced on 16 June that the popular verdict had given all possible awards to *The Crowning Experience* in the category of non-French films. The public voted it the best film, and chose the stars of the film, Muriel Smith and Louis Byles, as best actress and best actor. The film itself and Muriel Smith received the highest votes ever recorded in this contest, where every member of the audience has the right to vote. It is the first time that all three awards have gone to the same film.

The cups of the town of Vichy were presented before stage and screen stars and personalities of Vichy. Muriel Smith cabled from Hollywood: 'I see a France illuminating Europe, Africa and the world with her great film industry geared to the highest, liberating the great gifts of men through a form of art which can help them to live right and provide life-giving waters for the Sahara of their spirit.'

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Recife**—'Action of MRA Benefits Port' was the headline in the *Jornal do Comercio* over a statement by the Superintendent of the Port of Recife, Dr. Borba, Jr. He reported that during the last months: a number of militant Communists have changed, the number of alcoholics has decreased markedly, there has been no major unrest among the dockers, thirty marriages have been solemnised in church and many have returned to their faith. 'The arrival of MRA has been a wonderful gift in the Port of Recife,' he said.

'**The Condor**', the new Peruvian students' play, was seen by a vast audience in seven states with a population of 25 million in North-Eastern Brazil, when it was shown over the most powerful TV station in Latin America.

**Northern Rhodesia**—An international Moral Re-Armament force led by German coalminers from the Ruhr has been welcomed in the copper-belt cities of Kitwe and Luanshya. 'We have problems. We need answers very quickly indeed. That is why we welcome you,' said Alderman Comrie, Mayor of Kitwe. The National President of the African Mineworkers' Union was among those who attended a special showing of the film *Freedom*.

**Naples** — Both democratic trade unions have jointly presented the film *Men of Brazil* to all their dockworkers. The C.I.S.L. union officially requested the film for the inauguration of their new offices in Portici, an industrial suburb until recently under Communist control.

**Nicosia**—The Minister of Defence has undertaken the distribution of the latest MRA Pictorial to the Cyprus Army. Every headmaster in the Turkish schools has also received a Pictorial. The Director of Greek Education, in his monthly letter to all headmasters, recommends the newly published *Frank Buchman's Secret* in Greek.