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Kenya leader: 'We need a medicine that will cure hate'

'MR. KENYATTA faces crucial test of leadership' ran the headline to a report in last Saturday's London *Times* on the full delegates' conference in Nairobi of the Kenya African National Union. The report indicated that the KANU president would have to deal with delicate issues involving the party's constitution and finances, as well as the wider problems of national unity after independence.

A few days previously Mr. Kenyatta's only brother, Mr. James Muigai, flew with a Kenya delegation to the World Assembly at Caux, telling pressmen as he left that he saw in Moral Re-Armament the answer for Kenya's problems on the eve of independence. 'It gives a moral basis to every race, class and party,' he said. 'At Caux we expect to meet leaders from other countries who have successfully applied MRA and to learn from them.'

Among the delegation was Mr. Dedan Mugo who, as President of the Kerinyaga Welfare Association, is responsible for the care of the widows and children of men killed in the emergency. He himself was the first man to be arrested in connection with the Mau Mau revolution, three years before the state of emergency began.

He told the assembly: 'I was deported to the most remote part of Kenya for twelve years, without seeing any member of my family. While I was away the colonial government killed my children and my two wives, and took away all my property. Now I possess nothing.'

'When I came back from detention I found a poor country without true leadership. I was invited to an MRA conference at a settler's farm. I asked myself, "Why should I be invited to a white man's home when I have been opposed to everything the white man stands for?" I saw *Uhuru* and *The Crowning Experience* and my heart began to change. I asked myself, "What will it take to make the African, the Asian and the European in Kenya live in peace together? We cannot afford another epidemic of bloodshed."

'After three days I decided to change, so that I could change the black and white and Asians in my country. From that time I no longer hated because my family had been killed or my property taken. I decided to forgive the Europeans.'

'All those who led the fight for independence in my country, all the African cabinet, are my close friends. Whenever I see anything wrong in them, I will tell them, for they will listen to me. I have taken the lead in showing *Uhuru* so that my people see that I support this idea wholeheartedly and want to change my country. The government has been on our side, God has been on our side in the showing of these films, and there has been tremendous response.'

'We need an intelligent doctor who can invent the medicine that will cure the diseases of hate, selfishness and bitterness which confuse nations all over the world.'

British, Germans, French urge uniting ideology

'THE COMMON MARKET will not succeed without a return to the belief that God must be the dominant factor in the affairs of nations,' said Sir Hamilton Kerr, M.P. for Cambridge, in a speech this week to the World Assembly at Caux.

He said that governments may send rockets to the moon, but human nature would remain the same—selfish and short-sighted. He pledged himself to fight to bring Moral Re-Armament to his nation to replace materialism and answer crime and perversion.

Sir Hamilton stressed that Britain is facing a new kind of warfare—in the realm of ideas. It was far harder to grasp and grapple with this ideological warfare 'when your enemy comes in the form of an idea'. 'We need a moral ideology to fill the moral vacuum in which Britain is living,' he said.

General Otto Lechler, officially representing the German Ministry of Defence, said that to face the challenge of the atomic age a modern army must be equipped with an ideology. 'An army, equipped with the ideology of

Moral Re-Armament and dedicated to it, will be invincible in war and will possess a force for unity radiating far beyond our national boundaries and able to prevent the outbreak of a hot war,' he said.

General Lechler, who led the first official delegation of the Federal Armed Forces at Caux, said, 'We regard the fact that we have been officially sent here as a sign of a closer co-operation with the Federal Armed Forces. I will do everything I can to further this co-operation.'

Speaking with him were officers of the armed forces of France, Brazil, Britain, the Sudan, Switzerland and

Austria. General Antoine Béthouart, member of the French Senate and former Commander-in-Chief of French occupation forces in Austria, told 900 delegates that he saw 'eye to eye with our German colleagues in every detail'.

'Today, one army after another is undertaking the task of upholding civilisation based on the moral standards that Moral Re-Armament represents.' As Vice-President of the Parliamentary Congress of NATO he had urged member governments to clarify these moral standards for their people.

Democratic forces strengthened in Uruguay

THE STRENGTHENING of the democratic trade unions of Uruguay until they now control 70 per cent of the workers of the country, was attributed to men trained in MRA last week by the Organising Secretary of the Uruguayan Metal Workers, Armando Perdomo.

The man who started this swing was Oscar Alaniz, President of the White Collar Workers' Union, Perdomo told the Assembly of the Americas at Mackinac Island, Michigan. In 1956 Alaniz attended an MRA conference. He had a violent temper, so both management and labour were against him. He changed. A friend described it as 'a fantastic transformation'. He was so different at home that his wife, who had suffered from a heart condition, is now free of all symptoms of it.

Alaniz won the confidence of the metalworkers at Ferrosnalt. He trained a group of men who broke the Communist control and created a democratically-oriented union. 'In a secret ballot 69 per cent of the workers supported them,' Perdomo said. This took place

when the company was considering shutting down and its 100-peso shares were valued at 37 pesos.

'Today, through the new confidence between management and labour, the Ferrosnalt Company now pays the highest wages of any manufacturing plant in the country, and the value of its shares has increased in four years from 37 pesos to 135 pesos.'

In the last two years, Perdomo said, the Transport Workers' Union and the Meatpackers' Union, following the lead of the Metalworkers' Union leaders at Ferrosnalt, broke with the Communist-dominated labour organisation and joined the democratic Uruguayan Confederation of Trade Unions. 'This confederation now controls 70 per cent of the workers,' he explained. 'They offset all Communist attempts to regain power.'

The union officials who brought about the recovery of the Ferrosnalt Union and the Ferrosnalt Plant have gone to the Argentine and Brazil with MRA task forces to turn the ideological tide across the continent.

Cyprus shows 'The Golden Bridge' to unity

THE FORMER CHIEF of the Greek underground (EOKA) for the port of Famagusta in Cyprus told the World Assembly at Caux, 'Without MRA there would still be blood flowing in my country, if not between Greek and British, certainly between Greek and Turk.'

Mr. Spyros Stephou, who directed the sabotage of shipping in Famagusta during the emergency, led a delegation of Greek and Turkish Cypriots. After he had spoken a Turkish schoolmaster and newspaper editor, Mr. Ahmed Gazioglu, said that three years ago if he had met Stephou he would have had to kill him or be killed. 'But hatred and bloodshed,' he said, 'will not bring our country into safe harbour. Our leaders found unity through MRA. Without it we shall not preserve freedom and peace in Cyprus.'

With Stephou on the platform were his wife and two brothers who, he said, two years ago would not have been found together in the same house. 'Three times my wife began divorce proceedings against me. It was only the fight for freedom that kept us together. In Caux for

the first time I saw myself as I really was. I changed. Then my wife and brothers changed. We are part of a growing force of Cypriots who are determined to apply our experience of finding unity wherever there is division in the world.'

Mr. Stephou read a message from Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus, wishing the assembly 'every success in its endeavours for a better world guided by God.' He referred to fourteen previous messages to Moral Re-Armament from President Makarios who, he said, had repeatedly expressed gratitude for the part played by MRA in the Cyprus solution.

Over 900 delegates from 59 nations gave a standing ovation to the world première of *The Golden Bridge*, a play in which the Cypriot delegation show the road to unity taken by their people. 'If you take the spirit shown in this play to North Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the far ends of the world, millions, millions, millions will rise up and call the people of Cyprus blessed,' said Mr. Peter Howard.

'FRANK BUCHMAN'S SECRET' IS BESTSELLER IN JAPAN*

'Shows the way to man's true destiny'

A FEW WEEKS AGO the Chief Secretary to the Japanese cabinet, Mr. Ohira, said publicly, 'I have just read *Frank Buchman's Secret*. It is both moving and important.' Today Mr. Ohira is Japan's Foreign Minister. He reports that he has read the book a second time.

Within a week of publication by the Mainichi Publishing House, *Frank Buchman's Secret* was a bestseller from the northern island of Hokkaido to Tokyo. It topped the list in two major Tokyo bookstores and was fifth across the city.

Tokyo Shimbun this month carries a series of interviews with the major figures of the Liberal Democratic Party. On 19 August they interviewed Mr. Eisaku Sato, former Minister of Agriculture and leading contender for the Premiership following Mr. Ikeda. They quote Sato as saying, 'It may be asking too much of the Ikeda Cabinet, but now that we have entered the age of space-ships and sputniks, the thing that seems most outmoded is our politics.'

'A turning point has been reached where we must start to think of a form of politics which corresponds to the needs of our scientific progress. Who of us is ready and prepared to meet this challenge? Our politics have become so stagnant that we shall never be able to open up a new dimension unless we think differently.'

'Must' reading for management and unions

'While meeting people of all backgrounds,' the article continues, 'Mr. Sato has recently come across the four principles of MRA—absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love—and this has captured him completely. Quoting Dr. Buchman's words, "Before pointing your finger at others, change your own attitude," he said with firmness "we Japanese politicians need change the most. Of course I am not an exception. The one way to improve Japan is to have each one of us politicians change."'

Not only those in government, but the press and the ordinary man have acclaimed *Frank Buchman's Secret*. Every member of the Imperial family possesses a copy. It is on the desk of the head of the National Trade Union Federation. Unions have made it a 'must' reading for their central committees, as have companies for their boards of directors. It has become a textbook for schools.

In a letter to all 30,000 graduates, the former president of the Japan Women's University stated, '*Frank Buchman's Secret* shows the only way to prevent the destruction of mankind and fulfil man's true destiny.' The President of Waseda University wrote, 'How can we resolve the divisions, tensions and hatreds in the world today? I recommend *Frank Buchman's Secret* as the key to the answer.'

'Unique figure of the century'

Sontoku Ninomiya, who founded the 4,300,000-strong Japanese Youth Federation (Seinendan) after the war, recently told its leaders, 'The lesson Dr. Buchman taught us of not going left, nor right, but straight still lives. I urge all from the Seinendan to read this book.' The Secretary General of the million-member Federation of Independent Unions commented, 'This is a book about the man of the century, the man who discovered the way to free mankind from the threat of dictatorship and war.'

The great mass circulation newspapers of Japan, *Mainichi*, *Sankei*, *Yomiuri*, *Asahi* all carried reviews. *Sankei* headlined its article, 'Buchman—unique figure of the century, MRA—miracle of the age.' *Yomiuri* wrote: 'Although we get one warning after another about the crisis in a crumbling Western civilisation, there has been one great spiritual pillar which is powerfully influencing the latter half of the twentieth century. It is Moral Re-Armament.'

Asahi Weekly says that the book 'expertly describes the life of Dr. Buchman, who lived the conviction that peace is not just an idea but something that becomes a reality when men change.'

'Tackling Japan's biggest problem'

In another review *Kanagawa Shimbun* wrote, 'MRA has spread around the world as water penetrates the earth. This is due to the longing of men in this century for something to stand for, a way to save mankind in a world divided into two camps. The establishment of a new world concept, a new concept of man himself, and the restoring of forgotten moral values are needs that have never been as urgent as today.'

The Mainichi Publishing House printed an unusually large first edition. Now, reporting a flood of letters and postcards from across the country praising the book, it has decided to run a second edition.

The weekend *Mainichi*, with a circulation of three and a half million, pinpointed the importance of the book in its headline, 'Sweeping out corruption and impurity—tackling Japan's biggest problem.'

*Published in Britain by Heinemann, at 10s. 6d., it is also available in Chinese, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Malayalam, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish.

'Music at Midnight' is first-rate theatre

—LIVERPOOL DAILY POST

THE LORD MAYOR and Lady Mayoress of Liverpool (Alderman and Mrs. D. J. Lewis) headed a group of 44 civic leaders and their wives, wearing their chains of office, from Merseyside and the North West at the opening performance of *Music at Midnight* at the Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool.

They included the Mayors of Birkenhead, Blackburn, Bury, Ellesmere Port, Oldham, Widnes and the Deputy Mayors of Sale and Warrington. After the performance there was a reception in the theatre lounge for the Lord Mayor, civic leaders and members of the consular corps to meet the cast.

The *Liverpool Daily Post* theatre critic next morning described *Music at Midnight* as 'a good play . . . well and unobtrusively acted.'

'Norman Wooland', the review continued, 'and Nora Swinburne are excellent. The supporting cast are good; I liked Walter Horsburgh's ambassador, charmingly urbane, and Jo Crawford's ingenue daughter.

'Peter Howard and Alan Thornhill have written what is a very entertaining and continually exciting play. It begins in the middle of a revolution somewhere in Europe: Communist forces and freedom fighters are clashing in the streets; a family wait for the moment when the secret police must arrive—wait, in fact, for their deaths. The scene shifts to the purely political conflict of another country asked for aid; to personal problems also.

'This, played out against Sheila Ward's most delightful sets, is first-rate theatre. Persistently the action forces one to the mental question that is the test of a play: what will happen next? And one does care for the characters and the situations. The production contains some acting that is well worth going to see. Nora Swinburne is delightful to watch as his (the Prime Minister's) wife; this is slightly understated acting at its very best. The play, in fact, offers a very nice sense of humour in addition to its other attractions.'

'Sheffield Telegraph' says play 'triumphs'

AT THE END of its week's run in Liverpool, the *Sheffield Telegraph* greeted its opening in that city with a half-page feature article under the three-column headline, 'A play with a message that is simply told'. 'Anyone', says the article, 'who avidly devours the London theatre columns must know—at any rate, by name—the play that 58,549 people saw at the Westminster, and needn't have been withdrawn when it was.

'It is on tour for a nominal period of five weeks. Already it looks as though even Howard and Wyndham's, the firm promoting the tour, undercalculated.

'I am assured that it won't be chicken feed getting into the Lyceum next week, if you haven't already booked. That is about the size of it.

'Whether or not you sympathise with the aims of this formidable movement, MRA (basically Govern-

ment by God), *Music at Midnight* triumphs over many pièces de résistance in the Theatre. . . .'

Of the Sheffield first night, the *Yorkshire Post* wrote: 'The capacity audience gave a great ovation to the original London cast, which included those two bright stars of stage and screen, Nora Swinburne and Norman Wooland, whose superb acting contributed so much to the impact of the message put over by the play.'

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Mackinac Island—General Antonio Gueddes Muniz, highest ranking serving officer in the Brazilian Air Force, told the Moral Re-Armament Assembly of the Americas, 'The most important thing in government is the quality of life of the men who govern. It is more important than the form or formula of government. Here at Mackinac I have found how to reach and change the motives of men.'

Brazil—In the last five weeks 679,000 MRA Pictorials have been inserted in their Sunday editions by the publishers of twenty-one newspapers.

Tokyo—The *Tokyo Times* is carrying a series of three full-page articles on the MRA Asian Assembly Centre at Odawara. The opening article says, 'Against the background of civil wars in Asia and tragic bloodshed in Africa, the newly completed Asian centre and the World Assembly will give all delegates the sense of being the lighthouse of Asia.'

Brisbane, Australia—The Premier of Queensland, the Hon. G. F. R. Nicklin, with the education Minister, the Hon. J. C. Pizzey, were among the audience at the Queensland première of *The Crowning Experience*. The film is being distributed by Hoyts, Australia's largest film distributors.

Calcutta—A 'house-full' audience at a special commercial showing of the film *Men of Brazil* included the State Ministers of Labour and Social Welfare, prominent film industry personalities and union and employers' representatives from the docks.

MUSIC AT MIDNIGHT

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: 17-22 September at the Theatre Royal

EDINBURGH: 24-29 September at King's Theatre

ABERDEEN: 1-6 October at His Majesty's Theatre

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