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GO NORTH, YOUNG MEN, GO NORTH!

ONCE young Americans went West to seek their fortune. They were told, 'Go West, young man, go West.'

Today they are trekking South and North—South to fight segregation, North to build an America whose many races will fight for a new birth of freedom for every man, woman and child on earth.

The southward trek, by civil rights volunteers trained in northern centres, will, it is feared, lead to violence in many States.

The northward trek has seen boats and buses, jalopies and jets bringing young men and women to a 'Conference for Tomorrow's America' at the Moral Re-Armament training centre on Mackinac Island, meeting point of the Great Lakes.

Ten charter planes on a single day circled the forest-girt airport at Pellston in northern Michigan bearing 750 young Americans, Negro and white, Red Indians from 16 tribes, and Latin Americans from Puerto Rico, Peru and Brazil.

Into this busy air traffic buzzed a Presidential special plane carrying America's First Lady to a 24 hour rest as the guest of Mr. Stewart Woodfill, owner of Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel.

Mrs. Johnson's plane was followed by a plane of youth from Hazard, Kentucky, and other communities of the poverty-stricken Appalachian mountain area, for which the President has shown special concern.

Airborne invasion

Down the gangway of another plane climbed contingents from Britain and other parts of Europe, from India, South Africa and Japan. It was an airborne invasion of historic Mackinac Island, once invaded by Indians, French and British in canoes.

Bob Saltzman, a Florida high school football captain and senior class president, said on arrival that he was

glad to be there with Negro students from his home State. 'It's going to take us all to build the kind of America and world we want.'

'We students have sacrificed our summer jobs to be here because we felt it was the most important thing happening in America,' he said. 'Now that 50 per cent of the people of America are under 25 years of age, we must take responsibility for our country and its role.'

Combos and cowboys

The opening session with 1,030 present was described by an eye-witness: 'It resembled a cross between a hootenanny and a national political convention. Bands, combos with their electric guitars and drums, beat folk singers, a cowboy trio, massed chorus and Olympic sportsmen all got in their lick competing for the mike.'

'It was a new kind of meeting not just for kicks or thrills but with the aim of building a better America, alive, vigorous, initiating a new way to live for all mankind.'

Peter Howard opened the conference. He challenged the American youth 'to capture the allegiance of the world, Communist and non-Communist alike and lead all men into a society of justice and peace. You will do something entirely new.'

'Africa and Asia are waiting for America to show mankind how to live. Laws, necessary as they are, and violence will never cure bitterness.'

'Together here we can do something far more significant than those people, however sincere, who are causing such misery and pain in Mississippi.'

'America morally rearmed will capture the allegiance of the world, not by the gold in your purse, although that will increase, or by the guns in your hand that must be maintained, but by the guts of your youth, the amazing genius of your multi-racial society and the guidance of Almighty God.'

Commonwealth—'The Finest Hour'?

LEADERS of one fourth of the human race meet in London next week. They are the Prime Ministers of the largest free association of peoples on earth, the Commonwealth—seven hundred and forty million people, seventeen independent nations, to be joined by two more, Malawi (Nyasaland) and Zambia (Northern Rhodesia), before the end of this year.

To give meaning and purpose to the modern Commonwealth is what Sir Alec Douglas Home says he most wants to accomplish as Prime Minister. It is an aim in which men of all political views can share.

Millions of British descent live in the older members of the Commonwealth and thousands from the newer ones have made their home in Britain. Canada

alone has absorbed 700,000 British immigrants since the war. In 1962, 58,000 came from Commonwealth countries to live in Britain. There are 42,000 Commonwealth students in Britain now.

'Never in history has so varied, so wide, so astonishing a section of humanity of all colours, of a thousand languages, of a million skills and limitless genius been united without the sanction of force and with a common loyalty,' declared Mr. Peter Howard recently.

'God help those who want to weaken that Commonwealth or allow it to disintegrate. If the British Commonwealth of nations undertook the task of teaching humanity how to live, and how to live true unity, it could indeed be our finest hour.'

Kenya schools invite film unit

OVER half of Kenya's nine million people are now under sixteen, stated the Minister of Finance, Mr. James Gichuru, during his Budget speech. Many of the 80,000 who leave school annually cannot find work. An indication of this problem appeared last week, when 5,000 young men applied for 300 available places in the Kenya Army.

Two months ago an unprecedented series of film showings took place in Western Kenya. In 27 days 60,000 people saw the MRA films *Freedom* and *The Crowning Experience*. The President of the Region commented afterwards on the enthusiasm of the youth. Similar programmes, he said, 'being one way of solving our problems', should take place in every Region.

During the last two weeks pressing requests have come

from headmasters and students throughout the country for these films and training. To meet this demand a mobile film unit will visit thirty principal secondary schools of Kenya during the next few weeks.

This programme has begun in North-West Kenya, where seven schools have already been shown the films.

At one school, where several of the present Kenya Cabinet were educated, the headmaster said, 'This is exactly the type of training needed in Kenya today.' A school captain said, 'Who knows, the future Prime Minister of Kenya may come from this school. These films have given us a clear idea of the qualities necessary for leadership in this age.'

All the schools are contributing to the costs of running the film unit.

Tomorrow's Nigeria

ONE sixth of Africa's population live in Nigeria—some 250 ethnic and linguistic groups with different customs and religions gathered under one flag.

Abroad, Nigeria has played an important role in architecting the Organization for African Unity. East and Central Africa seek the benefit of her judges and lawyers. The Congo calls on her police and army. A Nigerian battalion mounts guard in Tanganyika.

At home, Nigeria is rich in natural resources. Eighty per cent of her people derive their livelihood from the land, but plans are underway for major iron and steel complexes using Nigerian raw materials. By 1967 petroleum will displace cocoa as the main source of foreign exchange; by 1968 the Kainji Dam Project will double the present electrical power.

Despite this, danger signals are on display. The recent General Strike was reported in the Nigerian press as one symptom of a deep-rooted sickness. Unemployment threatens to increase, particularly among primary school leavers. The man-in-the-street voices bitterness at some

big-car politicians who appear to display more wealth and waistline than care for the needs of the people. Teenagers and trade unionists talk of revolution. Reports of tribalism, class war and corruption fill the newspapers.

The youth ask, 'Need democrats be less dynamic than dictators?' They want leaders with the courage to put patriotism before position, country before cash, the next generation before the next election.

Some Nigerian youth intend to raise such leadership. They have called a conference for Moral Re-Armament in August to plan for 'Tomorrow's Nigeria'. Their aim is to 'take practical action to: (1) Create men who can give incorruptible leadership; (2) Build a society where exploitation shall cease; (3) Forge national unity and national purpose; (4) Fulfil Africa's role in world affairs.

With 'Unity and Faith' as her motto and mode of living Nigeria will, these youth believe, be a pattern for nations who have lost their way.

THE POPULATION EXPLOSION—WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

by PAUL CAMPBELL, M.D.*

IN the hour you took for lunch today 6,000 more people were added to the earth's population—6,000 people who need bread, textiles, jobs, houses, schools, hospitals, land. We know that if things continue as they are, 4,000 of these people will never have enough to eat, the right place to live, the right work to do or the education they need. And we know that within the next 35 years the birth rate will have jumped to 12,000 an hour.

If these people are to be adequately fed, it means the agricultural output of the earth must be increased by four times within the next 35 years.

There is no question, given time, that these people can be fed. One million American farmers alone can produce enough food for a thousand million people. Iraq, which supports a population of six million, once provided for twenty million, and is one of the potential breadbaskets of the world. Science is beginning to plough the oceans for food, and transform the salty seas into fresh water with which to irrigate desert lands.

Birth control superficial

To deal with the problem of the increase in population by birth control techniques is superficial and unrealistic. In Russia birth control is called unrevolutionary. The Russians need more people to develop their underdeveloped lands.

China, on the other hand, has instituted a massive campaign for birth control through continence. They realize they can never hope to train almost half a billion people in birth control methods in time to make any difference. Many African states regard any suggestion of population control as a white man's trick designed to keep the black race down.

In the United States the birth rate has been increasing at the same time that methods of birth control have become better known and more readily acceptable. The explanation is that people like to have babies.

Numbness to life

At the core of interlocking problems of population, automation and colour war, is the growing numbness in men's hearts to the value of human life.

When people are considered a pestilence to be stamped out—what is the meaning of life? For only a life without meaning is a life without value. Are people sons and daughters of God to be developed and sacrificed for—or are they animals like the lemmings—without moral worth, rushing to mass suicide?

In a doorway in New York a naked woman being beaten by a man was rescued by the police after they fought their way through a crowd of 40 people who were standing by idly as spectators.

A man about to leap from a high building in New York was watched by a lunch-hour crowd in the streets. The crowd conversations went: 'I hope he jumps before I have to go back to work,' and 'I hope he jumps on this side of the building so I can see him.' This sadistic callousness, this cynical resolve not to become involved in other people's lives and difficulties, is one reason why sexuality has taken over our generation.

We live in a disintegrating society. People are more and more isolated because they lack common purpose. Fornication seems to offer a certain intimacy and union, which, of course, is a false hope. Sleeping together has no more possibility of bringing a sense of unity and companionship than eating together.

Computers and character

Technological changes are outpacing the ability of the brain jelly to adjust. Within the last six years we have suddenly become aware that men are no longer needed to produce wealth or goods; it can be done by machines. Cheque writing will be a thing of the past. Computers will make money unnecessary.

The next advance must be in man as much as in machines. We need a dynamic for continuous growth in character if we are to match successfully our technological advantages.

We have the means to solve our problems but not the motor. That motor is a heart of flesh. We need new men with new motives. 'Be ye perfect as I am perfect.' Here is the motive that brings unlimited power into human hearts. Obedience to the will of God for a man and a nation is the road to change.

Concentrated effort

Then men are guided not by sex, human enthusiasm, fear or greed, but by what God wants. One million Americans listening ten minutes a day to the true voice of the heart would build an unselfish America. Ten million unselfish Americans would transform the world. The answer to the population explosion can only be found through a change in men on a massive scale.

This change in aim and attitude must become the concentrated effort of government and education, of television and radio, of theatre and publications, of labour and management, and of the armed services. Everyone has a part. It can be done. Some of us have decided it will be done. Where there is a will, there is a way. Moral Re-Armament is the way for those with the will to confront and master the onslaught of current history.

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'In which are bishops'

UNDER the above headline, the *Church of England Newspaper* on 19 June carried the following article by Dr. W. J. Bolt: 'Mr. Peter Howard's Protean inventiveness has added another to his long record of productions at the Westminster Theatre. His newest play, *Mr. Brown Comes Down the Hill*, is the most enigmatic of them all.

'In a lengthy preface printed on the programme, he has cunningly forestalled all likely criticisms and drawn the fangs of potential critics. Here he revives a device popularised by George Bernard Shaw—a prose supplement to ensure that the audience will not miss the point of the play, nor mistake the author's purpose.

'The theme is fantastic, but the preface absolves it from censure on that score. The author disclaims all pretensions to realism or lifelikeness; and the drama resolves itself into the eternal dichotomy between inspiration, integrity, and the voice of prophecy, and, on the other hand, conventional respectability and the bumbling platitudes of the Establishment. . . .

'Mr. Howard embodies the Establishment in the persons of four

bishops, whose casting introduces for Anglicans a note of sheer joy. If the sentiments of the four bishops would have been more life-like a decade ago than today, yet the mentality rings true, and the scene in which the prelates discuss the sensation which is the crisis of the drama, filled me, and I gather other Anglican clergy, with rapture and elation.'

Time and Tide wrote, '*Mr. Brown Comes Down the Hill* has a productive purpose and is a welcome contrast to some of the rubbish which has found its way on to the stages of a few of this country's theatres. . . . Mr. Howard has achieved and sustained drama.'

The *Ocean Times*, published by transatlantic shipping companies for their passengers, said, 'Peter Howard's new play can, with every justification and without the semblance of exaggeration, be described as the most remarkable play produced in London for several years.'

The London drama critic of the *Journal de Genève* singled out the acting: 'Eric Flynn is remarkable in the main part. . . . Lillias Walker and John Richmond give brilliant support to the principal actor.'

Youth question politicians

AN 'Open Letter to all who seek public office' has been issued to the Press by a panel of American youth from schools and colleges across the nation. Already 60 U.S. newspapers have published it.

'Many of the youth of America are voting for the first time,' says the 'Open Letter'. 'We see many confused and aimless people. Our deepest concern is that this giant nation find a giant purpose.

'Will you name to public office men who firmly believe that their private life has everything to do with their public service?' the youth ask.

'Will you halt the breakdown of conscience and character in the nation? We are opposed to the propagandists of the "new morality".

We have bowed down only to find that venereal disease among young Americans rose 130 per cent from the years 1956 to 1961, and that 13,000,000 children are from broken homes.

'Will you bring a new factor to bear in our foreign policy? America has given generously of her wealth to a needy world. But the new factor is a revolution of character based on absolute moral standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. These standards, lived out, will give America the energy and clarity to lead the world forward.

'We will pioneer these ideas in our schools and colleges,' the youth conclude. 'Will you make them part of your national policy?'

NEWS IN BRIEF

BBC-TV—Seven young supporters of Moral Re-Armament will be interviewed by Malcolm Muggeridge in the new series on BBC-2, 'Let Me Speak', which opens on 11 July.

Simla, India—Tibetans, sent by the Dalai Lama for training in Moral Re-Armament, addressed 500 Tibetan students, most of whose families have been killed or left in Tibet. 'We must battle for independence on the basis of this revolution,' said one who studied for five years in Peking. 'Otherwise a free Tibet will be torn again by division and chaos.'

Madras—Indian youth have written, and are selling widely, a 48-page book of cartoons, photos and articles entitled *Wanted—A National Clean Up*. Rajmohan Gandhi writes the foreword. Copies available from 4 Hays Mews, W.1. Price 3s. 6d., postage 6d.

London—*A Nation is Marching*, 16 mm. 22-minute colour film of Rajmohan Gandhi's march across India for a 'revolution of national character', can be bought from MRA Productions, 4 Hays Mews, London, W.1. Price £75.

Switzerland—*Caux Panorama*, a pictorial exhibition at Caux showing the world effects of the training centre during the last 18 years, includes the following 'Objectives to be reached by 1970':

- A society which undertakes to feed, clothe, house, educate and give employment to every inhabitant of this earth.
- Leaders who cannot be bought with money, women or alcohol—in our own country as well as in Africa, Asia and America.
- A new type of man: a reality in the Communist world, as well as on this side of the iron curtain.
- Press, radio, television, cinema, theatre, literature that guide the world towards these objectives.
- 10,000 European youth trained at Caux to be architects of this new society.