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BRITAIN MUST BE 'FORERUNNER', SAYS HOWARD

Mr. Peter Howard last Sunday congratulated Mr. Harold Wilson on winning the election but gave this warning to the new Prime Minister: 'He will find his worst enemies are the satirists, cynics and secularizers of society who did so much to debunk Macmillan, to debase our ancient virtues and to push pornography and godlessness down the national gullet. Let Mr. Wilson beware of allowing these men to shout the loudest in the new Socialist Britain. The Tories made that mistake. They allowed the secularizers to snatch the headlines.

'The satirists, the cynics, the intellectual secularizers who have built themselves up in politics, in the press and on television and radio as well as in some church circles, as being the friends of the people, are the most dangerous enemies of true Socialism. They destroy the traditional character and service which alone can make modern socialism work.'

Incomes policy

Mr. Howard said that the immediate test for the new government would be whether they could induce employers and employed, industrialists and trade unionists, to agree on a new incomes policy.* Speaking at a crowded meeting in the Westminster Theatre, he said: 'There will be no new incomes policy in Britain until the Rachmans of life, who wish to fatten themselves on the miseries of the poor in housing and in land values, are controlled, and until the leaders of the great trade unions accept on behalf of the workers, and are backed in their acceptance, the fact that in an age of automation only workers who give a full day's work for a fair day's wage and put the best of craftsmanship into all they do, can survive.'

The Conservatives lost the election, said Howard, because they produced the image, perhaps false but certainly damaging and clear, of a class that believed affluence more compelling than character, cash a better

aim than chastity, prosperity more important than purity of motive and will.

'Affluence is a good servant but a bad master,' he said. 'Affluence is the modern name for Mammon. A nation which puts affluence in place of God soon finds itself distracted, discontented, divided and on the slope of decline.

'The test for Mr. Wilson is whether he is going to allow godless intellectualism or God-fearing craftsmanship to run Labour. And the most powerful secularizers are the Crossless Christians. These prelates, who from the pulpits try and cut Christ down from the Cross to fit the size of modern compromise and convenience, kill Christ and rob men of their hopes of eternal salvation.

'These Satanizers are hypocrites. They cry aloud about the iniquities of apartheid in South Africa. They point a finger at the Deep South of America where men are persecuted on account of their colour. They abuse any who oppose the godlessness of totalitarianism supposing that totalitarianism comes from the Left. But they themselves will hound and persecute and destroy any who want to stand for God in the midst of modern society. They think that moving from bed to bed, from pornography to perversion, from cynicism to cruelty is progress.

'If Mr. Wilson bows the knee to that powerful fringe of secularizers just as Conservative leadership bowed the knee to the men of the Right who compromised our national character, he will find himself in grave difficulty and the country in great danger.'

Shouts from hell

'It's true that society is changing fast, and has changed greatly in the last 2,000 years. It is also true that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

'When people like Miss Joan Littlewood cry "God is dead" they are echoing the aspirations of the moral nihilists of our time. And from hell the ghosts of every Rachman, Hitler and Stalin of history shout, "Our kingdom come, our will be done on earth."

Turning to the world scene, Mr. Howard continued,

^{*}The full text of Mr. Howard's speech is available as a pamphlet from 4 Hays Mews, W.1. Price 6d. plus postage.

'I think those fools who once put their faith in Mr. Krushchev's personality as a means of securing peace in our time will need to think again. What the new leaders of the Kremlin will do, what will be their attitude to China, to America and to Europe and Britain, I cannot pretend to foretell. I believe there will be a heightening of tension in the Cold War, an increase of solidarity between Russia and China, a stronger pressure towards the appeasement of Communism by certain elements in the West.

'I also believe that if we stride forward now in our revolutionary purpose we shall rivet the attention of the Communist world which we have already won. I not only believe but know that on both sides of the Iron Curtain today serious men with grave responsibilities are looking at MRA and saying to each other, "Is there a possibility that these people have the answer which we are seeking and which we have failed to give to our peoples?" '

It was as a farmer, journalist and revolutionary that Peter Howard addressed the large audience. 'A farmer learns from the past,' he said. 'A journalist records the present. But a revolutionary prepares the future. And all of us can, if we choose, begin to take part in a revolution—everyman's revolution.

'Hound of history'

'A new order of things must emerge. At a time when there is enough for everybody's need but millions yet go hungry, when Africans, Chinese and American Negroes no longer accept the white man's theory that they are lesser beings to be content with inferior treatment; a time when men hold the secret of power that can destroy the earth, every sane person wants to do something swift and effective to change the times we live in.

'History is racing like a hound at our heels. It is a hungry hound with a bite that can kill. Fools hope to escape, shutting their eyes, clutching their investments and relying on selfish claims and national actions to keep them safe and protected, like fat cats in a cage. Revolutionaries will take the lead in history by creating now millions of people free from hate, fear and the divisions of class and colour that will inevitably land us in jungle, zoo or slaughterhouse if they are not cured.

Where did God vote?

'It is time Britain went forward. We always talk about going back to things in Britain—back to the good old days, back to the gold standard, back home. I think it is time we stopped being a nation of backers and became a nation of forerunners. Let's get forward to God's plan for this nation and the world. We have been going back from it with much publicity and enthusiasm for at least a generation.

'God is no gentleman,' he continued. 'It is not on record which public school, if any, He attended. Nobody

can tell where He cast His vote at the election. The colour of His skin, the nature of His accent, the length of His hair and the cut of His clothing are all mysteries. What is still certain and a matter of experience is that He can, will and does talk to anyone at any time who is willing to listen.

'For those who have no faith in God, there is the honest experiment of the absolute standards of morality that we so urgently desire those we criticize to accept. Absolute moral standards are a guide in life.

Steered by North Star

'They are like the North Star. For centuries mariners have steered by the North Star. It is a fixed point in the sky. It is yet to be recorded that any ship has reached the North Star, but it is true that on every ocean mariners discern from that star where their position is and where they need to head. And absolute moral standards for those who lack faith may be a good starting point if they wish to play their part with all of us in a revolution that will change this country and the world.

'A classless society will never be created by aimless society. Aimless individuals make aimless communities. The answer to an aimless or dissatisfied man or woman is to listen to the voice of God and to obey.'

Peter Howard concluded, 'I feel myself a man of many frailties and much weakness. I hope that before I die I shall have changed out of all recognition and be wholly different tomorrow from what I am today. Just as indeed I am different today from what I was yesterday. But I tell you without soap or sentiment that as I begin each day by listening to God, it is a time of enthralment and fascination that I would not miss.

Silver shoal

'It is like a great shoal of silver fish flashing through your heart and mind—new ideas for people, fresh approaches to problems, deeper insight into the mood of the times, costly, daily, personal decision that is the price of shifting our force and our nation ahead. I am not much of a fisherman but I try and snatch one or two of those silvery fish as they fly from the Mind of God into the mind of men and women and children like ourselves.

'I believe the time has come when we can match the discovery of new character with the discoveries of new power and new communications and new planets that human ingenuity is reaching.

'God be praised Who has matched us with this hour. We have never had in the long story of man such exciting times to live in. We have never had in the long story of man the truths that are eternal put in such ways that everyone, everywhere, black and white, East and West, great and small can comprehend them and become a part of them. That is Moral Re-Armament, and it is up to each one of us to say before God that we are in charge of it. It is the normal revolution of our times.'

KWACHA-'DAWN' OF A NEW NATION

from our correspondent

As midnight struck in Lusaka early this morning the Republic of Zambia, formerly Northern Rhodesia, came into being.

Before thousands of her citizens and the representatives of countries all round the world, the Zambian flag was raised for the first time as the band of the Zambia Rifles

played the new National Anthem.

At the same moment in Kitwe, the heart of the Copperbelt, the new flag was being raised in the sports stadium following a football match between Ghana and Uganda. Before this ceremony a showing of the all-African film *Freedom* had been arranged in the stadium at the request of the Independence celebrations committee. This was the third showing of *Freedom* arranged as part of the official celebrations on the Copperbelt.

Freedom, which portrays issues that must be tackled in any newly independent country, has been seen by 12,000 Zambians in the last four months. Showings have been given to the Police and Army as well as to teacher training colleges, schools and the Zambia Youth Service. This is important in a country half of whose

4,000,000 people are under 20.

'If we accept *Freedom's* message it will take us forward to progress,' said Kitwe's first African Mayor, Councillor Jonathan Mubanga, J.P., after one of these showings. 'Now we are governing ourselves we should forgive and forget the past and, as the film shows us, go forward as a team to build up our country into a stable and prosperous nation.'

Zambia's 30,000 square miles lie on a 4,000 foot plateau, bounded on the south by the Zambesi and Lake Kariba which divide it from Rhodesia. There are 73 tribes and 30 languages and dialects. Only 87,000 of its inhabitants are non-African. The population is increasing by 3 per cent a year; one in five are under five years old.

Zambia has economic resources. It is the second biggest copper producer in the non-Communist world. The mines employ one-fifth of the working population and provide 90 per cent of the country's exports. Its great agricultural potential is being developed. This will ease the serious unemployment as well as producing much needed food.

The country's exports depend on the railways which run north and west through the Congo and Angola, and south and east through Southern Rhodesia, Mozambique and South Africa. The President, Dr. Kaunda, is eager to establish a new rail link to Tanganyika.

The President has won the respect of all races and tribes for his integrity and far-sightedness. In a speech in Nairobi during Kenya's 'Uhuru' celebrations last year, he said: 'Our newly independent nations have great responsibilities, the first of which is to free mankind from fear—the fear of racial clash between black and white. We peoples of Africa have the responsibility for bringing together the contending factions of mankind. We can do this and in doing so be an example to the world.'

Russians discuss U.S. Olympic medallists' plan

An open letter to Olympic athletes from the youth of Japan appeared in a full page of the Japan Times, Tokyo's largest English daily, during the 18th Olympiad. The letter was signed by youth between the ages of 17 and 24 representative of thousands from all parts of the nation. 5,000 copies were given by the Japan Times. Olympic Village authorities arranged for distribution to all the athletes. 'We youth of Japan are determined to see the world different,' reads the letter. 'We are not going to tolerate things as they are. We believe that humanity has the right to live in a world that is clean, free and united.

'Not every athlete can win Gold Medals but all can show the world a new type of man and woman. The skill, energy, determination and self sacrifice of Olympians can change the course of history. This is the Olympian task of this Olympic year.'

Three hundred Olympic medal winners at a reception, among them a large Russian delegation, listened attentively to an American oarsman, John Sayre, Gold Medal winner in 1960. He said, 'The greatest need in this

exciting, dangerous age is for Olympic sportsmen to train and direct the millions of youth of their nations so they are fit to build a world free of hate, discrimination and exploitation.'

For many, the Gold, Silver or Bronze of the Tokyo Olympics was the culmination of years of preparation. For Sayre and his fellow Gold Medallist, 'Rusty' Wailes, it was far more. He continued, 'The Japanese, whose skill, energy and care so faultlessly prepared the greatest of Olympics for 94 nations, need now to use these qualities to show the world how to live at peace in this atomic age.' Sayre and Wailes were surrounded afterwards by the Russians who talked with them at length.

These two Americans have now been asked by the President of the Japanese Athletic Association and the chief of the Japanese Olympic team to draw up an outline for the sports and character training of two million Japanese youth in the next two years. This programme begins with a conference of ten thousand youth next August to which Sayre and Wailes have been invited as major speakers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PIETERSBURG, South Africa—The entire student body of University College of the North saw Peter Howard's *The Dictator's Slippers* presented by an African cast. Their applause stopped the play repeatedly. A quarter of the students in this militant centre of African leadership bought Howard's book *Frank Buchman's Secret*. Fifty applied for training in Moral Re-Armament.

INDIO, California—A Little Black Line, one of ten new films produced at RAM Studios, Mackinac, last summer, was shown last month at the home town of its author, 19-year-old William Storey. The film dramatizes racial tensions as seen through the eyes of a Negro youth. Indio's Mayor called it, 'Stunning.'

LONDON—The Church Army Review for October, reviewing Mr. Brown Comes Down the Hill, calls it 'a play which is really provocative and which must cause much heartsearching in sincere would-be Christians.' The Barnet Press wrote on 16 October, 'The sheer, stark drama grips you from beginning to end.'

MASAKA, Uganda—15,000 in this rich farming country saw the film *Freedom* as a result of initiative by a citizens' committee in this regional centre. The committee, made up of teachers, bank clerks, businessmen and civil servants, raised the money and equipment for their programme.

NEW YORK—Four days ahead of schedule, the first 50,000 copies of *Dare*, a new national magazine emphasizing the role of youth in shaping the 21st Century, rolled off the presses. Two days later college and high school representatives announced its launching before 450 members of New York City government and society at a Waldorf Astoria luncheon sponsored by leading New York women. Said Stephen

Cornell, 16, from Washington D.C., 'Dare is a new voice for our generation. It will sweep the land telling about the biggest thing that has happened to youth in years. We are daring this modern generation to take on its shoulders the building of tomorrow's America.'

MERU, Kenya—Students who attended the Narosurra Conference on Preparation for Leadership of Tomorrow's Africa showed Freedom to neighbouring schools. They were given time off by their headmaster. His interest was captured when they returned school funds paid to them as travel expenses to the conference but not used, because they got free lifts. The students also showed the film on the edge of the Mt. Kenya Forest where 'forest fighters' are still in hiding.

LIMA, Peru—Radio 1160, one of the capital's most popular stations, began a series of programmes called 'Revolution on the March' prepared by delegates to the Mackinac Conference. 'I want to use my radio to help create a national conscience,' said the station director. 'These programmes will make a great contribution.' The series is broadcast twice daily and three times weekly.

CAUX—Seventy-five from the French textile industry led by the President of the Textile Employers and the General Secretary of the Textile Workers (Force Ouvrière) met here with colleagues from Germany and Italy. Their aim was to plan how their industry should be responsible for clothing the expanding world population. A practical example of this spirit was given by Mr. Leon-Luis Weill, Vice-President of the European Jute Industry. In Rome recently, he said, jute producing and consuming countries had agreed to stabilize prices of raw materials. This decision had marked a milestone in the relations between the West and underdeveloped countries.

BONN—'Dialogue pointed, topical and full of meaning; direction professional and impressive; plot progresses at a gay pace,' commented Bonn's principal daily, the *General Anzeiger*, on Peter Howard's *Through the Garden Wall* now touring 100 cities of Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

LONDON—Three young Socialists. from South Wales, Sheffield and East London, are holding a conference for young people this weekend. 'The system needs to change but it is reactionary to think that the problems of today will be solved by merely changing the system,' they say in their invitation. 'We need the spirit of Keir Hardie in the Labour movement today,' says one of the three, Miss Joan Turpin, whose father was Mayor of Bethnal Green. Young Socialists are a militant force. With faith as well as militancy they can take Britain to a new place in world leadership.'

VOLTA REDONDA, Brazil—The Crowning Experience drew record crowds in this industrial city, one in ten of whose population work at the great CSN steel mill. The Crowning Experience is half way through a four-year contract with Brazilian film distributors.

LONDON—A Baltimore TV station recorded a lively interview with Mr. Peter Howard during his recent visit to America. The film of this interview is now available in Britain. Questions answered by Mr. Howard include 'What is MRA? How is it financed? How do you begin?' To hire, apply Ron Harris Cinema Services Ltd., Glenbuck Studios, Surbiton, Surrey, £1 5s. per screening. To purchase, apply MRA Productions, 4 Hays Mews, W.1, £30. Running time, 28 minutes.