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A new type of man, a new type of statesmanship, a new type of national policy—that is our instant need, and this is the purpose for which Moral Re-Armament has come to birth.

—FRANK BUCHMAN, WHITSUN, 1950

NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER 'ENCOURAGED'

IFOLLOW Moral Re-Armament as closely as I can,' said Mr. Keith Holyoake in Wellington recently. 'We are all tremendously impressed with the message it is taking round the world. God knows—no man knows—how deep is the mark MRA has made.'

The New Zealand Prime Minister was addressing the audience at a performance of Peter Howard's play *We Are Tomorrow* on 21 May. He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters. Also present were former Prime Minister Walter Nash and the Ambassadors of the United States and Republic of China.

The student cast of *We Are Tomorrow*, many of whom have postponed scholarships and sacrificed studies to take part, are touring New Zealand and Australia.

Mr. Holyoake commented on their 'dedication and sense of mission'. 'All here tonight,' he said, 'cannot help but be impressed, encouraged and uplifted, whatever kind of burden we carry, to know you are there marching across the continents carrying the message wherever you go.'

The Mayor of Wellington, Mr. F. J. Kitts, said, 'You have the support of our people.' He recommended that they be sent to 'the frontier places of disruption and distrust, where they are obviously very effective.'

Japanese youth will speak to America

TWO HUNDRED Japanese are flying to Mackinac Island, Michigan, for a Moral Re-Armament conference opening on 14 June.

Industrialists, labour leaders and youth from universities and high schools will be in the delegation. They will bring with them four plays, three of them musicals, all student-produced.

These students are at present visiting Japanese universities to set up an MRA students' front. Their aim is to create a new world student movement.

These and other plans for the summer were announced by Mr. T. Mitsui, Chairman of the Mitsui Foundation of Japan, and Mr. Blanton Belk, who is in charge of Moral Re-Armament in the United States.

Belk has seen personally and invited former Chancellor Adenauer of Germany and Prime Minister Sato of Japan to address the conference. They will give, in person or through a representative, a Peter Howard Memorial Lecture in honour of the late leader of MRA.

In 1957 one hundred leaders of the Seinendan youth organization came from Japan to Mackinac for training in MRA. What they took back has been credited by a Japanese Prime Minister with saving the country from bloody revolution.

This summer's delegates have already received training in Odawara, the Moral Re-Armament conference centre near Tokyo. They see Mackinac as a platform from which to sound forth their convictions to Washington.

Belk emphasizes that though the conference programme will centre on Mackinac, its activities will spread out across the nation.

The conference, called 'A Demonstration for Modernizing America', will have four three-week sessions between 14 June and 4 September. Ten thousand students are expected.

The one way of solving the Vietnam situation is to apply Moral Re-Armament. The Communists took over China because they had an ideology. The only way we will have peace in S.E. Asia and victory over the forces of materialism is by finding a greater ideology.

DR DANIEL LEW
Republic of China's Ambassador
to New Zealand

We must defend India militarily. But let us be clear that those who say China alone is the devil, and those who push China into a corner without offering an alternative ideology, will make nuclear war inevitable.

RAJMOHAN GANDHI

Fight as in '40 will win: Mersey mayor

ALDERMAN GRIFFITH WILLIAMS, J.P., new Mayor of Bootle on Merseyside, held his Civic Service in the Roman Catholic Church of St. James, although himself a Protestant. In their speeches nominating him for Mayor, two Councillors referred to Moral Re-Armament as the source of his integrity and adherence to principle. Part of Alderman Williams' address at the Mayor-making ceremony last week follows:

'Who gave these islands the title of United Kingdom? When we all faced a common enemy, Hitler, and his tremendous war machine, we only hoped we would win, but we fought on, determined, united, and we won. Before I went into battle, I was only too glad to kneel down and pray for help and courage to see me through. Like other lads who prayed (and some never came back) it did not matter to me whether it was with a priest or a parson, we were all praying to the same God.

'Is it any different now? I am out to do all I can to bring true democracy into action. Democracy is the way we live, not the way we vote. It is God's will being done on earth every day. That is not a pious drone. It is a commitment.

'Anyone who tries to restore God to leadership in Britain today, to bring purity to homes, unselfishness to industry, honesty to politics, a new unity between people of different faiths, has a rough time of it. Often he is misrepresented, misunderstood, gagged, smeared and ostracised. I have experienced some of it. But I sincerely believe that I am doing what God wants me to do.

'Without a new moral and spiritual revolution, this land of freedom is finished. I want to challenge people to live their Christian faith, not just to talk about it.

'Our Christian heritage is in danger. It is under ceaseless attack, on radio, on TV, and even, in a very cunning way, in some of our English churches, with this new morality. It is an old strategy to soften up a nation by breaking its moral backbone. All history points to it. This is what is happening at present in this nation.

'We can recall with pride the courage, endurance and faith which helped us as we stood alone in 1940. It is towards the rebirth of that spirit that my year of office as Mayor, and any years God spares me to follow, will be dedicated.'

'What a story' said the editor

ACOPENHAGEN EDITOR was the first to buy a copy of Peter Howard's *Tomorrow Will be Too Late* in its Danish edition.

Pushing forward after seeing a television film about Howard, *A Man to Match the Hour*, he exclaimed, 'What a story—a top political columnist who turns world revolutionary!'

The Danish edition of this book, containing recent speeches by Howard, was published last month. It will be sold in Norway also.

Mr. Bjarne Høye, chief editor of *Vaart Land*, Oslo daily, in a foreword to the book calls Howard 'a living power in our modern times, felt in all continents'.

Howard saw, says Høye, that to cure what is wrong in the world 'a new world revolution is needed if we are to avoid world destruction'.

Høye added: 'God has given the world Moral Re-Armament to accelerate the breakthrough and show the way'. It would lead nations to carry out the prayer, 'Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.'

'Flame that will not die'

DR ASSIS CHATEAUBRIAND of Brazil, proprietor of the largest press and TV chain in Latin America, has written the foreword to a new book of Peter Howard's speeches. The book, *Peter Howard Speaks to Brazil*, will be published in Rio shortly. It is a collection of Howard's speeches during his visit to the country last January.

Dr Chateaubriand, who is the owner of 31 newspapers and 34 radio and TV stations, calls his foreword 'The Flame that will not die'.

The Brazilian newspaper owner says: 'There are men who pass through this earth never to disappear. Peter Howard is one of them. His life was transformed into the high aim of serving others. He carried a permanent flame of conviction through the world so that other

fires of moral clarity have been set ablaze.

'Writer, playwright and sportsman, the man who brought shafts of a bold purpose to Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers was a truly great revolutionary.

'Old truths gained new facets and new colour from the pen and words of Peter Howard.

'Everyone who knew him well spoke of his profound understanding of events and men of our times, which heightened his conviction about the ideas he spread.

'No battle against modern tyranny has been more convincing, won more support or healed more divisions than Moral Re-Armament, whose great standard-bearer was Peter Howard.

'His journey through Brazil was like a great flash of lightning.'

BRAZILIAN PORTS MAKE STARTLING RECOVERY

by DR LAURENCE VOGEL, who has spent the last 12 years in Latin America

BRAZIL's ports have made a spectacular 13-month comeback from breakdown and anarchy.

The nation, which depends on shipping to carry much of its domestic and foreign commerce, was seriously troubled by the state of its ports in the early days of 1964. The Minister of Transport said on nation-wide television that the ports were losing \$850,000 a day and coastal shipping was below the level of 40 years ago.

Today Brazilians are reading such newspaper headlines as 'Total Recuperation in Recife' and 'Records Broken in Rio de Janeiro'.

Eradicate Five Things

Behind the recovery is a revolution of ordinary men. Certain men decided to bring a cure themselves, instead of blaming worn-out machinery and administrative inefficiency.

Among such men at Recife are MRA-trained Jarbos Leiros and Antonio Falcao, former secretaries of the undercover Communist cell in this north-eastern port. They and many of their Communist colleagues left the Party in 1961. Now they are in responsible positions in the port.

'We had to eradicate five things,' Port Superintendent Major Joao Jose Albuquerque told the press—'corruption, subversion, false political promises, idleness and incompetence.' The port, which was in the red in March 1964, had 2½ billion cruzeiros (\$1½ million) to its credit in the same month of this year. The workers had begun receiving a bonus which raised their wages 50 to 60 per cent. Money is at last available for re-equipping the port.

Fistful of Cash

In Porto Alegre, 2,500 miles to the south, portworkers' leader Gregorio Nascimento has set in motion the same kind of revolution. The Castelo Branco government jailed him as a dangerous agitator a year ago. But four months later he presided at a union meeting where Rio de Janeiro portworkers spoke and showed MRA films. After two hours, he stuck a fistful of cash into his hat and said, 'We take our stand for a new Brazil through Moral Re-Armament. I want everyone to put a contribution in the hat to carry forward this mission.'

The Governor of the State said recently, 'The first effects of that work are already beginning to be felt. For the first time in years we are exporting our meat to Recife by ship, which costs us one-third the price we were being forced to pay for sending it by truck. The meat is getting there faster, and there is no stealing.'

A similar situation has developed in the State-owned port of Rio de Janeiro. In the years 1962-1964 under President Goulart, there was so much corruption and subversion that men were ashamed to admit they were portworkers. One hundred and forty trained Communist agents had moved in with government backing and were paid overtime bonuses for their activities. They disrupted the port's hitherto strike-free working conditions and democratic union processes.

Otton Barbosa, a portworker and founder of the Brazilian Socialist Party, decided to put a stop to this. He began showing Moral Re-Armament films in the warehouses during working hours. A minority sneered. But the mass response was enthusiastic.

The Superintendent of the port nominated Barbosa Inspector of the key First Division, where 1,000 men work. Barbosa and his men eliminated coffee smuggling in their section—vital issue in the First Division, which handles 90 per cent of the coffee leaving Rio.

After three weeks of working on these lines Barbosa was able to say, 'Ninety per cent of our men are co-operating in creating a sound climate. Formerly, when more than 15 cranes worked at one time, we had to requisition extra workers. Now, as many as 27 cranes can work together with our own personnel, so we have cut operating costs drastically.'

It Takes Guts

Other Divisions are following suit. In the Air Cargo Division, the newly-appointed warehouse chief brought more money into port coffers in his first month's work than had been collected in three months under the preceding administration.

The Minister of Transport heard of this and brought it to the attention of President Castelo Branco. As a result, Barbosa was promoted to Director of Traffic, responsible for the whole port.

'You need plenty of guts if you are going to put an end to corruption in a nation,' says Leonardo Lima, a crane driver. 'Many of us have been threatened with beatings and killings. Men have even threatened to attack our wives and children. To stand up to that, a man has to be proof against bribes and blackmail.'

'That is why we workers need absolute moral standards. My wife doesn't hold me back. She is in this revolution, up to the neck, like me. We have a nine-year-old boy, and we know what kind of future he can expect if we don't fight for a new nation and a new continent while we still have time.'

From 'Tomorrow's American'

NO RESTRICTION

A ROMAN CATHOLIC panel last week passed with 'no restriction' two films presented by the RAM Company of Rome: *Voice of the Hurricane* and *Decision at Midnight*.

The decision was unanimous, said a spokesman for the censorship board of the Catholic Cinema Organization, adding, 'The doors of Catholic cinemas all over Italy are wide open to these films.'

Both films are based on plays by Peter Howard and Alan Thornhill launched at the Westminster Theatre.

Last year an official Catholic Church panel judged only four out of 41 British films suitable for the whole family.

COLOMBIA PROGRAMME

A STATE OF SIEGE was declared in Colombia last week after student riots in which 48 police were hurt. The same day Radio Sutatenza, South America's best known Catholic radio station, broadcast *El Condor*, the drama by Latin American students committed to Moral Re-Armament. The 70-minute broadcast was part of an MRA programme in Colombia backed by labour, management, civic and church authorities.

EGYPTIAN WELCOME

EGYPTIAN DRAMATISTS, producers and actors are keenly interested in the Westminster Theatre.

This was reported in London this week by Miss Mary Rowlatt, authoress, who has lived many years in Egypt. She returned recently from a study tour of Egyptian theatre with Dr Charis Waddy, another Arabic-speaking Englishwoman.

On arrival they were welcomed by Sayed Bedeer, one of Egyptian theatre's outstanding men, and Ibrahim Fatecha, a senior drama adviser in the Department of Youth Welfare and Guidance. Sayed Bedeer's work covers the range of all TV drama on Egypt's three channels.

The visitors were hospitably invited to see any plays they wished, as guests. The Egyptian writers, actors and producers explained their theatre work and aims and were eager to hear about the policies of the Westminster. They started to read on the spot literature about the Westminster.

Miss Rowlatt will address a Forum meeting of the Friends of the Westminster Theatre at 10.15 p.m. on 5 July. Her subject will be 'Theatre in Egypt today'.

PLAYWRIGHT HONOURED

MR. ALAN THORNHILL, author of *Mr. Wilberforce, M.P.*, has been made an honorary citizen of Oklahoma City by Mayor George Shirk. The ceremony took place at the playwright's home in London after a visit by 53 prominent citizens of Oklahoma City to the Westminster Theatre. The Mayor told Thornhill, 'We need citizens who think like you.'

Mr. Gilbert Hill of the *Daily Oklahoman* commented, 'Mr. Wilberforce, M.P. is ripe, ready and timely for Broadway.' Mr. Kenneth Belden, Chairman of Trustees of the Westminster Theatre, was also made an honorary citizen.

CAMPUS CONFRONTATION

JOHN SAYRE, a director of the MacKinnon Conference this summer, addressed one thousand staff and students at the Berkeley campus of the University of California, where last December 773 sit-in demonstrators were arrested. Two weeks ago 7,000 took part in a 'teach in' at Berkeley at which America's Vietnam policy was denounced.

Sayre said, 'Peace and freedom will not be preserved by merely protesting in the streets, whether in Washington, Selma, Peking or Jakarta. We are going to show the world that free men can cure what is wrong far faster by a revolution of character than by one of hatred and violence.'

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lagos—The Anglican Diocesan Synod saw *Voice of the Hurricane* as part of their annual conference.

Munich—The acting President of the Bavarian Parliament, Dr Wilhelm Hoegner, invited M.P.s and Senators of all parties to see the film *Decision at Midnight*. He said MRA was a spiritual force with power to reconcile nations; it was at Caux, the MRA centre in Switzerland, that Germany had first been accepted after the war as an equal member in the family of nations.

United States—The Colwell Brothers broadcast last Saturday on the ABC-TV network viewed by an estimated 30 million. The Hollywood singing trio returned to national TV in the U.S. after 10 years abroad with MRA. They have just toured 25 Southern universities.

United States—The latest issue of *Dare* national youth magazine, featuring Peter Howard, was on sale last week on newsstands in 100 cities in 50 states.

Petropolis, Brazil—A Brazilian Association for Moral Re-Armament has been legally established in the old capital of Petropolis. Marshal Eurico Dutra, former President of Brazil, heads the list of founding members.

Kerala, India—Students from eight States attended an MRA training camp.

INDIAN BACKS PAKISTANI PROPOSAL

AN INDIAN DELEGATE warmly seconded a Pakistani's proposal at a recent conference in Rome.

The Pakistani delegate had just seen a film about Peter Howard, *A Man to Match the Hour*, at a conference of jute producing and consuming countries in Rome. He proposed that the next conference should open with a similar film.

Representatives of Britain, Thailand, Poland, Australia, New Zealand and the United States also saw the film. The conference was held last month at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) headquarters in Rome.