

Japanese Prime Minister US, USSR Ambassadors see show

Prime Minister Eisaku Sato of Japan, United States Ambassador Reischauer and Soviet Ambassador Vinogradov were among the crowd of 7,500 who cheered *Sing-Out '65* in the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium last week.

The Prime Minister went back-stage at the end of the performance to congratulate the cast of 130 young Americans—white, Negro and Indian.

Members of the Japanese Diet and ambassadors or their representatives from the embassies of Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of China, Thailand, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Iran, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela were in the audience; also the entire student bodies of four Tokyo high schools, and students from the city's major universities.

World assembly

This event, which followed three successive evening performances of *Sing-Out '65* for Japanese universities (see page two), took place on the eve of MRA's third World Assembly at Odawara, south of Tokyo.

Messages from the Prime Ministers of Japan, Korea and Ceylon and from the Chancellor of Austria were read at the opening of the eight-day assembly. The Japanese Prime Minister's



Eisaku Sato

welcome—in which he said how moved he had been by *Sing-Out '65* the previous evening—was coupled with a statement by Foreign Minister Etsusaburo Shiina: 'I respect the role MRA has played in the past to create unity among nations. I pray for the success of your conference.'

Seventy-one Korean delegates presented a message from the Prime Minister, Chung Il Kwon, which stated: 'Human civilisation faces serious challenges today. Every nation, every family and every individual is beset with fear, confusion and mishaps. To overcome these challenges I believe MRA is the key to the answer. Now that Korea and Japan are about

to re-establish relationships as peaceful, friendly neighbours, I hope Moral Re-Armament will help contribute to real, permanent friendship between our two peoples. This is the basis for unity in Asia and for peace in the world.'

Premier Chung heads the Committee of Invitation which will host *Sing-Out '65* in Korea later in October.

The message from the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Dudley Senanayake, was read by members of a youth delegation just arrived from that country.

Austrian offer

Austrian Chancellor Josef Klaus said in a message delivered by the Press Attaché of the Austrian Embassy in Tokyo: 'I am sure the achievements of your conference will be felt in every country all over the world, including Austria. I hope Austria will be able to host your next conference.'

As delegates gathered in the forecourt of the Assembly Centre, the air was shattered by a drum solo by 'drumathon' champion, Bob Quesnel, then a war dance by eight American Indians from the cast of *Sing-Out '65* and, finally, a volley of Japanese 'Banzais'—and the 850 delegates from twenty nations, surrounded by TV and press cameramen, began the session.

Call for 'Mr Brown' to go to Eastern Europe

Prince Richard, Baroness zu Guttenberg, Mrs Howard and Dr Hundhammer

'Every effort must be made to show *Mr Brown Comes Down The Hill* to the people of Eastern Europe.' That was the view of the Deputy Prime Minister of Bavaria, Dr Alois Hundhammer, after the German première of Peter Howard's play last week.

Dr Hundhammer, who sponsored the Munich performances on behalf of his government, expressed satisfaction that the State Theatre was being used to present a play which dealt with the issues of modern times in such an effective and constructive way.



A Hungarian, who came to the West three weeks ago, said, 'This play is as valid for Budapest as here.'

With the Deputy Prime Minister in the Royal Box in the Cuvillies-Theater, was Mrs Peter Howard as well as

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Yankee, don't go home



Kyu Sakamoto

'A JAPAN THAT HAS ENDURED the ugly American, imitated the affluent American and hosted the athletic American has encountered a new type of American.' This is how an American correspondent describes the effect of *Sing-Out '65* and its cast.

Ten days ago Japanese students were demonstrating outside the Parliament chanting 'Yankee, go home!' Yet on three successive nights last week, university audiences totalling 6,800 exploded with enthusiasm for this American show.

At one of the great Catholic universities of the Orient, Sophia University, more than 3,000 students stood thirty deep at the back of the 1000-seat Ceremony Hall. They hung from girders or sat on the edge of their seats to catch every word of the show. It was sponsored by the Student Union and the English Speaking Society. The Student Union President called it 'the biggest event in our school year.'

Unexpected

At the close of the show, after a fifteen minute standing ovation, Father Forbes, speaking in the name of the President, said, 'Thank you for this tremendous performance. It is a magnificent portrayal of enthusiasm for an idea and an ideal.' He added later, 'I never expected a response like this.'

The audience included Kyu Sakamoto, Japan's number one pop singer, whose 'Sukiyaki' was also a Top Ten hit in the US and Britain. Sakamoto said, 'I have been in many shows but I have never seen one like this. The Japanese will jump at something like this.' The next night he gave a half-hour's programme before the performance at Waseda University.

For some time no American speakers have been able to appear on the campus of Waseda University so diplomats and government authorities ex-

pressed amazement at the wholehearted response to *Sing-Out '65* in Waseda's Okuma Hall.

Loudest applause was given to the convictions of three young Americans—Negro, Indian and white from the cast who spoke at the end of the performance. Negro Willie Storey declared, 'Why shouldn't white and Negro American youth begin to stand up and demonstrate something new by their giant purpose and the way they live?' Bill Pensoneau of the Ponca Indian tribe said, 'I found through MRA the way to redirect the passion of hate in my life towards building a better world for all men.' Meg Francisco from Los Angeles said, 'We of the cast have sacrificed jobs and schol-

arships and some have sold cars in order to give this new image of American youth to the world. We want to work alongside you here for the unity of all Asian countries and the world.'

Fighting spirit

After the performance in the Great Hall of Nippon University—for many years the scene of the national Sumo wrestling championships—the Dean of the students thanked the cast. 'I would like to say how moved I was by the passion and fighting spirit of the cast,' he said. 'We would like to learn from you and give ourselves to the Moral Re-Armament of Japan and the world.'

CALL FOR 'MR BROWN' (continued)

Prince Richard of Hessen, former Socialist Prime Minister Dr Hoegner and Baroness zu Guttenberg, President of the Catholic Women of Bavaria.

The audience included diplomatic and consular representatives, the heads of civic departments and generals from the Army, Air Force and Border Police.

Preview for Army

At a reception in Munich Castle the head of the Bavarian State Theatre congratulated the cast on their performance. The Chief of Staff of the Second Army Corps reported on the enthusiastic reception given by the Bundeswehr to a preview.

The Bavarian Government gave a luncheon in honour of Mrs Howard and representatives of MRA.

Secretary of State, Dr Pirkel, representing the Bavarian Prime Minister, said, 'Your aims coincide with our endeavours. You have taught us that not only material things and reason,

but above all, moral strength and character move the world. You have given a lot to Bavaria and Germany.'

Forward look

Prince Richard of Hessen thanked the Bavarian Government for making available the State Theatre. He underlined the responsibility of Europe, which had produced two world wars, to set the world on a new course. Mrs Howard said, 'We must not look backwards but forwards.'

Bavarian Television recorded extracts of the play. Most of the performances were sold out in advance.

After the Munich run the play will go on tour of eighty cities in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Holland and Northern Italy.

KUALA LUMPUR The *Crowning Experience* was shown on national television here last week.

Asia's message to the West

*From a speech delivered at Waseda University by RAJMOHAN GANDHI
In the past weeks he has spoken at six Japanese universities*

An Indian Cabinet Minister said the other day that no one in India should be made a Minister or allowed to enter Parliament if he had not visited Japan. Japan is Asia's first nation in almost every sphere and the West too is learning from her.

When I speak, therefore, of Asia's message to the West it is obvious that Japan's will be the glory and the burden of giving a satisfying message, for no other Asian country is in an even remotely comparable position. Japan will have to train the other Asian nations and carry them with her, but the task will primarily be hers.

Japan's spirit and Japan's culture are too great to be confined to Asia, let alone to Japan. Your hearts and minds, like your lenses and transistors, belong to the world. The world needs them even more than they need your cameras and radios. America, Russia, Africa, South America, Europe—all need cure for their contradictions.

Thirsting mankind

Do we in Asia have an answer for these continents? It is obvious to me that we don't. We have had an ancient civilization and extraordinary traditions but we have not practised the basic truths known to our peoples. We have allowed callousness and cruelty to rule our hearts, we have lived self-absorbed, undisturbed and comfortable with misery, squalor, hurts, wounds, hates, murders and wars all around us. We have made, by our living—and if I may say too—by our centuries of living, Oriental culture and Oriental civilization an object of ridicule and satire.

India and Pakistan are locked in war. Malaysia and Indonesia confront each other with hate and fear. The Thais and Cambodians glower at each other across their border and inside of these nations caste fights caste, race fights race and religious groups face religious groups.

Are we therefore, as the world's poorest, and most backward continent, incapable of giving anything to the world? Are we unfit as a people, unable to look after ourselves, our children, our brothers and sisters? Is vice, vanity and villainy all that we can

proclaim to a mankind thirsting for a way out?

Peking is one Asian capital that says it has a solution for the world. I respect Mao Tse-tung and his colleagues and comrades. They have shown remarkable dedication and bravery. Their passion is worthy of the highest tribute. But two things are clear about Communism. One, it is never going to be accepted by the West. In a nuclear age Peking's insistence that the world must accept Communism can only bring about the annihilation of civilization. There are those who believe that Mao Tse-tung wants such an atomic destruction. I do not know. But I do know that the Asian people, too, will not in their hearts accept that a handful of rulers, even if they are wise and dedicated, should control the ordinary life of every man, woman and child. Dictatorship has frequently been the lot of our nations but all through history Asia's soul has hated it even though it has met often with defeat. And in this modern age that spirit will not, for too long, be satisfied with a system where the dictates of a few men are more important than the individual consciences of the masses.

I believe with all my heart that

Asians can decide their way out of stagnation and launch the most dynamic movement of all time, the revolution for Moral Re-Armament, which with the help of the Supreme Being and obedience to the inner voice will satisfy every need of man.

Waiting world

Will Japan now offer a million men, women and students for permanent peace, a million who will practise absolute moral standards and obedience to the inner voice in all that they do whatever their jobs might be? The world needs large numbers of Japanese men and women who will teach it the skills of agriculture and industry, science and medicine; who will teach the skill of finding unity between man and man, inside a family, between castes, races, religious groups, language groups and classes; who will teach the steel of character; who will teach the joy of putting other people first.

Japan could lead the world in the conquest of care over callousness, of man's spirit over the beast in him, of peace over war, of freedom over tyranny until the whole world becomes one loving, laughing family. The world waits for Japan's answer.

photo: Pelham Burn



MRA speakers address the Mombasa unit of the National Youth Service, Kenya

Caux plans

A series of conferences will be held in Caux, Switzerland, during 1966.

This was announced last week following a planning conference there on the theme 'A new aim for Europe'. It was attended by 150 people from Europe and Africa and chaired by Prince Richard of Hessen.

Caux is the MRA conference centre in Europe and has been attended by 130,000 people since 1946.

The conclusions of the conference were that Europe would find a new aim outside its own borders by using its wealth, scientific ability and cultural heritage to ensure food, clothing, shelter and a purpose for living for all men.

'The size and urgency of this task demands a new orientation in the thought and action of the peoples of West and East Europe,' said Ya Doumbia, Ambassador of Mali in Berne, Rome, Paris and London.

Representatives of youth present announced that at the end of 1965 a three-week conference for a thousand delegates from Europe and other continents will be held in Caux. Its purpose will be 'to go into action against moral and spiritual pacifism, and with the statesmen of Europe to find ways and means to make Moral Re-Armament their nations' policy.'

Paris planes

Fifty British women last weekend flew to Paris to take part in an MRA Assembly of European women. The conference was initiated by the organisation 'Présence des Femmes', with the theme, 'The revolutionary power of the Press and Stage'.

Among the British delegation led by Lady Fiona Graham, was Mrs Ritchie, member of the National Executive of the Scottish Labour Party; representatives of the Health Services including the former matron of London's biggest hospital, Miss Dorothy Warren; business women and teachers. Others came from Holland, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. All attended a performance of Peter Howard's play, *A Travers le Mur du Jardin*.

Further plane parties from London are being arranged in November.



photo: Strong

2,000 school children attend 'Mr. Wilberforce MP' at the Opera House, Manchester

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, mayors and aldermen from towns around and more than thirty councillors were at this week's première of *Mr Wilberforce MP* in Bradford. 'The evening resembled a get-together of the West Riding's leading citizens,' wrote the *Bradford Telegraph and Argus*.

The *Yorkshire Evening Post* referred to the 'wry topicality' of the play's dialogue. The *Yorkshire Post* said the large audience was delighted with contemporary parallels drawn from the

parliamentary atmosphere of the period. 'Indeed, laughter is as much in evidence as stark drama.'

The civic dignitaries attended a reception on stage afterwards. Last year's Lord Mayor of Bradford, two mayors and two former Lord Mayors of Leeds spoke. Alderman Mrs Naylor of Leeds said, 'This sort of play must go on television.' The Mayor of Keighley added, 'You have given us new hope and faith tonight.'

Mr Wilberforce MP opens in The Grove Theatre, Belfast, on Monday.

Medicine and modernizing man

Paul Campbell, the Canadian doctor who was physician to Dr. Buchman, has completed a lecture tour of Scandinavian Universities. He was invited by the Medical Students' Association of Uppsala, Oslo and Helsinki, and by the International Committee of the student body of Copenhagen. His theme was 'Medicine, modernizing man and Moral Re-Armament'. His speeches were widely and well reported in the press.

Eager question periods—never less than an hour—proved that MRA was a major issue for Scandinavian youth. At Uppsala Dr Campbell was quizzed for two hours and a quarter and then he and the students adjourned to continue in the students' hall until after midnight.

'Governments to rule well must give as much attention to developing the character of the nation as they do to developing the economy,' Dr Campbell told an audience, including ambassadors, in the Great Hall of the

Swedish Doctors' Scientific Society. 'Without such a programme,' he said, 'nations however rich will lose their liberty. Freedom is bought with character not with gold and gadgets and it is maintained by character not by police or education.'

In the main lecture hall of Uppsala he said, 'The totalitarian and democratic societies have painfully learned one lesson. Be it Communist, Fascist, de Gaullist or American, no system has succeeded in making selfish people unselfish or in fully satisfying the human heart. It takes more than the power from the barrel of a gun, more than appeals to self-interest and nationalism, more than the force of economic and social reform, necessary as these may be, to answer the greed and hate in men. It takes a revolution in man. Moral Re-Armament is a Christian revolution to restore God to leadership and reshape the aims, the character, the basic values, the ideas of an entire civilisation.'