

Getting Europe ready

THE SOVIET PRIME MINISTER, Alexei Kosygin, recently told a group of Communist leaders: 'Russia is in a phase without aim and ideology.'

Lawson Wood, one of the men responsible for the world work of MRA, asked a thousand Europeans this week, 'Are we in Europe ready to provide an answer?' He was speaking at the MRA conference in Caux, Switzerland, attended by 850 youth.

Wood said that European divisions would melt if this continent undertook to give a new aim to the Soviet Union. 'We need an idea that will unite Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals in a revolutionary demonstration for every continent that there is an answer to human hate, human selfishness and human greed.'

Dr Alois Hundhammer, Deputy Prime Minister of Bavaria, said he looked forward to the day when Communist countries would welcome the ideas and plays of MRA.

Through trade and science the Communist and non-Communist world could come closer together, he said. Both had much to learn from each other. There was a danger that Russia and China would use trade to spread ideology. 'But we need to be so convinced of the superiority of our ideas that we can convince others. Our conceptions, our way of life, our nations' organisation must bear the scrutiny of those who come to us to study. That is why the ideas of MRA are so vitally important.'

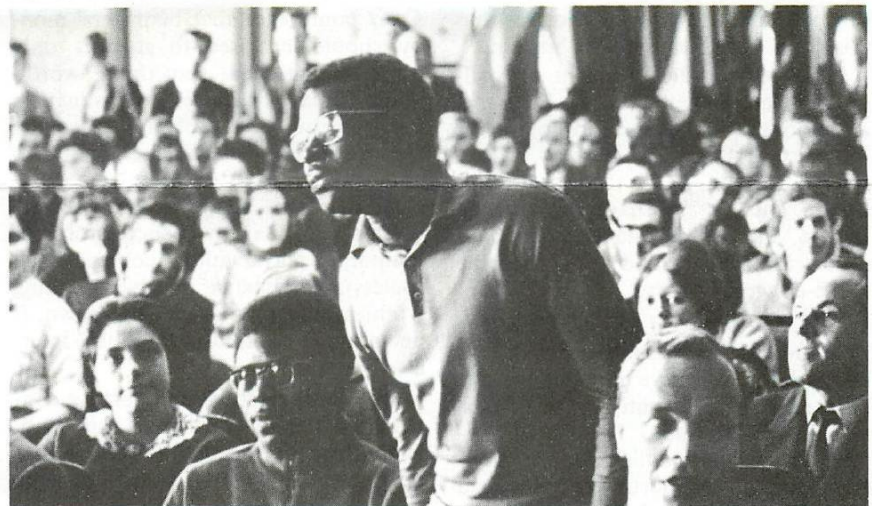
Industry and trade

As the New Year opened in Europe Britain still had not mastered her economic situation. Chancellor Erhard told the Germans the economic miracle would not last for ever unless they worked harder and were more united. The Italian economic growth rate was tailing off from the earlier 'miracle' years.

At the conference industrial delegates gave a glimpse of what could be

done in and through European industry and trade.

JUTE Robert Carmichael, President of the French and European Jute Industry set himself four goals: 'To guarantee a fair return to the tens of millions of jute growers of India and Pakistan; to give a fair payment to the transporters and intermediaries who serve the industry; to guarantee a fair income to the industries of India and Pakistan as well as Europe; and to satisfy the needs of the world



Young men and women from Europe, Africa and the Middle East ask wide-ranging questions. Here, one of the Congo army officers sent by General Mobutu, makes a point

for jute of perfect quality at a satisfactory price.'

Last September, despite opposition, an agreement was signed in Rome on the stabilisation of jute prices. 'It is the first step in the building up of a sound jute economy in the world which protects the interest of the grower, transporter and the industries of Europe as well as of India and Pakistan. It shows the new way in which industry can fulfil its role of feeding, clothing and housing the world and transporting goods at fair prices. This is a task which needs the full co-operation of management and labour.'

It was at Caux in the 'fifties, he said, that he learned the revolutionary teamwork with militant workers which produced the agreement enabling the French textile industry to face competition inside the Common Market.

STEEL Industry must produce the new type of man and the new society as well as producing the goods needed by the world, said John Craig, Secretary of Colville's, the Glasgow steel manufacturers.

'Fear, bitterness and jealousies are

the by-products of today's industry,' he said. 'MRA puts that right.' More production and less industrial unrest were immediate results of the new type of man at work in industry.

LIGHT INDUSTRY Billy Robinson, convenor of shop stewards at the Spalding factory in Belfast, said that his firm—one of twenty-two from America established in Northern Ireland to relieve unemployment—'nearly folded up.' He said, 'Strikes had crippled the firm and I had been part of the trouble. But in the last year such a new spirit has been produced there that the American parent company



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Activities in the Great Hall at Caux. Danish athletic demonstration (left) and the Vietnamese student delegation sing a traditional song

Europe—continued Theatre and taxpayers' money

has decided to give it the contract for the whole European market. Only through men with new motives has this been possible,' said Robinson.

In December the President of Spaldings throughout the world, Ed Parker, announced reorganisation plans for the corporation. The Belfast factory would now control the European division. 'This is my happiest visit to Belfast,' Parker told the Press. He said a new atmosphere had come into the strike-dogged factory.

DOCKS Distrust and bitterness were in-bred in the London docks, said Tom Ham, executive member of the National Amalgamated Stevedores' and Dockers' Union. The Devlin Report on the docks called for the modernisation of the port. 'We also need the modernisation of the men in the port,' added the docker, who was president of his union in 1964. A fellow docker had been able to bring swift, satisfactory solutions to twelve industrial disputes. Such men, he said, were a greater influence in the port than the trouble-makers sometimes featured in newspaper headlines.

ENGINEERING An AEU shop steward from Rolls Royce, Glasgow, William Dodd, said that in industry it is 'too easy to apportion blame and too superficial to stop at diagnosis.' More necessary is to answer the deep-rooted fears between men and men, between men and management. Examples were given how this was being done on Clydeside. 'MRA means modernisation in depth,' he said.

ONE OF GERMANY'S SENIOR actors, Kurt Müller-Graf, said at the Caux conference that taxpayers' money should be used to support only plays which had something worthwhile to say. 'We need to distinguish between positive problem plays by genuine dramatists which help us to come to grips with life and recognise clear standards—and those short-lived, often spectacular, even successful contemporary plays without content. Such useless experiments in style, lacking truth, morals or plot can be shown, if necessary, in studios to a small interested minority.

'The most essential and positive contribution to the tackling of our problems through means of theatre has been given by Peter Howard,' he said.

Howard's road to a new committed theatre was equally challenging to actors and public. 'He shows realistic, acceptable and universally understandable solutions which are in our power if we truly want them.'

Actors depended on authors to create for them the platform where they could intervene effectively in the struggle of our age. 'We want writers who contribute to the development of man's character and a public who regards the theatre's part in today's struggle of ideas as their concern.'

Müller-Graf concluded, 'Theatre is a social, political necessity. We do not want it to be regarded as a purely aesthetic instrument but as an integral part of every nation's life. Theatre should proclaim new and great ideas.'

Catholic journalist's challenge

FRED LADENIUS, a member of the staff of *L'Osservatore Romano* and official Dutch translator for the Pope, addressed the Caux conference last week.

The Dutch journalist spoke on the challenge given the youth of the world a hundred years ago by a Catholic priest, Father Alphonse Graty.

He described him as a contemporary of Karl Marx yet more modern and revolutionary than most people today. Father Graty believed that the world could only be changed by men who changed—men who turned to absolute moral standards and listened to God.

'Father Graty was an early European. His ideas applied today would give the key to European unity. He had the vision of leaders and people employing the courage, sacrifice, ingenuity and the money they had used in war to construct a world of justice and peace under the government of God.'

Answering questions from some of the 850 youth present, Ladenius said that MRA had made him a more effective journalist. 'Through Moral Re-Armament my faith in God has grown,' he said, 'and the quality of my work has improved.'

Japan—Australia—India axis?

by our Australian correspondent

IS IT POSSIBLE TO HARNESS Japanese technical skills with Australian resources and India's manpower to overcome the poverty and division of Asia? Increasingly men are beginning to think in these terms.

As a climax to a year's campaign to awaken Australia and New Zealand to their responsibilities in an exploding Asia a month-long MRA conference opened this week in Canberra. The theme: 'Explosion of an answer'.

Students from the cities and the outback, from the Papuan highlands and the New Zealand Maori 'maraes', joined with Members of the Federal Parliament, a Vice-President of the Victorian Employers' Federation, the official representative of a West Australian union and university and professional men at the conference.

Australian press, radio and television have been giving the news of the arrival of Rajmohan Gandhi, editor of the Indian news magazine, *Himmat*, and Conrad Hunte, vice-captain of the West Indies cricket team, for the meetings.

Mineral resources

Soji Fujii, immediate past Governor of the 300,000-strong Japanese Electric Power Development Corporation will address the conference. Fujii recently visited Australia to plan co-operation between the two countries in the use of the vast Australian mineral resources. Japanese industry is buying hundreds of thousands of tons of Australian iron ore. In Western Australia there is enough iron ore to keep the world supplied for the next hundred years. In Queensland there is enough bauxite lying on the surface to supply the world with aluminium for fifty years.

Among the leading representatives of Australian political life who will be speaking to the conference is Sir Wilfred Kent Hughes, a Liberal backbencher. He has insistently sought to turn the nation's eyes to the dangers in South-East Asia. From across the House, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Australian Parliamentary Labour Party, Allan Fraser, will talk on 'Australian policy as it is and as it should be.'

From Britain are coming Roland Wilson, one of the men in charge of

MRA's world work, and Mrs Wilson, the authoress.

The Nobel prize-winner, Sir John Eccles, FRS, Professor of Physiology at the National University in Canberra, will speak on 'Man's orientation in the universe'.

Sir William Hudson, Chairman of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority, will describe to the delegates this vast undertaking, called by the American Society of Civil Engineers 'one of the seven future engineering wonders of the world'. This project which is taking twenty-five years to complete, turns a whole river around, sends it through a mountain range, thereby providing huge quantities of hydro-electric power and bringing a thousand square miles of land under irrigation.

Maurice Timbs, executive member of the Atomic Energy Commission will speak on 'Atomic energy—bane or blessing', and E J Donath of the University of Melbourne, one of the most informed commentators on Australian trade policies, will discuss the controversial question of Australia's wheat trade with China and India.

These speakers will give an authoritative and wide-ranging picture of the world today and the fundamental challenge that faces Australia and New Zealand. Thinking people here have become deeply disturbed in the last year at the challenges which Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia throw before this previously complacent and leisured part of the world. The commitment of Australian troops to Vietnam has brought the crisis even closer.

Tremendous energy

Speaking recently at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, Conrad Hunte said, 'Why not create a Japan - India-Australia axis for the modernisation of man? You can be the first country to demonstrate on a big enough scale how men are meant to live on earth.'

It would challenge and capture the leadership of Asia from those who are out for the communisation of man. 'Australia is ready to take a risk. You have tremendous energy. There is a dynamo here,' he emphasised. 'You can and must mobilise your youth, your resources, your energy, your talents to play a rightful part as a leader in Asia.'

Afterwards at an informal gathering where the congregation had the chance to meet the West Indies cricketer, Archbishop Appleton said, 'I am grateful to Conrad Hunte for his vision for Australia and this part of the world and for putting it in so warm, human and dynamic a way. This will open the eyes of Australians all across the continent.'

Conference opens

CANBERRA, 5 JANUARY Today's *Canberra Times* carries the headline, 'MRA pleads for great living' in its report of the opening of the 'Explosion of an answer' conference here last night in the Australian National University.

The conference chairman, J R Coulter, said that the free nations of Asia had taken note of the fact that the United States, Australia and other nations had shown they regarded freedom in Vietnam as worth fighting for.

'The fact is,' he said, 'we are not meant to be less involved in Vietnam but more involved in heart, mind and body.'

'Certainly we are meant to halt aggression but much more we are meant to find the way to work with Asian people to deal with the needs of the area.'

A message of greeting from New Zealand's Prime Minister, Keith Holyoake, was preceded at the opening session by a haka war dance from eighteen members of the seventy-two strong New Zealand delegation.

The *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian* and other major daily newspapers reported the opening of the conference.

Breath of fresh air

'THROUGH THE GARDEN WALL' has brought 'a breath of fresh air on the Paris stage.' So said an official of the French Ministry of Culture. This play by Peter Howard, adapted in French by Mrs. Claire Evans, was directed by the popular actor Marc Cassot. On its final night at the Theatre des Arts—there were 119 performances—the audience gave long and enthusiastic applause.

After Independence

THE MALAGASAY AMBASSADOR to Paris, Rakoto Ratsimamanga, called on Africa to keep the balance of peace in the world 'not by force of arms but by its example of moderation and of unity.'

Addressing the Caux conference he said that Africa was emerging from the critical phase of independence. 'The continent's leaders now need to be clear in whose name they govern, towards what end they lead their people, how they define their voice in world affairs.'

Africa wanted everyone's help in combatting ignorance and hunger, he continued. And Moral Re-Armament should be fully associated with that fight. 'But Moral Re-Armament's greatest usefulness', he said, 'is to help Africa think out the moral and spiritual basis of its national and international institutions.'

What was the use, he asked, 'of learning to read and write and becoming a walking library if you did not know how to think. What was the

use of being well nourished but without a thought in the head?'

At Caux, administrators, legislators and lawyers could work out unselfishly how Africa could most effectively make the transition from its traditional social and economic values to the demands of modern democratic states. 'Moral Re-Armament,' he said, 'is a work that goes deep, lasts long and requires patience if one is to remain unprejudiced and unyielding in principles.'

The Ambassador, a distinguished scientist and dean of the French-speaking African diplomats at Paris, was speaking on the theme, 'The future of the non-aligned world'. The audience included a delegation of army officers sent from the Congo by the President, General Mobutu, black and white from Rhodesia, and representatives from South Africa, Kenya, Burundi, Zambia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and the United Arab Republic. The Ambassador of Mali in Paris, Rome and Bern, Ya Doumbia, will address the conference later.

Asians co-operate

YOUNG CEYLONESE representing all creeds and languages, opened the 'Onward to a new Asia' conference in Kandy. They are planning active participation with Japanese, Indians, Pakistanis and Australians in a programme 'to create a new leadership, curing the hate and fear which now plagues the whole Asian continent.'

The Mayor of Kandy, E L Senanayake, MP, inaugurated the five-day conference session and said, 'Moral Re-Armament has no barriers of colour, caste or creed. It deserves the wholehearted support of all peace-loving people.'

Senanayake, who recently returned from the United Nations where he served on the Ceylon delegation, welcomed the youth to the sacred and ancient city of Kandy. 'MRA today has a very great part,' he said, 'in uniting a world torn by conflict between neighbours and between peoples.'

Earlier, West Indies Test cricketer Conrad Hunte's convictions on MRA were blazoned across the Colombo



Prime Minister Senanayake says: 'MRA for a rational world order, free of conflict'

newspapers every day. He conferred with the Prime Minister, Dudley Senanayake, the Home Minister and the Minister of Nationalised Services and Sport, V A Sugathadasa, who had invited him to Ceylon en route to the Australasian MRA conference.

Harambee Africa

FIFTY SELECTED YOUNG MEN and women of all races in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria and South Africa are continuing the work of the recent Nairobi all-Africa demonstration at Narosurra, the MRA centre. They are engaged in a three-fold programme. 1: Extended training in the aims of the recent Nairobi conference. 2: Manual work on urgent self-help projects. 3: Further action with *Harambee Africa* which had its first public performance in the Nairobi City Hall.

This African musical has now been invited to the plateau farming centre by the Mayor of Eldoret and people in other Rift Valley towns.

In Nairobi unprecedented press coverage, which one newspaperman described as 'the biggest ever for any Nairobi conference,' continued with a 1500-word editorial page article by Rajmohan Gandhi in the *East African Standard* with the headline, 'Kenya role to spread Harambee'.

New MRA centre

LAND HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR the building of an MRA centre in Kerala, South India, where Indians will be trained in tackling the agricultural, economic and social problems of Asia.

Jose Kallivayalil, pioneering tea planter, said when handing over the title deeds, 'This is a momentous day whose significance we will only realise in years to come.'

The Vice-President of the Rubber Board of India, John George, said, 'If we can create an answer to division in Kerala through this centre we shall then have an answer for India.' George was one of the men who first proposed the idea of creating a permanent centre to Rajmohan Gandhi, leader of MRA in India.

Further north at Panchgani, near Bombay, the Roving College for a New India was inaugurated. The college, which gives a six-months' course, will tour through many Indian cities and villages. It aims to give youth, as well as practical and academic instruction, 'the will to modernise India'. The College Director, Professor R Vaitheswaran, said the college had grown from discussion between national leaders and MRA-trained youth.