

TRAVELLERS recently returned from Russia and China tell us they were asked there about Moral Re-Armament. This may or may not have been Harold Wilson's experience. But it raises an important matter.

The Prime Minister said this week that the question of Britain's world role should be the subject of a great national debate. He was thinking primarily of defence. But what idea is Britain meant to give to other countries—including Russia?

Our correspondent in Eastern Europe reports this week, 'Millions here are looking for a new cause and purpose.' Gordon Wise writes from Geneva, 'Europe is a continent in search of a destiny.' (Articles inside)

A year ago yesterday an Englishman died who was in no doubt about Europe's and particularly Britain's role in the world. He was Peter Howard, in charge of the world programme of MRA.

In a speech in the Royal Commonwealth Society Hall in 1964 he said, 'A morally re-armed Britain can offer an answer to the dangers of the contradictions in the Communist world, as well as to the weaknesses of division and social injustice in the non-Communist world which create Communism.'

'It is a paradox of our times that nations which believe in God, but live as if He did not exist, and nations which say they disbelieve in God, but now need the new type of man which He alone can create, are both looking for the leadership today which Britain in her true tradition could bring.'

Thousands of Englishmen who have taken up Howard's fight paid for a full page carrying his convictions in yesterday's *Daily Express*. Howard raises the issues no election will solve.

The Editor

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WELSH SLATE FUND STARTED

Labour pioneer gives week's pension

From Sydney Cook

'FROM WALES to Westminster' was the theme of a reception in Cardiff's Park Hotel this week for the launching of the Welsh Slate Fund for the Westminster Theatre Arts Centre.

This Arts Centre, being built in memory of Peter Howard, will be faced with 5,000 pieces—42 tons—of slate quarried from the Cader Idris range. The *Western Mail* says the idea is 'a big boost to the troubled Welsh slate industry'.

Two hundred guests from North, South and West Wales heard Mrs Michael Barrett, granddaughter of Wales' most famous son, David Lloyd George, describe the Cardiff reception as depicting 'not only the result of the sweat and skill of the quarry workers of North Wales, but Wales taking on a great task. The sponsors come from all parts of the Principality and they have decided to raise the £10,000 needed for this grand project.'

Mrs Barrett read the messages of good wishes from Goronwy Roberts, MP, Minister of State for Welsh Affairs; the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan, Sir Cennydd Traherne; and T W Jones, MP, who represents Merioneth where the slate is being quarried.

Goronwy Roberts sent his very best wishes for the success of the enterprise and said he was 'most interested in the proposal'. Sir Cennydd Traherne wrote, 'I hope you will have a most successful launching. I remember Peter Howard well and am glad that this

centre is being built in his memory.'

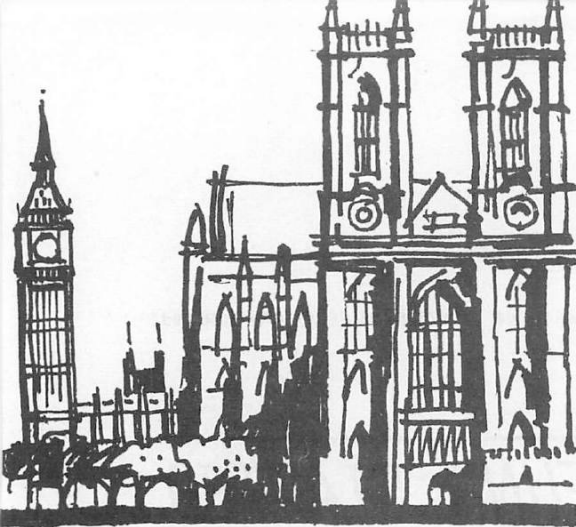
Kenneth Belden, Chairman of the Westminster Memorial Trust, spoke on 'Building for the Future'. He referred to the 5,000 people from Wales who have attended plays at the Westminster Theatre in the past three years and the twenty-four Welsh choirs who have sung at assemblies there.

Miss Ann Griffiths, celebrated Welsh harpist, delighted the guests with her brilliant playing of this traditional Welsh instrument. Miss Leena Liukkonen from Finland got an enthusiastic reception for her singing of two songs by Sibelius and Peter Howard's song 'The world walked into my heart'.

A gift of £6 for the fund was presented to Mrs Barrett by the Old Age Pensioners Association of Abertridwr, Caerphilly, and £10 from a Cardiff branch of the women's section of the British Legion. **continued on page 3**

D F Lloyd, managing director of the slate company, shows a slate to County Alderman Tom Evans (centre) from Pontardawe and Councillor S H Butcher, Chairman of Caerphilly Council. Photo: Western Mail





From Gordon Wise, our industrial correspondent

WHEN I WAS IN ITALY five weeks ago the Government fell, triggered off by a split in the main Government party. The country has been without a government ever since. The north prospers, but the farmers in the harsh mountain land of the south scratch for bare existence.

The Government collapsed in Belgium while I was there a short time back. There is still no government. Miners were killed near Brussels in police firing during protest demonstrations against pit closures, due to un-economic working. The division in the country is so bitter between the Flemish-speaking north and the French-speaking Walloons of the south that some people even talk of the country dissolving into two separate states.

Even Germany's 'economic miracle' is not enough to sustain industrial health today, it seems. Chancellor Erhard warns that wages and prices are out-pacing production and calls for restraint and a longer working week.

There is rumbling in Holland over wage demands. Long established agreements have run out and are not being renewed. Management is resisting labour's representations about a form of 'co-partnership' in industry. Spokesmen of both sides of industry told me that a textile strike is looming, due to mill closures under pressure of international competition.

Switzerland, long a model of industry and efficiency, is concerned about the 'overheating' of the economy. A cost-of-living rise of five per cent last year reflects the pressure of buying power and that soon causes inflation. Switzerland is also wrestling with the social problems which accompany the influx of nearly 700,000 foreign workers, a large proportion of the population of 4,500,000. There are four million such 'foreign workers' in factories, mills and mines of the prosperous European countries.

A trade union executive responsible for ten million workers said to me, 'I tremble for the future of our continent if we go on offering people undiluted materialism.'

A shop steward in a British car factory said, 'Workers don't down tools and go on strike about whether they get a longer or shorter tea break. It is the inhumanity and seeming lack of purpose of an assembly line which builds up frustration, and then they lash out. Men need to know *why* they work.'

Dr Beeching said last week that Britain was suffering from 'chronic national self-indulgence'. It had gone on ever since the last war, he added. This was basically why the economy was in tatters. All Britain shivered in apprehension a fortnight ago lest a threatened national rail strike pushed the wheezing economy to an emergency state.

These facts illustrate that if the amount of unselfishness in a society drops below a certain level, society ceases to function. Strong arm remedies cause their own injustices and

needed. Many are ready for it. Trade union leaders and Socialist politicians in eight countries over this last year have talked to me about the Labour Movements' duty towards the 'developing nations'. But such aid and co-operation must be more than economic. The head of a powerful Swiss union, a man of vast international experience, said to me in his office in the Swiss capital, 'Our aid needs to be three-pronged—financial, moral and technical.' He meant that the franc or dollar will not buy honesty or integrity and often achieves the opposite both in giver and receiver.

Not one man has failed to acknowledge and welcome the news of Rajmohan Gandhi's 'revolution of national character' in India, of Masahide Shibusawa's work in Japan to create a new generation of leadership, and the parallel developments in Australasia, Ceylon and other lands of Asia and Africa. One well-to-do union is considering financial aid for this work in Asia. This would take the form of sending technicians to help construct training centres.

WHICH WAY WILL THE

stifle initiative. As George Woodcock, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said at a press conference when asked about impending Government legislation to control prices and incomes, 'If the will exists to make such proposals work, you don't need legislation. If the will is lacking, then legislation will not work anyway.'

All these economic ailments are in fact symptoms of a more serious infection. Europe is a continent in search of a destiny.

There was a time when countries of Europe, small in area, governed vast territories of the earth. Much was wrong with those empires, yet the thrusting technology and the crucible of creativity of European lands cannot and should not be confined within their borders. No common market or economic readjustment will suffice. A giant mission in today's world is

Such aid should be massive to be effective. Young Europeans are volunteering for summer training in leadership at the MRA centre in Caux, Switzerland, for service abroad later this year. When the people and governments of European countries become more concerned about ending world needs than appeasing their populations for reasons of popularity and power—then their nations and this continent will find unity and purpose.

Europe's goal must be more than 'standing up to America' or forming 'a third force'. Her trade goes east now. But which way do the ideas flow? Will she invite the Communist countries to join in a supreme effort to meet man's material needs—and to make human beings out of humanity? We marvel at man in space. It is time we developed earth's empty spaces to nourish mankind.

From our correspondent in Eastern Europe

EASTERN EUROPE is changing. Of that there is no doubt.

The interesting questions are: How is it changing? And does the change go far enough?

One important change is the new readiness to admit mistakes. No longer is the stifling fiction maintained that everything in the Communist garden is lovely and all the outside world is noxious weeds. Government leaders appear on TV to answer public criticisms. Cartoonists have a field-day depicting the inequalities and absurdities still existing in the so-called classless society.

Youth particularly poses a problem for governments. Voluntary work brigades have almost disappeared. Long hair is coming in.

Of course the groups in power, aided by all the apparatus of the totalitarian state, are still firmly in command. Moreover, some of them can point to economic growth rates better than in many Western countries. But as liberty of expression revives, it reveals millions who have grown cynical about the gap, which seems to be

sacrifices and self-denial but only if they are borne by the wider community . . . not by *my* collective or *my* Commune'.

The truth is that after twenty years' trial in East Europe and forty-eight years in the Soviet Union, Marxism is having as much difficulty as ever in producing the new type of man needed to create a new society. Virtually no one wants to go back to pre-war conditions. But growing numbers grope towards something new. One author says: 'Man will never be happy to think that he just happens to be born. That is the weakness of Khrushchev's ideology. Without doubt there will be a third revolution—a revolution of the spirit. Marxism will remain as a social science but new spiritual movements will get hold of men's souls.'

It is now admitted that 'administrative action' has not proved an effective way of dealing with 'subjectivism': nor is a return to concentration camp methods deemed feasible. The logic of their position is in fact forcing thinking men in East Europe towards a recognition of the need for an ideol-



ously, is a new cause and purpose. It must be a way of life lived out so passionately that it overcomes the cynicism of those in power and those out of power. It must give youth something to fight for not less absorbing than the liberation struggle in which their fathers sacrificed a generation ago. It must offer the secret of inner discipline to those who have rebelled against forced discipline but now find life aimless.

And it must enlist the best talents of every segment of society, not simply to raise Europe's own living standards but to demonstrate the new economics of unselfishness which are man's only rational response to the prospect of tomorrow.

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A member of the Committee of Sponsors presented a cheque for £250. A teacher from Abertillery gave £120 collected by girls in her school and their parents—the first instalment of a pledge for £1,000 by the people of Monmouthshire.

Alderman Tom Evans, one of the great figures of Welsh local government and a pioneer of the Labour Movement who worked with Keir Hardie, stepped forward. The former Chairman of the Glamorgan County Council handed Mrs Barrett an envelope saying, 'I want to pay my tribute to Peter Howard—one week's pension.'

Howard McBeth of Llandaff Technical College said, 'I first heard of MRA when a play from the Westminster Theatre came to Cardiff last October. This is the idea the world needs. I am going to help raise this money.' Representatives of Welsh choirs decided that they would give concerts in aid of the fund.

Fitting last word on this successful launching: the scaffolding for the putting in place of the Welsh slate goes up on 1 March, St David's Day!

IDEAS FLOW?

A FRESH LOOK AT EUROPE— EAST AND WEST

widening rather than narrowing, between theory and practice.

'Subjective factors' as distinct from 'objective factors' are increasingly recognised as being at the root of current difficulties: and 'subjective factors' is Marxist diction for 'human nature'.

Those who join the Communist Party for careerist motives (some East Europeans say 60%); those who hold on to top jobs for which they have no qualifications apart from a record as guerilla fighters; those who refuse to stand for senior jobs in industry because the rewards are too small and the risks too great; those who accept a free university education and then make off to Western countries; those who go to football matches instead of to cell meetings; these people display the 'subjective weaknesses' that worry governments. As one Party paper said, 'Nobody denies the necessity for

ogy that deals with human nature and issues in a complete dimension of social and economic change.

When the West stands four-square for such an ideology, vast new possibilities of co-operation will open up. In fact, the next advance in history may be taken by Marxists and non-Marxists who are honest enough to admit the inadequacy of the theories they have inherited as a guide for a generation that has to grapple with space travel, atom bombs, automation and a population explosion.

Cynicism is the most deep-rooted problem in East Europe today. No remedy for Europe's ills will work if it fails to touch that problem and rekindle faith. It would be tragic if increased cultural exchanges were to result in fraternisation on the level of materialism and amorality.

What millions in East Europe are looking for, consciously or unconsci-

ST VINCENT

Students in this West Indies island are producing a new MRA musical, *Sing-Out St Vincent*.

TAIWAN

The Chinese production of Peter Howard's play, *The Ladder*, will be shown on National TV due to public demand, says its producer Peter Fu.

THE HAGUE

The German production of *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill* has ended a tour of nine Dutch cities. *Utrechts Nieuwsblad* commented, 'Peter Howard offers a Christianity which is modern and ready for practical life.'

RHODESIA

SHIELD, a monthly magazine of the Catholic Church in Rhodesia, published last month an article on the Westminster Theatre, London, by Joan P Buxton. Miss Buxton wrote, 'At this time so tremendously serious for both Rhodesia and for Britain, the great truths proclaimed by the Westminster Theatre are the only basis on which our two countries can go forward together. Without them we must surely perish; with them we could build a Rhodesia, a Britain and a Commonwealth that would be an inspiration and a challenge to the world.'

BEIRUT

The Lebanese paper, *As Safa*, in an article about the conferences in Caux underlines the contribution which youth from the Arab world can give.

MILAN

Milan's top ranking cultural society, the Famiglia Artistica, heard Pierre Spoerri, a director of MRA in Switzerland, speak. The president of the society said, 'I am very glad to welcome Moral Re-Armament here—this very great moral force in the world.'

FRANKFURT

Mr Brown Steigt Herab (Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill) by Peter Howard has been performed seventy-six times in forty-two cities of Germany. State governments, city coun-

cils, Catholic and Protestant churches and newspaper editors supported it.

NEW YORK

Fortune's February issue, in an article about Patrick J Frawley Jr, head of Schick Eversharp and Technicolor, says, 'At its fiftieth anniversary party last December, Technicolor presented to 800 "Hollywood notables" the MRA show called *Sing-Out '66*, which Frawley believes presents "the real image of America". He says he was particularly impressed with MRA's attempt to steer clear of what he calls "the bitterness of the Left and pre-occupation of the Right with its own affairs".'

HOLLYWOOD

Photoplay's March edition says, 'The whole town, from teenagers to movie moguls, Jack Warner and Walt Disney, are singing the praises of the *Sing-Out '66* group because of their spirit and talents. It just seems to grab everybody. It might be a big new trend in American music'.

SUDAN

Sudan's Minister of the Interior, Sayed Ahmed El Mahdi, speaking to 10,000 of his southern compatriots at a rally in Juba, Equatoria, admitted 'our faults of the past' and pledged his Government to a positive programme 'to secure the stability and development' of the war-torn Southern Sudan.

COLOMBO

Six Ceylon Cabinet Ministers last week saw the film about Peter Howard, *A Man to Match the Hour*.

MUNICH

Patrick Wolrige Gordon, MP, spoke last week at the University of Munich on the theme 'Politics and Moral Re-Armament'. He was invited by the Student Council, the World University Service and the Federalist Students' Association.

GEORGETOWN

British Guiana's Ministry of Education has sent out a circular to all school principals giving them details of an MRA film and lecture programme. Last week fourteen Georgetown schools saw these films. One hundred youth have started rehearsing their own *Sing-Out*.

Around Britain

OXFORD Showings of *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill* have taken place in private homes, college rooms and for members of the Student Christian Movement from every high school in the city. A public meeting for MRA will be held in Regent's Park College on 6 March at 2.30 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE Nearly two hundred representing 'town and gown' filled a reception room in the Guildhall for a showing of *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill* last week. Albert Harris, a second year student of Caius College, welcomed the guests.

GLASGOW A hundred and thirty people attended a luncheon at which Kenneth Belden, Chairman of the Trustees of the Westminster Theatre, spoke. The luncheon, chaired by John Craig, Secretary of Colville's Steel, was given in aid of the Westminster Theatre Arts Centre.

SHEFFIELD 'When I took Moral Re-Armament to where I work in the Rover car company, it set the factory floor alight,' said an AEU shop committee man from Birmingham last weekend. He was speaking at an MRA industrial conference, 'Modernisation in Depth', held here.

Referring to unofficial stoppages in the industry, Albert Ingram continued, 'Men do not want to commit economic suicide, but they need a lead and a purpose. We need MRA on the shop floor'.

'New machines and new techniques must be matched by new men with new motives,' said Arnold Feather of the Sheffield AEU branch, who was presiding over the conference.

Delegates included William Franklin, President of the Sheffield and District Productivity Council; Eric Priestley, Managing Director of Greville and Stewart; John Vickers, Managing Director of Benjamin R Vickers and Sons Ltd, oil manufacturers; Philip Grunsell, foundry sales manager of the Sheepbridge Engineering Company; and shop stewards from the Rover car factory in Birmingham.