

BRITAIN'S FUTURE ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS

By Roland Wilson

A FEW DAYS AGO I sat and talked with one of India's great men. Shri Rajagopalachari, first Indian Governor General after Independence, carries the 500 millions of his nation, and the whole world, on his heart. He said to me of my own country: 'We battled with Britain for our freedom. But we respect you. We look at you in the light of your great history. Yet you who live in Britain seem to be swamped in the day-to-day running of your own interests.'

Everywhere I have journeyed round the world I have talked with responsible men who expect a larger role of us as a nation than we expect of ourselves. The Malaysian Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, spoke movingly to me of his passion to forge a united nation, of the help he needed from us, of his regard for our Commonwealth. He said, 'My Government think as you in Moral Re-Armament think.'

I was with the Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand on the day Britain's reduced offer for New Zealand's butter was pressed upon his negotiators. He found it hard to believe that we could treat old friends so. The simple fact was that his country's economy is at stake.

I spoke with a Japanese doctor in Tokyo, a man born of one of Japan's ancient families. He said, 'You British do not recognise the greatness there is in your ordinary men and women. You ask too little of them. They are some of the greatest people on earth.'

One of the men who run the Republic of China in Taiwan welcomed me to his home. I told him I was sorry for the sheer self-interest that

has governed Britain's attitude to his country. He said, 'I believe that may be beginning to change. And if so, I hope we can help the world forward together. Last time I was in Europe I was on a State Visit. I looked across twenty miles of sea at your forbidden shores. I longed to come to a land I love. I could not, since you do not recognise us.'

India and Britain

I write from Bangalore, India. Twelve thousand people thronged their great park last Sunday night for a Moral Re-Armament rally on the theme, 'Unite India—Save the Nation.' I told these thousands that my country has much to put right, but what I longed for most was that India and Britain could now work together to forge a new world for our children. The whole vast assembly burst into applause.

In Canberra I spoke with an Australian official who helps make his country's policies. Men at the heart of events there read the signs of the times in Britain's determined plans to reduce defence expenditure—in

the interests of her home wants and needs. They may say little but they think much when they read Mr Heath's statement that Britain's real future role lies in taking her place in the European Community. This official said to me, 'We always thought that character not cash was the bond of Commonwealth. In our view, trade with Europe could never match the blood our fighting men shed by your side in two world wars.'

A cult of smallness has gripped Britain. And it is not her destiny. It is propagated by known men and by influences as sinister, or more sinister, than the forces who are out to wreck our economy with class hatred. This cult of smallness is easily sold to a selfish people. It is a comfortable and comforting theme. Under it we can have the easy way we want.

Since I left London three months ago a hundred million people or more have passed under military dictatorships. Some may be better off than before. We even blame and judge them, and say corruption caused it all. We sometimes forget that in the world's eyes the last Tory Govern-

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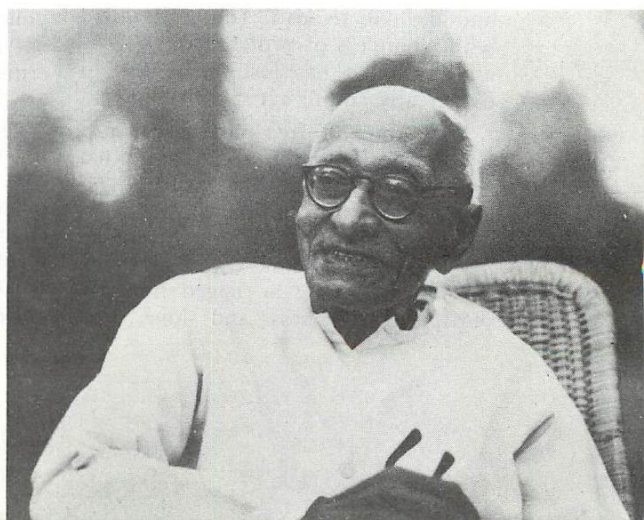


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ment suffered its heaviest blow as a result of a moral scandal. And British workers who boast of more pay for less work have little to say to nations whose economy is crumbling through laziness and division.

Britain is now summoned by her history and her destiny to win a new dimension of freedom for the whole world. It must be freedom from hate. It must be freedom from the crippling effects of organised self-interest. It must be freedom from those ideas which kill our consciences and persuade us that black is white and what we lust for is right. It must be freedom from blaming others. It must be the freedom which comes from honest, open living, with nothing to hide and nothing to fear.

Sacrifice for freedom is in our bones and blood. This ultra-modern world faces bondage, subtle but certain. But that it can be remade is not in doubt. All the evidence points to it. The tide of new men is flowing and rising everywhere. Will it be in time?

A country that has for centuries valued honour and liberty above life could now step forward as a new champion of freedom from those inner scourges which have frustrated human hopes since man began. The issue is not argument. It is what we

decide. Decision comes first. Plans quickly follow.

Two weeks ago I was with the man who built the new Japanese railway line from Tokyo to Osaka. The cost was \$500 million. It took five years. Super trains cover the 320 miles in three hours ten minutes. It has made railway history. It has given a new dignity to half a million railwaymen. The former Governor of the Railways of Japan said to me: 'Moral Re-Armament gave me the energy

and imagination to do it. Everyone said it was impossible. I said, 'The question is, not what we can do, but what we must do—what needs to be done!'

As I talked with this man I thought of our own great men and the spirit that kindled them. I thought of 1940 and other timeless pages in our own history. And there are still unfilled pages in the history book of humanity. They are there for those who decide to take them.

*God be praised who has matched us with this hour.
For this crisis Moral Re-Armament was conceived
and brought to birth. If we stand firm and hold
fast to absolute standards of unselfishness, purity
and truth, the gates of hell shall not prevail against
us. At the Cross we stand. After wintertide, spring is
waiting. After shadows, light. After compromise,
conviction. After death, life. We shall see the great-
est revolution of all time whereby the Cross of Christ
turns back God's enemies and transforms the world.*

From an Easter Message.

PETER HOWARD.

A MASTER PURPOSE FOR EUROPE

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL said in Munich in 1946, 'There can be no revival of Europe without a spiritually great France and a spiritually great Germany.' His understanding of the forces shaping history went deeper than those who said then, and still do, that the future depends on economic greatness alone. Europe today, East and West, is haunted by aimlessness. Faith in systems, faith in leaders, faith in ideas has broken down. And the fall of faith has dragged down with it the will to win and the will to lead. The air is filled with whimpers of protest from a generation which has lost the reason to live greatly and to act sacrificially.

The future of free nations depends upon America and Europe committed to a common goal. There can be no ideological clarity, no moral greatness, without a concept for the future of man; the will to build a just and free order world-wide; a rugged honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. For

only courageous character can create the steely strength required to master the genius, the skills, the speed, the power, of twentieth century man.

The German Government invitation last week to the Americans to bring *Sing Out '66* to Europe is evidence of a growing clarity and decision in Europe about the forces shaping our future. In her hour of need, Germany officially turns to Americans—brown, white and black—who are resolved to build a new world through changing men. These young Americans are radically different from the image of the American criticised so freely by the Left. They are far more revolutionary than these critics. They are the America of tomorrow. They live and give an answer for race and class bitterness, for selfish, narrow, nationalist aims. They have a new quality of patriotism. For them love of country means love of countrymen.

Peter Howard, a true European, with

his passionate determination to build the men who can liquidate the selfishness of nations, enlisted this young generation in America. Young Americans respond to Europeans who are all-out for Moral Re-Armament's revolutionary concept of life and society. America needs such a Europe. Europeans welcome Americans committed to this reshaping of history.

German lead

Europe has a treasure-house of experience, which can be mobilised for the millions if the Europeans have the vision and will to build a new greatness into humanity. The German Government is taking the lead. The next phase in the development of Europe could well be that the British, French, Italian and Russian Governments join Germany in this initiative for Moral Re-Armament. It is the most urgent task before the patriots in these nations.

Dr Paul Campbell

What can now be done

NOT A MILE FROM WHERE Mr Wilson sat considering his next moves the most forward-looking conference in London took place last week. Its aim: Britain's world role.

Election-jaded television viewers would have been refreshed to see and hear it. Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition would have found it time well-spent.

It was an industrial conference attended by 75 union officials, shop stewards and workers from twenty-five unions; and management from steel, banking, housing and shipbuilding. They came from the Scottish shipyards and car factories, Northern Ireland, the ports of Bristol and London, and the industries of the Midlands and Yorkshire. Bert Allen, Convener of Shop Stewards at Reynolds Tubes, Birmingham, and conference chairman, said in his opening remarks, 'Press and politicians have told us what should be done.

We are going to tell them what has been done and what can now be done.'

At the end of the conference they said in a statement, 'We have declared war on shoddy workmanship, the second rate, apathy, cynicism and selfishness at home, and on hunger, misery and under-employment abroad. We will not rest till the new society is matched by the new type of men and women needed to make it work.

'We are committed to building a society free, just and united for Britain and the entire earth. We are committed to building the character in man needed to do the job. We are out to modernise Britain and the British.

'As a result we are responsible

- for a 30 per cent increase in productivity on a Coventry building site;
- for full employment and ships out on time in some Scottish yards;

- for giving the impulse to end demarcation in a large chemical plant and Clydeside shipyards;
- for in the last months getting an order out in six weeks which would normally take six months in a northern marine oil factory;
- for maintaining production in an important section of the Port of London.'

One hundred Rio dockworkers, together with the Director of Traffic in the port, sent a message to the conference saying, 'To eradicate hunger, misery and unemployment from the face of the earth, the help and understanding of highly industrialized nations will be necessary. That is why we welcome your initiative.'

A message was also sent from members of the Dockers' Union of Uruguay.

Geoffrey Gain

BERT ALLEN, Birmingham District Committee Member of the AEU, opens a national industrial conference convened by officials and shop stewards in shipbuilding, mining and the auto and aircraft industries. On the platform from left to right are Tom Ham, Member, Executive, National Amalgamated Stevedores' and Dockers' Union; Jim MacAulay, sub-convener, Rootes Press-

ings, Linwood; Robert Scarth, trade union organiser, Coventry; Graham Vaughan, National Union of Mineworkers, Rhondda, S Wales; Les Dennison, Chairman, Building Trades Operatives, Coventry and Frank Abbott, a Transport and General Workers' Union shop steward, London Airport. The conference took place in the Caxton Hall, Westminster. photo: Strong



at a glance

Taiwan

Youth from Japan, Korea and the Republic of China were recorded last week by the Voice of Free China for broadcast to the mainland. They appealed to the youth of mainland China to create a world which is free from hunger, hatred and tyranny.

In the past two weeks *Let's Go '66*, an Asian musical produced by these youth, has been presented to 43,000 people. A million saw it on television. All expenses during the cast's stay were paid by the government. General Ten Wen-yi, Professor of the War College, said, 'Your mission has been of the greatest success. Government, military, and student leaders are 100 per cent with you.'

Ceylon

The Governor General of Ceylon, William Gopallawa and Mrs Gopal-lawa, and the Minister of National Services and Sport, V A Sugathadasa were at the recent Colombo première of the Sinhala version of the Brazilian portworkers' film *Men of Brazil*. Also in the audience were businessmen and dockers. Sugathadasa is the Minister responsible for the ports.

East Africa

The mayors of seven East African cities, including Nairobi, Kampala and Mombasa, and two regional commissioners have invited *Harambee Africa* to their cities and districts. The African musical, produced at the 'Aim for Africa' conference in Nairobi during December, will be presented eighteen times in eighteen days in ten different places during a safari of nearly two thousand miles.

The cast of one hundred youth from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania was joined last weekend by Sudanese and representatives of Basutoland and South Africa. Its tour begins on 13 April with a return visit to Eldoret, Kenya. The Mayor in the city's official invitation describes the musical as 'the most hopeful experience since Independence.'

South Africa

The Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg and the mayors of nine goldmining towns nearby were at the première performance of Peter Howard's play *Through the Garden Wall*. The Mayor of Johannesburg said, 'This is the best play I have seen in a long, long time.' It will run for five weeks.

Nigeria

Against the background of the new Military Government's call for 'national reconstruction' built 'on a moral basis,' students of the Federal Advanced Teacher Training College, Lagos, presented the MRA All-African play *Freedom*. Enthusiastic paying audiences packed the college hall for the performances.

Finland

Following the elections in Finland, Members of Parliament, senior Socialist leaders, industrial delegates and youth attended a weekend MRA conference in Helsinki.

America

In the Western United States sing-outs are multiplying speedily. Following the five thousand mile tour of *Sing-Out '66* six hundred students in California, Oregon and Idaho have started their own sing-outs. Through sing-outs American youth sing and demonstrate passionately for patriotism, straight living and a commitment to build a new world. In Arizona sing-out casts last week sang to the State Legislature, at a luncheon for astronaut Frank Borman and at a dinner addressed by Richard Nixon.

LEARN TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE says LBJ aide

PRESIDENT Johnson's Special Consultant on Physical Fitness, Stan Musial, has written the foreword to a new book, *Modernizing America*, published in the US and now on sale here.

Stan Musial, a household name in American baseball, writes, 'I saw Moral Re-Armament in action at Mackinac Island this summer. I shall always remember what I saw. Through its training programme it is giving youth an aim and purpose for their lives and making them into responsible and patriotic citizens.'

'I wish I could pass on to all of our youth, and specially our athletes, the great benefits of this sort of training. I hope that our leaders in all walks of life, from the Government on down, will actively participate in it.'

'With the responsibilities we face today, Americans need to learn more than just a vocation or profession. We need to learn how to deal with people. For people are still our most important asset, both here at home and wherever we go in the world.'

'This book, written by some of the ablest men in America and abroad, represents just about the best thinking I know on issues of the day. I hope it will be widely read by students and faculty, by businessmen and churchmen, by labour and industry, and by all who are active in civic and governmental affairs. Particularly I hope it will be read by my colleagues whom I know so well in the world of sport.'

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