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'More achieved in six months than in six years' New way in industry works, says docker

WE HAVE ACHIEVED more on the Bristol docks in the last six months through a change of attitude in management and workers than in the previous six years through industrial warfare,' said Jack Carroll, a delegate from the docks to the Bristol Trades Council, speaking at the MRA conference at Tirley Garth, Tarporley.

Carroll was addressing 475 people from twenty-six countries last weekend. Among them were representatives of management and labour from shipping and other major industries.

These men believe that the only strategy which will meet Britain's present crisis is to change men's attitudes and motives-to quote an executive member of the National Union of Seamen-'at the most sensitive points of industry'. They are determined to carry this out on a national scale.

The NUS executive member and dockers' leaders from London, Liverpool, Manchester and Bristol heard shipping company Managing Director John Houlder of Houlder Brothers praise British seamen as 'the most efficient in the world.'

Houlder continugd, in a speech which was featured in the next day's Daily Express, that London dockers had as high a rate of output as any in the world. 'I feel this should be known as too many people run Britain down,' he added.

Houlder's attitude caused a sensation among the trades unionists, some of whom had never before sat down



'You have got the idea of putting guts into life, and that is what is lacking at present.' said the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Alderman Herbert M Allen, receiving a party of thirty-five Dutch. The Dutch, who were attending the MRA conference at Tirley Garth, were also received by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Alderman Mrs Nellie Beer Photo: O'Brennan



Edward Taylor, Tory MP for Cathcart, Glasgow, tells youth at the Tirley conference. 'You have not lost faith in Britain. You are giving the moral lead that Britain needs to give the world. You are not just talking about the problems, you are doing something about them.' Photo: Price

'Great hope for our nations'

PRINCE RICHARD OF HESSE, visiting Britain, paid tribute at the Tirley conference to his friends Frank Buchman and Peter Howard.

Howard, the German Prince said, had been the first man to say publicly that Germany should not be blackmailed by her past into inaction. Prince Richard said Germany could not play her part in world affairs if she stayed dominated by what she had done wrong in the past.

Peter Howard, continued Prince Richard, had also set on foot a worldwide movement for Moral Re-Armament amongst youth which was now grasping the younger generation in Germany. 'This gives me great hope for the future,' he said. 'And it gives me great hope for this country too to see so many youth here.'

New move in Sudan and Ethiopia

THE ALL-AFRICA musical revue Harambee Africa (Pull Together Africa), presented by Moral Re-Armament with a cast of sixty, has been invited to the Sudan and Ethiopia later this month.

The musical will be performed in the Kenya National Theatre next week prior to its departure for Khartoum. A special performance on the invitation of the Sudan Ambassador is scheduled for 10 August.

Andrew Peppetta, director of the musical, said that President Kenyatta after he had seen a performance 'urged us to take the spirit of "Harambee" to all nations. We were inspired by his vision and challenged by his concept of what Africa can do for the world.'

Commenting on the invitations to the Sudan and Ethiopia, Peppetta continued, 'The world looks to Africa with eyes sometimes critical, sometimes rebuking, sometimes apprehensive. At other times the world looks with eyes searching, longing that this continent would demonstrate a cure to division, corruption and apathy.

'We the cast of *Harambee Africa* appreciate this opportunity to work with the youth and people of the Sudan and Ethiopia. Our task is to help Africa to play its fullest part in bringing stability and progress to the world.'

Harambee Africa was produced at the Aim for Africa conference held last December in Nairobi and attended by 970 people from fourteen African countries. During April it toured Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania on the invitation of mayors and regional commissioners.

at a glance

Holland

UTRECHT University medical student Peter Wolvekamp said on the Dutch National Radio this week that the application of MRA he had seen in Britain was the way the present crisis could be overcome. Wolvekamp had just returned to Holland with a Dutch delegation from the international conference at Tirley Garth.

In their two weeks in Britain the Dutch had met Members of Parliament, representatives of management and trade unions and youth in London, Oxford, Cardiff, Bristol, Liverpool and Manchester.

Switzerland

MRS PETER HOWARD said last week to members of the Swiss Farming Women's Association: 'We live in an age of history where we have to grow more than crops. We have to produce character in men.' Mrs Howard's farm at Lavenham in Suffolk, a pioneer farm in this work, is frequently visited by men and women from all parts of Britain and from overseas.

'I cannot think of a better place for this task to be taken up for the world than on the farms and land of Switzerland,' said Mrs Howard.

The President and members of the Swiss Farming Women's Association were visiting the MRA conference at Caux.

Dame Flora MacLeod, Chief of the Clan MacLeod, appealed to the Swiss 'to understand the greatness of your country, the greatness of Caux and the possibilities God gives you.'

Many of the farming women said they would return with other colleagues for an agricultural conference in Caux during September.

Japan

LET'S GO '66, a Japanese musical with a cast of 220, was performed on an open-air stage to 30,000 at the popular summer resort, the Funabashi Golden Beach.

This was one of many performances of this MRA show in Tokyo and other parts of Japan.

At the same time 930 young men and women from thirty-nine colleges and forty-nine high schools, including representatives from Hong Kong, Korea and Taiwan, participated in the 'Asia on the Go' conference at the MRA centre in Odawara, outside Tokyo.

Guyana

UNDER THE PATRONAGE of the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr P A Reid, *Get going Guyana* gave three performances last weekend in the country's largest hall.

The Governor General, the Minister of Education and the Leader of the Opposition, Dr Cheddi Jagan, saw it at requested private performances.

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with men of management for a wholly frank exchange of experience.

They decided to continue weekend sessions concerned with the building, motor car, electrical and steel industries at Tirley Garth during August.

'At Tirley we have the will to find and make effective a national strategy for the industry of this country,' said Joe Hancock, former Trotskyite leader and founder of the *Waterfront* and Industrial Pioneer. 'In the next weeks that strategy will be made into a sharp-edged weapon.'

Madame Irene Laure, former Secretary General of the Socialist Women of France, said, 'I am absolutely convinced that in this spirit Britain is going to beat her crisis and show a way forward for Europe and the world.'



A LL OF YOU may know the story of the three Scotsmen. They were discussing which of their professions was the oldest. There was a surgeon, an architect and a politician.

The surgeon started off by saying that God had taken a rib from Adam's body to make Eve. This had obviously required a surgical operation and his profession was therefore no doubt the oldest in the world. The architect then said that before God had done this, He had made the Heavens and the Earth. This had definitely needed an architect. As he was talking on the basis of Genesis verse one, he thought he must be safe, and that architecture must be the oldest profession in the world. But then the politician started talking, and he said, 'Gentlemen, before God made Eve, or the Heavens, or the Earth-there was chaos.'

Controversial

Now, I don't mean to infer that politicians invariably cause chaos. But it is true that everywhere we look in the world today we see chaos. Chaos in industry, chaos between races, in economics, in families, between colours, between creeds, between ages.

You know the problems. Some of you may have been part of them. Some of you may still be part of them. Everybody who cares at all wants to know how this chaos can end, and how something new and better can be built.

Now, I am going to tell you something very unpopular and controversial. But as I am under thirty, and still active—I think I can say it. There is absolutely nothing new about the modern generation. A lot of people

The most modern profession in the world

A speech last week by MRS PATRICK WOLRIGE GORDON wife of the Member of Parliament for East Aberdeenshire at the international conference, Tirley Garth.

have been young before 1966—and a lot of people will be young after 1966. They have even worn mini-skirts before—way back in 1920. They have played music, and sung songs, and had great ideals.

They did it in 1918—when our grandfathers fought in the war to end all wars. They did it again in the 1930's, and we still had the Second Great War—where some of the best of our youth died for freedom.

We said they had sacrificed for a lasting peace. And it should have been true. But we did not manage to keep the peace. Today the Communist world uses ballet, opera and singing choruses to spread its ideas. The West has its ideals, and its idealists—and its songs. But it can never work unless we begin to learn the most modern profession in the world.

This profession is an art. It is an art because it takes a lifetime to become perfect at it, and even then you may feel you have a long way to go. It requires the skill of a surgeon, the vast imagination of an architect, and the inspired leadership of a politician. Its truths are the most ancient in the world-and yet it is so modern that it meets the requirements of every moment of every day of every year through which we live. It is a profession which can be practised whatever we may be doing for a living. And it is because it has not been practised that we have chaos. It is the art of changing human nature.

If the modern generation learns this art and applies it, it will without question be different from every other generation which has gone before. It will indeed be the most dynamic and effective generation that has lived.

One of the most interesting things

about changing human nature is that everybody will tell you that it cannot be done. The Communist tells you that the only way to improve the chaos is to change the system, the economy and the conditions by force. They have been at it for fifty years, and it has not worked. The Western world will tell you that if everybody is free to do as they like, we will somehow pull through. We have been at it for a lot longer over here—and it has failed.

All the time

It is true that you cannot change human nature unless you pay a price. The price is that you have to change your own. You have to change it not once, but all the time.

Human nature is something we have all got, so nobody needs to feel embarrassed about it. You cannot suddenly get rid of it. But you can change it, if you have the courage to take the plunge.

It took me a good half hour, and I had to hold on to a tree for support, the first time I was absolutely honest. I know what that first plunge is like. I am a person with plenty of rugged human nature to change, so I can feel for those of you at this moment who perhaps know of skeletons in their cupboards which need cleaning out. I had plenty. And I have to keep honest, and pure, and free of myself, and without hatred or bitterness every single day of my life in order to learn this art.

People say, 'Why change? It is too slow.' If you have found a way to revolutionise society and it works, then come and tell me. Otherwise, believe me. Changing human nature is the fastest way. It is slower not to. It is the only sure way to victory.

The rewards for moral courage are very great. First of all you will begin to see things you have never seen before, and you will get clear ideas how to act. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God,' is not a pious phrase, but a fact. The result of absolute purity is that you can see the design of a new world in the making. You can architect it as clearly as a draughtsman draws a design on paper. It will affect you, your family, your friends, your country, and it will affect the world.

Radiator or ?

Secondly, you will become a radiator instead of a thermometer. You will set the pace, stand on your own feet, and think for yourself. It's amazing the number of people who think they are independent, but who are completely devoted to the latest fashion, the last person they spoke to, the latest country they have been in, or the job they are doing. They simply reflect everything around them and want to copy it. They start using jargon, and words, which mean nothing, because they do not think.

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day and we were discussing why we had become a generation of talkers instead of thinkers. We decided that a nation produces thinkers because it is truly independent-and living outside its borders. This is true of a person. A person who is free of other people, and living beyond his own small world, becomes a thinker as well as a doer.

The third reward is that you become part of a great battle. Now it is impossible to live by absolute moral standards without conflict. If you want everybody to say you are wonderful, and everything you do is great, and eventually that you are great yourself-don't enlist in a battle for good against evil.

If you want money and success, it is better to look for it elsewhere. Because, when you begin to get these things, you can be quite sure that you have stopped tackling evil, and then you very shortly stop knowing what is good.

A battle is fun. I really enjoy it myself far more than easy success. And victory is far more satisfying. But a battle is tough. My husband has been shouted at across the central lobby in the House of Commons for voting against the Homosexual Bill in Parliament. He has had to fight for four years now, without ceasing, to hold fast to his seat in Parliament because a group of his constituents wanted to remove him. MRA is a thorn in their flesh. That is what it should be. And because of this conflict the nation has been able to understand and align itself in the battle between good and evil. It would have been so easy to be popular and have everybody cheering if we had toned down our absolute commitment to MRA. But the nation would have suffered, and so would we.

Calvary's Cross

It is important to win battles, if you can. But it is far more important to fight them, whatever the outcome.

The greatest battle of all time ended in defeat on a Cross on Calvary's hill. But because that battle was fought we have the chance as human beings today to find forgiveness for our sins and to build a new world. So don't be so keen on victory that you skip



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the conflict. Or you will be far worse off than when you started.

The fourth reward for your courage is character. There are a lot of things which spoil character. But I think most of you know very well what they are. There are two things which develop character. The first is correction, and learning to take it. The second is going through hardship.

He broke through

Some of you knew my father, Peter Howard. Many of you did not. But, as with all good men who die, he is often quoted in aid. If you want to quote my father it is important to live straight, because if you do not you will quote him out of context and will not understand what he meant.

I think I knew him longer as a young person than anybody else except my older brother.

He was born with his right leg the size of a matchstick, and he wore it in irons until he reached his twenties, He was persecuted at school because of it. He was told he could never play games. He overcame these hardships, becoming the Captain of England at Rugby Football, and winning a gold medal on the bobsleigh in the Olympics. He broke a great barrier in his life.

When he worked for Lord Beaverbrook he began writing. He became a great writer, but most of his early work had to be re-written four or five times. One day he took Lord Beaverbrook an article he had spent hours of work on. Lord Beaverbrook read it. 'Peter,' he said, 'did you do this all by yourself?' 'Yes,' said my father, very pleased. 'Did you get no help at all?' said Lord Beaverbrook. 'None at all,' said my father, extra pleased. 'God, Peter, I couldn't have believed it of you,' said Lord Beaverbrook. 'It's so damned bad.'

When my father lived and worked with Frank Buchman and MRA, these lessons made him ready and willing to learn. And I never knew him too proud to accept suggestions or corrections from anybody-be it for a speech, or a play, or merely his own life and conduct. Even from his children, which is the hardest thing of all. But this did not mean he was soft. Far from it. Up to the day he died, he gave and received correction of a very deep kind. He would no more give in to what was wrong than he would fail to say what was right.

I was sent to boarding school when I was eight years old. It was a bad school, and we had five different sorts of beating. As I was more than normally naughty, I got beaten a lot--and I was very unhappy. I wrote home to my parents and begged them to take me away. I said if they did not do so, I would jump out of a window and run away.

It gave me guts

My father came down to see me before leaving this country to spend several months in America. I sobbed my heart out, and begged him to take me home. I knew he wanted to do it more than anything else in the world. He said, 'Anne, I'm sorry we sent you here. We made a mistake. But if I take you away now, you will run away from everything for the rest of your life.' So I stayed there for three wretched years. It gave me the stuffing and the guts which I have been able to use throughout my life in many tough situations. I am in debt to my father for that precious gift.

My father loved people of all ages. He had immense belief in them, and gave his life for a new world for them. He had the thought that he should love every child as his own. It meant that he often gave unpleasant truths as well as good ones. This was done in a great-hearted spirit because he had always accepted correction himself. He did not believe in sucking up to people because they were young and attractive, just as he did not believe in writing people off because they were old or infirm. He gave the truth fearlessly as he saw it.

So many nowadays tell you that you must win the support of the young before you can change their lives. My father would utterly disagree. He always believed that if you changed lives you won support. I am young and I know that is true. If you try to do it the other way round, young people will simply write you off. They will go on as long as the excitement lasts and then they will rightly say that they have been deceived. And they will have been. Their faith will be built on sand, not rock.

Hook in the bait

I never knew a sin in my life to go unchallenged with my father. Nor did I ever know a man more understanding in putting it right. If he had given me sugar and spice, and nothing else, I would not be here today. You have to have attractive bait to catch a fish. But remember, there has to be a hook in the bait. It is no good throwing the bait on the water. There has to be a hook.

Frank Buchman was a genius at the art of changing human nature. I went to see him once when my brother was in trouble. I thought that if somebody had decided to take a certain action, there was no point in stopping them. I wanted to give in and give up. Frank Buchman shouted at me three times, 'You're not straight. You're not straight. You're not straight. You're got to go at people hammer and tongs.' I have never forgotten it. It is a good story to remember when you are engaged in a battle.

My father loved Britain. It was his native land. But his love of home never divided him from other countries. It meant that most of his life was spent away from home, and he died in South America. It's so easy to write another country off. We do it all the time. Just like people. We think they are dull, or too rich, or behind the times, too self-centred or too dictatorial. It was to the places which my father felt needed most that he went most—and loved most. Because people in trouble need outstretched hands.

Ideas have legs

I live in Aberdeenshire. And I do my shopping in a market in Aberdeen. I buy my vegetables from a little man in the basement. The first time I went he took six shillings off the bill. As it was Scotland, I was surprised. The next time he took five shillings off the bill. Last time I went he said. 'Are you Mrs Wolrige Gordon?' 'Yes,' I said, 'I am.' 'Well, I have been waiting to meet you all my life,' he said. 'I was a prisoner of war in Germany, and I was dying. A Salvation Army officer came to see me with your father's book, *Ideas Have Legs.*

'I read it. For the first time in months I wanted to live. That book saved my life. I still have it. Every time I have problems with people, I go to it and find the answer. I never met your father, but I loved him. He made a farm out of a ruin, and he made a man out of me.'

A few weeks ago I was at my father's home in Suffolk. A Danish man drove up in a car with his wife. I had never met him. He had been a waiter in a hotel in Switzerland. He was badly off and homesick. My father had been staying at the hotel and had made a friend of him, shown him pictures of the family and helped him. He had become the head waiter of the biggest night club in Copenhagen. He came from Denmark to put flowers on my father's grave.

Now, this is the greatest reward of all for your decision to change. It will mean that everywhere you go in life you will bring hope, courage and revolutionary decisions to the people you meet. It will save their lives and their countries. It will build a new world. Nothing else will do it. All your good will, your talents, your energy, your high spirits, will attract the crowds, but they will never change the motives of a man's heart without that great art which can belong to each of us.

Astonishing sensation

There are moments in your life when you will stagger at the greatness of God and the smallness of yourself. In death, which is outside our control, this happens. And in birth, which is outside our control, it is the same. Both are the great mysteries and miracles of God. And when a man or woman is reborn and finds the courage to change and start again. it is the same astonishing sensation. It means that whatever your achievements are-and they will be manythat you will never be pleased with yourself. That is the humility of true greatness which in a man or a nation is the mark of leadership.

Winston Churchill had this mark of greatness. After he had led this island to victory through one of the darkest hours in her history, people acclaimed him as a statesman beyond any Britain had ever produced. It was probably true. But Churchill said, 'It is the spirit of the British people which you have to thank. They are the lion. I am merely the lion's roar.' Churchill had that humility which goes with greatness. And if you have had the humility to put God first in your life, you will never need to talk down to people; instead you will have the power to change them. You will have become part of the greatest adventure in history, which is meant in every generation to bring a revolution to the age.

I hope together that we can learn this art. If we do, it will be the fulfilment of two thousand years of human history. It will mean a future of untold glory for the earth.

What they say

THE GAME WAS OPEN ENOUGH and fair enough to morally re-arm soccer after the seedy events of the last week.

Daily Telegraph reporting England's semi-final win

IF EVERY BRITON DID HIS work as well as the English footballers did in the World Cup, our crisis would be at an end. Not everyone can be a skilled footballer, but everyone can do their work with the enthusiasm and determination our players showed today. Never accept anything less than absolute standards in what you do, otherwise the tarnish will rub off on what you are.

> Patrick Wolrige Gordon MP for East Aberdeenshire

A NEW BOOKLET DROPPED ON 'Miscellany's' desk yesterday, *The Most Fascinating Character in the World*, by Mary Wilson. Hearts beat a little faster. Could it truly be that all those grey 'informed sources' had finally got the push? Alas, not quite. Mrs Wilson is the wife of the MRA Secretary for Britain. The most fascinating character, as it happens, is God.

The Guardian, 28 July



Dr Mona Sallam of Egypt (left) shows British friends at the Tirley Garth conference a telegram announcing she has received her doctorate in medicine Photo: Strong

I WANT TO HAVE A SIMILAR centre to Tirley Garth in the UAR. I have heard about the plays of Peter Howard in the Westminster Theatre. I hope we can have them in Egypt, and all the MRA films I have seen.

Dr Mona Sallam of Egypt

I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED WITH the work that MRA is doing in Jordan, and in England. It has got to be the voice of all England. King Hussein said to me, 'You are the people, the young generation, on whom our country depends. You are the ones to raise our country and bring it into the future.' I would like Jordan to be the leader of this work of MRA in the Middle East.

Samir Ghattas of Jordan

I LOVE MY COUNTRY INDIA very much and believe she has a part to play in the world with the other countries of Asia. I am part of the thousands of people whom Rajmohan Gandhi has challenged in India. We need Britain in Asia. We need you very, very badly. What we decide together will determine whether we bring an answer on a quick and big enough scale.

Miss Padmini Kirtane of Poona, India speaking at the Tirley conference



HUNDREDS ARE EXPECTED AT the gala weekend at the MRA Operations Centre, Tirley Garth, Tarporley, Cheshire, 20-21 August, Events in the weekend programme include: a festival of films, an industrial speakout from Britain, a preview of a new musical in the making and a barbecue supper. The organisers welcome everybody and urge people to find, as far as is possible, their own accommodation. Those coming should inform the Operations Centre before 11 August.

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