

MINI RADAR . . . PLASTIC SHIPBUILDING  
SAMI . . . AFTER INVENTIVENESS WHAT?

A look at 1967

## Ruin or Renaissance?

By A Lawson Wood

*'AND SO ALTHOUGH BRITAIN is, for the moment, without a discernible national purpose or even a coherent public philosophy, what you see in that country is a remarkably sensible, experienced and cultivated people trying, as no other people have done before, to come to grips with what life is really about in this age of space travel, computers, automation and nuclear energy. With a bit of luck, they may be the first to come up with the sort of answers that the whole human race will need to have as it moves into the 21st century a mere fragment of time ahead.'*

Laurence Gandar  
writing in the *Rand Daily Mail*,  
Johannesburg, 26 November, 1966

THESE WORDS from an unexpected source pose an urgent question Britain must answer in 1967.

The New Year is a time to take stock of our strategy and determination to carry it out in the year ahead. It is a time when many take resolutions which are too often stillborn, when both they, and the nation, need a revolution that will remake their motives, their manners, their way of doing everything.

It was this revolution of the motives and spirits of men which Frank Buchman described as 'the greatest revolution of all time, whereby the Cross of Christ will transform the world' and which for modern man has come to be known as Moral Re-Armament.

Britain needs such a revolution urgently as we enter this New Year.

She may be closer to it than many



photo: Strong

1967: Will Britain  
heave the world forward ?

dream and most admit. A friend wrote me recently of our national state, 'Britain may be as near to renaissance as to ruin.'

Why not? In the last weeks alone of the old year we have seen the announcement of a new personal radar which weighs less than a pound and has a transmitter no taller than a threepenny bit; the invention of a plastic block system of building ships, which is described as a 'break-through'; and SAMI (Socially Acceptable Medical Instrumentation)—a new technique for rapid medical checkups.

We are an ingenious and inventive people. But a lazy one. We invented the jet and TV, two of the developments of modern science which have most affected modern man. Our scientists were the first to split the atom and open the whole field of nuclear science. Yet again and again we have yielded to others their development and their marketing for the masses. We have been too lazy even to enjoy the fruits of discoveries which we should have been vigorous enough to share with all mankind.

Could we not in this year 1967 do that? Not for our own advancement but for the sake of the world and humanity as a whole.

### Cross-grained creature

Never was it clearer that man himself must be modernized if humanity is to benefit from his skill and inventiveness. He remains the same stubborn, cross-grained creature he was in the Stone Age, just as urgently in need of development as any scientific discovery. *continued over*

Take a recent example in our coalfields, the Bevercotes Mine in Nottinghamshire. Reputedly the most up-to-date mine in the world, electronic and automated, it is an £18 million investment which stood idle for a year after its readiness to begin operation because the mineworkers of the area could not agree with the National Coal Board how it should be worked.

Even now it is only operating on a five-day week although maximum efficiency would demand a seven-day operation of some kind. So, apart from the coal, which has not been cut, there is the loss of all interest on this £18 million investment.

Yet with a new spirit in men a different story could be told in Britain's coalfields. There is a pit called Linton in the Northumberland coalfield employing approximately a thousand men. For nearly five years since it was first due to be closed Jim Crooks, National Union of Mineworkers Secretary at the mine, has through MRA helped to keep it open. This has been done by building a new level of efficiency and teamwork.

## Swept by fire

A year ago Linton was scheduled by the National Coal Board as a Grade C pit—i.e. uneconomic and due for early closure. (The gradings were made on a purely economic basis, and cast no reflection on morale.) Just eight weeks ago a plan for the phased closure of Linton pit proposed at Divisional level. But Crooks' sheer persistence and faith that the colliery should be kept going won the day.

A month ago Northumberland's crack pit, Lynemouth, in which the NCB has invested £4½ million and which has been producing 1 million tons a year, was swept by fire and had to be closed. The most optimistic calculation is that it will not be possible to open the pit again for at least 10 months.

This has meant that Linton is now desperately needed for its coal, and also to keep in the area men from Lynemouth who will be required when it re-opens. A new long face has been opened at Linton and 116 men have been drafted in.

The men who have come from Lynemouth are finding the work at Linton far harder than they had been used to, because the seams are very narrow. But the spirit in the pit created by Crooks and the mine manager, Mr Murphy, has made them

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## 'BRING ANSWERS TO BELFAST'

'IT'S OUR COUNTRY, JACK!' has been invited by trade unionists and Labour Party leaders to Northern Ireland during February.

William Arnold, member of the General Council of the Boilermakers and Shipwrights Society; William Gunning, Chairman of the Belfast Municipal Labour Group and ex-Chairman of the Northern Ireland Labour Party; G W Neill, Chairman of the Falls Labour Party; inspectors, foremen and shop stewards from the shipbuilding firm of Harland and Wolff, all are among those inviting the MRA musical to Belfast.

In their invitation to the cast they wrote, 'We feel that this show goes a long way in bringing answers to the many problems facing our people at the present time. Its first-rate entertainment value would also be much appreciated. We will make every effort to ensure its message reaches the industrial heart of our city.'

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ready to accept it cheerfully as a challenge.

Modernize man and you will make Britain and the world work in a way that is undreamed of by most who inhabit this planet.

## 'It can't be true'

Last summer among the 3,000 who attended the MRA assembly at Tirley in Cheshire, were Africans studying in East Europe. One of them, in the course of his visit to Britain, was shown over an oil-processing firm in Yorkshire whose last recorded year showed 29% increase in production, 46% increase in exports and whose workers were able to borrow from a special fund at 1% for their housing. The managing director was quoted in *The Yorkshire Post* as saying that this was due to MRA. This African student used this visit in his thesis, for which his Communist professor has given him top marks, with this marginal comment about the factory: 'Very good, but it can't be true.'

Both East and West wrestle with this same problem, how to modernize and modify man himself so that he and his world actually work.

Britain's inventiveness is a fact of life. She needs now an act of faith to

give the world the fruits of her inventiveness.

The beginnings are practical enough and numerous enough to show that the modernization of man is possible and provides the next phase of humanity's forward march.

Why should such an inventive people not develop and exploit the secret of man's modernization for all mankind? It is such a giant task that there is scope for all to play their part, both in these islands and in every corner of the globe.

What is needed is the will to do so. That will is innate in every one of us, but we are mostly too lazy or too afraid what the next man thinks in the board room or at the bench to let ourselves go. Surely this task of giving humanity a new future and everyone on earth a fair deal, a square meal and a roof over his head, is big enough to tingle our imagination and make us want to tackle it.

Then only one hurdle awaits us. This modernization of man, all important to our development and even to our survival as a race, will work only when we have let it work on and in us. Modernize yourself and you can modernize anyone. Refuse to do so and you are as helpless as the government, the captains of industry and the leaders of the trade unions, who now find themselves in face of 'near anarchy' in certain sections of our industry, who can draft new policies but lack the authority to make people change their ways.

## Motive power

Christmas and New Year come well together, for Christmas offers men or nations the motive power needed for modernization. The coming of the Christ Child, the intervention of God in the affairs of man, offers the chance, day by day and hour by hour, to be different, to break the bonds of even the most rugged human nature and give a new humanity to people. Given this care for each other, as facts and figures show, people will produce what is needed.

This is the break-through that Britain could offer the entire earth in this New Year, not as a pipe dream but as a reality in every home and workshop, in every board room and shipyard, in the City and on the farm. This year could see the first steps in the fulfilment of Frank Buchman's dying commission, 'I want to see Britain governed by men governed by God. Why not let God run the whole world?'



# Adenauer urges 'right kind of patriotism'

DR KONRAD ADENAUER received the 130-member cast of *Sing-Out Deutschland* in the Chamber of the Upper House of the German Parliament in Bonn on 20 December.

The German statesman said to the young Germans, 'Moral Re-Armament has helped the German nation psychologically and physically after the total breakdown of the war. But now a new generation has grown up, and that is you, my dear friends.

'The world has run into difficulties which are possibly even more serious than those experienced after the war. The truth is that we Germans, looking down the centuries, have given great things to humanity. That is why I agree with what one of you just said, that we must create the right kind of patriotism. We need it. Every nation needs that.

'I thank you from the bottom of

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## CAUX offers dialogue

AMBASSADOR RAUL MIGONE of the Argentine, permanent representative in Europe of the Organisation of American States, said this week that peace must be rooted in men's hearts otherwise treaties, constitutions, laws and agreements are 'very fragile'.

'It is for this reason that the dialogue which Caux makes possible must be multiplied. It gives first priority to the sovereign power of the Spirit.' He was addressing the opening session of the Winter Assembly at Caux, Switzerland, attended by industrialists, trade unionists and students from 20 European countries, as well as representatives of the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

He urged Europe to reconsider her economic and political policies towards South America. He advocated a dialogue between the two continents. Aid offered by Europe should be coordinated so as to develop the economic integration of South American countries. One of the themes of the conference is the bridging of the gap between the industrialised nations and the developing nations.

my heart that you have committed your lives to the task that you sing about in your songs. I believe firmly that you have found something brand new that can speak to the masses of the German people, especially to the youth. You must carry on on this road.

'I also want to thank the leaders of Moral Re-Armament for bringing *Sing-Out* to our country. Thank you again.'

With the former Chancellor at the reception were HRH Prince Richard of Hesse; Dr Otto Schmidt, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Bundestag; Dr Selbach, Dr Adenauer's long-time personal aide; and Ernst Reinecke, MRA leader in Germany.

*Der Spiegel*, Germany's largest weekly news magazine, published last month a two and a half page article on *Sing-Out Deutschland* with photos. The article began: 'A young nation is rising. According to their programme, they are planning a "revolution" which not only grips the West, but the whole world. Every night there is an "explosion". The Ministry of Defence has been transporting, for three months now, revolutionaries and revolutionary equipment from demonstra-



tion to demonstration—the MRA revue *Sing-Out Deutschland*.'

The paper continued: 'With faith, courage and confidence Germany's morally re-armed youth want to build a new order, with God as the final standard. Their opponents so far have been in the minority. Enthused by beat and "positive protest", between 40 and 400 young Germans every night follow the call of the *Sing-Out* and form their own local groups.'

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## 'Redressing nation's errors'

THE 'ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL' on Christmas Day carried a UPI despatch under the headline 'MRA Redressing Nation's Errors'. The New Mexico paper was reporting on the speech given by J Blanton Belk, US director of MRA, to the 'Action Assembly' now in session at Santa Fe and attended by 1,300 people. Among them are a party of 80 from Puerto Rico.

Belk said, 'MRA is redressing the balance of America's mistakes over the last ten years.' The report continued, quoting Belk, 'The news of 1966 isn't Berkeley, LSD, Watts and race riots. It is the story of these young Americans (the three casts of the musical *Up with People*) who have been giving something new to the world.'

The Archbishop of Santa Fe, Most

Reverend James P Davis, sent a letter of welcome to the assembly, read at the opening by Monsignor Philip Cassidy. Later on Christmas Eve at midnight Monsignor Cassidy prayed for the well-being of 'the world-wide force of Moral Re-Armament.'

Dr Konrad Adenauer, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, sent a message saying, 'German youth will stand with you in the great task you have undertaken. I have seen myself the evidence of your work when *Sing-Out Deutschland* visited me a few days ago. (*Sing-Out Deutschland* was developed following the visit of the American musical *Sing-Out '66* to Germany on the invitation of the German Government.) The youth of America carries a special responsibility just now for the world looks to America.'





## Leadership in Africa today

An address by DR WILLIAM NKOMO of Pretoria to the Swaziland Moral Re-Armament conference 'Which Way Africa?'

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN a revolutionary. I am told that I came into the world shouting. I was one of those who initiated the African National Congress Youth League. We were out for bloody revolution. Today I am fighting in a different way, but I am still fighting.

I have always fought for freedom because I think freedom is every man's birthright. But I have seen men bleed for freedom and yet freedom has passed them by because they did not stand on solid ground. They became free from slavery of other men, but they never became free from the slavery of their own habits—from drink and drugs and women and money. So they lost their freedom and others inherited their birthright.

I believe freedom is man's birthright and greatness is man's destiny. I determined myself never to be third class or fourth class, but to stand equal with the best. We must help men to become great because man

was made by God for greatness.

I was a politician and we politicians often made passionate speeches, and we felt we had achieved something. Then we went away and drank. But we had achieved nothing because we gave ourselves to lesser things.

Swaziland is on the verge of Independence. Many, I know, are poor. But poverty has never stopped men from moving ahead. It is not so much poverty that worries me as the moral poverty in leadership in the world today. The greatest secret of leadership is that God can tell you what to do. When man listens God speaks.

### God is global

We want men who are dedicated to the cause of the human race, not to the cause of their own success.

Africa has 220 million people. But the world has 3,000 million people. I have to expand my thinking and think not just of a place for my own group,

but a place for the whole human race.

Often we have put God into the small mould of our own thinking. But we must think of God globally. That is why I am interested in a global force to remake the world.

I belong to a Christian body. But when I am with them they do not challenge me to change. Everyone is nice and polite to everyone else. Moral Re-Armament challenged me to change and in our Christian bodies we need to challenge each other. When the early Methodists met they talked about how you were getting on in your battle with sin and the devil. We need this today. When we give way to sin we see things negatively. We see things as impossible. With God they are not impossible.

There need to be great changes in the world. Many are looking to violence. There have always been extremities in which men have felt they had to fight. Many of you want to see a change in the policy of South Africa, as I do. But I do not think you will do it by preparing guns against South Africa. Those who think of force need to understand what we are dealing with. If you start a world war it will not be a question of who wins, but of who is left over. And there is no guarantee that those who are left over will be men who will listen to God.

But South Africa will be interested in a new type of African who bases his life on moral standards and who thinks for the world. I personally believe that Dr Verwoerd before he died was beginning to think in a new way, as when he received the Prime Minister of Lesotho as an equal on South African soil.

This Christmas is a time of uncertainty and groping for humanity. Yet the message given two thousand years ago is the greatest message ever given to the world and you at this assembly are taking it up for a continent.

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## Police call for 'Harambee Nigeria'

From our correspondent

THE NIGERIAN POLICE are an important stabilizing factor during this time when military leaders are attempting to find a basis for the future of the country. Ten days before Christmas in Enugu 2,700 officers and men of the Army and Police and their families saw *Harambee Nigeria*. This is a musical which deals directly with corruption in Nigeria. The cast is drawn from the colleges and schools of the Eastern region.

The Commanding Officer of the First Battalion of the Nigeria Regiment addressed the cast at the end of the performance: 'You have given us much to think about. We will still remember all that happened this even-

ing ten years from now. It is especially true that "Freedom isn't free".'

Another performance was given for the Enugu Police, the Mobile Police and the Police Trainees on the invitation of the Commander of the Enugu Police Training College, on the college parade ground.

At the University of Nigeria, students packed out the Students' Union Hall to see the show. Abel Ndife, a law student, said in welcoming the cast from the stage that students had decided to clean up the corruption in Nigeria starting with themselves.

Requests for showings of MRA films have since come from the Army, Police and University.