

'CHAIN REACTION OF CHANGED LIVES'

9-YEAR-OLD Elaine Cullum, stood on the platform clutching a woolly lion that was clad in a Union Jack. She couldn't think of what to say. And no wonder. More than 1,100 faces were looking up at her from the floor of the hall. And around her in the coloured saris and dresses of the East were unfamiliar, though friendly, faces. Helped by the guiding hand of the chairman she presented her gift to Rajmohan Gandhi. It was a gesture from young Britain to the cast of *India Arise*.

Straight as a ramrod an old lady mounted the steps. No help needed, thank you. She strode purposefully on to the platform. 'I spoke in this hall in 1938 when Dr Frank Buchman launched Moral Re-Armament. I decided to give my life to God. It revolutionised my life. I am over 85 and I still fight on,' said the retired seamstress from East London in a voice that carried to the back of the hall.

These were two vignettes from a rich design that unfolded before the

22 MILLION SEE 'INDIA ARISE' ARRIVE

AN ESTIMATED 22 MILLION people saw the cast of *India Arise* on Independent Television News last week. In the Maharajah Lounge at London Airport the cast were filmed singing 'Go, Go with an Answer!' immediately on arrival in Britain.

Their premiere performance was this week in the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, South Wales. They will also give performances in Victoria Rooms, Bristol on 26 and 29 April and in St. Peter's Hall, Cardiff on 3, 4 and 5 May. On 28 April a performance of *It's Our Country, Jack* will be given in Bristol.

Last week Rajmohan Gandhi and the 70 travelling with *India Arise* were received by Cardinal Heenan, the Archbishop of Westminster, in his private residence. (See photo page 4).

eyes of a cross section of Britain and many other nations. It was a contrast in ages and traditions. It was a span of revolution that enveloped every colour, class and caste. 'This is a battle to mobilise the millions to create a new world, where the wealth and the work of the world are available for all and for the exploitation of none,' said the chairman.

It was down the East India Dock Road to East Ham Town Hall, cradle of the British Labour movement, that Frank Buchman came to launch the Moral Re-Armament of the world. 'We can, we must and we will generate a moral and spiritual force that is powerful enough to remake the world,' he said on the occasion.

It was to this same hall that this force of Indians came last weekend for their first public occasion in Britain. 'Why not East London capital of world revolution?' asked Rajmohan Gandhi.

Many in the audience—some held senior positions in the Indian Civil Service in the days of the British Raj—were amazed at what was seen and said on the platform. A leader of the Harijans, formerly the 'Untouchables',

the lowest caste in India, got up to speak. He was there with three of his children. A young Brahmin stepped forward to translate his Hindi speech. The Harijan, Hiralal Jedhiya, said 'For many centuries my people suffered injustice. But I don't believe in scratching open old wounds. I have decided that I, my family and the 120 million of my community must work with Moral Re-Armament to build a new world.'

He was followed by an Indian businessman, Mr George John, whose rubber and tea plantations cover large tracts of Kerala. He had learned from Mr Jedhiya, he said, a new attitude to his 2,000 workers. 'I see that Kerala has gone to the Communists because of the selfishness of people like me. I realise the part I should have been playing.' He expressed his gratitude to the teachers from Britain from whom he had got his education. One of them from Madras Christian College was in the audience. Mr John asked him to stand.

Indeed to all who would discount or reduce British influence abroad Mr John and many of the Indians had a word to say.

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9 year old Elaine Cullum from Stevenage

'We feel very grateful for those people who came out from Britain to defend our home town and people,' said Niketu Iralu from Nagaland. Over 1,000 Britons lay buried in the small cemetery in his home town. He quoted the inscription there, 'When you go home tell them of us and say "for their tomorrow we gave our today".' He went on, 'What could Britain not do today governed by men governed by God. The moral rearmament of the nations is Britain's historic destiny.'

An answer to the materialism of East and West which had produced 'the misery of the stomach or the misery of the heart'—that was what Neerja Choudhury, a young New Delhi architect expected from Britain.

Right photos: Strong

1967 On the platform (l to r) Arun Mundkur, Rajmohan Gandhi, Roland Wilson and Blyth Ramsay

Below

1938 Dr Frank Buchman (left), Mrs Annie Taylor, Mayor of East Ham and Jack Turner, a milkman, speaking



To those who would decry the Commonwealth and its associations came a passionate rejoinder 'The Commonwealth could be one of the greatest forces to bridge the gap between rich and poor countries,' said New Zealand farmer, Garfield Hayes. 'We must forge a new Commonwealth united by commitment and obedience to the living God,' added Conrad Hunte, Vice-Captain of the West Indies Cricket Eleven.

'Progress with the People' read East Ham's motto on the proscenium above. And it was a day of the ordinary people of Britain: The worker at London Airport who came to the platform with his wife and told how together with their landlady they had raised £1,000 for the Westminster Theatre Arts Centre. The building workers' shop steward who told how reconciliation had come to his home and increased production to his building sites as a result of the training he had received in MRA. The Bristol docker who had just returned from visiting the docks of Australia, New Zealand and India and who was delighted that the first English performance of *India Arise*, after its British premiere in Wales, would take place on his invitation in his port. The representatives of the civic life, docks and factories of London in the hall.

'This is the kind of Britain I want to know about,' said Kalpana Sharma from Jaipur, Assistant Producer of *India Arise*. 'The mini-skirts and the

beat groups are not what Britain is made of. Her real strength lies in the ordinary down to earth people.'

Rajmohan Gandhi declared, 'We need across the whole world a chain reaction of changed lives. It is the one solution to our problems. Washington, Peking, Moscow, do not know how to do it. We have seen demonstrated this afternoon that it is being done. If people like us can change; if God can give us care, feeling, passion for country and unity, he can give it to the millions of the earth. To believe otherwise is conceit.'

MICHAEL HENDERSON

Roland Wilson appealed for funds to take *India Arise* on its British tour. Gifts were made at the end of the meeting and further contributions may be made to Hon Treasurer, *India Arise* Fund, 4 Balfour Mews, W1.



85 year old Edith Crossman



POPULATION EXPLOSION

BY RAJMOHAN GANDHI in *Himmat* 14 April.

OF ALL THE FACILE SOLUTIONS proposed for a country like ours, the one of forcible birth control through contraceptives and sterilization is one of the most naive and dangerous.

A population larger than it should be is the consequence of greed and lust on the part of millions of people. The 'over population' is the symptom, and greed is the disease. How progressive and intelligent men can imagine that tinkering with the symptom will promote the peace and the well-being of nations is difficult to understand.

There is the theory that mankind's happiness depends on the strenuous efforts of those already living to prevent others from coming into this world. This notion springs from the conquest of man's conscience by his brain.

DEATH TO CONSCIENCE

The glib remedy is dangerous because it aids in the world-wide spread of the death-to-conscience epidemic. To urge that nothing is wrong with men and women being as lustful as they please and to maintain that the only flaw is in not understanding or using contraceptives, is no different from saying that conscience is a myth. It is the animalization of mankind.

Lust dulls the brain. I do not say that some among those who yield to their lusts do not have clever minds. I do say that their minds would be sharper if they did not surrender to their greed.

India's problem is not that we are a nation where everyone is vigorously and fearlessly obeying his or her conscience. Our problem is our callousness and indifference. We don't care for one another. What we need is a powerful current that can bring to active life our drugged consciences.

It is insanity to believe that men encouraged and pressured to be as lustful as they can will still want to sweat and toil for the nation's defence, economic progress or unity. Every ex-

hortation for hard work, solidarity and sacrifice is with precision and effectiveness neutralized by the State-organized and State-financed propaganda for lust made-easy and lust-made-cheap.

Is abortion murder? Some still think so. Does anyone have the right, even the father or mother, to decide that a child conceived should be destroyed? Not everyone who wants to do away with an unborn child is eager to do so because of a concern for the economic standard of living. Most people seek abortion to prevent others knowing what they have done.

A TIDAL WAVE OF PURITY

If you popularise abortion and make it normal and respectable, will it take too long to make the murder of very old and 'unproductive' people a comprehensible and worthwhile act, quite beneficial to society?

A young Swede told me the other day that there was no such thing as good or bad, that the really harmful thing was to repress your feelings. He talked not only about sex but also about the desire to kill. These are his words. 'If I have the longing to murder someone and I try to repress my desire I become a neurotic.'

Repression is no cure. Nor is giving free play to your passion.

Purity is possible. Purity is normal. Purity makes a man or a woman interesting, attractive, bright, healthy and of use to others. Self-control is not enough to have purity, although I see no reason why those who do not believe in God but still want discipline in their lives should be discouraged from trying it.

God has the complete answer for impurity and can make a man clean and keep him so. And I believe that if God can deal with the lusts in some of us he can do so in and for the millions of people. A tidal wave of purity. It can happen.

I do not agree with all that the Mahatma said or urged. I am firmly

with him in his concern with the danger of a campaign for contraceptives and sterilization. And I am with him in his belief that husband and wife could live together and love each other without necessarily going into bed with each other when they pleased.

Large numbers of men and women throughout the world, including India, are discovering the fascination and satisfaction of purity. What we can and must now do is to make this experience available to millions.

A massive movement of and for purity would have three effects:

1. It would naturally control the growth of population.
2. It would increase affection of people for one another inside and outside the family.
3. It would enable men and women to work harder and produce more.

The sex cult is not new. It is the world's most ancient religion. Those fanatically devoted to it spread their creed with subtlety and with ruthlessness.

SENSATIONAL ADVANCE

I think they can be answered. And they may be won over. Will India lead the world in a revolution of purity? This would mean a total change in the way we live. But I can wager that our women and our men in village or city will comprehend the concept of purity far more quickly than they grasp the loop or sterilization. And they will be more satisfied with it.

We are responsible to the present generation in India and the world. We are also responsible to their children and grandchildren. Let us be sure that we do not uphold for the future an animalized or mechanized man.

If electric lights, transistor radios and TV sets can reach millions cannot purity also proliferate? Like the electric light, purity too could go into every home. This could be man's next great sensational advance.



Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, receives 'India Arise' cast. photo: Channer

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR IDEAS?

asks 19 year old

Margaret Wilson

Some people may be afraid to follow the fashion, but is that worse than being afraid not to follow the fashion? I want to give my life to God for him to use as he wants and I don't want to be bound by anything—fashion or whatever. As a matter of fact I don't think a great deal about the fashion. I try to decide with God which way I am meant to go, and then I go it, to the best of my ability. It seems to me that it is much the most interesting way to live and the most satisfying.

There is a saying 'only dead fish swim with the stream.' This business of violent fashion-following means that people's minds get inoculated against any thought that has not been put there by somebody else. It is plain laziness of the mind. But it can and will lead to something far more serious. A mind that has been continually idle gets out of the habit of working. It soon starts to accept any ideas that are pumped into it provided a lot of other people accept them too and they are 'the fashion.'

There are far sighted people who have that in mind and who want to take over us and our land for their own purposes. The 'with it' move is not a passing fad; it is one piece of a long-term strategy to take over this country and the world.

'Men must choose to be governed by God or they condemn themselves to be ruled by tyrants.'

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There will be main sessions at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 13, 14 and 15 May. During the weekend there will be separate planning sessions and new films will be shown. Special planes will bring parties from the Continent.

at a glance

HOLLAND

A panel of four Dutch university professors and the editors of the Dutch edition of the *MRA Information Service* discussed Moral Re-Armament for 35 minutes on the Dutch National Radio, last week.

Professor Dr A A van Ruler, Professor of Protestant Dogmatics at Utrecht University and head of the panel, said at the end that the churches should welcome the action of MRA. It was like a stormwind blowing through the world, kindling new faith.

Those also in the panel were Father Dr F Haarsma, lecturer in Catholic Theology in Nijmegen University; Dr J M van der Linde, lecturer with the Protestant Mission in Utrecht and Dr W van Dooren, a professor of humanist philosophy. Those representing MRA were Dr A R Burger and Mr Peter Hintzen.

SUDAN

Sayed Ismail el Azhari, President of the Supreme Council of the Sudan, with members of the cabinet, attended a private performance of *Harambee Sudan*

in the National Theatre earlier this month. This musical was developed following the visit of *Harambee Africa*.

The Minister of Education, Sayed Hassan Awadalla, interviewed over Radio Omdurman, said the aim of the musical was to create a powerful and united generation above racialism and party conflicts.

In the cast are young Sudanese from both the north and the south, Egyptians and Ethiopians.

Also attending the performance were the Vice-Chancellors of Khartoum University and Cairo University, Khartoum Branch and prominent figures from the Ministry of Education.

JAPAN

Six hundred attended the inaugural ceremony of the new MRA Travelling School in the National Education Hall, Tokyo, last week. One purpose of the school is to provide education for the travelling cast of *Let's Go '67*.

Kazuko Tanikawa, Deputy Minister of Education, said, 'We expect a new energy and revolutionary purpose coming out of this school. This may provide a new pattern for Japanese education.'