

## 'Whatever any politician of any political party may say, Britain cannot turn her back on the millions of people East of Suez. Nor can any nation in Europe'

WILLIAM JAEGER REPORTED last week on his talks with the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand and leaders in Southeast Asia. He said at a conference in the Westminster Theatre, London:

Mao Tse-tung in the *Peking Review* in March, is quoted: 'We revolutionary cadres, everyone of us, must rebel against self-interest and make revolution penetrate the core of our being.'

Arnold Toynbee, the historian, said, 'Our age will be remembered not for its terrifying crimes or its astonishing inventions, but because it is the first generation in history in which mankind dared to believe it practical to make the benefits of civilization available to the whole human race.'

This is the modern task of world labour—to make the benefits of civilization available to the whole human race. Mao's point is valid. The only way to make revolution effective is to make it penetrate the core of our being. But Moral Re-Armament, which changes men and their motives, is the only way to bring about such a revolution for all mankind without hatred, greed, corruption, war and destruction.

Four and a half months ago I went with my wife to speak at an MRA assembly in Melbourne, Australia, which was opened by the Prime Minister. Since then I have met cabinet ministers, trade unionists and employers through Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Ceylon, the Lebanon and Cyprus.

I have been in touch with leaders of the 94 million workers in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; of the 14 million workers in the Communist-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions;

and of the 20 million Catholic workers. I have met the Red Guards who run some trade unions in Hong Kong.

I was in the home of a leader of the million Communist workers in India. He has been 45 years in the Communist Party. I talked with the new Communist Chief Minister of Kerala and with two of his cabinet.

In Ceylon I was able to meet the leadership of every conceivable Left-wing trade union group—pro-Peking, pro-Moscow, pro-Trotsky.

During my journey I had interviews with 40 cabinet ministers and with many employers.

### Three-fifths of mankind

One thing I am clear on: three-fifths of the population of the world live East of Suez and whatever any politician of any political party may say, Britain cannot turn her back on these millions of people.

Yet it is only as you meet the men I have spoken about in Asia that you realise how deeply they feel about the wrong motives with which so much aid is given.

We talk in Britain about the modernisation of machines and men. We need to modernise all our attitudes to everybody and everything east of Suez, whether Socialist, Communist, Trotskyite, Right-wing, whether in management or government.

There is desperate need in Asia to create honest, mature leadership in management and labour. Already many labour leaders have the same experience as the labour movement in Europe: sacrifice, struggle, success, stagnation and then disillusionment. This takes place because of the failure of men to deal with the moral issues in their lives.

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LEAVING FOR ASIA with a film for the children of the world. This week two British teachers, Miss Jill Robbins and Miss Constance Smith, former Headmistress of Penrhos College, North Wales, left for the Middle East, India and Ceylon with the film version of Peter Howard's pantomime 'Give a Dog a Bone.' Teachers from 21 nations have raised £33,500 to film the pantomime so that it could be seen by millions of school children in Asia and Africa. *photos Strong*

The Australian labour movement has been nearly destroyed by the struggle between anti-Communism and Communism. Asian labour is very divided, especially between those who are pro-Peking and those who are pro-Moscow, and in some countries between Socialists and Trotskyites.

It would seem to me that any man in any country today who wants to lead his nation must learn how to include and unite Left and Right in one great aim.

It could be that today we have the wrong dividing lines in the world, that the real division is not between Communism and anti-Communism but between those who want to destroy and those who want to rebuild, between those who do not care and those who are responsible.

Asian labour responds to Moral Re-Armament because it is not political, not anti-Communist, but offers a new ideological conception for the whole of mankind.

Moral Re-Armament means bringing the standards of absolute unselfishness into economic planning, absolute love into social attitudes, absolute purity into every home, so that a man has the same standard of integrity and character in his home, work and nation.

It is clear in the talks I have had in Asia that there can never be an honest co-existence without a common commitment. Mankind's commitment must now become the remaking of the entire world.

## Red Guards

In Hong Kong I met some of the Red Guards. I called upon the biggest single union, the seamen's union with 53,000 members. The senior man was away ill in Canton. There was a young woman of the Red Guards aged 25 in charge of the union. She said to me, 'What is Moral Re-Armament?' I replied, 'The answer to exploitation anywhere in the world.' She was quite surprised. I also discussed with her the responsibility of Britain for the suffering of China and for exploiting it in the last century. It seemed to her to be a new experience to hear this from anybody in the West.

In Calcutta I went to a mass meeting of over half a million pro-Peking Communists. They were mostly bank clerks, insurance clerks and the white-collar workers, not industrial workers. The meeting was well organised.



William Jaeger

I met with the leadership of the dockers. The leader of the biggest union said, 'I want now to apply Moral Re-Armament and see how to unite the seven unions in the port and to send delegations of my dockers for training to the Indian MRA Centre in Panchgani.'

I spoke to a number of meetings of the senior management of Indian firms. Some of the management representatives were very alarmed in Calcutta. Workers there had begun the policy of what is known as 'gherao'. This means that workers throw a cordon, like a sit-down strike, around the government or management office so that the government leader or the management executives cannot go home and have to stay in their office blocks or factories until they are prepared to sign an agreement. This has happened in 144 cases since the elections in March. Over 500 employers in government or management have been punished in this way, some for eight weeks at a time.

## Management

When I spoke to management representatives and union leaders, 76 men in all, in a concern employing 100,000 workers the main question asked was, 'Is violence ever justified. What is MRA's attitude towards violence?'

I said in reply, 'Historically violence has always resulted in a colossal loss of life and an increase of bitterness which has to be healed. It creates more problems than it solves. MRA deals with the root of the problem

without the loss of life and without the hatred that violence engenders.'

In meeting after meeting with management or labour somebody always asked the question: 'What can I do to apply MRA in my firm or my factory?'

You find in every country whether rich or poor fundamentally the same problems as we have in Britain and Europe. The Chairman of the Engineering Association of India said recently, 'The general picture of the engineering industry of India is one of low production, reduced exports, lack of orders, with a distinct possibility of large-scale lay-offs, also increased labour and material costs.'

The Communist Chinese trade unions state that the Chinese workers must exert even greater efforts to go all out, to aim high, to fulfil and overfulfil the state plan for production and construction. They say that their workers must strengthen labour discipline, practice economy, catch up with and surpass advanced world levels of technology, reform the system of management and over-staffed bureaucratic set-ups.

## Appeal for help

I hope we can send out delegations of workers and management trained in MRA who will go and train others in Asia.

In every one of the 25 cities we were in people asked urgently if we could send dockers, workers, trade union leaders, employers trained in MRA, who could come for three months at a time to help bring Moral Re-Armament to their countries.

Everywhere people said they felt that men so trained were the only people they knew who had no ulterior motives or self-centred interests and therefore could be trusted to be effective in the changing of men. Wherever we went we felt the heritage of Frank Buchman's and Peter Howard's work and that we are about to realise so much more fruit from the work they did.

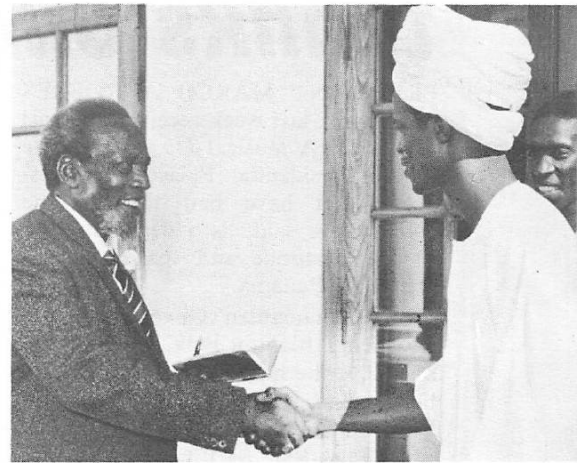
MRA is not for one party. It is for every party. It is for every nation. Labour led by God with this ideology could create effective leadership in every country.

Labour's world role is to give this new thinking and living for the whole human race, for management, for the Communist—Peking, Moscow or Trotskyite—for cabinet ministers.

# 'HARAMBEE AFRICA' IN KENYA



Lt Col J K Nzioka, Commanding Officer of the First Kenya Rifles, thanks Andrew Pappetta from South Africa (centre) and Musetsi Monapelo of Lesotho, for the performance of 'Harambee Africa' at the barracks.



President Jomo Kenyatta greets a Sudanese member of the cast of 'Harambee Africa' following a performance in the State House, Nairobi. Fifteen Sudanese from North and South have been sent by the Government of the Sudan to participate in the MRA programme. *Kenya Inform. Services*

Uganda Trio sing their own composition 'Wake up Giant Land.' *photos Kobler*

## ETHIOPIAN NAVY SEES FILMS

### Air Force sends men for training in MRA

PERSONNEL of the Ethiopian Navy and Air Force in Eritrea Province this week saw the MRA films *Freedom* and *A Challenge Met* at the request of Commander HH Prince Alexander Desta, Deputy Commander of the Imperial Ethiopian Navy and grandson of Emperor Haile Selassie.

The purpose of these showings was to 'give character training and deal with the morale factor' in the armed forces.

Eritrea Province has a 600-mile coastline on the Red Sea and adjoins the Gulf of Aden and the seaport of Djibouti in French Somaliland. The Yemen is only fifty miles away. Strict precautions are in force in Eritrea against gun-running from neighbour nations. Passengers in buses are frisked often for arms by weapon-carrying police, and their baggage is opened.

In Massawa, the seaport, all person-

nel of the Navy Base and the Imperial Naval Academy saw the MRA films. At the Naval Training Centre at Dongollo, 1000 feet above Massawa in the bare brown hills, Navy men rigged up a screen on the parade ground under the stars. At the performance the Navy's Chief Adviser-Instructor, Captain Beattie VC, was present with the District Commissioner and Chiefs.

Officers and men at the Asmara Air Force Base, 80 miles inland and 8000 feet up in the mountains, were seeing the MRA films this week. The Air Force has sent four airmen to Nairobi for five weeks training in Moral Re-Armament.

On the civilian side the Education Officer for Eritrea and the Auditor-General, both of whom attended a Caux conference in 1952, are initiating film programmes for the civil service and schools in the Province.



# PANAMA thanks Sing Out

PRESIDENT MARCO A ROBLES of Panama last week received the cast of the MRA musical *Up with People* in the Presidential Palace. 'The response you have had through the country', he said, 'is a demonstration of the gratitude and thanks of the people of Panama.'

The Panamanian Government has awarded J Blanton Belk, US Director of MRA, the highest honour that may be given to a foreigner—the Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa.

The Minister of Education, Carlos Sucre, who officially invited *Up with People* to Panama, presented the award. He said, 'The life of these youth has been a great example. The idea that they have brought through songs has lifted the spirits of the Panamanian people because they have transmitted it with faith, fervour and majestic artistry.'

In the last three weeks *Viva le Gente* (Up with People) has been given to 100,000 in Panama City and thirteen towns of the interior. The cast, who come from forty US states and seventeen nations, have covered 3,200 miles and been guests in four hundred Panamanian homes.

National TV Channel 4 described the cast as, 'Youth ready and free of spirit, who represent a new day for humanity. They are a new generation of constructive rebels without protests, without doubts, without complexes and without fear.'

The US Governor of the Canal Zone, W P Leber, said, 'We have never had a group come to Panama that has been so enthusiastically received or as universally acclaimed. You are making a significant contribution to international relations.' The cast has now left for Florida.

## FREEDOM ON THE MOVE

'A WORLD SING-OUT Festival' will be held in North America during July and August.

It will bring together the African Sing-Out *Harambee Africa*, whose 150-strong cast comes from 14 nations; a hundred Asian youth in *Let's Go '67*; 189 students who will represent European Sing-Outs; and Latin American Sing-Outs from Brazil, Venezuela and the Caribbean.

These youth will meet the three national casts of *Up with People* and thousands of representatives from regional Sing-Outs in the USA. 'The aim of the Festival,' said J Blanton Belk, 'will be to create a new leadership for this generation around the world.' The theme: Freedom on the move.

Forty members of the US Congress, eleven Ambassadors and diplomatic representatives and senior officers of the Armed Forces saw *Up with People* last week in Washington DC.

## OXFORD STUDENTS HEAR RAJMOHAN GANDHI

The famine in Bihar, the future of Indian democracy, the welfare of the 2,000 million people of Asia were among the issues discussed last Monday night in Oxford by Rajmohan Gandhi.

He was speaking as chief guest at a dinner arranged by undergraduates. Among the 95 from 21 colleges who attended were a cross-section of Oxford's cosmopolitan student population. They included Indian, Ceylonese and American Rhodes Scholars, the Librarian of the Oxford Union and the editors of two university magazines. Dick Ruffin, American Rhodes Scholar at Lincoln College, introduced Gandhi.

Challenging his audience to face the seriousness of the situation in India and Asia, Gandhi said, 'Many want to see conditions bettered for the underprivileged of the world. It is time now that we moved from the wish to

the will, from desire to decision. I invite you this year to take part in a practical revolution to bring about the transformation of the Asian continent. We need people who will teach us to cure the "I couldn't care less" attitude of our people; to bring the secret of unity and unselfishness—which is the crux of the Indian problem.'

He termed it 'a shocking fact' that not once since the Bihar famine began had Indian leaders from all sides come together on a non-party basis to see what could be done.

A flow of questions followed Gandhi's speech. In reply to one question whether 'the gun and the knife' were not a more speedy and effective solution to India's problems Gandhi said, 'To my knowledge never before has a really united attempt been made, on a sufficiently large scale, by a completely committed group of people to

change the motives of the leadership of a nation. I believe this to be the most speedy, practical and effective way. We are attempting it.'

Earlier in the day the cast of *India Arise* were welcomed by civic leaders, including the Lord Mayor of Oxford, at luncheon in the Town Hall. The Indian cast were shown over Christ Church by Captain Loudon Hamilton in whose rooms there 47 years ago Frank Buchman began the work which later developed into the Oxford Group. The Dean of Christ Church, the Very Rev C A Simpson, D D, met the cast at tea in Christ Church Hall.

### 'Western Mail'

*The Western Mail*, Welsh national newspaper, reporting on the visit of *India Arise* to Cardiff last week, said, 'The aim of those taking part transcends culture. Their purpose is to propel men across the gulf from analysis to action, from bystanding to their full part in remaking the world.'

*India Arise* was presented for three consecutive evenings before packed audiences.