

India can give hope to Asia

Pledge of 'INDIA ARISE' cast as they fly to New Delhi

RAJMOHAN GANDHI, Chief Editor of *Himmat*, the Indian news weekly, said this week, 'The pedlars of perversion have caused more damage to the poor nations in the last twenty years than the imperialists caused in three hundred years.'

He said he was concerned over the views sometimes expressed in Europe that 'selfishness is a virtue' and that 'adultery, homosexuality and drug-taking are passports to spiritual experience.'

'If Europe encourages the spread and acceptance of these ideas it will mean degradation, permanent poverty and tyranny for nations like mine.'

He was speaking at the international MRA assembly in Caux, Switzerland, prior to the departure of the cast of *India Arise* for India after its European and Middle East visit. At the session were representatives of 36 nations including the Solicitor General of Kenya and the Moroccan Ambassador to Switzerland.

Gandhi has accompanied the cast of *India Arise* on a six-month tour of 31 cities through eight countries in Europe and the Middle East. An estimated 64 million have seen them on television. They have been received by Pope Paul in Rome, President Makarios of Cyprus and political and industrial leaders in Great Britain, France, Holland and Switzerland.

Forty-six people from Europe—trade unionists, farmers, students and industrialists—will join them in the next immediate weeks to take part in Gandhi's action to make India 'a pattern-land to give hope to Asia'.

He thanked Europeans for their generosity and said the £30,000 need-

INDIA ARISE is our aim and life commitment

WE WANT to build a decent future for the millions of our country and billions of Asia

WE NEED food for our people, houses of brick and concrete but also homes inside where there is love and honesty

WE WILL learn the secret of teamwork

After centuries of set ways, habits and attitudes we are experiencing change of a fundamental kind

If GOD can bring about this change in our lives
HE can do it very swiftly
for the 500 millions of India

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HONESTY
QUALITY
UNSELFISHNESS
LOVE

.... **OUR STONES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF INDIA**

ed to complete the first phase of the new MRA training Centre in Panchgani, India, had been raised in recent weeks in Europe.

Gandhi continued, "Some months ago I was speaking to a statesman of this continent. At the end of a lengthy interview I said to him, "What concerns us most in Asia is the possibility that Europe might be de-Christianised." "Oh, no," he said, "that's not going to happen," Then there was a pause. "Well, I hope it won't happen," he said.

"During these months here we have seen and heard certain people whose activities and words do cause considerable concern. We have heard of people who say that there is no such thing as sin. They say in fact that selfishness is a virtue. More than that, that selfishness is a spiritual experience. They say that impurity, adultery, homosexuality and drug-taking are all passports to a spiritual experience.

"We have these phenomena in our nations. Impurity, adultery, homosexuality and drug-taking are not foreign to my country. We have had them for centuries. But very few people in my country have the audacity to stand up on a public platform and say these things are a spiritual experience. And when any Europeans do say that, they are used in our country to destroy any progress that might have been made over the last centuries.

"I hope you will allow me to say this about the Colonialists and the Imperialists who for centuries made certain attempts to develop nations like mine. In the course of those times they made serious mistakes. They were wrong on many points. But the pedlars of perversion in the last twenty years have caused more damage to the poor nations of the earth than the imperialists caused in three hundred years.

"But there is a better alternative to both. We have seen that in Caux. Recently I was speaking to an eminent European who commands considerable influence in the world. He was in despair. He said, "Do you really think that people of different races can live together? Is a multi-racial society possible?"

"I say that it is possible. We have seen here in Caux, and wherever the revolution of Moral Re-Armament is at work, that men of all races, nationalities and classes can live in real peace and friendship.

"In this decade of extraordinary danger and confusion, when you have on the march men filled with hate and driven with the desire to have revenge and to kill and a revolution of violence on the march in every continent—in Asia, in Africa, in Ameri-

ca—what is going to be Europe's response?"

"We want a risen Europe, we need a risen Europe with its minds and hearts committed to the world. In the immense contacts Europe has with

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INDIA ARISE

The cast of 'India Arise', 64 in number, comes from villages and cities, backgrounds of wealth and poverty. They are Brahmin and Marjari, Hindu and Muslim, Sikh, Parsi and Christian. They say: "Indian men and women are finding in Moral Re-Armament a workable way to end injustice and misery, a practical way of fighting the evils in men's hearts which way and twist society."

INDIA
The cast travelled 2,350 miles
visiting 14 cities
performing for 37,200 people

WEST ASIA AND EUROPE
The cast travelled 32,000 miles
visiting 31 cities
performing for 43,300 people
64 million saw them on television

"I am so glad that 'India Arise' is going on this important journey ahead. I know the work you are doing of putting right what is wrong in the world. The youth must aspire to live for the country and for the future of man."

ROME

"We are all children of God and we must all work together in harmony for the mutual benefit of all. With this conviction comes respect, admiration and affection. We urge you to give yourselves to your country and to your people."

SWITZERLAND
"India Arise" had elements which entertained and elements which stirred one deeply. In gay sketches, gracious folk dances, rousing songs and feelingful melodies of the Indian homeland, and in impressive living pictures "India Arise" showed today's India and the faith of young Indians in a future of peace, freedom and brotherhood."
"Valerland," leading Swiss daily newspaper

HOLLAND

"MRA is a revolution with far-going consequences, not only for the individual and in personal relationships, but for the life of nations."
Sacraal Genoot. Dirk de Leeuw

FRANCE

"Your coming is for me a testimony of faith, hope and life, which I accept and I am greatly moved. I feel united with you when I see you committed to your task at the service of your nations and India in particular."
Cardinal Veuhlt, Archbishop of Paris

"I suddenly realised I was entrenched in my own selfishness. After such an evening I cannot remain the same."
University student from Paris

BRITAIN

WESTMINSTER THEATRE
ARISE
CAST OF
WESTMINSTER

Theatrically the musical is brilliantly arranged, and is unlimited in vivacity and colour."
"The Sheffield Star"

"This was the finest critique on human society I have ever seen."
President of the Uganda Students of Great Britain

PANCHGANI

DRUGS make modern SLAVES

An address by PROFESSOR JOEL BONNAL

Professor of Neuro-Surgery at Liège University, at the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Caux, 3 August 1967

PERSONALITY may be considered as having three aspects closely linked to each other. The mind, the body and the will. Our will to decide and to think of others depends on the balance which must exist between our body and our mind: our mind can be sub-divided into reason and intelligence on the one hand, emotions, sensations and impressions on the other hand. Everything which influences these different elements will influence our will, our decisions and our acts.

No poison needed

From our birth, and even before through our heredity, our personality is being formed. Every conflict at home, at school or in our surroundings leaves a deep mark on the personality of the child and influences his behaviour as a grown-up. It is a rough shock for the child to pass from the stage of absolute dependence on his parents to the stage of knowing and judging his parents and society. It is statistically proved that juvenile delinquents all come from divided homes.

We must know our own personality. We are three people. The person we think we are. The person whom others think we are. And the person who we really are. You cannot escape from your real self. And yet many people at present are trying to escape from their real selves.

We must accept our self, our 'ego' as the psycho-analysts say. We must know how to use it to the full. How to make it develop, and don't listen to those who say that everything is pre-determined by our heredity. It is a good explanation to prevent us doing anything.

We prove here in Moral Re-Armament that our motives can change: this changes our personality. And if each one of us can change, every other man on earth can change, too. But building and developing one's personality demands great energy and in particular nervous energy. Now all nervous energy comes from the brain. And the brain needs the necessary

elements to feed this energy, neither too much nor too little and without any poison.

The reserves of the organism of the brain in particular foods, oxygen, sugar, liquids, acids, vitamins, enzymes, etc, are not inexhaustible. If these reserves are exhausted there are symptoms of nervous exhaustion. This exhaustion leads to nervous diseases which may be curable, or incurable if the exhaustion is too often repeated. All wastage of energy is therefore dangerous for the brain, whose good function conditions our mind, our physical activity and our will.

My profession is to work on the brain, which is really the controller of the whole organism.

Drugs and the brain

Let us now examine the effects of drugs. The World Health Organisation gives two definitions of a drug. 'Any substance of which a wrong use is made for aims that are not medical.' 'Any substance operating in man causing a change in his behaviour, his mind, his sensations.' At Liège during the last ten months, five cafés have opened which openly sell drugs and birth control products.

1 OPIUM AND THE OPIATES (HEROIN): They calm pain, anxiety, fear and all the sensations. They act therefore on our sensory powers, but they have two important effects. They are habit-forming. You always need bigger and bigger doses. The morphine addict gets to a point where he takes a dose five hundred times as big as that which was necessary to him when he started it. They enslave the user. You can no longer do without the drug without becoming ill and it becomes a real slavery and every means is good to get hold of the drug.

2 CANNABIS OR MARIJUANA (cigarette), INDIAN HEMP, KIF, DAGGA, HASHISH: Its principal effect is to rob the individual of his self-control, which may bring on violence, crime, accidents. Soldiers and bandits may take drugs before action.

3 COCA is a stimulant. It develops all the faculties but at the same time it makes you believe that your surroundings are hostile and you must therefore counter-attack.

4 The hallucinatory drugs are the most recent. You have all no doubt heard of LSD, which gives extraordinary sensations of beauty, colours and illusions. It gives the individual the impression of being no longer himself. He has lost his personality and becomes part of his surroundings. It is an extremely painful process and the return to normal is very difficult. There is a danger of never fully recovering one's own personality. Hence personalities which are nervously unbalanced. It is interesting to think that those who advise the use of LSD want to do away with reason and intelligence in order to develop the emotions to the maximum.

5 The AMPHETAMINES are much more common. They are a stimulant. They mobilise energy for a short time, but they exhaust the organism. They are wasters of energy and in strong doses they increase the aggressiveness of individuals.

6 ALCOHOL in all its forms is also a stimulant. It produces either euphoria or depression, the loss of self-control hence motor accidents (you want to impress the girl at your side hence aggressiveness). It leads to the disintegration of the will and nervous exhaustion. There are, in addition, toxic effects and you can develop delirium tremens or cirrhosis of the liver.

7 We may also cite heavy doses of BARBITURATES and TRANQUILLISERS which are used in a constant search to achieve peace and banish anxiety. It is worth remembering that many people use tranquillisers to avoid dealing with the root of their problems, dealing with the cause of depression, of anxiety, of worry. You may not realise the extraordinary quantity of tranquillisers used every day in Europe and America. Millions of francs are spent on them every day.

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COFFEE is also a stimulant. Many people 'run' on coffee and drink one or two litres of strong coffee per day. Then they are surprised when they have nervous depressions.

TOBACCO is a stimulant. I think that tobacco is often a compensation.

8 SEX. The search for sexual enjoyment leads automatically to the search for new sexual sensations, and as with a drug it demands even bigger and bigger doses. That is how sexual perversions are reached. You always need more and I think that it is important to know that no-one constitutionally, necessarily, is a homosexual. It is very often conflicts in early childhood which determine homosexuality.

Many of you know the study of the English sociologist, Unwin. He studied eighty different civilisations from antiquity to the present day. He noticed that these civilisations all passed through three stages. First, the creation and formation of the civilisation which demanded a great output of energy from all the individuals composing this society. It always had extremely strict moral rules: virginity of the woman before marriage, very severe punishment for adultery.

Energy of society

Then the second stage in which the society flourished. This led on to the search for every form of comfort and pleasure, hence the relaxation of the sexual rules. Through the fact that people always want more and more, this relaxation of the sexual rules led to sexual debauchery which in turn led to the decadence of the society, because the whole energy of the society had been used up in sex. This is the third stage.

The sociologist had carried out this study scientifically and he was so astonished at his own conclusions, which showed that the mastery of sex was the necessary condition for the individual's energy and for the building of a society, that he was forced to re-think his own life.

The excessive use of sex, whatever the means, alone or with one partner or more, is a waste of energy and leads to nervous exhaustion. People may say, 'But if I repress a sexual desire I shall have complexes.' Freud did indeed show that a rigid morality condemning the sinner leads the man who gives in to temptation to inner conflicts, fears and complexes.

But I wonder, if he was still alive

today, whether Freud would not say that the present sexual freedom also leads to complexes: the fear of not being 'with it' because you have not slept with a girl or a boy, because you don't wear 'with-it' clothes, because you don't use certain words or make certain gestures. I was most amused and interested to read that Miss Mary Quant, creator of English fashion and of the mini-skirt, when asked by a journalist the question, 'What is there behind fashion?' answered, 'Sex'.

Gide, Sartre and certain Frenchmen saw nothing in morality but a veto and embarrassment which prevented them practising all their pleasures and which led André Gide to seek for every sexual sensation, even homosexuality. He said himself he wanted even to wallow in the mire to escape from his moral training and education. He didn't realise that in doing this he was falling into another kind of slavery.

Certain Englishmen now try to explain that sexual activity is absolutely necessary for health. The philosopher, Alex Comfort, said that what differentiates man from the animal is his way of using sex. The animal uses it for reproduction, man for his pleasure. The traditional voice of popular opinion has always said that the mastery of sex is what differentiates man from the animal.

I can tell you with complete sincerity that sexual activity is not necessary for health. Very many men in religious orders, prisoners or sportsmen have had the experience of total abstinence, whatever may have been their temperament. Abstinence does not destroy health and brings on no mental illness if it is accepted with a precise aim: to devote all one's energy to one aim without *wanting anything for oneself*.

We could also speak about birth control pills which are unacceptable, except under medical control and with a precise medical aim. It is not I who say this, it is the National Order of Doctors in France. It is also the Catholic Church. The free sale of birth control pills allows anyone to carry out the sexual act without responsibility. One of my friends, who is a psychiatrist, said that it was not yet known what neuroses they might provoke.

I would like you to be aware that many of the theories which are at

present being aired in the world press are there simply to enable people to give themselves over to sexual indulgence without remorse complexes or responsibility.

9 MUSIC. I like music very much. But there is a certain kind of music, composed in particular of repeated rhythms which influence the nervous system, which act as a real drug on the nervous system, especially when they are accompanied by certain songs and gestures which imitate sex. And when boys and girls go into a trance as a result of this music, isn't that a drug? And nervous exhaustion follows. Incidentally it must be noted that these same rhythms, the same gestures, appear in primitive societies in ritual ceremonies in honour of sex.

Why drugs?

Why drugs?

First, to escape from the difficulties of life. From hunger, from thirst, from pain and in order to find happiness to the point where pleasure becomes painful. Thus it is that the Bolivian Indian chews coca leaves and that the Hong Kong Chinese smokes opium to escape his misery.

But secondly it is to improve man's physical, intellectual or sexual faculties. The businessman, the student, the sportsman may take amphetamines to stimulate themselves, a tranquilliser to lessen their anxiety and a sleeping pill to go to sleep. The Western intellectual tries everything to prove that he is free.

Thirdly, to conquer other men and women, whether it be an individual or society. Men make a girl drink or offer her marijuana cigarettes in order to sleep with her. I would like to tell you a true story which happened to a girl whom my family know well. She went for two months to England. When she came back she was no longer herself. Depressed, weeping and not wanting to do anything. And that lasted for months.

When an inquiry was made it was discovered that a young man had several times offered her cigarettes of no known make (marijuana) and that afterwards he had misused her. She took months to recover. In the West Indies you may be offered a perfume to drug you: a sweet may be drugged, or a drink, and you are taken unaware. There are people who want to undermine society by destroying people's character and by exhausting

POPULATION SOLUTION

By RAJMOHAN GANDHI

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.

£30,000 raised for Indian centre

'YOU HAVE BROKEN our self-absorption and nihilism. You have stood against the trend towards the de-Christianisation of Europe. You have fed a continent threatened with spiritual starvation. When every other voice says, "Forget greatness and concentrate on yourselves," you have said, "Spread out, cast your eyes to the horizons of the world!"'

These words of a Dutch journalist spoken to the cast of *India Arise* just before their departure from the Caux MRA Assembly for New Delhi summed up the impact this Indian force has had in Europe.

Before the departure of the Indian cast the target of £30,000 needed to

complete the first phase of the MRA training centre at Panchgani in the Maharashtra Hills of India was achieved. The money was raised by collections at public meetings and by many personal gifts, often at considerable sacrifice.

A Canadian Ambassador in Europe gave 5,000 guilders. A 70-year-old Canadian teacher gave 1,000 Swiss francs. A Swedish teacher said, '*India Arise* has opened my heart to the world as nothing has ever done before.' She gave 10,000 Swedish kroner from her life savings.

Other Swedish teachers pledged the gift of a fully-equipped film van to India by Christmas 1967. Two senior

Dutch women gave two copies of the colour film *Give a Dog a Bone* and 1,000 Swiss francs.

A French industrialist gave 2,500 Swiss francs and backed it with a decision to go to India himself. A Swedish farmer gave 10,000 kroner and plans to work in India 'to help the Indian farmer start producing to meet the needs of his country, not only of his family.'

An Indian businessman who met *India Arise* in Bristol, changed, sold his gambling casino, paid seven years of back taxes to the British Government and financed much of the cast's expenses in his city, gave 5,000 Swiss francs for Panchgani. '*India Arise* has given me hope and a reason to live,' he said. 'It has united my family. It has made a man out of me.' A highly skilled theatrical producer, he returns shortly to India to work with MRA.

people's nervous system until their will disappears.

There is, in spite of all this, a right use of drugs—the medical use.

I would like to give you two conclusions. Drugs, sexual abuse and other substitutes are the direct consequence of the present-day conditions of life in the world and of the non-adaptation to these conditions of an ever-growing number of individuals (watch out for the theory which says that only certain categories of individuals drug themselves).

'The world is made—reason no longer exists—the problems are too great—we just have to exist in any manner.' That is what many people think. And each time that I do something which is not right, I provide arguments for those who believe that the world is mad, that society must be destroyed and that we must escape into the illusion of drugs.

An American professor even said (he is a propagandist for LSD), 'It is in reaching madness that we shall become sane'. That deserves no commentary.

But let us be clear. It is because the present world does not satisfy anybody, it is because Christian civilisation has failed, that drug-taking and sexual abuse are becoming more and more widespread in the world. That is my first conclusion.

My second is that we are faced with a choice. We are:

1 Free to seek forgetfulness of reality

in drugs and pleasure. But then let us be conscious that not only are we becoming slaves to drugs and sex, but also to those who draw profit from them—gangs, Mafia, etc. and that we also become slaves to those who are responsible for protecting us and for protecting society—the police.

2 Free to become part of those who want deliberately to undermine the character of nations.

3 Free to become part of the indifferent masses, who let these things happen because life is already so complicated and they wake up one day to find themselves in a political system which they did not want. And I could give you many historical examples. Let us be conscious of the fact that these three freedoms lead to dictatorship.

4 Finally, we are free to become part of those who want true freedom for the world. A world in which everyone will have bread, work and freedom from fear of the future. The freedom to serve one's neighbour humbly knowing that one's own nature can itself give in, that freedom hides bondage, except the freedom of the Child of God, the freedom of the love of God, the freedom of change. William Penn said, 'Unless we choose to be governed by God we condemn ourselves to be governed by tyrants.'

There are only three ways of treating the modern world—to endure it, to escape from it, to change it. That is our choice.

LSD-PUSHERS TERMED CRIMINAL

A CANADIAN PHYSICIAN, Dr Paul Campbell, last week attacked as 'criminal' the people who pushed LSD before its short and long term effects were known. He was speaking at Caux.

'Experiments have now shown,' he said, 'that one dose of LSD can change the chromosome structure. Therefore a girl who takes even one dose may produce a thalidomide-type child. It is criminally irresponsible that men and women within and without the medical profession should have thus placed in jeopardy all future children of people who have taken LSD.'

He referred to Mick Jagger's philosophy that every man was an island and could organise his life as he pleased. 'Mick Jagger seems to miss the point that the three thousand addicts in London alone absorb vast resources of medical skills and money urgently needed by patients with unavoidable illnesses.

'Society to protect its unbridled selfishness has to enact more and more controls and ends up curtailing the freedom for everyone which Mick Jagger wants for himself.

'A small percentage of people may be taking drugs but a philosophy that encourages permissiveness is drugging a whole generation,' he said.

ANNIE

a remaker of the world

I SAW the simple eternal verities (in her)—to love Jesus, to believe Him, to live so as to let Him change me, and to give me a passion, as she had, a passion for people. That is the end of living, and that I believe is what alone can make us what Annie is—a remaker of the world.'

SUCH WAS JUST ONE OF THE NUMEROUS tributes paid to Annie Jaeger when she died in 1944 after devoting the last years of her life to introducing Moral Re-Armament to hundreds of desperately needy people. She has now become the subject of a musical simply called 'Annie' at the Westminster Theatre, London, produced by Westminster Productions Ltd. in association with MRA.

Moral Re-Armament has faced considerable criticism from some Christians who think its concepts of conversion to God and service for God are at least partially misconceived. Whatever our opinions of this view, one thing is certain: MRA, through plays like this, can reveal what a tremendous lack of social concern there is among so many Christians. This musical, full of humour, pathos, and direct (but not emotional) challenge, is quite magnificent and very much worth seeing.

Speeches practically devoid of clichés, numerous biting witticisms, and twenty varied and mostly tuneful songs, take us through the latter years of Annie's life.

Coming from a working class background in Stockport, where she was born in 1875, Annie and her son, Bill, lived through the difficult period of the unemployment, hunger, and poverty of the 1930's. Both were conscious of the need for some answer to the problems of life and nation.

The economic and social troubles of the workers were looming large. Then both mother and son came to the point of giving their lives to God and were introduced to the recently-started Moral Re-Armament. At the age of 58 Annie realised that if she wanted to change her nation she would have to start with herself.

Later she sold her small hat shop for £40 and moved to the East End of London. The aim was to bring MRA to the workers, and through the workers to the world. She often called on twelve homes a day—and seldom had fare for transport. She always emphasised that MRA was not political, but brought moral change thereby making men responsible for the whole of mankind.

Simple sets denoting her life first in Stockport, then in London, and experienced professional actors and actresses, reveal the transition in Annie's life and effectively, but never aggressively, put across the Christian message.

'Can't the Lord look after the two of us?' asks Annie of her fearful son as they prepare to leave home. God is able to do anything—'He is apt to wake you up if you let Him,' believes Annie. The importance of quiet times and heeding God's guidance is stressed, sometimes through the medium of humour. For example, the second half of the play opens with a hilarious scene as Annie commences her visitation. A dowdy woman, unlit cigarette dangling from surly lip, has only one comment when informed that God has led Annie into a particularly notorious home: 'He must be out of His senses.'

The lack of social concern among the comfortable is perfectly highlighted when the son sings of the world's countless troubles, and laments, 'It fair takes your breath away.' The only reaction from the listening drunkard as he totters off for

another drink is, 'It fair makes me thirsty.'

This two-and-a-half-hour production stars Margaret Burton as Annie, Bill Kenwright as her son, and Angela Richards and Gerard Hely as the courting couple who learn that it is not enough to destroy what is hated—there must also be a creating of what is loved. Or in the words of a song, 'Mending things is better than ending things.'

Reaching people in their homes, Annie Jaeger's main intention in life was to convey the love of God to the downcast and downtrodden—telling them 'what they've never heard before.'

This musical emphasises the truth of her call and the crying need for others to follow in her footsteps.

DAVID COOMES

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the rest of the world through trade, through your universities and Governments, Europe could change the course history now seems to be taking.

'America is mightily powerful, Russia is very strong,' he said, 'but I think if all the nations of Europe and Britain decided they would give something superior to the Communists and the non-Communists of the world, it still could happen.'

'We go back to serve God. We go back also to serve man. We go back to serve our people and also to be ready to serve the people of the whole world. We shall not forget these days and weeks and months where we have learnt much and where we have tried to give our very best to this great continent.'

'We shall stay with you with all our hearts and all our will for the rest of our lives in the battle for that golden age.'