



Jack Manning



From left to right Isaac Amata (Nigeria), Lt Col A S Mena (Congo) and Conrad Hunte (Barbados)
photos Strong

Diplomats at launching of new book of Peter Howard's speeches

AS BRITAIN'S racial confusion mounted, diplomats from major African nations attended the public launching this week of a new book, *Africa's Hour and Other Speeches*, by Peter Howard.

Isaac Amata from Nigeria, one of those responsible for the book's publication said, 'MRA is fighting the greatest war in history—not between black and white, haves and have-nots, but for the future of freedom and human dignity.' The world would end either in chains or in flames or would be remade, he said. 'I and many Africans are determined it shall be remade.'

Lt Colonel A S Mena, Congolese (Kinshasa) Military Attaché, told his fellow diplomats from Nigeria, the United Arab Republic, the Somali Republic, Sudan, Ghana, Mauritius and the British present, 'We can only

change the world if we change men. The world needs men who will listen to their conscience even in times of difficulty.'

Jack Manning, a London dockworker and a former chairman of a Transport and General Workers Union branch, said at the occasion in London's Westminster Theatre that he wanted to apologise to people of other races for the racist demonstrations by London dockworkers last week.

No exploitation

There were many people in this country who really cared what happened to the coloured immigrants, Manning said. The Trade Union movement had been founded on the brotherhood of man and the principle that no man should be exploited for his colour, class or creed.

'No militant with hatred in his heart can introduce anything positive, but a man with Moral Re-Armament in his heart and with a militant spirit, will,' said Manning.

Everyone needed

Conrad Hunte, formerly Vice-Captain of the West Indies Cricket Team said, 'You can regard the immigrants to Britain in two ways. Either they are more heads to shelter, bodies to clothe, more minds to educate and hands to put to work—they are a headache: or they are brains, hearts and hands to kindle to do the job that needs to be done in this land and beyond. The needs in the world are so great it will take everyone of us to do it. Britain can model a partnership of purpose among many races to feed, house, educate and give hope and faith to millions.'

MASTER OF WORDS, SERVANT OF GOD

'Africa's Hour and Other Speeches' by Peter Howard
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'PETER HOWARD, master of words, was above all a servant of God.' This is how Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma, describes in his foreword the author of the addresses and other pieces assembled in *Africa's Hour and Other Speeches*.

Howard was indeed a master of the English language. He loved and cherished it as a great violinist loves and cherishes the precious instrument on which he has played for years. For that reason alone it is a rare pleasure to read this book.

But to him language was never an end in itself, or a means of parading his own genius in the use of it.

Rally all men

In his hands it was a flaming sword to smite the evil-doer, a surgeon's knife to cut out the cancer which threatened the life of nations, a brush to paint in glowing colours his vision of the new world which he gave his life to build, a trumpet to shatter the slumbers of the complacent and to rally all men everywhere to join him in the fight to build it.

'The style,' said a great French writer, 'is the man himself.' This is certainly true of Peter Howard. His sentences move with pace and purpose, never cluttered with clichés or held up by meaningless verbiage. His epithets are as completely appropriate as they are often wholly unexpected.

He deals with every live issue in the modern world—race and colour, Communism and the class war, Russia and China, France and the Common Market, the population explosion, the new morality, perversion and subversion, and the fantastic new world which science is bringing into existence.

Penetrating

And in terse and penetrating phrases he cleaves to the heart of every issue he touches. Here are a few of them.

'Hate knows no colour bar. Neither does love.

'Violence never remains long a ser-

vant. It always becomes the master of those who use it.

'If you reject moral absolutism, you accept and propagate moral nihilism. 'Secularisers are Satanisers.

'Simplicity seems a sin to those whose lives are complicated by compromise.

'When perversion infiltrates, subversion follows.'

He tackles fearlessly the men who he is convinced are actively promoting the moral downfall of nations—'beatnik bishops and intellectual confidence tricksters', 'the little jumped-up morons of immorality in TV, radio, high society, and some sections of the press', 'the damnable imperialism' of state officials who try to prevent American Indians in their reservations from coming to hear the message of MRA.

His passion is matched by his compassion. He castigates only to cure. That there is a cure he never doubts. He spends his energies with prodigal generosity to bring it to every corner of the globe.

Worldwide

From Frank Buchman's death in 1961 to his own in 1965 he was in charge of the world work of Moral Re-Armament. His commitment took him to the ends of the earth.

The speeches in this book were made in London and Tokyo, Liverpool and Atlanta, Berlin and Albuquerque, New Delhi and Rio de Janeiro. His audiences included London housewives and Latin American diplomats, Japanese University students and American Indians, radio listeners in both Western and Eastern Europe.

To the people of every group and race and nation he offered a role in the remaking of the world—a role which was unique but never exclusive, distinctive but never dominating.

He believed with Frank Buchman that Moral Re-Armament is a universal ideology. 'It offers the chance for everyone everywhere to go into action to remake the world.' It is a quality

of life. 'You cannot join Moral Re-Armament and you cannot resign from it. Each of us either lives it or does not.' It means absolute moral standards.

'We make mistakes,' he says. 'But we will never make the mistake of trimming Christ's standards to fit the convenience of ourselves and our times.' MRA's aim is 'a new and greater civilisation, where governments guided by God govern nations made of men and women who love each other as sons and daughters of God.'

Break ground

Peter Howard does not obtrude his own personality. But he draws on his own experience humbly and honestly to help those who listen to him. To one audience he confesses, 'I feel like a man ordered to carve a way through the Himalayas with a toothpick. I can neither begin nor continue nor complete it without the help of God and of those who will break ground daily with me.

'You have in front of you this morning,' he says to another audience, 'a man full of frailty, much weakness, but a man who has solemnly dedicated his life, such fortune as God gives him, his honour, everything he has and is to rebuilding the world. With God's help I am not going to flag or falter . . . I want to serve, I want to fight, I want to battle, and for me and for those who decide there will be no turning back.

Once in a generation

'I am a revolutionary,' he declares. 'My life does not belong to myself . . . I love my wife. I have three children and love them with all my heart. But none of these people is as important to me as Jesus Christ. He comes first in my life.'

A man of Howard's genius is born once in a generation, perhaps even in a century. His commitment, his passion, his compassion, his experience of Christ, can be shared by anyone who is prepared to pay the price that he paid.

H S ADDISON

INDIA SHOULD LISTEN TO THE HARIJANS OF DELHI

by Sydney Cook

THERE ARE more than a hundred million Harijans in India—one fifth of the total population.

For centuries they were called 'Untouchables', the outcasts of society, destined only for the menial tasks and to be shunned by their fellows.

Mahatma Gandhi gave them the name of Harijans, which means 'Children of God'.

Discrimination

When India gained independence, the new constitution decreed all caste discrimination illegal. Special provision was made for the integration of the Harijans into every sector of life. A certain percentage are given preference in university entrance, industrial employment, Civil Service jobs and the highest posts in the land. There are also, in their own right, 80 Harijan MP's and one Cabinet Minister.

However, in human society the demand of the law is not always the desire of the heart. Equality may be praised and inequality practised. In the Lok Sabha (House of Commons) there have been stormy scenes and evidence of deep Government concern in recent weeks over reported discrimination against Harijans and cases of sadistic cruelty.

In the heart of Delhi, one minute from where we write, there is a Harijan Basti (colony) where 18,000 live. It is the colony where Mahatma Gandhi used to stay, and is the big-

gest in Delhi. Thousands of its inhabitants are employed as sweepers, porters, messengers, refuse collectors, drivers and building trade workers.

A revolution has started in this colony which could affect the future of India by giving a new destiny and dignity to a hundred million people.

It began when the grandson of the Mahatma, Rajmohan Gandhi, was asked to tell the colony about his programme of Moral Re-Armament—a strong, clean, united India based on absolute moral standards, change in men, and the daily listening to God which his grandfather had taught. He took with him a team from India and abroad, including a Harijan family from Maharashtra who had already enlisted in his fight.

A 19-year-old student, Ranjit, decided to clean up his life. Neighbours noticed the difference. In a short time they saw the gambling, hard-drinking girl-chaser replaced by a young patriot eager to change the pattern of life in the colony, to mobilise the Harijans across India, and to think for his country and the world.

Feuds healed

Others enlisted. There was Vishnu and his wife. He is a factory worker. His one-roomed house became spick and span. Family feuds were healed.

There was Babulal, aged 25. He has a beard, but it is not the beard of a Hippie. He has sworn not to shave it

off 'until the lot of his people has been uplifted'. He has eyes that flash both fire and humour. When we first met him he told us passionately of his hatred for the oppressors of his caste. It was at a meeting with thirty other Harijans present. At the end of the meeting, we all listened to God together. His thought was to apologise to four fellow Harijans whom he hated, had often plotted to kill and suspected of plotting to kill him. Now they are his firm friends. He himself is at Ranjit's side, changing men and training them as world remakers. He has a group of 200 children to whom he is teaching citizenship. A few months ago, he was a delinquent himself.

Knife ready

They have enlisted Chamman Lal, who works on the city dump. He is tall and tough, a man who, when the drink was on him, used to go around with a knife and threaten anyone who did not give him what he wanted. He changed two weeks ago. Many have stopped drinking as a result. They now want to end drunkenness in the colony. (There are regular reports in the national press of deaths from the drinking of cheap liquor in these colonies—recently 17 in one day in Calcutta).

Ramji Lal is of an older generation. We first met him at the meeting at which Babulal lost his hate. He has lived through Mahatma Gandhi's freedom struggle and twenty years of India's independence. He is slim, erect, and of a striking dignity that seems born of humility. He told a meeting recently: 'All my life I asked myself why we should be different from other people. Why others would not drink from the same tap as we did. Why they would not send their children to school with ours. Did God arrange it so? I could not believe that. Now the law has altered all these things, but I did not lose my inferiority and fear, and feel myself a man, until I met this world family of MRA. I want to spend the rest of my days in bringing this idea to everyone.'

So the revolution spreads. A pick-

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AFRICA'S HOUR AND OTHER SPEECHES

Peter Howard

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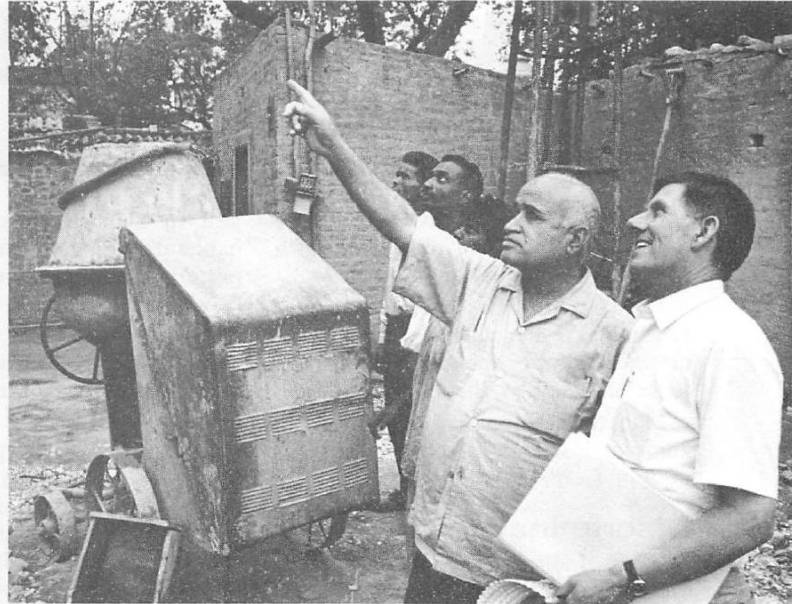
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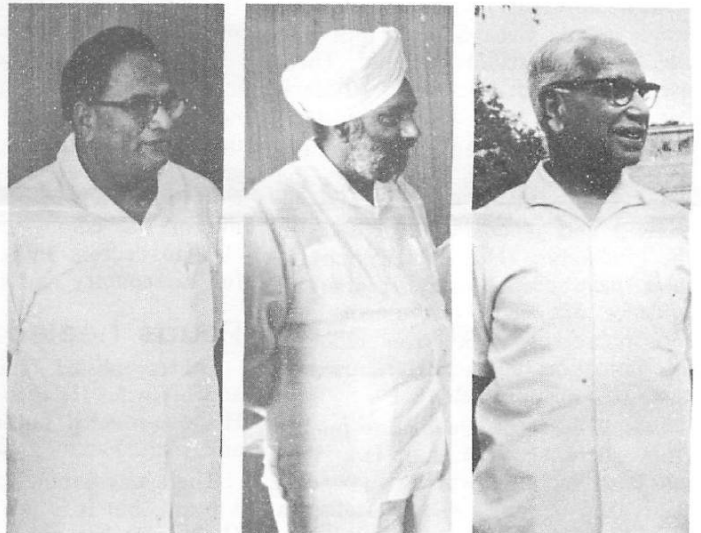
Frank Abbott, BEA shop steward at Heathrow, meets Mr Satarawalla, General Manager Indian Airlines Corporation



Les Dennison, Chairman of the Coventry Building Trades Operatives, shown over a New Delhi building site by Mr Chajjuram, Secretary of the All India Building Workers Trade Union
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British workers now in Delhi to back Gandhi's campaign

Among the men they met were (left to right) Indian Union Minister of Works and Housing, Jaganath Rao; the Deputy Minister, Sardar Iqbal Singh; the Mayor of Delhi, Hansraj Gupta



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pocket who was stealing up to 500 rupees a day says he has changed because Ranjit and his friends are the only ones who did not despise him, and showed him instead a road to becoming a man. He is living straight and has taken a part-time job at 90 rupees per month. One of the former drunkards made clear that these men are not interested just in being good. 'I have not stopped drinking,' he said the other day, 'just for myself. I want to give Moral Re-Armament to India and every country.'

The revolution is not going unnoticed. In the months ahead these

men will be talking to the highest in the land. Already the President of India has asked to meet them and told his staff to arrange a date.

Recently the Minister for Home Affairs launched Crime Prevention Week. The Inspector of Police in the area in which the colony is situated invited 25 of the colony to come to the Police Station at six o'clock in the morning and sing the songs of MRA to the police and tell them how they are changing people. 'We want to hear how you do it,' they said. The Inspector also said that the colony, noted for its toughness, may lead the way in the cure of crime.

Thirty want to go from the colony to the MRA Assembly at Panchgani, Maharashtra in May. Says Ranjit: 'We want to take men who can show others how to change, and who have an answer for the deepest divisions in India.' They will have to raise 6,000 rupees for their journey and stay. They have decided that each will give at least 20 rupees himself, though some are still students and few earn more than 120 rupees a month, most of them less. Their faith is high and they plan a concert, visits to businessmen and other steps.

They are part of tomorrow's India and are shaping tomorrow's world.

New Guineans face challenge before independence

NEW GUINEA has often made headlines in the Australian press, first with the elections, then with the visiting United Nations Mission, and now with Indonesia's Foreign Minister in Australia.

In the elections, those who spoke out strongly criticising the Australian Administration have gained the confidence of the people. The militant Pangu Pati (Papua-New Guinea Union Party) has won 15 seats, according to its secretary, Albert Maori Kiki. He said that they will press for immediate Home Rule in the new House of Assembly, which meets for

the nation as a whole. She has invested a great deal of money. Many dedicated people have poured out their lives for this country. But Australia has lacked vision for what Papua-New Guinea could do for strife-torn parts of the world.

People may be loyal to the Administration but they have not been given a purpose big enough to make them want to live straight and sacrifice for it. One often meets people who have been given an excellent training, but got into habits of drinking and womanising. They have contributed to widespread venereal disease and

twelve top students and teachers from eleven different parts of the Territory attended an Assembly for Asian-Pacific Action in Melbourne last January. They are now teaching in villages and towns.

One of them, a Catholic first-year teacher, recently addressed almost the entire student body of 240, plus some lecturers, at the Port Moresby Teachers' College, the largest in the Territory. He was on their Student Representative Council last year.

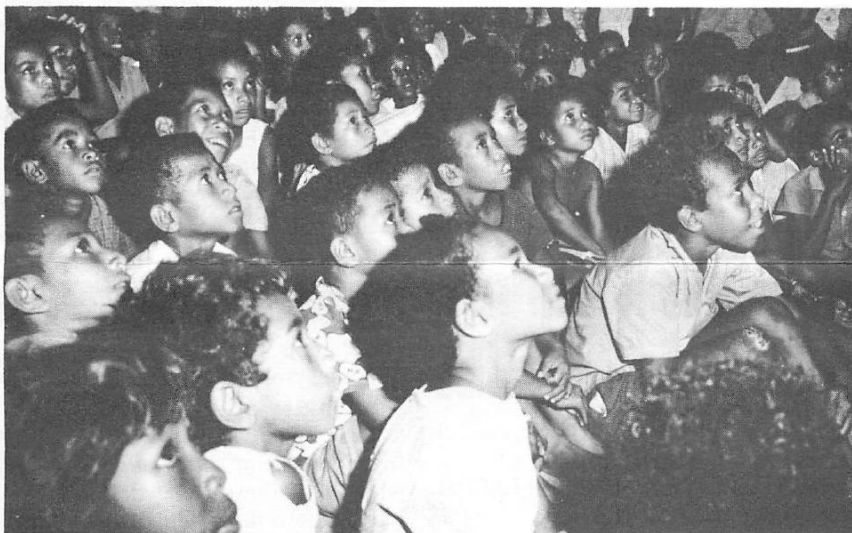
He said, 'MRA is practical because it changes human nature. Everyone at the conference was challenged to sit down with pencil and paper and to listen to God for a few minutes each day. I tried this experiment myself. I compared my life against four absolute moral standards—absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love. I decided to change. Some of you know what a nuisance I was with my drinking last year. I decided to stop drinking. Also when I returned, I apologised to one of the (European) lecturers here for bitterness towards him. It was because of this that we were invited to address you and show *Give a Dog a Bone* here tonight.'

A senior student at Marianville College, whose father stood in the elections, declares, 'I have learnt from MRA not to think of myself. I have found a new unity with my parents too—before I wanted to get away from home.'

She said her vision for New Guinea was 'to set an example to the whole world in the next decade. Independence, I believe, is inevitable and imminent. We must face this fact now and attempt to create as quickly as possible the necessary conditions that are needed to create a New Guinea that is free from bitterness against its ex-Colonial powers.'

The son of a Methodist Minister is a Headmaster in a small village near the West Irian border. When it rains the whole area becomes a foot under water. He admitted he was sent there because of the way he had lived. On meeting MRA he set him-

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Port Moresby children see 'Give A Dog A Bone' film

photo Cooper

the first time in June.

It will be a difficult job finding a Speaker as the last Speaker, his two Deputies, and others who would have been suitable, have all been defeated.

Many people want to know what the future will be. Some are asking whether Australia's investments are safe. Despite the assurances of the Minister for External Territories, C E Barnes, the feeling in New Guinea is that they may not be. This is apparent from the attitude of many of the elected members and therefore also of the people.

Australia's record, compared with other countries holding UN Trust Territories or colonies, is excellent. She has not exploited the Territory. Some individuals may have but not

illegitimacy in the big towns. To punish them, the Administration has sent them to work 'in the bush'—some almost inaccessible area. It does not answer their problems, they become bitter, and the result is that they are a bigger problem than they were before.

Last year, the Administrator, David Hay, in addressing a Moral Re-Armament force with the musical show *Wake up Matilda*, said, 'Unity is essential if the country is to develop. Why cannot Papua-New Guinea find something to fight for rather than against in order to create this spirit of unity? That is where you people can come in and help provide something to fight for.'

Through the action of this force,

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER RECEIVES CAST OF MUSICAL

THE PREMIER of Western Australia, the Hon David Brand, received the MRA force with the musical, *Wake Up Matilda*, in the Cabinet Room last week before press and television cameras. The Premier told the cast, 'I wish all the Cabinet were here. I thank you for the part you are playing in Western Australia.'

He said the leaders of Western Australia were very conscious, through living close to Asia where half the world's population lives, of the need to give some lead in solving the problems of insecurity and hunger.

Brand listened with interest as A S Ravindra told of the new social revolution starting in India through the MRA centre at Panchgani and invited him to take part in the conference there in May.

Western Australia is in an unprecedented period of expansion due to

the development of enormous reserves of iron ore, bauxite and now nickel finds. A million acres of new agricultural land are being opened up each year. Technicians and labour generally is being urgently sought. The population in the province is expanding 31 per cent faster than the national average.

Performances

Civic leaders, naval trainees and school students have seen *Wake Up Matilda* in the Town Hall of Fremantle, Western Australia's main port. The Mayor of Fremantle is one of those who invited the MRA force to the State.

The Lord and Lady Mayoress of Perth (Alderman and Mrs T E Wardle) were among guests at a special performance for 550 recruits from Australia's largest naval training de-

pot, 'HMAS Leeuwin'. One thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five students from Government and private schools in the Fremantle area have seen showings in school time. After one showing three high school girls came to a cast member and gave all they had in their purses to further the work of MRA.

The cast spent an evening with the Director-General of Education, Mr and Mrs H W Dettman, who said he was concerned that the character of teachers was adequate to train children for today's world. Dettman has authorised school principals throughout the State to send students to *Wake Up Matilda* in school time.

K E Beazley, MP and Labour Party spokesman in Foreign Affairs, and Mrs Beazley held a reception in Fremantle for 250 civic, labour and business leaders to meet the cast.

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self a new standard of absolute purity to live by, got rid of all his dirty literature, and decided to let God run his life. Today he says, 'I teach my children to listen to God. They are honest with me because I am honest with them.' He said that it was only a day or two after something had been stolen that it was returned with the offender apologizing.

A political leader solves village disputes by getting the whole village to have a quiet-time, and share what thoughts God has given them. In this way a much-needed bush-hut hospital was erected in a few days, which the Catholic Mission now run. The Sisters all work with MRA with the support of Archbishop Copas of Port Moresby.

On another occasion, the villagers threatened to take two men to court for stealing a truck and some money. After the village quiet-time, the two men apologized and the whole thing was settled.

These men and women have pro-

Innsbruck marks 30 years of MRA

THE CITY OF INNSBRUCK, capital of the Tyrol in Austria, last week gave a reception to mark 30 years of Moral Re-Armament.

The reception and the public meeting which followed were announced in the Press and on the radio, which twice broadcast six minute programmes.

Those present included Dr Karl Kunst, Vice Governor of Tyrol and leader of the Tyrol Socialist Party;

duced Peter Howard's play, *The Ladder*, and shown MRA films in the colleges and schools. They plan a conference later in the year.

These experiences are valid. And many parts of the world could well listen to what these men and women of Papua-New Guinea have to say.

NIGEL COOPER

Reinhold Unterweger, Catholic Party Member of the Tyrol Government; Dr Mayr, President of the Industrialist Association and former Vice Governor of Tyrol and several members of the Innsbruck City Government.

They heard songs and speeches from the cast of *Anything to Declare?*, who the following day left for Salzburg, where they will give their show at the invitation of the Land (provincial) Government.

Other speakers included Joseph Gasser, President of the Catholic Employers Association of Central Switzerland, and Alfred Nielsen, Vice President of the Danish Wood Industry.

City Council members from both the Socialist and Catholic Parties stressed the close links Caux had with Austria.

'You are for us a live conscience,' said the Deputy Mayor of Innsbruck, Ferdinand Obenfeldner. 'I hope,' he continued, 'that Caux will have still more success in world affairs because I believe the world needs the success of Moral Re-Armament.'