

GETTING TO THE ROOT OF CONFLICT

Solutions must be based on morality not machinations says Arab leader

A FORMER Prime Minister of Iraq, Dr Mohammed Fadhel Jamali, said last week that the cause of the Middle East crisis was primarily moral, not political.

'Nigeria, the Middle East and Vietnam are examples of man's failure to agree on one moral standard,' he told the 700 delegates at the Moral Re-Armament Conference in Caux, Switzerland.

'These problems should be solved on the basis of universally accepted moral standards and not by political machinations and power politics.'

Dr Jamali, twice Prime Minister of his country, eight times Foreign Secretary, and now Professor of Education at Tunis University, called for 'a moral revolution to liberate man from his corruption, selfishness, fear and hate, and to establish in him high moral standards of honesty, unselfishness, purity and brotherly love'. Such a revolution was essential if man was not to annihilate himself.

'This revolution cannot be achieved by military dictatorships or force of arms,' he said, 'but by moral change within each individual.'

This could be brought about by enlightened education. He called upon rich nations to divert 'a progressive portion' of their armaments budget to the kind of education for all mankind that would prevent war.



MULTIRACIAL PARTY FROM WOLVERHAMPTON. Members of the West Midlands Caribbean Association and their friends are greeted by Conrad Hunte, former Vice Captain of the West Indies Cricket XI, on their arrival by coach at the Westminster Theatre, London, to see the musical 'High Diplomacy'. Talking with the party afterwards Hunte said, 'The answer to the voice of fear is the voice of hope which you have brought. Through more coaches and parties to the Westminster Theatre, which is a theatre of hope, we could answer the situation in Britain and give hope to America and many other countries in the world.'

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'Educators are the captains of the ship that carries man in this universe,' he said. 'We may be told that it is the statesman, the politician, the economist, the technocrat or the soldier who is steering human destiny. My answer would be that it is the educator who forms all these men.'

More schools and universities would not alone meet the educational needs of the world. A change in the quality of education was needed as well as in its quantity.

'There is no superior race' says Tyrol government member

A MEMBER of the provincial government of South Tyrol, Giorgio Pasquali, said in Caux, Switzerland, last week that 'a new kind of political autonomy' must be found for the area.

The South Tyrol, like Northern Ireland, the Jura in Switzerland or parts of Belgium, is one of the fierce areas of communal division in Europe.

Since the South Tyrol was ceded to Italy on the break-up of the old Austrian Empire at the end of the First World War, there has been conflict, often violent, between the German-speaking minority and the Italian-speaking majority.

'But political autonomy alone will not solve the problem,' continued Pasquali, who was for 11 years Mayor

of Bolzano, capital of South Tyrol. 'Education should promote 'fore-sight, insight and farsight' into the problems of individuals, nations, and the world.'

'Education, especially in developing countries, should lead youth towards productive pursuits instead of white-collar jobs,' he said.

'Asian schools at present provide young people with a passport to run away from productive labour. Instead education should bring up a generation that enjoys creative work.'

'Something more is needed. We need to operate on the basis of the consciences of the citizens.'

'It is becoming more and more important to understand the importance of the moral value of two different communities living together. Each one of us must consider not only the weaknesses of the other community, but also the positive points.'

'We need to be more convinced that there is no superior race or population, and that all are equal. MRA has greatly helped us to understand the problems of South Tyrol and to solve them.'

In the last 18 months four delegations including both German- and Italian-speaking people have attended sessions at the Caux Assemblies.

Education for World Responsibility

Report from conference at Caux, Switzerland

A PROMINENT educational psychologist from Norway said last week that student violence was a symptom of something very seriously wrong 'not primarily with those who violate but with society itself, and educationalists in particular.'

Nils Grendstad, chief psychologist in the schools' psychology service of the county of Vest-Agder in Norway, was addressing the MRA Education Conference in Caux, Switzerland, attended by 700.

Recent psychological research, he said, had pointed to certain basic needs in every human being. 'Love, creed and stable values are as important for our mental health as vitamins are for our body.' He said that society had failed to meet these basic needs in young people. 'There seems to be no doubt that unsatisfied basic needs are the main causes of destructive behaviour in man.'

'As an educator,' he continued, 'I cannot give to the children what I myself do not possess.'

'My actions, my conduct and my life as a whole are the only real and only valid definition of the creed or the moral standards I am advocating.'

'It is nonsense,' he said, 'to talk about objective education. Such education does not exist at all. The only values, the only ethical norms, the only view of life the teacher really conveys are those to which he himself is committed.'

'The grave situation in the world today is the natural consequence of not being committed to the values we are verbally advocating. If we do not soon fully recognise this we will drive ourselves into a situation and state of mind from which there is no return.'

Dr Donald Robertson Edinburgh University

Dr D Robertson, senior lecturer, Edinburgh University, said that in the twenties Freudian analytical thought was not critically examined and it entered the home with devastating effect. Conflicts in adult life were attributed to errors in childhood training. Parents lost confidence and withdrew from their rightful place of authority. 'The bill for this is now being paid, a bill of considerable magnitude,' he said.

'It is to Freud that we owe the popular doctrine that sex is a need, not a greed, that indulgence in physical sex leads to a strain-free life—when in fact it leads to an obsessive life full of conflict and unsatisfied bitterness. This saps energy and robs our generation of social initiative.'

Many believed today that much mental disease could be seen as different ways of being irresponsible. Modern behaviour therapy gave a higher percentage of cure than Freud ever achieved.

'The mentally healthy take increasing responsibility. Those who wish to take maximum responsibility should make the decision to remake the world,' he said.

Teachers take action

● Miss Ann Rignall, formerly careers mistress in a London comprehensive school, who has just spent two and a half years in India, said that education should cure moral illiteracy.

'Teachers in many parts of the world want to do this, but need material for moral science lessons,' she said. 'She reported that teachers had begun working on handbooks to outline a new philosophy of education in terms of practical experience.'

● Felix Lisiecki, Professor of Music in a college in Northern France, said that the source of creativity was



Nils Grendstad

change in the heart of man. Plans were being made to create and circulate in each country a repertoire of school songs with simple and universal ideas. 'These will help the younger generation to achieve a sense of service and responsibility to their community, their country and the world,' he said.

● Others produced study guides which could be used in senior school with *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill*, *Happy Deathday* and other films of Moral Re-Armament.

● This work would contribute to the new content needed if religious education was to continue effectively, and teachers at the conference were determined that it should continue. In Britain they would fight for an articulate public opinion which would support it as part of Britain's contribution to the world.



EDUCATORS MEET AT CAUX ASSEMBLY. From left to right: Kidane Woldelessie, Director of Schools, Asmara, Eritrea; Paul Maire, French teacher in Upper Volta; Dr M F Jamali, former Prime Minister of Iraq, now Professor of Education at Tunis University; Miss Karin Moberger, lecturer at Stockholm's Teacher Training College; Bertil Olsson, secondary school teacher at Uppsala, Sweden

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Educators from 41 nations at Caux World Assembly in Switzerland

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Behind the scenes in Indian education!

Letter from Bombay

ONE OF THE INITIATORS of the Student Conference during May in Panchgani (MRA world conference centre in India) has just passed a textile technologist course and had recently applied for a job in a mill. After some time he became uneasy at being jobless and was tempted to use his wealthy uncle's influence which would have assured him the job.

At last Saturday's meeting, however, he decided not to use his uncle's weight but to get the job on merit alone. Now he wants to use this decision to answer frustration in unemployed graduates.

Things are on the constant bubble at A's hostel. The former prefect, an MA in Commerce, in his farewell speech stunned everybody by apologising for his bullying ways and putting things right with the hostelites one by one. They had all been expecting his usual bombastic peroration.

Now, at A's challenging, a group of hostelites are getting together to deal with the 700 unpaid telephone calls 'before they criticise corruption in the government'.

This group of students is keen to go to see industrialists and politicians and bring them to Panchgani.



Valerie Gross

photo Hartnell

What does a University offer?

Drugs, desperation or destiny for life?

REPORTING on the recent Student Conference in Caux, Switzerland, London University research student Valerie Gross said, 'We saw that the only answer to the problems in the universities was to put right what was wrong with our own lives.'

Her own experience, she told several hundred people in the Westminster Theatre, London, last Sunday, bore this out. 'I went to University five years ago and I thought you could not live moral standards and have a good time, so I had a good time. But I did not find satisfaction in it.

'I thought more education was the

answer, so I went on to do a Master of Science degree and at the end of the year I had found no answer whatsoever. I was so desperate about the way I lived that I took an overdose of drugs.

'At the beginning of this year I saw *Happy Deathday*, the film based on Peter Howard's play. That really brought me face to face with the way I lived. Was I going to go forward into the future, or was I going to stay and go backwards? I decided that it was about time I made the decision to care for other people and take on a world revolution for people's hearts.'

She said the purpose of the university was to bring a revolution to society through creating the new type of man. Universities could bring an answer to the ambition and power-play which run governments and businesses. They could bridge the gap between generations, races, rich and poor, one nation and another.

'They could restore,' she said, 'conscience to our nation and compassion and care to relations between people.'

READ

Opiate of the People

Drugs and Society

by Dr Paul Campbell

1s. 6 for 5s. postage extra from
MRA Books, 4 Hays Mews,
London, W.1

Dutch woman's autobiography published in Bombay

Printer meets rush deadline

HIMMAT Publications' latest book, *A New World for My Grandchildren*, the autobiography of a prominent Dutch personality, Mrs Charlotte van Beuningen, was launched in Bombay last week.

At a literary reception were representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, Education and the Press.

Mrs R M Lala, wife of the publisher, said that her husband was so interested by the anecdotes Mrs van Beuningen wrote of her life in 19th century Holland and her travels in every continent with Moral Re-Armament in the 20th century, that he decided to publish the book in time for her 89th birthday.

Himmat flew copies to Holland for



Left to right: Lady Jejeebhoy; Mr Nooruddin, Works Manager, Leaders Press; D D Karkaria, General Manager, at the launching of 'A New World for My Grandchildren'

photo Leggat

the occasion in July and it was reviewed in the Dutch press.

D D Karkaria, Secretary of the Bombay Master Printers' Association, whose company printed the book, said he met the author when she visited Bombay earlier this year. He had been so impressed by her that he and his colleagues decided to accept the difficult deadlines the publication

date demanded, which they achieved.

Karkaria also said he hoped Mrs van Beuningen would write another book to celebrate her 100th birthday and that his company would have the chance to print it, thereby renewing the association.

Joseph Vaz, a lay-out artist in an advertising agency, gave his services to design the cover.

at a glance

ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE is a city where far reaching decisions are being made.

If the proposed new Abortion Law Reform Bill goes through the State Parliament next month, Adelaide could become the abortion capital of the South Pacific.

The Festival of Arts next March can be a forum for the nihilism and cynicism that ends freedom or it can give ideas that bring a growth in man's character and in freedom.

Industry is expanding rapidly and could, if it chose, set a pattern for the developing industries of South East Asia.

In this situation people from a wide cross-section of South Australian life have responded to MRA and the drama, *The Forgotten Factor*, which was presented in Adelaide.

Mrs Steele Hall, wife of South Australia's Premier, Members of Parliament, State and Federal, men who

are making policy in the automobile industry, building contractors, leaders of trades unions and three mayors were among capacity audiences at *The Forgotten Factor*.

MELBOURNE

THE MELBOURNE *Herald* in its Saturday Magazine of 2 August published a 1,000-word review of the book *Peter Howard: Life and Letters* by Anne Wolridge Gordon. The reviewer, the Rev Sir Irving Benson, wrote:

'I wish that every member of Parliament, councils and the clergy would read this challenging book which has in it the answers to a divided and confused world.'

NASSAU

THE GOVERNOR and the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, accompanied by their wives, joined an audience of hundreds at the Nassau premiere of *The Crowning Experience* last month.

Starring Muriel Smith, this film is based on the story of the American

educator Mary McLeod Bethune who rose from poverty in the South to become an adviser to Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt. The name of the film is inspired by what Mary McLeod Bethune said of her experience with Moral Re-Armament: 'My eyes were opened and I have seen the nations standing together regardless of race, class or colour. To be a part of this great uniting force of our age is the crowning experience of my life.'

The Crowning Experience was sponsored in Nassau by the National Women's Conference meeting during July.

LONDON

'PETER HOWARD'S world evangelism, cutting across all barriers of colour, race, economic and political systems, had a great deal to be said for it. In this country, it might succeed where Mrs Castle, Victor Feather, Enoch Powell and others have conspicuously failed.'

'The Times Literary Supplement' reviewing last week *'Peter Howard: Life and Letters'*.