

Bougainville: 'Hope for end to copper dispute'

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THE ISLAND of Bougainville in the South Pacific is the scene of an explosive situation between powerful Western industry, in the form of the international mining company of Conzinc Riotinto of Australia, and tribes people.

Violent clash has taken place between the tribes people and Conzinc Riotinto of Australia (CRA) over compulsory purchase of land for mining development.

'Batons out in Bougainville' was the headline in *The Sunday Times* of 17 August. Reporting the tribesmen's angry opposition to CRA bulldozers clearing land the paper said, 'Seventy armed police fired tear gas. When this failed to disperse the pickets they made a baton charge.'

In Australia last week across-the-table talks took place between two Bougainville islanders, the Australian Prime Minister, John Gorton, the Chairman of CRA, Sir Maurice Mawby and the Federal Minister of External Territories, Charles Barnes.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* headlined this news: 'Hope for end to copper dispute.' It said the talks brought a new hope for a settlement.

Paul Lapun, Member for South Bougainville in the House of Assembly of Papua-New Guinea, said he had arrived in Australia with Raphael Bele, one of the Bougainville villagers affected, ready to take a High Court injunction to stop the whole mining operation.

The following day Lapun said, 'I knew God alone was able to change the situation and I felt He wanted me to see the Prime Minister, Sir Maurice Mawby and Mr Barnes before taking legal action. At every point when we did not know what to do we sought God's guidance.'

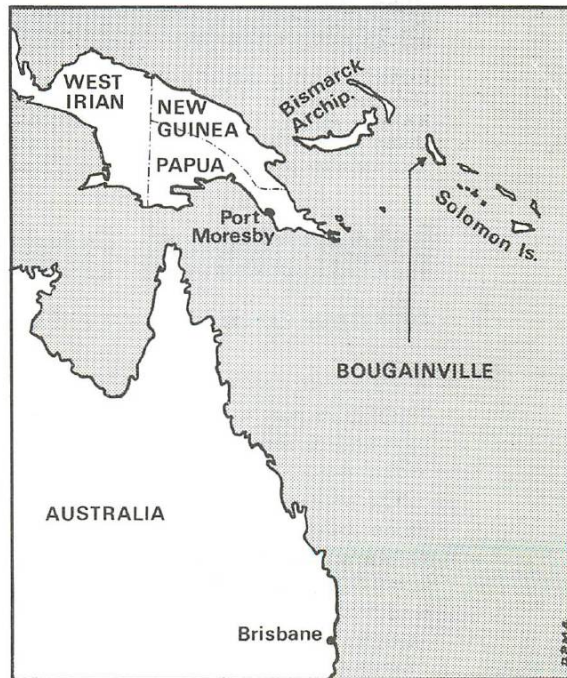
'I feel that if the Bougainville land dispute can be solved in a peaceful way through God's guidance, it can

be a great example to the world.'

The *Canberra Times* wrote, 'The Federal Government (Australia) made considerable concessions yesterday aimed at reducing the dangerous tensions over native land.' Referring to the decision to allow Conzinc Riotinto of Australia to take part themselves in future negotiations over native land the paper went on, 'This is a significant departure from the previous inflexible approach that only the Papua-New Guinea Administration was qualified to negotiate with the land-owners of Bougainville.'

An editorial in the *Melbourne Herald* said of the Government action, 'It seems to suggest a wiser and more responsive approach.'

Lapun said that with the agreement of the parties concerned he had invited James Coulter, one of those responsible for Moral Re-Armament in



Australia, to be present at future talks.

The Bougainville representative during sessions of the House of Assembly had seen MRA films and attended discussions.

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Fred Small (right), an official of the International Longshoremen's Association of America, greets Nelson Marcellino de Carvalho, a founder of the Brazilian Portworkers' Union

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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION. Left to right: Cor de Pous, District Organiser of the Dutch Christian TUC; René Lucien, Managing Director, Messier, SA, which builds part of the undercarriage for the Concorde; Naudin Ten Cate, senior official in the Netherlands Railway; Robert Carmichael, former President of the European Jute Industry; Maxime Souffez, National Secretary of the French Union of Merchant Navy Captains; B Utzinger, Switzerland; Otto Cadegg, Swiss trade union secretary; Jim Worthington, executive member of the British National Union of Seamen

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International transport conference opens at Caux

Act now to bridge world's rich-poor gap says Philips head

A CONFERENCE on 'The place of world transport in the modernising of men and nations' opened at the MRA World Assembly in Caux last week.

The invitation committee consists of union officials from docks, airlines, railways and shipping in France, Britain, Switzerland, Sweden and Holland, who are being joined by colleagues from other European countries as well as from the United States, India and Brazil. Among the management representatives present at the opening session was Frits Philips, President of Philips Electrical Industries, together with the newly appointed Director of Personnel for his company, which employs 280,000 workers in 61 countries.

In the chair at the opening session was Jim Worthington, an Executive Member of the British National Union of Seamen, who said that he knew of no other conference where people from both sides of industry could settle problems in such an atmosphere. 'MRA deals with fear—the fear of the employee who faces redundancy and of the employer who does not know the way the workers are going to jump,' he said. 'We here have proved that solutions can be found to the most difficult industrial problems on the basis of what is right for all.'

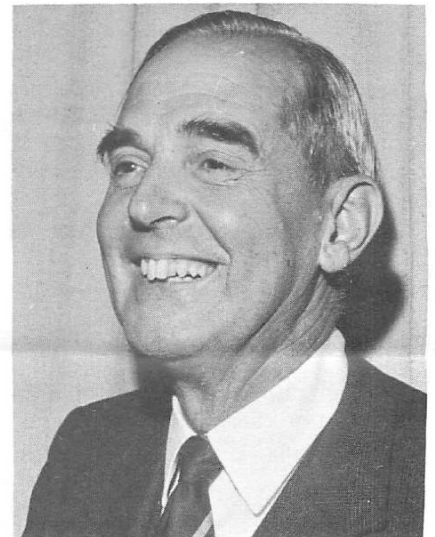
The President of Philips Electrical Industries, Frits Philips, said that if European management and labour pooled their imagination in tackling the needs of the world there would be less energy wasted in fighting each other.

'We must go to developing countries,' he said, 'not only with money and brains, but with our hearts. We must take on the pioneering work of

providing the kind of industry we are not ashamed of. That is something management and labour can fight for together.'

The Dutch industrialist said that his experience in prison camp during the war in Holland had taught him what sacrifices, hunger and exploitation the ordinary man had suffered through centuries. 'How difficult it is for us employers to win their confidence,' he said. 'The only way is to fight together for a world where exploitation does not exist any more.'

Through Moral Re-Armament he had found a new vision for industry. 'We have a role to fulfil which is much bigger than working just for one industry or one country. Industry could be a pattern of a society working together.'



Frits Philips

Turkish newspaperman Yalman appeals to fellow journalists

AHMED EMIN YALMAN, former editor of the Turkish Liberal daily *Vatan*, made an appeal this week to journalists 'to discover Moral Re-Armament'.

The distinguished 81-year-old editor, a recipient of the British Institute of Journalists' Gold Medal, with a 62 years record in journalism, was addressing the MRA World Assembly in Caux, Switzerland.

Journalists who did not discover the idea of MRA were losing a great deal, he said. 'They are also making their leaders lose a great deal.'

'MRA is asserting itself more and more as a force for the idealism which is losing ground to materialism. It is

becoming a main refuge for peace and order in face of the division and chaos in the world,' said Yalman.

Yalman's articles in the Turkish, Greek and Cypriot press had helped bridge the differences between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus before the Island's independence. *The Times* on 8 March 1960 wrote: 'Probably no Turk has achieved more respect among all communities during the recent years in Cyprus than Mr Yalman. His moderate and conciliatory writings on the Cyprus question and Greco-Turkish relations are considered to have helped create the atmosphere which made the Zurich settlement possible.'

Douglas Cook

Selfless Pioneer for a New Way in World Industry

DOUGLAS COOK, a pioneer over the last 28 years of a new industrial leadership in the world, died in London last week.

He fought that labour leaders and industrialists tackled human motives and mastered the world's economic, social and moral challenges. To this end he built a force of trade unionists in Europe, Asia, Australasia and South America.

Born in 1919 he was brought up in Perth, Scotland and studied at the University of Edinburgh. He met MRA in 1937. Since that time he gained a close acquaintance with the problems of industry and was a friend and colleague of trade union leaders throughout the world.

TO THE SERVICE for him last week in South London came men from the British and Brazilian docks, Midlands' industry and the Welsh mines.

Messages arrived from Rajmohan Gandhi and friends in India and Pakistan, from miners at Newtongrange Colliery, Midlothian, from 72 dockers in Brazil, and from friends in Uruguay, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, Switzerland and Britain.

The Brazilian dockers' message read, 'Douglas dedicated his life without counting the cost in the fight for the peace of the world community.'

One port manager commented, 'I liked his attitude to life'.

The coffin was borne by close friends of the Cook family. They were Duncan Corcoran and Blyth Ramsay, Greenock, Scotland; Nelson Marcelino de Carvalho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Francois Maunoir, Geneva, Switzerland; and David Peters, Sheffield, England.

The Rev Principal C S Duthie, D D, who conducted the service, said Douglas Cook had been 'a man instantly ready to respond to whatever call that might come to him from God.

'When I last saw him, over a fortnight ago, I marvelled at his spiritual resilience.'

The Rev Henry Cook, Douglas Cook's brother, who read the lessons, expressed his gratitude to those who looked after his brother in the last months of his life. He said their care 'merits the phrase "apostolic".'

Douglas Cook had a 'brave unconquered spirit'. Illustrating this he quoted a piece from Pierre de Chardin, which he had copied out for his brother at his request, 'Let it be an active



Wartime miner Douglas Cook (centre with helmet) at the pit head

sacrifice. Until the last sigh is drawn, we must keep ourselves alert for a task that is never finished.'

The following is taken from a tribute by A Lawson Wood, M A, one of those responsible for Moral Re-Armament:

Various of us knew Douglas in different capacities; as student first, as miner during the war at the coal-face, as minister of the Gospel, as expert in men and in industry, as hospital patient, but all of us knew him as friend, and for all of us the same qualities shone forth—faith, courage and unfailing humour, coupled with a remarkable selflessness.

One of the symbols of this selflessness to which many have referred in letters since his going is the tireless way in which Douglas would stand by people's side translating, to enable them to give their best, whether it be a Brazilian docker in Australia or an English-speaking friend in Argentina or Brazil.

Douglas first met MRA with his twin brother, Geoffrey. A friend recalls their coming together and deciding as other brothers have done be-

fore them to take up this battle to turn the world Godward. Geoffrey, his twin, gave his life in the war at El Alamein. Douglas served in the coalmines and survived to give his life for many, in many lands, until this, his fiftieth year.

The war years in the pits were his first introduction to industry. The men from the Newtongrange pit in Midlothian, where he worked, were among the many British miners to come to the Westminster Theatre in London at the end of the war to see an industrial play, *The Forgotten Factor*, at a time when Ernest Bevin, then Foreign Minister, was saying, 'Give me coal and I will give you a foreign policy.' This play was to set a pattern for industry that has made its mark world-wide.

Douglas brought or sent people to the Westminster to the very last, whether the nurses from the hospital or the neighbours down the road. Recently I met the Secretary of the Socialist Women of Switzerland in the Theatre, who was there because Douglas acted on a thought which came to him during his illness. It was this simple and immediate obedience of Douglas' which created the world



Douglas Cook leaves London for Australia in 1967 with Claudio Falcao, Rio de Janeiro dockerman and Jack Carroll, Bristol dockerman

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force of men in industry and especially in the docks who have pledged themselves to carry forward his work in the world as their most effective tribute to him.

So Douglas, though possessed of nothing, became a major benefactor of industry in various lands, in the millions that he saved them through the new effectiveness that came to the men he changed and trained over the years.

His well-known figure will be missed in Geneva, where he had a distinctive role at many of the world conferences.

To the end Douglas' spirit roved the earth. From everyone who came to see him he eagerly sought news of his friends in action, whether in the Argentine, Brazil and Uruguay or in India or Australia. One of his great

joys has been the coming of the dockers from Latin America to a transport conference planned to begin at Caux this very weekend. I am glad Nelson Marcellino is here to represent the many in Latin America and other continents who remember and honour Douglas with affection and gratitude. Nelson's stocky figure is familiar to so many around the world through the film *Men of Brazil*, which dramatizes the work that Douglas and others did in the Port of Rio.

Rajmohan Gandhi asked him and his wife, Betty, to come to Calcutta, one of the world's great ports and one of India's toughest cities, to help to tackle its many difficulties. It was there, during their four-month stay, that Douglas' illness became apparent. He suffered a great deal there and after his return, during the long wait in hospital before his illness was fully diagnosed. But none of us ever heard a word of complaint, either from him or from Betty or their daughter, Margaret. Yet just as he attacked what needed to be put right in the ports and industry of the world, so, in spite of his weakness, he battled for the nurses to keep up the standards of the hospitals he was in. I remember visiting him one day when he said, 'This hospital could be a demonstration of what the National Health Service should be.'

This was his attitude to everyone and everything. What was their place and part in creating the new society for which Douglas longed for all men everywhere? Then he set about changing the people in the situation he was in as the means of creating that new society now. Wherever he went he made it instantly and constantly his responsibility to do that.

Douglas spent his last day planning and thinking for one of the national figures in the trade unions. The thought he had for him was, 'There are few men who can give the four standards (of honesty, purity, unself-

ishness and love) to British Labour with clarity, and you are one of them. I am grateful for the days in Latin America and Calcutta when I set out to live the four standards. When you are like this (meaning near to death) you are grateful.'

For while Douglas' eyes were on the stars his feet were firmly on the ground. He was far-sighted enough to see that however fascinating and far-reaching man's discoveries in space, the men who went there must master the art of living together if the universe is to be more orderly than our planet. To this he set his hand. The most fitting tribute we can pay is to continue in the task.

Dame Flora Macleod on BBC Radio 4

DAME FLORA MACLEOD of Macleod, the 91 year-old Chief of the Clan Macleod, was interviewed on BBC Radio 4 on Saturday, 23 August.

The great time of my life, she said, was the last ten years, because having built up the gigantic family of the clan, I have also become a very keen worker in Moral Re-Armament.

'My Grandson,' she continued, 'is Patrick Wolrige Gordon, Conservative Member of Parliament for East Aberdeenshire.

'Patrick allied himself with Moral Re-Armament and I admire tremendously the stand he has made, because to many people Moral Re-Armament is almost a dirty word and I think the BBC is much to blame because I think they denied it the support they need.'

The interviewer said, 'Among the accusations I have heard flung at MRA is that it is a tool of the fascist idea.' Dame Flora replied, 'That is so foolish that it is very difficult to answer. Great numbers of Moral Re-Armament people were killed in the war. All I can say is it is a lie.'

She went on to say, 'Peter Howard died on a tour when he had been welcomed in Peru by the Government. He was laid in State and hundreds of people walked past him. Cables were coming in from all over the world. But all this was concealed from the British people.'

'I think it is a very great pity that the British people do not know more than they do because I think they could do so much to help.'

Dutch 'De Telegraaf' writes on Howard book

'DE TELEGRAAF', Holland's largest daily newspaper, headlined on 23 August its review of *Peter Howard: Life and Letters*, 'The Story of a Modern Crusader'.

'It is better that one man commits himself 100 per cent to God than that 99,000 people do so 99 per cent. That was the conviction of Peter Dunsmore

Howard, the great leader of Moral Re-Armament who succeeded the founder of MRA, Frank Buchman, after his death in 1961,' reads the opening sentence of the article.

The reviewer sees Howard as a man 'in whom gentle sincerity and unshakable conviction were brilliantly combined in a way that is rarely found'.