

What we could offer Asia without strings These four men believe in Britain's world role

FOUR INDIANS with a practical sense of what Britain with a new spirit could do in the world last Sunday went into action. It was the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem.

At 3.30 am a restaurant in Bristol began to close. Two regular customers asked the manager, 'Why so early?' Sushil Anand, the manager, said he was going to London to cook a special curry meal and he had to catch an early morning train.

In a generous mood the two restaurant guests said they would drive him to London which they did in a Jaguar. Sushil Anand arrived early in London to start his work. This was his second night without sleep.

Some time ago this man had sold his night club and paid up income tax he owed for the sake of building a new spirit in Britain.

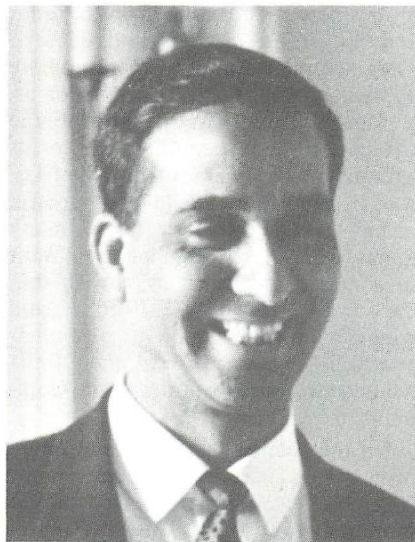
The curry meal he was cooking last Sunday was for 200 people which the host of the occasion said would help break down the barriers between the different groups in Britain. The meal took place in the Westminster Theatre Arts Centre and the host was Subbiah Kistasamy.

Kistasamy is an Indian from South Africa who is now teaching as a British citizen in a South London school. In Durban he had been through the violence of race riots and arrived in Britain knowing the bitterness and hate that millions feel.

One night he was visited by a local Greenwich man who invited him to see a play at the Westminster Theatre. Kistasamy and his wife, Indrani, came to see the play by Peter Howard called *Mr Brown Comes Down the Hill*.

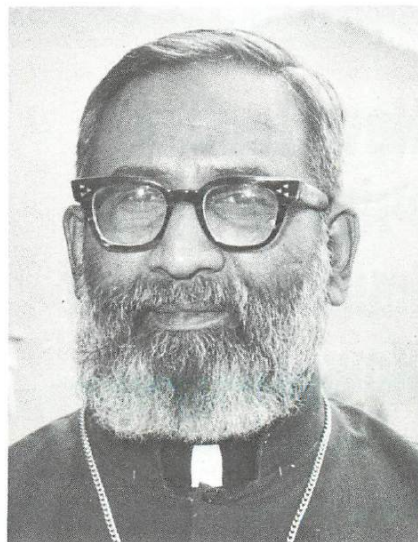
Shortly after this the Kistasamys laid aside bitterness and set about enlisting people of all races to build a world where people are free to live and operate without fear or discrimination.

In the last year they have entertained 400 people in their small Greenwich home in a permanent bid to affect the thinking and living of the communities of South London and be-



Sushil Anand

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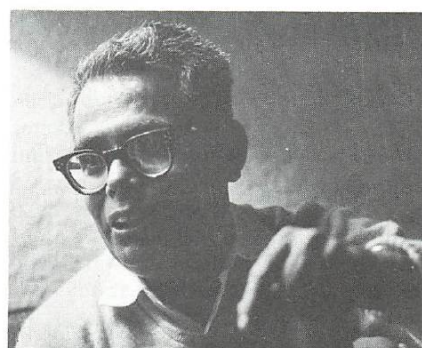
The Archbishop of Agra

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Subbiah Kistasamy

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Satya Banerji

photo Franzon

yond. With Greenwich and Lewisham friends they undertook to serve and host this lunch at the Westminster Theatre Arts Centre last Sunday.

As Sushil Anand was preparing the meal in the kitchen of the Arts Centre two other Indians, the Most Rev Dominic Athaide, Archbishop of Agra and Satya Banerji, General Secretary of the Light Railwayman's Staffs' Association, addressed 800 people at an MRA Assembly in the theatre and the foyer above. They called upon Britain to take up a new role exporting faith and character to the nations of Asia and Africa.

The Archbishop of Agra said, 'The

nations of Europe went out to Asia and Africa in the past to conquer and with them also went out missionaries to convert. So many of these nations had the Cross of Christ on their flags, and the cross or the crown of the monarch.

'But unfortunately to the people of Asia and Africa this Cross became, perhaps, more the sign of conquest than of love.

'This is why I am so happy that MRA is bringing to us the true meaning of the Cross. The whole world needs the Cross, the message of the Crucified, namely the message that

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Prime Minister Holyoake photo Lennon

New Zealand Prime Minister launches Peter Howard book

THE PRIME MINISTER of New Zealand, the Rt Hon Keith Holyoake, said that the book *Peter Howard: Life and Letters* 'will influence and convince many men.'

Speaking with him at the launching of Anne Wolrige Gordon's book in Wellington, New Zealand's capital, were Trevor Young, MP, representing the Leader of the Opposition and Sir Francis Kitts, Mayor of Wellington.

The Prime Minister said, 'Peter Howard was a young, vigorous and courageous man. His spirit soared aloft. Some men sit and wait and wail and grizzle about the misfortunes of the world.' Not so Peter Howard 'who set about to do something about it'.

Trevor Young MP said that he hoped the book 'will have an influence for good upon our national life'.

Sir Francis Kitts said, 'The fact that we have both sides of the House represented here tonight shows the message that Peter Howard has for the whole of humanity, a message that is common to all people regardless of race, colour or creed in all lands. This book does convey a message of importance to the world.' Turning to the Prime Minister he said, 'Your presence here sets the seal on the launching of this book.'

Shaun Cooney, representing the publishers, Hodder and Stoughton, said, 'I am very proud to be associated with a publishing house which is fortunate enough to get a manuscript such as this.'

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God is our Father, that all men are brothers, the message of love and union.

'I am so thankful to God and to you, the people of Europe and America, that through MRA you are bringing this message back to us. And this is the right thing for you to export to our country. We do not want proselytation, of course, but we Asians and Africans want to know the truth about the Gospel.

'MRA has sent out to India people in business, people in various trades and industries, teachers and doctors. They are most welcome there and we appreciate what they are doing for us. I wish the business people of the United Kingdom could offer to us without strings what other countries, who pretend to be friendly to us, offer—they pretend to offer us so many things without strings, but they want to conquer and crush us, I wish that the free nations of Europe and America could bring to us also their goodwill in business, and then India would not need to lean towards Communism.'

On the role of minorities the Archbishop said that he told his people, 'There is absolutely no reason why a majority group should fuss over us, if we are not ready to make our contribution to the nation. If we are no asset to the country, then why should anyone ever bother about us?' There are only 4,000 Catholics among 13 million people in the area of the Diocese of Agra.

He went on, 'When a minority group works sincerely with the majority group there can always be a tremendous friendship and we of the minority group can do so much for the world.

'We must never suffer from the minority complex, and this perhaps may be my message to those of the minority groups here in the UK. Instead of concentrating on themselves, what can they get, how they are treated, they must get out of themselves and do something for the others.'

Coming from Calcutta, city* of five million where a million live without shelter, Banerji made an impassioned call for industry to concern itself with the future of millions. He said as a trade union leader he was as responsible for industry as a whole as he was for labour. 'I am responsible for what happens in the industry where I work and the country where I live,' he said.

'Industry needs a new motive. We need to find ways and means to feed, clothe and shelter millions in desperate need, by bringing down the cost of

production so that the produce is within the easy reach of the ordinary man. We have to find jobs for millions of unemployed.'

Britain, with a spirit of Moral Re-Armament, had a great part to play in producing this new purpose in industry throughout the world, he said.

At 1 pm 200 people from the main racial groups now living in Britain, following the meeting, came into the Arts Centre Restaurant for the curry meal. White, black, brown and yellow, people from India, Pakistan, South Africa, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Kenya, Nigeria, Gabon and Uganda were among the nations represented at the lunch.

Banerji commented afterwards, 'I saw a multiracial society and a commonwealth of nations emerging before me.'

A Czechoslovakian said that Moral Re-Armament, after the recent events, could give Czechoslovakia hope. 'My country is ripe for these ideas,' he said.

More through the change in men than through the machinery of power Britain can yet fulfil the longheld hopes of millions for a new and fairer world.

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Bougainville:

From Batons to Arbitration

The multi-million-pound New Guinea copper-mining project now being developed by the Australian Conzinc Rio-Tinto has run into angry opposition from tribesmen of Bougainville.

About a hundred villagers at Rorovana, a tiny township on Bougainville, lined up in front of Conzinc bulldozers clearing land for the proposed port. Seventy armed police fired tear gas. When this failed to disperse the pickets they made a baton charge.

The Sunday Times 10 August.

Fears that RT-Z's Bougainville copper-mine would be delayed by a long-drawn out dispute over the question of land ownership on the island look to have been laid at rest.

The Times 11 September

What happened in the month between 10 August and 11 September that turned a potential international incident into a remarkable settlement?

CLEARLY many factors played a part both in Australia and on Bougainville island itself.

However in the Australian Federal Parliament the Opposition foreign affairs spokesman, Kim Beasley, paid special tribute to the part of Paul La-

pun they are letting Conzinc Rio-Tinto of Australia have use of the land whereas earlier many observers had predicted bloodshed.

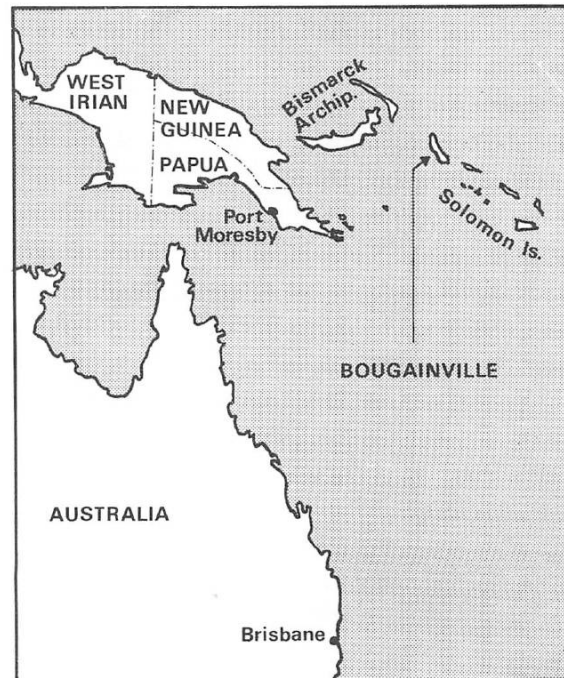
Last month Rorovana had captured world-wide attention when villagers withstood tear gas and police batons in an attempt to block the use of their land.

Instead of taking out a High Court injunction to stop the mining operation Paul Lapun had an across-the-table conference with Prime Minister John Gorton of Australia and Minister of External Territories Charles Barnes and Conzinc Rio-Tinto chairman Sir Maurice Mawby. This led to fresh negotiations with the landholders of the two villages, Rorovana Numbers One and Two. For the first time Conzinc were allowed to participate directly in the negotiations.

During the negotiations there was complete deadlock. The leaders of Rorovana Number Two, scene of last month's trouble, asked for a showing of the MRA film *Freedom* in their village. They invited leaders of Rorovana Number One to join them.

As there was no electricity in the area Conzinc Rio-Tinto provided a mobile generator which had to be ferried across the rivers and mangrove swamps which encircled the coastal village. The film was shown in the main venue of bamboo thatched houses.

Next day, speaking to the village people at the consultation, Lapun said, 'It is very much the same for us here as it is in that film. Our need is to change and work according to the will of God then peace will be found in this country instead of bloodshed.' He said both sides needed to apologise.



Paul Lapun

pun, Member for South Bougainville in the Papua-New Guinea House of Assembly, who came to Australia to speak directly with Australian leaders on behalf of his people.

On 10 September our Melbourne correspondent cabled the following report on the sequence of events leading to a settlement:

The Australian today announced on its front page that Rorovana villagers on Bougainville will be paid seven thousand dollars a year as rent for the 140 acres of their land which they are leasing in connection with massive copper development on the island.

In a statement broadcast over Bougainville radio Paul Lapun MRA said that Rorovana people 'will forget about the troubles we have had with the Administration' of Papua-New Guinea.

While the agreement has not been fully ratified by the landholders of

One hundred police, many armed with rifles, had been stationed near the land and tension in the area was high.

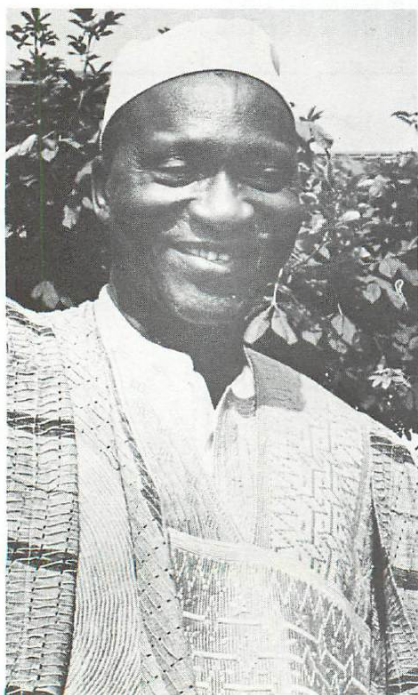
The new terms agreed to represent a major shift in policy on the side of the Australian Government and the Papua-New Guinea Administration in allowing the Bougainville island landholders to deal direct with the mining company instead of only the Administration, and on the side of the village people in moving from their earlier entrenched position of complete non-cooperation.

Paul Lapun in a statement to the radio said on the terms of the new agreement that the people who lease 140 acres of their land, now valued at \$1,000 per acre instead of \$150 as before, for 42 years, would receive a lump-sum of \$30,000 and an annual rent of \$7,000.

The rent will be reassessed every seven years and all buildings and other improvements on the land at the end of the lease will become the property of the village.

The village people asked for and were given a written undertaking by the Administration that no more Rorovana land would be taken for any purpose. Lapun's broadcast statement concluded.

Lagos ruler urges Nigerian leaders to come to Caux



The Oba of Lagos

photo Franzon

HIS HIGHNESS Adeyinka Oyekan II, the Oba of Lagos, has made an appeal for Nigerian leaders to come to the Moral Re-Armament centre in Caux, Switzerland.

His Highness, who is also President of the Lagos City Council and Chairman of the Oba's Council of Lagos State, was addressing this week the final session of the MRA World Assembly. The conference has been attended by 5,000 people from 78 countries.

'Our country,' he continued, 'has been brought into turmoil because people have been dishonest, self-centered and hate-filled. I too have been self-centered and that has made me inactive.'

He said it was not enough to seek a solution based only on economics and politics. 'A solution will only last if it is built on a faith in God.'

The Oba and his party, which includes his wife, Her Highness the Olori Dupe and two of his women

chiefs, Chief Dr Mrs E A Awoliyi and Chief Mrs T Ayo Manuwa, presented gifts to the Caux Foundation.

New spirit for Nigeria

As Assistant Superintendent of Police, Dickens Sanomi, officer in charge of the Federal Anti-Fraud Training School, Lagos, said, 'We ordinary people often blame the leaders, but at Caux I have seen that we also must share the responsibility for what has happened in our country. A new spirit for Nigeria is being awakened here in Caux.' He has been attending a course in responsible leadership here during the past three weeks.

Closing the session, Pierre Spoerri, member of the Caux Foundation, said, 'We have seen during this summer how some of the most stubborn problems have been solved.'

The doors of Caux would remain open, he continued, but at the same time forces of people would be going out to help in crisis points such as Northern Ireland, South Tyrol, the European universities and Asia.

'Our main task remains,' he concluded, 'to make the political and economic potential of Europe available to meet the needs of all continents.'

Bombay student cuts across corruption

Rashmi Kapadia, a chemical technology graduate from VJTI College, Bombay, since attending an MRA conference, has cut across wrong practices in university and business and has initiated a programme of social change. The following is a report from Dr Ian Robertson:

FIRST OF ALL he apologised to his professor for hating him. He felt he had given him a low mark through prejudice. He told his father he used to post guards at home as he picked his father's pockets.

After seeing the film *Happy Death-day* from the play by Peter Howard, he took further steps. He told his professor he had bribed the chief technician into forgetting all the term's broken glass-ware. 'It is not a big thing but most of the fellows do it. I thought if our college could be honest it would be an example for the politicians,' Kapadia said.

His father knows all the 'right' peo-

ple in the textile industry and had a plum job lined up for his son. Rashmi Kapadia's reply was, 'What about all those of my fellows who studied harder, are more intelligent and got better marks but have no influence? They are trying and trying and not getting jobs. Please do not use your influence. I want an honest job.'

As a Jain he told Chitrabhanu, his sadhu or priest, of his change and of the power of the film *Happy Death-day*.

Since becoming a priest, Chitrabhanu has not used any wheeled or animal transport. He has walked 25,000 miles the length and breadth of India. He speaks ten languages fluently and reads a great deal.

Although Chitrabhanu never normally sees films he found Peter Howard's film script such that he asked that the film be shown in his temple.

Rashmi Kapadia said to him, 'We

want you to invite industrialists and businessmen because if a businessman changes everyone will be amazed and will change too.' So the sadhu invited 20 selected senior citizens.

On the night arranged, as darkness fell, we left shoes and socks at the door and ascended four floors of spotless marble floors to Chitrabhanu's austere upper retreat. Chuckling and slapping his knee at all the telling lines the sadhu translated for his respected elder sadhu who is a famed Sanskrit scholar. At the conclusion Chitrabhanu said, 'Those lines show how all men must find faith. Now what do you want me to do?'

The next day, plans were laid for giving the challenge of *Happy Death-day's* message to leading businessmen, film stars, play-back artists and college professors and for inviting industrialists to participate in a forthcoming conference at Panchgani called, 'For those who care'.