



NEW WORLD NEWS

FOR MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

United States Attorney General William B Saxbe (centre) meets Adolf Scheu, MP, from Germany (left), and Dr Karl Mitterdorfer, MP, from Italy. The European parliamentarians were in Washington on the invitation of five US Congressmen. Scheu and Mitterdorfer are part of a committee of members of parliament from different European countries who have initiated a special Parliamentary Meeting at the MRA conference centre in Caux, Switzerland. They invited their American colleagues to the session, which will take place 10-18 August as part of this summer's conference.

Prime Minister of Laos welcomes 'Song of Asia'

PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA, Prime Minister of Laos, Leuam Insisienmay, Deputy Prime Minister, and members of the new coalition cabinet from both sides attended the première of *Song of Asia* in Vientiane on 10 April.

In his message to the cast the Prime Minister said, 'I have followed closely the activities of Moral Re-Armament in the world. The work that Rajmohan Gandhi as well as his associates and friends have been pursuing with patience and devotion in India has particularly aroused my attention, especially since the creation of the musical production *Song of Asia*.

'According to reports I received this musical production has been warmly welcomed in the southern, north-eastern and eastern states of India and just recently in New Delhi. It has helped to create favourable conditions for the solution of many difficult problems in industry as well as in universities and trade unions. Profound changes have been witnessed.

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The Prime Minister of Laos, Prince Souvanna Phouma, arrives for the première.

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Tianethone Chantharasy, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the new coalition government, welcomes Rajmohan Gandhi to Vientiane.

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Puppets on the Kurfürstendamm

the Berlin conference.

They began to accept new disciplines in their own lives. A medical student from Innsbruck, who brought a delegation of 14 from his university, said, 'We have agreed that we should make the experiment of having a quiet time every day for two weeks and to share our thoughts in groups of two or three and to share all together once a week.'

A Norwegian medical student said that he had criticized his parents and their generation for their chase after material 'things'. He needed to jump out of the chase for things himself. A German girl who worked as a governess in Italy apologised to the Roman delegation for her coldness and for not having learnt Italian while in their country because of class resentment against the family for whom she worked. 'I'll speak to you in Italian at the next conference', she said.

André Duchemin, a university student from Quebec, said, 'Personal change is only a start. If God changes us it is to change others. Our field of action is the world. MRA expresses the scientific pre-conditions for our survival on earth. The most effective anti-pollution purification plant is in our hearts.'

Ethiopian and South American representatives at the conference were interviewed by the Germany radio's overseas service, and six other radio broadcasts as well as the Berlin daily papers carried the news to millions.

Speaking on the last day of the conference was Senator Wehowsky, representing the Lord Mayor of Berlin. As Senator responsible for family, youth and sport, he welcomed the conference delegates. They offered 'a ray of hope', he said. 'The state institutions should support you more strongly in the future. Don't give up your efforts. This work is necessary for our future and our life together. Change in everyone is needed but each man must start with himself.'

THANK YOU for coming to Berlin. Your conference and your public action on the Kurfürstendamm is a great help in our situation. We in West Berlin regard ourselves as a bridge to East Germany. We are a sort of ecumenical experiment and an ecumenical battlefield. The people of East Berlin and East Germany, and particularly the youth, look to the Christians with keen expectation. They are disillusioned by established Marxism. They seek a meaning in life, for their work, for the suffering of people. Go and give courage to the East.

*Bishop Kurt Scharf,
Protestant Bishop of West Berlin*

I FEEL it is my duty to say a few words of gratitude about the initiator of MRA. Dr Buchman said at the time we had the Berlin Blockade, 'We must get rid of this dismantling of industries that is going on.' You can imagine what that meant to Berlin which retained only 23 per cent of its industrial capacity. It made it easier for us to rebuild when he said, 'Stop this pulling down of factories and taking them away. The German workers should have a chance to keep them and build on them.' Therefore he deserves the thanks of Berliners.

I remember a talk I had with him in '51. At the time I was a pessimist, especially with regard to the situation in Berlin. Frank Buchman had talked about the tasks that had to be faced in the third world. I expressed my fears about the size of the problems there. He said he knew that but we needed to have the hope that one day the nations would be able to take charge of their own fate.

*Ernst Scharnowski,
former President of the West Berlin TUC*

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I WAS ONE who followed the Red Flag. Although I grew up a Catholic I had turned my back on the church. Two years ago on the first of May I took part with 30,000 young workers and students in a communist demonstration. I must admit that I couldn't subscribe to everything but I saw no other possibility but Marxism.

In front of this demonstration stood a young man with a poster: Jesus gives new life. He was made fun of. But I respected him, and asked him what he did. He put me in touch with people of MRA.

I was invited to the student conference in Paris last year and was able to find out how to fight for a revolution of love, and to find selfless people. I have a sister in a nunnery whom I had always mocked. I began to realise that the way I had spoken about her without giving her a chance to defend herself was very unfair. I wrote her a letter.

Tools of rebirth

Many other things occurred to me and I spent the next week putting them right. For three years, for instance, I had been listening to radio and TV for nothing. So I had to pay back DM300. I apologised, too, to my father for all the things that I had reproached him for. I had always been afraid of him and through this conversation I found the freedom to do what I felt was right.

After each step it was as if a rucksack had been lifted off my back.

I think of those young people who, like I did, work with Marxism. They can only be changed as they are told how we became free.

I have learnt to go to confession and tell my priest everything. I also go to those people I have wronged to ask their forgiveness.

That's the point. The old nature must go. Absolute moral standards can be employed as tools of rebirth. Otherwise I would never have found the courage to show an MRA film to Marxist students. I have sold them *The Black and White Book* and I want to help them create the selfless people who will build a selfless society.

**Thomas Diebold,
Student at West Berlin's
Technical University**

An open door for everyone

by Sydney Cook
co-author of *The Black and White Book*

DIPLOMATS AND DROP-OUTS, drug addicts and the violent, have more in common than they realise. So do Communists and capitalists, teachers and taught.

There is something uniting housewives and students, dockers and bankers, Nixon and Mao, Brezhnev and Wilson, the IRA sniper and the Protestant 'ultra'—and everyone in the world today.

It is our failure as human beings to measure up to the technological brilliance of our age.

When we are honest, all of us, from whatever country we come, know that primitive instincts of fear and hate are governing our treatment of each other, and that in human relationships we are going backwards, not forward.

This is true in industry and in the home. In education and in sport. In politics and in international dealings. Between races, between language groups.

It is our common failure as members of the human race. It is so obvious and so tragic that it is forcing us to look for a common solution.

Rapid—and temporary—shifts in international alignments will not bring it. Nor will a few diplomats, scurrying obscurely from capital to capital, their briefcases full of instant remedies for age-old resentments.

What the world needs is a great uniting purpose, a uniting ideology—beyond power blocs, security pacts, Gross National Products or national, racial and continental self-interest.

Communism has shown that there are definite limits to its unifying possibilities.

Anti-Communism is no programme at all—only a sterile reaction.

A free-for-all democracy, without self-discipline and with no unselfish motive, is a breeding ground for anarchy.

Violence, like a hydrogen bomb, destroys and puts nothing in the place of what it destroys.

As so many securities in the world crumble, so many 'certainties' of yesterday vanish overnight, Moral Re-Armament is emerging as the firm framework of a new society, fulfilling the dreams of those who have known what they are against but not what they want to build.

The secret of MRA's growth is its unity under God, its world perspective,

its refusal to be narrowed down by any divisive forces. That is why it is at the same time the strength of a nation and the hope of the world.

It wants nothing for itself. It is like a new country, with an open door for everyone to walk in. Since God is in charge, there are no favourites—black, white, brown or yellow.

It can cure a man addicted to drugs or a nation addicted to power. Those who live it put people before profit, principle before political gain, and honest apology before pride and prestige.

Behind the bombs and hand-grenades of hate are the strident voices of 'my race first, my class first, my colour first'—or just 'me first'. Behind MRA's advance across the world is the still, small voice that speaks to every heart prepared to listen, healing hate, curing injustice, breaking down real and imaginary barriers.

It is the force of the future. It calls out the best in every man and woman, the best in every country and the best in every continent to build the kind of world God meant His sons and daughters to enjoy.

Its programme of change—starting with yourself instead of the other fellow and touching every aspect of society—is so far-reaching that it satisfies the most revolutionary Left and shakes the Right from their selfish ways.

'Moral Re-Armament', said a veteran Ruhr Communist, 'is the logical next step forward for every sincere Communist and every sincere non-Communist.'

A young Indian student who was caught up in the Naxalite movement of violence and killing, says, 'I used to read the thoughts of Chairman Mao every morning before breakfast. Now I take time every morning to listen to my inner voice. MRA is the real revolution.'

'If you in Europe imitate Christ, we in Asia will imitate you,' was Rajmohan Gandhi's challenge to our continent.

Moral Re-Armament, with the Cross of Christ a force and not just a symbol, with His absolute standards a guide to our conduct in personal, industrial and national affairs, can be the uniting purpose and the unifying factor for which a bewildered world is waiting.

Canadian decision

At the thirtieth annual meeting of Moral Re-Armament in Canada, held in Ottawa on Saturday, 20 April, the new Council of Management was unanimously elected for the ensuing year. A national conference is also planned for 18 to 20 May.

The Council Members are John Bocoock, farmer, Edmonton, Alberta; Fred Maskell, teacher, Ottawa; Dr Gustave Morf, author, psychiatrist, Montreal; Miss Simone Vuignier, dress-maker, Montreal; Andrew Webster, businessman, Montreal.

Mr Bocoock is Chairman of the new Council and Mr Webster Secretary-Treasurer. The fathers of both Mr Bocoock and Mr Webster previously served on the Council for several years.

The meeting adopted a statement of conviction and commitment to be sent to those working with Moral Re-Armament in Canada and to Moral Re-Armament bodies in other countries.

The statement reads: 'In this day when violence is accepted by many as the most effective way to bring change, when democratic governments are finding it increasingly difficult to govern, when the class war is being intensified by the Left and the Right, when people lack the dominant passion to hear the plan that God has for their nations and the conviction to follow it, we acknowledge as a guide, to our life and action, Frank Buchman's conviction that "until human nature is dealt with thoroughly and drastically on a national scale, nations must still follow their historic road to violence and destruction".

'We are against the hate, fear, greed, selfishness and the disregard for God's will that produce the unacceptable character of both communism and capitalism.

'We are not pro-left or pro-right. We are pro-change in both through a revolution in man himself. Our aim is to supersede an age centred on materialism with an age centred on moral rearmament.'

NEW PAMPHLET

Teenagers in Revolt by P V Abraham

P V Abraham is deputy director of a school with over 2000 pupils in East Africa. Many of them are poor and come from far away villages. This booklet records nine stories of changes that have effected the life of school and community.

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