

Chief David Crowchild of the Sarcee Indians opens the conference. With him are (I to r) his grandson, Ralph Crane; Dr Paul Campbell; and Richard Ruffin from Virginia.

Canada and the USA partners in a world task

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IN BANFF, where the Bow River cuts eastward from the glaciers of the Canadian Rockies to the plains below, Chief David Crowchild opened a Moral Re-Armament Conference for North America earlier this month. Chief Crowchild, a respected elder of the Albertan Indians, was one of four Chiefs of the Sarcee and Stoney tribes who welcomed travellers to the conference from as far as New Zealand and

.theast Asia, as well as countries of Europe and Africa.

380 people from 18 countries attended the sessions on the theme 'Canada and the United States – partners in a world task'. Frederick Kidd, member of the Alberta Legislative Assembly representing Banff-Cochrane, brought greetings to them from the Provincial Government and Premier.

'When I met Moral Re-Armament,' said Chief Crowchild, 'I started to listen to God. I think a lot about the other countries of the world and I pray for them. This is the only way-to be honest and unselfish, to have purity and love.'

The Chief recalled the occasion in Banff in 1934 when Dr Frank Buchman, the initiator of MRA, was made a blood brother of the Stoney Indians by the late Chief Walking Buffalo.

Chief Walking Buffalo's son, Chief Bill McLean, said, 'I have taken the responsibility of my father. I used to be very superior to other people. I had bitter feelings towards the white people. We need now to stand together and fight for what is right.'

Chief John Snow, also of the Stoney Tribe, said: 'We must once again listen to the voice of the Great Spirit. Sometimes he speaks through the wind or the laughing water or the song of a bird. The Great Spirit put us on this continent for a purpose. I would remind you of the beautiful forest: the trees varysome are tall, some crooked, some small. They vary in colour, they are black, brown, white or yellow. Together they make a beautiful forest. The secret is that they follow the plan of the Creator. We from various nationalities, races, and colours could work together to build a better tomorrow, where there is life and brotherhood and peace.'

Chief Gordon Crowchild, Chief of the Sarcee Indians and son of Chief David Crowchild, said, 'The first time I went to a conference like this was in 1958 when I was a wild young whippersnapper. I had a lot of ideas, but I didn't have the right ideas. Moral Re-Armament is the idea of listening to your deepest thoughts. We have a challenge in our life – it is just "yes" or "no". This is what I find in my job as Chief. It has helped me a lot.'

World looks to North America

Speaking to an audience that included 60 people from 12 states of the USA a senior South East Asian diplomat said, 'If the dignity and confidence of the United States is restored quickly, together with the moral leadership that the

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The following report appeared in Neue Zürcher Zeitung on 9 June:

Conference for a peaceful solution in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, JUNE 8-About 800 blacks and whites took part in the opening session of a conference in Salisbury organised by Moral Re-Armament for a peaceful solution in Rhodesia. While otherwise the rather pessimistic prognostics concerning the future of the country prevail at the present moment, the spokesmen at this gathering stressed the *possibilities of an agreement* between the different groups of the population.

Several cabinet ministers, among them the Deputy Prime Minister John Wrathall, listened to a statement by one of the leading men of the African National Council (ANC), the Vice-President Dr Elliott Gabellah. On this occasion Alec Smith, the son of the Prime Minister, Ian Smith, also spoke.

Alec Smith declared that his country is looking for a solution through which the problems of race and injustice can be overcome. Gabellah expressed his fear that a bloodbath would occur if the Rhodesians did not bring God into their attempt to find an answer. The Mayor of Salisbury, Tony Tanser, emphasized in his address, how happy he was that this gathering was so cosmopolitan.

An interesting intervention at the conference came from Chief Mangope, the black Chief Minister of the South African Homeland Bophuthatswana. He praised the attempt to bring about détente between Prime Minister Vorster and the Presidents of Zambia, Tanzania and Botswana. Mangope also declared that there was a change in attitude among the South African whites and

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Mrs Waka Tipoki (right) wife of a Maori elder from New Zealand, with Mrs John Snow, wife of the Stoney chief. Mrs Tipoki, who attended the conference with the blessing of the Catholic Archbishop and the Maori Bishop of New Zealand, had raised her fare to Canada by selling her car and cattle. *Photos: Weeks*

CANADA & USA continued from page 1 USA will give to the world, we will have a safer world for generations to come. The strong and firm voice of the USA is still respected.'

A S Bhathena, an industrialist from India, appealed for a new type of aid from North America: 'Your problems seem so small compared with ours. Yours are those of affluence; our problems are those of dire poverty. We need a lot of good will, but what we need most in our country are good men from your continent.' He appreciated the material aid sent to India, but emphasized much more the need for men trained in Moral Re-Armament to come to his country.

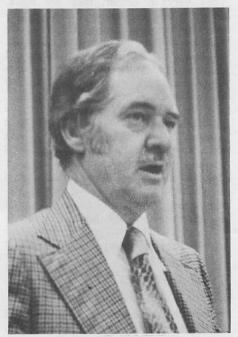
Professor A Hazeghi, a former member of parliament from Iran, appealed to the USA 'not to be a spectator, neutral and indifferent'. 'Can Canada and the United States,' he asked, 'put aside their differences and demonstrate a unity of mind and heart that will become a factor for peace in the world? Millions in Asia look to these two countries.'

Alain Tate, from France, who left Saigon just before the Communist takeover, said, 'Unless we wake up in Europe what has happened in Vietnam could happen to us in the next 10 years. But how do we wake people up in western Europe without creating panic? For if you create panic people will commit themselves to a way which is ineffective, to anti-Communism which is a struggle to protect the status quo and to defend a system which has brought inequality to the whole earth. What we need to do is to see how to enlist people in a battle to eliminate injustice, poverty, dictatorship and war across the whole earth and to make God's will the dominant factor in the life of people and countries.'

North Americans speak

Steve Dickinson, from Nebraska, who was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, said, 'Abraham Lincoln talked a hundred years ago about America – that she could not continue half-slave and half-free. We are in a situation now where the world cannot continue halfslave and half-free. The world cannot continue half-rich and half-poor. I believe it is within our decisions here – each of us individually – before God – to help to make the wealth of the world and the work and the responsibility of the world available to everyone and for the exploitation of none.'

Mr and Mrs Harry Almond from New Jersey were joined on the platform by their daughter and son-in-law, who represented the third generation committed to MRA. Mrs Almond said: '41 years ago my father was present in Banff when Dr Buchman was made a blood



Frederick Kidd, who represents Banff-Cochrane in the Alberta Legislature. An international group from the conference were welcomed to the Legislature by the Speaker. They spent an hour with the Minister for Indian Affairs and also met the Leader of the Opposition.

brother of the Stoneys. I appreciate that heritage because it gave us a head start and we decided to make God the third partner in our marriage from the beginning.'

Harry Almond asked: "When will America learn the lesson of ideology? Ideology is the critical, decisive factor, and it begins in the homes of ordinary people. Bust up at the breakfast table ends in bust up at the office table. To make family life work you need to have a commitment beyond the family. Without that commitment you can't make family life work – with it you *always* can. The only inexhaustible resource is character. The only heritage we can give our children is that reference point beyond ourselves of absolute moral standards."

A delegation of 26 – French and English speaking – travelled across Canada from Quebec.

Jean DesGroseillers, a full-time official of the sheet metal workers union in Montreal, said that despite increwages in the labour movement in Quebec there were still great gaps between the classes that had to be bridged. 'We have different levels of social classes. I, for one, have participated with MRA so that there could be contact between people to take away some of the prejudices that exist.'

Farmers destiny

John Bocock, co-manager of a 1500acre prize-winning farm in Alberta, and Chairman of Unifarm (the farmers' union) of his district, chaired a plenary session on the theme, 'Feeding the world with bread and ideas'.

At a time when Canadian prairie farmers are reported to be losing millions of dollars because of strikes in the grainhandling unions of the west coast ports, Bocock told of action he had taken to build trust between the farmers and Vancouver grain-handlers. He had a senior official of the grain-handlers. 'My one thought,' said Bocock, 'was to invite that man to come and spend a weekend at our farm and meet some of the men at the delegate level for the wheat pools (farmers' co-operatives)." The official had said afterwards that that weekend had transformed his attitude towards the farmers.

76-year-old William Wake from Saskatchewan, who had spent more than 60 years farming in the prairies, declared that the farmers 'are meant to be the backbone of the country'. He said, 'I started farming with the idea of making a fortune-a very foolish thing for a farmer to do. When I met this group of Moral Re-Armament, I was challenged about my motives. I gave lip service to the idea of being a farmer to feed the world, but my main aim was to make as much as I could from every bushel I grew, from every pound of meat that I sold. When I listened to God, He told me very simply what a farmer's true destiny was. His destiny was to care for the soil so that it could produce abundance for this generation and for the generations to follow. That meant farming quite differently to the way I had been farming. It meant restoring the fibre and the fertility to the soil that I had robbed it of in my greedy search for a fortune.

'God told me that my real destiny in life was to fight for the spirit in every country which would enable the food to go through the greed-plugged channels



Mrs Jacqueline Pellerin (left), a community leader from Trois Rivieres, Quebec, speaks with Miss Simone Vuignier, a Montreal dressmaker.

from my farm to the hungry mouths that needed it.'

Two farm managers from Britain joined their Canadian colleagues at the conference. Edward Evans from Hereford said that agriculture was Britain's biggest industry in terms of output and for the last 10 years had had a growth rate of twice as much as the rest of industry in Britain. He had been at a Moral Re-Armament meeting when somebody had asked how many present "It that their job was really a part of

.eir revolutionary action. 'I was supporting MRA,' said Evans, 'but I wasn't using my job to remake the world. God said to me then: "You've got to start doing that". Then I had to realize what farmers were for, namely to see that the world's food needs were met.' As a result of this, he and three other farmers had travelled to Africa to see what they as European farmers could do in Europe that was relevant to Africa's needs.

John Sainsbury, who has spent 30 years in farming, told how God's guidance in the practical jobs in the farm 'are essential to creating the right atmosphere'. 'We were planning a new dairy project on the farm that I had been managing. It was an improvement in efficiency and we were able, if we had wished, to cut down on our staff. But because everybody on the place was settled we decided that we should keep everybody on. Within three months, although we had not known it at the time, we had the opportunity to take on fresh land. It meant that we needed everybody. The decision made on the basis of caring for people had turned out to be wise.

'We need unselfishly to help others to have the dignity of standing on their own feet. Aid is one thing, but that extra care that goes beyond that is what is really needed.'

The last session was enriched by a blaze of colour as Chief John Snow, his wife and family walked to the platform to make presentations on behalf of the Stoney Indians. 'Now we must work together with the Great Spirit as our guide to renew our close working with Moral Re-Armament,' said the chief. 'As Chief of the Stoney tribe I want to re-establish the link that was made with Dr Frank Buchman in 1934.'

In a ceremony to mark this decision Chief John Snow presented Dr Paul Campbell, from Edmonton, Alberta, one of Dr Buchman's close associates, with a pipe of peace and gave him the name 'White Cloud'.

Dr Campbell told the conference that North America needed to become 'a listening people': 'A people who listen the way our Indian colleagues spoke: listen to the Great Spirit in the home, in the executive meeting, in the trade union council and in the city council, in the Provincial Government and the Federal Cabinet. On that basis we will have the birth of a new type of civilization, that will replace the materialism which is destroying our society and children. Can God's plan for the contribution of this continent to the rest of the world be anything less than that?'

Camera on Calgary

'THERE ARE more problems in agriculture created by rocky relationships between people than by rocky soil,' said Albertan farmer John Bocock on Calgary Community Television.

Bocock, who with his father and brothers manages their 1500 - acre farm, told how he and his brothers had got together after he had apologised to his brothers for his self-righteousness. Now they produce a ton of milk a day on the farm.

With him on the programme was Chief David Crowchild of the Sarcee Indians, He had travelled on a Moral Re-Armament world journey with the late Chief Walking Buffalo of the Stoney Indians. From the time he had first met MRA, said Chief Crowchild, he had decided that alcohol and tobacco were not for him.

They were being interviewed by Rabbi Lewis Ginsburg on his popular 'Camera on Calgary' programme. 'A revolution of the heart' was the way Rabbi Ginsburg described MRA as he introduced the programme.

FROM GENEVA TO CAUX

A COACH-LOAD of fifty delegates to the current International Labour Organisation conference in Geneva went to the MRA conference centre in Caux at the invitation of a group of European industrialists and trade unionists. They included representatives of Sudan, Camerouns, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, India, Malaysia, Chile, Sweden, Germany and Jugoslavia.

Issues on the table of the conference like admission of the PLO had created a lot of heat over the previous week. Welcoming the group Rudolph Huber, industrialist and Swiss employers' delegate to the ILO, said, 'In Geneva we try together – management, labour and government – to improve conditions of work for the whole world but tensions and hatred hinder the progress that we should make. In Caux we can find the forgotten factor which will lead to understanding between people and bring peace.'

Swiss Railway Workers' Union National Secretary, Otto Cadegg, added that what brought him and men of management together was their wish to find solutions to industrial problems that satisfied both sides. 'So even though our tasks are different the motives can be the same,' he said.

In the evening a performance of Song of Asia was given for the delegates and for many from the local region. Frederik Philips, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Philips Industries, spoke to the audience and the cast at the end of the show: 'We of Europe have been thinking for centuries that we knew best for the world and it is time that we realised that we have a lot to learn from others. What you have given us with your show is making real in our hearts that the big thing we Europeans may give to the world is a warm heart.'

An Angolan leader, speaking after the performance of the relevance of what he had seen, said, 'My people as you know are in a struggle and with this moral help our country can come to its full sovereignty in November this year. With what we have gone through we are convinced that through love and the spirit of brotherhood we can come to a new world where there will be dignity and justice for all. It is in this spirit that I join in the battle for MRA.

Neville Cooper, a Director of Standard Telephones Britain, called for a new industrial leadership that 'should take seriously our task not only to produce wealth but to help produce a new society'. He announced to the delegates that holding of a conference from 13 August to 7 September in Caux where men of industry could meet and consider this and other questions such as 'Must oil be a source of conflict or can it be a means of building constructive relationships?'

AFRICA: the answer continent



Sir Cyril Hatty, a former Finance Minister, speaks at the opening session. In the front row (I to r) are the Bishop of Mashonaland; Pierre Spoerri, Switzerland; Ds George Daneel, South Africa; Alec Smith; the Mayor of Salisbury; Dr Elliott Gabellah; Mrs Kachidza, wife of Treasurer, ANC; and Joseph Masuku, Sweziland.

Rhodesia in a new dimension

from our correspondent

'I HAVE WORKED ON the North East border, where guerrilla war rages,' a black Methodist minister told the MRA International Assembly in Salisbury. 'I have seen black men dead and white men dead. I have longed to find another way. Here I have seen it. MRA has come at the eleventh hour. I see there was enmity in my heart. But today I went to a white neighbour, and for the first time I talked with a white person about the things that matter most in life.'

This minister invited 34 of the delegates to speak to 600 people at his church, in an area where 11 people died in riots a week earlier. Leading the group was Fred Small, American negro official of the East Coast dockers.

From twenty countries people came to the Assembly - over 100 of them from South Africa. Among them were six from the militant black University of the North. 'We in the democracies must cease being apologetic and take up the offensive,' said the Professor of African languages, Prof M E R Mathivha. 'We need to have the power and the freedom from bitterness in ourselves to invade the enemy's strongholds. Let us not be afraid to be angry. We need a new picture. Black alone on a page means nothing. White alone means nothing. We must have black and white together. We will fail God if we cannot provide this.'

Speaking of the university, he said, 'We don't have students who sit there and accept. They are on the attack.'

'I tell my friends every day about MRA,' said one student of the university, Doris Ntsanwisi, eldest daughter of the Chief Minister of Gazankulu Homeland. 'MRA keeps the stream of history flowing in a God-guided direction,' said Billy Marivate, a postgraduate student who brought four others to the Assembly.

In Angola hundreds have died in interfaction fighting. In Mozambique, Samora Machel, leader of Frelimo, has proclaimed his determination to create a radically different society when he takes over the government. South West Africa is being debated heatedly at the United Nations. And in Rhodesia there have been bombings and shootings in several of the African townships. At the opening meeting of the conference, when Salisbury's largest auditorium was packed to capacity. Dr Elliott Gabellah, Vice-President of the African National Council, warned that conflict here could be a starting point for a world crisis even a third world war.

'We have planned all sorts of strategies,' said Dr Gabellah in another session. 'They have failed. There is only one we have not tried – God's strategy. I have learnt the science of listening to God. He does not speak in theories. It is "do this, don't do that". I put a challenge to Rhodesians. We have got to come down and be practical men. Let

us start now and we will provide an answer for Rhodesia, for this subcontinent and for the world.'

Alec Smith, one of the organisers of the Assembly, was interviewed for the South African Broadcasting Corpora-'Over 1,000 Rhodesians have tion: attended the Assembly,' he said. 'These have included cabinet ministers and others from the Government, from all the political parties, and from the African National Council. There have been leaders of business and the trades unions. All of them have had the chance to rethink their approach to the problems our nation faces. In this assembly, we have dealt with the change in men which is necessary before political change will work."

Delegate on TV

The Rhodesia Herald, Salisbury's daily newspaper, carried ten articles on the conference. 'PM's son apologizes for hating South Africans' was its fro page headline, reporting Alec Smith's apology to the 100 South Africans for having hated them 'more than anybody in his life'. 'Chief frank on why politicians are not frank' was its headline for an interview with Chief Lucas Mangope, Chief Minister of Bophutatswana Homeland, South Africa. Twelve delegates to the conference were interviewed for 45 minutes on Rhodesia Television at a peak viewing time.

The sessions of the conference dealt with the burning topics of Southern Africa, but looked at these topics in a new dimension. From the session on 'Food and Famine', conducted by farmers from Kenya, South Africa, New Zealand, and Rhodesia, it was clear that to accept Rhodesia's natural role as a granary for Africa can lift the country above the arid political discussion into a fruitful purpose.

There is now in Rhodesia a uni force, black and white, for the right kind of change – with a determination to solve the difficulties through the fight for what is morally right, where each man starts with his own life, and accepts the authority of God and His plan for the nation. Or as Sir Cyril Hatty, a former Minister of Finance and one of the organisers of the Assembly, expressed it, 'to bring about a change in motivation, to get the new society we want in Rhodesia, and to overflow our borders.'

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that this was giving hope that decisive changes could happen. He added that the younger generation of black South Africans were getting impatient and were demanding an *acceleration* of this change.

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