

When Prime Ministers peeled potatoes

AFTER she had watched the performance of a play (the "Forgotten Factor") in Cape Town, one well-known member of the audience was so impressed that she decided to visit Caux in Switzerland.

She is Mrs. Edith Benson, M.P., whose name is a household word in Durban and whose untiring work for a number of causes has changed the lives of many people for the better.

Now she is overseas and writes from London: "... the play to which I was invited, in Cape Town, among other members of Parliament, was about a strike between Labour men and their bosses—and showed me a way out of the difficulty by both leaders getting together in a spirit of co-operation.

"Later, when the company performing the play, was invited to tea in the House, the Speaker—impressed by what speakers of

the Moral Rearmament Group said, commented to me: 'If we could have that spirit of co-operation here, what a difference it would make. I would like to go to Caux to see for myself.'

"I replied, 'So would I.' So here I am in London, having been to Caux. There were 1,200 people present, 3,000 had already been, and 57 nations had sent delegates. Over 1,000 people were waiting to come.

500 rooms, no paid labour

"The beautiful 'Mountain House'—given by the Swiss people for a centre for 'Moral Rearmament,' stands high on a hill overlooking Lake Geneva. There are about 500 rooms there; yet, with 1,200 people to cook for and do all the necessary work, there was not one paid person. It was all done by members of the M.R.A. group.

"I never heard a cross word nor saw an angry face. I saw Prime Ministers washing dishes, preparing vegetables and with laughter—not complaints.

The place was beautifully kept,

the food cooked and served was far superior to that in many hotels I have visited. Even a hospital ward was provided in Mountain House, and doctors and nurses all give their services free.

"... I feel deeply that if there is one country in the world that needs to try and foster this spirit of co-operation and goodwill between all sections of the people, it is our beloved South Africa."