

## WORLD ASSEMBLY FOR MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

1,200 people from 32 countries, including representatives of thirteen parliaments, attended a World Assembly for "the Moral Re-Armament of the nations," which concluded in Mackinac Island, Michigan, on June 13. Ten special planes from abroad and from within the United States brought many of the delegates.

At the closing session, Herr Otto Sperling, a Berlin editor, said that the world behind the Iron Curtain was not so strong as it looked. "Their real strength," he said, "is the weakness of the Western democracies."

Sperling, who edits 'Das Frei Wort,' declared the news of the Mackinac Assembly is already crossing the Iron Curtain. "Moral Re-Armament will be a headache to the Kremlin," he said. He thanked the United States for not leaving the people of Berlin helpless in the worst days of the blockade. Then he called on the delegates to launch an ideological offensive against the East Berlin rally of two million youth planned for next August. "These days," he said, may be the last days of a dying civilisation, or the first days of a new one."

Among the national leaders from many countries who cabled

support to the Assembly were the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Godfrey Huggins, and the Hon. J. F. T. Naude, South African Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, who stated that Moral Re-Armament is "ensuring the aims of the democracies."