

## Moral Re-Armament

A Group of leading Africans in Johannesburg joined on June 4 in paying tribute to Dr. Frank Buchman on the occasion of his 75th birthday and the 15th anniversary of his launching the programme of Moral Re-Armament.

Their message stated, "We congratulate you on your 75th birthday. We have keenly followed your struggle to bring about the new world here in Africa where God has placed people to work together like the fingers of a hand. We need God-inspired leadership and we will not rest until your message reaches the hearts of the yearning African millions."

It was signed by Dr. F. W. Nkomo, a founder of the African National Congress Youth League; Dr. J. M. Nhlapo, Editor, 'Bantu World'; Mr. R. V. Selope Thema, former Editor, 'Bantu World'; Rev. O. S. D. Mooki, President, South African Advisory Boards Congress; Rev. L. H. Mahabane, President, South African Unity Movement; Mr. J. M. Mohlala, Chairman of Advisory Board, Kwa Themba, Township, Springs.

In a world broadcast Dr. Buchman stated, "In my lifetime I have seen two history-making discoveries. The discovery of the *atom* as a source of untold energy and its mobilisation. That has given us the atomic age. The other discovery is of *man* as a source of untold energy and his mobilisation. That has given us the ideological age. It is the key to events around us.

"While statesmen plan for armies and conferences," continued Dr. Buchman, "the disruptive forces win the ordinary man. While cabinets call for more production there are 'slow-downs' in industry. While everyone calls for unity between nations disunity grows within nations. What is the answer? The statesmanship which can set the ordinary man on the march with a vision, comradeship and plan to remake the world.

"Absolute moral standards are the well-spring of inspired statesmanship. We talk of peace and unity, but forget that man who harbours ill-will can solve the hates of nations. We criticise the stubbornness of others, but ignore the self-will which our children are so familiar with in ourselves. We talk of Divine guidance but forget that it is the pure in heart who see God. It is not those who talk but those who listen who receive guidance. The key to new statesmanship is new statesmen.