

# A WORLD FORCE — A WORLD IDEA

## A MESSAGE FROM Dr. BUCHMAN

MRA is a race with time to remake men and nations. It is the ordinary man's opportunity to remake the world.

It is God's property—the new thinking the new leadership that everyone wants. It means God in control personally and nationally. It means the knowledge and exact information that God's guidance brings. It is God's gift to bring an insane world to sanity.

MRA means honesty, purity, unselfishness and love—absolutely, personally and nationally. MRA means power to change people—our enemies as well as our friends—the other fellow and the other nation.

MRA is good for everyone, but necessary for us. It will help other nations, but most of all our own and ourselves. It will re-arm people and nations against selfish and divisive points of view.

The aim of MRA is two-fold: first to restore God to leadership as the directing force in the life of nations; and then to work for the strengthening of morale within a country and so build a healthful national life. MRA must go to every heart and home throughout the world.

Men are hungry for bread, for peace, and for the hope of a new world order.

Before a God-led unity every last problem will be solved. Hands will be filled with work, stomachs with food, and empty hearts with an ideology that really satisfies. That is what Moral Re-Armament is out for. It gives faith to the faithless, but also helps men of faith to live so compellingly that cities and nations change.

A nation where everyone cares enough and everyone shares enough so that everyone has enough will pattern a new social and economic order for this and all future generations.

A nation at peace within itself will bring peace to the world.

A nation which makes 'What is Right' regnant in personal, industrial, political and national life will pioneer the next historic step of progress and destiny for all mankind.

The world is anxiously waiting to see what God can do in, by, for and through one nation wholly given to Him.

## MORAL RE-ARMAMENT UNITES FRANCE AND GERMANY

ONE of the great tragedies of the 20th century undoubtedly was the division between France and Germany. In 75 years, three wars. The last war, in its horror, went beyond all one can imagine. On both sides of the Rhine fear, pride, and the spirit of revenge dominated the heart of each individual. Europe was divided. One conference followed another, without ever bringing an answer to problems born out of the selfishness of each.

I am Socialist, deeply internationalist, and all my life I have fought for the interests of women and children, for the workers, for social justice and peace. Thirty years of daily sacrifices have not found the true solution to the ills of peoples. I was in despair.

By MADAME IRENE LAURE

Recently, the German Embassy in Delhi, acting on instructions from the President of Western Germany, awarded Frank Buchman the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit,

Madame Irene Laure was former head of the Socialist Women of France and Member of Parliament for Marseilles.

which is the highest award the German Government can give to anybody who is not an ambassador.

Honour, because they felt that Moral Re-Armament had done more to build unity between France and Germany since the war ended than any other force.

Frank Buchman, in thanking the representative of the German Government, said he knew that the honour was not for him alone, but for all those who had played their part in bringing an answer to a nation.

I have travelled in fifteen countries with this world force. As a Socialist, I am revolutionary, and I can say that this is the greatest revolution of all time, because it starts with oneself, one's family, one's own nation, and goes right throughout the world.

As a mother, and grandmother, I ask all women and men to shake off apathy, to face



The world training centre for Moral Re-Armament at Caux in Switzerland. Since the war 60,000 people from 118 nations have come there for training in "inspired democracy."

## CAUX — HOME OF THE NATIONS

Pattern For A New World

IT has been suggested that I attempt, as an international journalist, to assay the potentialities of Moral Re-Armament in the building of a new world.

That is indeed a formidable assignment, involving as it does the passing of judgement on one of the great ideological developments of history.

True, for more than forty years I've spent much time studying global affairs, frequently from the viewpoint of a traveller, and have been through wars and revolution.

One of my definite impressions is that Moral Re-Armament is the greatest influence of our time for good and for the solution of the causes behind much of the headline news that crowds press services. I feel this so strongly that while attending the annual World Assembly at Caux, Switzerland, last October, I took the platform to

concede anything I have seen around the world. That, combined with the warmth of welcome from old friends and new, should have readied me for something unusual.

But I was not prepared for what hit me at my first meeting. There was a chorus who sang with radiant faces. There were brief talks from a number of delegates. I can't even remember who spoke or what they said, though I recall the speakers came from a great variety of background and told their stories with impressive reality and sincerity. The net impact

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In 1922 he became Chief of the A.P. Bureau in London. Thereafter he was appointed Chief of the Foreign Service and finally foreign affairs daily columnist.

when compared with the cost of a single bomber. This is met by contributions from people who believe that MRA can in truth build a new world, and by a great amount of work performed voluntarily by those who have cast their lot with MRA. Many of them give their full time to the cause.

### BUILT ON SACRIFICE

Take, for example the position of Caux. The assemblies are held at the Mountain

## BRITISH DOCKERS FIND ALTERNATIVE TO CLASS WAR

By TOM KEEP

TOM KEEP was a Communist for 22 years. Formerly president of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union, he has been one of the principle strike leaders in the London docks since the war. In 1949 such a strike was effective in tying up 91 ships for five weeks, at a loss to Britain of £217,000,000.

In the spring of 1951, an attempt to tie up all the docks in Britain failed because he and many others, former protagonists of class war, were applying the superior idea of Moral Re-Armament. This positive force is spreading the answer successfully to all the ports of the world.

Within one hour's notice, I became one of the millions of unemployed and one of Britain's unwanted young men. I had to leave my home and live in conditions which resulted in my wife contracting tuberculosis and my child dying from malnutrition. Is it any wonder that I became bitter and frustrated? It was this frustration that lit within me a flame and a passion that could not be quenched.

That was 24 years ago. I turned to Communism, and for 22 years I fought for the ideals of Marx. Communism afforded me the opportunity to organise against those who I felt, had brought poverty and distress to my class through war, unemployment and exploitation, and not only permitted but encouraged a system of scarcity amidst plenty.

I learnt and afterwards taught the doctrine of Marx and Engels with all of its class hatred and bitterness and with the full knowledge that hatred and bitterness can only lead to war.

I was prepared, so deep was my hatred, to stop at nothing, including bloodshed, in order to crush ruthlessly the materialism of the right and replace it with the materialism of the left.

How far did I succeed? I became Party Secretary and later a member of the S.E. London Area Committee. We built the party membership in Greenwich from 25 to 700 in 15 months. I received the Tom Mann Award—the Party's highest for recruitment of new members.

In 1944, I was instructed to concentrate my activity on the docks where I worked. I was immediately elected a shop steward

chairman of the Executive of the Dockers' Section of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers' Union. Within two years I became President of the whole union. During these years, I organised Communist control of the wharves on the Thames. We won control of every major coal-discharging wharf on the river, and kept tonnage discharge to a fixed level so that only a bare supply reached the power stations and factories. By this means we three times forced the hand of the employers and gained an increase in wages. Through our control of the coal supply the entire industry of London, Kent and Essex was in our hands.

### SUPERIOR TO COMMUNISM

Obviously, to change a Communist like myself, only something superior to Communism would have been adequate. No genuine Communist would give a second thought to an appeal to bolster up Capitalism or the party schemes of a Labour Government. I used to say, 'If ever I found a better way than Communism to change the world I would go with it.'

My manager in the docks and I were very bitter enemies. He thought I was the biggest villain unhung, and that was nothing to what I thought he was! Twice he found cause to dismiss me: both times the whole coal section of the docks from Tilbury to London came out on strike and the Minister of Labour instructed him to reinstate me with full pay. I used to sit up nights thinking up moves to annoy him. Each week the Party received reports that



sacrifices have not found the true solution to the ills of peoples. I was in despair.

Then in 1947, I went to Caux, the world centre of Moral Re-Armament located in Switzerland. It was borne upon me that these ideas could bring happiness at last to the world. The secret was a simple one: to seek out what is right, and not who is right, on the basis of four absolute moral standards: honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. Viewed in this light, problems change, answers can be found. M.R.A. says as well when you point your finger at your neighbour, there are three more pointing back at you.

This is what brought me, for the first time in my life, to see where I and my country had been wrong in our relationships with Germany. My husband and I, and many other French went to Germany. We spoke before thousands of people, in meetings, on the radio, at Press conferences etc. Each time I asked forgiveness for the hatred I had against the Germans and apologised for the mistakes made by my country. Speaking with me were men and women who had lost 15 or 22 members of their families through torture or the gas chambers, who also apologised for their hatred.

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Standing side by side with his German colleague on that occasion, the French Ambassador spoke of the time, two years previously, when the French Government had decorated Frank Buchman with the Knighthood of the Legion of



Dr. Buchman awarded Grand Cross Order of Merit by the German Ambassador in Delhi on instruction from President, West Germany. Also present was the French Ambassador, whose Government decorated Dr. Buchman with the Knighthood of the Legion of Honour two years ago.

As a mother, and grandmother, I ask all women and men to shake off apathy, to face with courage the world as it is, and to fight to unite humanity on the basis of the ideas of Moral Re-Armament, which alone holds the possibility of bringing happiness to millions of children.

Bombay Chronicle.

that while attending the annual World Assembly at Caux, Switzerland, last October I took the platform before some 1,500 people and pledged myself to do all I could to further the work of MRA.

#### NEW WAY OF LIFE

This naturally gives rise to the query of just what it was that impelled me to make such a sweeping declaration. That isn't an easy question to answer. I wasn't acting on impulse but on a conviction which had been growing since my arrival at the assembly. Let us say that it was "the Spirit of Caux."

And what is this "Spirit of Caux?"

It is the spirit, the way of life, being demonstrated by the great and gallant force of men and women and young folk who have dedicated their lives to this world-remaking programme. You have to see an assembly in action at Caux or at one of the other great centres—to get the full significance of the movement.

I came to Caux with a sense that I'd encountered about everything there was for a reporter to experience in this busy and exciting world. Friends met me at the airport in Zurich. We drove through breathtaking Alpine passes under mighty snow-capped peaks to the eastern end of Lake Geneva. There Caux lies, 3,000 feet up the pine-clad slopes.

The view from my bedroom balcony equalled in magnifi-

ers came from a great variety of background and told their stories with impressive reality and sincerity. The net impact "bowed me out." I had to retire to my room to think it over.

By  
DeWitt Mackenzie

What I rediscovered there was a faith I had known many years before at my mother's and father's knees.

#### FOUR ABSOLUTES

Some 6,000 people from 65 countries attended the 1952 assembly at Caux. This host included 94 members of parliaments and cabinets. There were housewives and coal miners. There were followers of many beliefs and of no beliefs at all—who had come to find an answer to their problems, big and little. Included, too, were employer and labour leaders from many countries who got together to thresh out their disputes—and DID thresh them out.

They found their answers on the basis of four moral "absolutes"—absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love.

The cost of the various activities of Moral Re-Armament naturally is large, though small

Take, for example the position of Caux. The assemblies are held at the Mountain House, one of the largest hotels in Switzerland. This hotel, with four others in the hillside village, was acquired for MRA shortly after the last war. Used by refugees during hostilities, it had been left in a dilapidated condition and was about to be torn down and the furnishings sold on the French black market. A group of Swiss bought it as a European training centre for "inspired democracy".

Voluntary help cleaned it up and put it in shape again. A Montreux locksmith spent the summer restoring 700 door-catches. From various nations came carpets, curtains, chairs and furnishings. Now the group of hotels can house 1,500 assembly delegates at a time. Over 70,000 from 118 different countries and territories have come since the war.

The people quartered in the Mountain House—MRA workers and guests—would make a good-sized village, and they are provided with fine rooms and meals, and first-class service. The obviously heavy cost of such an operation would be much greater but for the fact that the hotel is staffed by men and women of many nationalities who receive no salaries. Thus, the guest may find himself at a table which is waited on by the daughter of an international banker, and the hundreds of dishes used at a meal likely are washed by an unlikely crew of factory workers and managers who are taking part in the assembly.

All full-time MRA followers give their services without pay. Some have sacrificed large-salaried jobs in order to share in this world-remaking venture. Their food, clothing, shelter and other necessities are cared for as though they were members of one big family—which in truth they are. On this basis many people have given their all to MRA in the faith that their needs will be taken care of.

There are monetary contributions by people of large means and of small means. I have seen people take the platform in public meetings and pledge large parts of their personal fortunes to MRA. I saw the

concentrate my activity on the docks where I worked. I was immediately elected a shop steward, and in the same year became

## CAN CAPITALISTS CHANGE?

MR. ROBERT CARMICHAEL, President of the Jute Industry of France, with other leading industrialists issued the following manifesto for industry at a conference in Paris in which representatives of eleven nations took part. It says: "We acknowledge the following facts."

- 1.—We have too often concerned ourselves only with our own business and therefore we have a great responsibility for the division, the suffering and the injustice in the world.
- 2.—A large proportion of the workers feel themselves condemned to an inferior status, which they bitterly resent and from which they wish to escape.
- 3.—Many employers consider the factory too much as an economic unit and too little as a human unit, because they are pre-occupied with profits more than with men's needs.
- 4.—Fear, lack of confidence, jealousy and selfishness too often make up the atmosphere in the factory.

Millions of wage-earners spend forty per cent of their working life in the factories. The atmosphere they find there determines the moral climate of the nation and what its citizens' thinking be. This atmosphere depends decisively on the attitude of the employers, and any change in their attitude calls forth profound changes in the attitude of the workers and their families.

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head of a Swiss railway union give the money that he had saved for a suit of clothes.

So goes the story of the "spirit of Caux," which is in truth the spirit of MRA.

to sit up nights thinking moves to annoy him. Each the Party received reports on the friction was developing between management and the

Then suddenly something gan to change his attitude That same day, he followed on to the jetty and invited a Moral Rearmament meeting. After the meeting I asked questions.

But although I tried to tell self that the answers I received to my questions would not water, I knew that here something different — something that could stand up to Mao. It was the first time I had anything that could do that.

At the same time this thing makes better trade unionists cause it inspires leaders to harder for the things that right. My friend Maurice M. General Secretary of the F. Textile Workers (Force Ouvron a 15 per cent. raise 648,000 men in recent negotiations and tells me it was both he and the representative of management had decided to put all their cards on the

But the answer to Britain industrial problems to-day will only from higher production increased international trade know that on our wharf the knave our own gangs hand an eight hour shift has gone in the last two years from tons to 2,300 tons without pressure from the trade union from management.

#### WINNING MARXISTS

This way of living is with the allegiance of Marxists. ten former Communist leaders (including myself) all of us through MRA, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Scandinavia attended a conference this month at Gelsenkirchen in the Ruhr. Our aim was plan international co-operation through industry, based on ideology.

MRA appeals to a revolutionary mind. It has certainly won for it not only preaches but builds a classless society, we know that together with formation of the world-wide less society comes the end of the longest and bitterest war. It is because the cold calculating inhumanity of this and bitterness that we must our eyes into this direct look for the answer.

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#### AMERICA

## AN IDEA TAKES WINGS

FROM their great overhaul base at Miami, Florida, the airlines have taken MRA across the Americas. At Miami, 14,000 are employed by the airlines which service North and South America—Pan-American World Airways, Eastern Airlines and National Airlines.

Two years ago one of these airlines was known throughout America for the longest and bitterest strike in the history of the industry. Then its leaders on both sides met MRA. The Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board said, "The transformation in the attitude of the parties from one of suspicion and hostility to co-operation and trust, has been little short of miraculous. In effecting a settlement of this bitter struggle, Moral Re-Armament has performed an invaluable service, not only to the industry but to the country."

In another airline there were

499 grievances in 1950. The following year, after the coming of MRA there were only 17, and

in the first half of the next year three.

To-day men in management and labour from these airlines fly thousands of miles across the American Continent to proclaim the answer to division they have found.

## SEVEN ASIAN GOVERNMENTS CALL FOR M.R.A.

DR. FRANK BUCHMAN, the founder of Moral Re-Armament, took a task force of 180 people from 22 countries to Ceylon, India and other parts of Asia at the invitation of leaders from seven Asian countries.

The invitation from India, signed by political, industrial and trade union leaders, referred to MRA as "an overarching ideology for Left and Right, East and West."

The Prime Minister of Ceylon welcomed MRA as "a uniting idea that can overcome our differences and create the spirit that will make peace possible."

The Prime Minister of Thailand, in his invitation stated, "No country can survive for long in these days of ideological upheaval without the practice of MRA principles, which belong to East and West alike and to which all creeds can subscribe

We will find through MRA a basis of unity for South East Asia."

The Government of Thailand allocated funds towards the expenses of the visit and printed 600,000 copies of a booklet on MRA to prepare the way.

The Foreign Minister of Japan cabled an invitation from members of the Cabinet and Diet, industrialists and labour leaders, to convene a World Assembly for MRA in Japan. "Your coming," states the message, "is most timely. With the world deeply divided, we appreciate your fight for unity among men and nations based on moral standards, which can bring harmony among the peoples of Asia and between East and West."

Pakistan, Burma and Malaya were other countries which sent invitations.