

SOMETHING NEW FROM SOUTH AFRICA

African Leader And Afrikaans Students Proclaim Common Goal

DR. NKOMO, a strongly built, black-bearded African from Pretoria spoke from the same platform with seven students from the Afrikaans University of Pretoria whom he introduced as his friends. Dr. Nkomo said, "It is a miracle to see us standing here together. There is an old saying that there is always something new coming out of Africa, and here we are demonstrating that new thing. I had always thought that Afrikaaners should change, but then I realised that the much bigger problem was how I could get changed. I did change and Moral Re-Armament is responsible for it. That is why I can stand here with students of Pretoria University. When I bought a Bible in Afrikaans my wife could see that change was coming along fast.

The Good Road

"I am connected with politics and as one of the founders of the African National Congress Youth League, I was keen to see it become militant even to the extent of bloodshed. I started African youth on the wrong road. Tonight I want to say that I am sorry, because that will never bring us a new world. We have come here to

Founder of African National Congress' Youth League Dr. Nkomo with Students from Afrikaans University of Pretoria.



Lusaka to find the idea which will set the 150 million Africans south of the Sahara on the good road. We need something electric, something more revolutionary, something that starts in our own hearts and can move the entire world."

The first student to speak was Oswald Jackson, who is studying Native Administration and Bantu languages. He said, "This Conference has revolutionised my thinking. I have seen Africans such as Dr. Nkomo, Mr. David Waruhiu and others being won to a superior idea. It made me feel humble when I realised that they are accepting this message faster than I ever did. I am deeply moved to see that they are ready to lay down their lives to carry Moral Re-Armament to their peoples throughout this Continent."

Chris. van Coller, a theological student, said that he came to Pretoria University

from the South African town of Bethel which in the past had a certain reputation for strained race relations. "I want to say," said van Coller, "that I am sorry for my attitude in the past towards other races." Turning to the African delegates, he added, "I see now that this is the way in which God is working and I want to dedicate my entire future to the rebuilding of Africa."

A student of political science, Nico Ferreira, chairman of one of the Nationalist Party branches in Pretoria, said, "When I came here to Lusaka I was not one of you. Tonight I stand before you doing something which is under normal conditions impossible. Here I have learnt a quality of life which is based on absolute moral standards and the direction of God. I am going back to tell my colleagues that in Moral Re-Armament lies the means of solving our political and other problems in South Africa."

An Idea Whose Time Has Come

By N. H. Wilson, Manager of Capricorn Society in Central Africa

I believe that Central Africa is in a key position in Africa, and I will go further — I believe still more firmly that you in Moral Re-Armament hold the key to race relations in Central Africa through the ideas for which this conference stands. What a marvellous difference there would have been in the history of this continent, how much bloodshed, bitterness, hatred and malice would have been saved if such a conference as this could have been held in Southern Africa 100 years ago. There is nothing that I can hope better for Africa than that the next few years will prove, as I believe, that your idea is the idea whose time has come.

THEY SAID...

An Afrikaaner Dr. Adrian Smuts, Educationalist, Johannesburg:

"We have seen at this Conference the birth of a new nation—a new Africa. It has been born not on paper, but in the hearts of men and women of all races and types. With all my heart I long to play a fuller part in this and stand shoulder to shoulder with men and women in this full life and new world. As we commit ourselves to God and each other, I see a new Africa coming far quicker than any single one of us would ever conceive possible. It will not come through more plans, policies or more support of good things, but through open hearts.

An African Leader Mr. J. Savanhu, president of Southern Rhodesia African Congress, Salisbury:

Since coming to Lusaka, I have found that M.R.A. puts a practical meaning to the belief that I hold as a Christian; it forces me to live and to act according to the preaching that I have received. Moral Re-Armament is in great demand to assist in the realisation of African unity, not unity against anybody, but unity to contribute to the happiness of all sections and all colours in Central Africa. M.R.A. will provide the basis on which we can work together.

An Indian Leader The Hon. J. S. Patel, Member of the Legislative Council, Kenya:

When I accepted this philosophy of listening to God, I was able to work with other races. I see my job very clearly. It is to build the bridge between White and Black. I have a very important part to play, and I think that the prayers of all here will help me to find the plan to solve the present trouble in Kenya.

A Kenya Settler Mr. Ian Maclean, Executive Officer of the Kenya Coffee Boards:

I was brought up to believe in the British Empire. I believed it was a power for good. Moral Re-Armament helped me to realise how little I had contributed to that. In material ways I did a certain amount, but I had shown considerable impatience and intolerance, selfishness and unlovingness towards the Africans. I am glad to have an opportunity to say that I am sorry. I believe the root of the problem in Kenya is that we have given from the head downwards and not from the heart outwards. We have often reminded Africans of all that we have given to them. That has been our mistake. That is the perfect way of creating division. Nobody likes to be reminded of what he has been given or what he owes to another person. I am profoundly sorry for my own failures in the past and commit myself now to the task of building new relationships, based on Moral Re-Armament.

A Businessman Mr. T. Curtles, Personnel Manager of a large firm in South Africa:

I shall take back the report to my company that I am convinced that M.R.A. is the answer to personal, family, community and world problems.

A Government Official Mr. E. B. Fitzpatrick, Native Commissioner, Salisbury:

I came to this conference very sceptical and being a Native Commissioner,

M.R.A. Ends Industrial Deadlock

By Joe Chapman, Vice-President Baking Employees Union, Johannesburg.

Friends, I want to tell you a story which is true.

I have been a member of the Baking Employees' Trade Union for 20 years. About two years ago we started negotiating a new industrial agreement with our bosses. They did not want to know our troubles. We tried all the legal means of fighting; but after four months we broke down altogether. At a general meeting the executive of my Union asked the general body to move that we take strike action. When we said, "Strike," we meant "Strike." We faced a deadline a few days before Christmas. A strike meant no Christmas cakes, or mincepies or Christmas puddings. But for the African it meant no bread. The thing reached ministerial level. The Minister of Labour gave instructions to his executive to do all in their power to stop the strike. We met together and they told us that there would be bread in Johannesburg. We said there would not. That was deadlock.

We had heard about a force called Moral Re-Armament, but at that time we did not take any notice of it. They heard about our troubles, and they did take notice of them. One man came to live in my home, some went to talk to the bosses. They showed us what was right instead of who was right. We agreed to go to arbitration, and the strike was called off. The agreement lasted 12 months.

Better Plan

But then we reached deadlock once again. This time we did not have the ideology of going on strike. There was a better plan. We contacted our friends in Moral Re-Armament. They got to work and, although we had not agreed at the last meeting I attended before leaving for Lusaka, I am happy to say that one of the delegates who arrived by plane from Johannesburg yesterday said, "The bosses have agreed to arbitration." That, I think, will be the turning point in the baking industry of South Africa. Bob Bennett, the secretary, and I have pledged ourselves to fight for the idea of Moral Re-Armament and to do all we can so that the other members of the executive committee are willing to stand behind us.



JOE CHAPMAN

AFRICAN HOUSING SCHEME INSPIRED BY M.R.A.

THROUGH the co-operation inspired by M.R.A. Springs has built in one year an African township of 1700 houses, declared Mr. Mhlala, of South Africa, chairman of the African Advisory Board to the Springs Municipality.

He said that early in January, 1952, Mr. Archibald, town engineer of Springs, a man well known for his work in Moral Re-Armament, had been talking to him, realising that his promotion was partly due to their good work. They had, for the first time, although many would have liked to have gone to Johannesburg,

Farming for the Future

HANDSOME sums of money representing accumulated wartime wool profits have been paid out to the South African Woolgrowers over the past six months. What will the farmers do with it? Gordonville near Graaff-Reinet took his cheque out of the post bag. He already knew what to do with it when he said "I

his determination to run the farm on the basis of Moral Re-Armament. The Africans were puzzled, but not for very long, for Kingwill told them the rea-

Well-known South African Woolfarmer Roland Kingwill motored nearly 2,000 miles from his farm in South Africa's sheepcountry in order to make his contribution to the Lusaka Conference. Here in his story he tells how

Gordonville near Graaff-Reinet took his cheque out of the post bag. He already knew what to do with it, when he said, "I am going to invest my wool cheque in the future of Africa." He extracted the cheque from the envelope, endorsed it, re-addressed it to the headquarters of Moral Re-Armament in Johannesburg and tossed it back into the postbag.

This amazing gesture by a leading wool farmer of the Karroo has startled the public far beyond the boundaries of the district. What moved Kingwill to make this remarkable sacrifice? For the last ten years Moral Re-Armament has been the basis of his life and his farming.

Soil erosion has become a haunted word in South Africa, not only among farmers, because it has become a question of life or death of a country. Says Kingwill: "It is ignorance and selfishness that has made soil erosion the problem it is today, and unless we cure our hearts from materialism and selfishness we will never stop our soil from washing down into the seas. Moral Re-Armament showed me that the best place to start was with myself and with my farm. Today I bitterly regret the years when I helped to farm the soil to death. I decided to farm on a different basis. Instead of thinking of how much I could get from the land I began to think how much I could give to the land, and so to my country." For Kingwill it was practical, not just an idealistic theory. In one month he had reduced his stock by one-third, which meant an equivalent decrease in his income. But his land started to recover. And even in recent years, when the wool prices rose up skyhigh he resisted the great temptation of re-increasing the number of his sheep.

Asked by a news man why he gave the wool cheque to Moral Re-Armament and not to the soil conservation campaign, Kingwill replied, "Soil erosion is a result of Soul Erosion."

Labour shortage is a problem nagging at many a farmers' mind, but it has long ago vanished from Roly Kingwill's farm.

"The turning point in our labour relations," states Kingwill, "was when we started to study the needs of our workers, economically and humanly."

No wonder the boys were startled, when one day they gathered to receive monthly pay and got a rise of 25 per cent. in their cash as well as

puzzled, but not for very long. For Kingwill told them the reason why he did it, and by doing so he gave them something for which they are even more grateful than for the rise in pay: a basis of trust and human understanding. "I did it because I felt it was the right thing to do," says Kingwill, "for no other reason; but they gave me

rations. It was out of the blue for them, but for Kingwill it was a conviction resulting from

Making Statesmen Christian And Christians Statesmen

The decisive factor in world affairs is what idea is going to control the minds of the millions. I have vivid memories of the vacuum between the wars when, if any European nation had had an adequate ideology, the second war need never have happened. While we talked about Christianity, the ethics of the jungle ruled in industry, politics and international affairs. While the democracies persisted in trying to answer the militant materialism of right and left with leagues, unions and pacts, Frank Buchman was rapidly building the world force of Moral Re-Armament.

I think of my experience as a foundation member of the Council of Europe. The conference divided into three sections, cultural, political and economic. The Irish delegates belonged to the political group. The Council of Europe had done good work, but the thing that kept us together was mainly the fear of failure and of betraying the millions who genuinely longed for peace. I am sorry that it was true of us that the "problems round the table were greater even than the problems on the agenda." That is why so many statesmen have come to Caux, the Moral Re-Armament headquarters in Switzerland, in recent years. It has been called "the conference with the cure." At Strasbourg problems were being discussed; at Caux they were being answered with men who not only had the answer but who were the answer.

Church In Action

Where then do the Churches come in? Can we rise to the

call of the hour? Moral Re-Armament means for me The Church in Action, the uniting idea for Ireland and the world.

As men count success, I had everything. A happy home, a magnificent Church, a full Church. I had three assistant clergy and an army of lay-workers.

Everyone in my parish was organised to the last baby. What was the forgotten factor?

By
Archdeacon Gordon Hannon,
an Irish Foundation Mem-
ber of the Council or
Europe.

During my ministry I lived through a revolution and a civil war as well as the two world wars. Every political election in Ireland orientates round where the other fellow is wrong. Much religious activity orientates round warnings against other Christians. When I became Archdeacon 20 years ago, I was deeply concerned about our divisions. The urgency of my country's need drove me to investigate Moral Re-Armament. The fact is, MRA investigated me. It showed me that I was the Irish problem, talking about God but revolving round myself. I am glad to say I accepted the answer eagerly. It wasn't what I expected. It was simple but not easy. It meant a new experience of the Cross in my own life. The absolute moral standards effectively removed me from all pedestals. I saw that a man who was always

right could never hope to be a centre of unity. The Cross not only gave me a new unity with God but a new unity with my fellow man.

And what were the results? My wife got for the first time a living faith. Our home got the answer for the homes of our country. When change began to operate in us it soon began to operate in Church Councils and City Councils and even in Parliament. This was the true work of the Church—the creating, training and harnessing of the forces of the new world.

New World

Moral Re-Armament has enhanced for me every primary loyalty; it conflicts with none. It has given me a deeper understanding of the things which as a Christian I believe in, and the practice of listening to God has made them relevant to the world I live in. It has brought me a unity with my fellow countrymen, North and South, Catholic and Protestant, a unity such as I longed for but never believed possible.

Greatest Opportunity

Frank Buchman is the prophet statesman of this age. He has challenged the Christian forces of this century with the answering ideology which is our heritage. He has given us the greatest opportunity ever offered in the Christian era to unite with all men of goodwill in what is surely our real destiny, giving everything for the moral and spiritual re-armament of the nations.

the Lusaka Conference. Here is his story as told by a "New World News" Reporter.

Official this conference very sceptical and being a Native Commissioner, I was very suspicious of what Moral Re-Armament could do to race relations. We need to take this spirit back to the main streets of the big cities in Central, East and South Africa.

An African Minister

When I return to Port Elizabeth, these books will be ready for me to distribute among my people. The Africans are ready for this message.

A Dutch Reformed Minister

and in the lives of so many Christians. We know quite a lot about Christianity, but M.R.A. puts what we know into practice.

An African Women's Leader

down between God and man, and once they are broken down between God and man, they break down between man and man.

A South African Housewife

the feeling that I could put into it and more: Africans who surmounted great difficulties to be here to find an answer for Africa; Africans who are as well educated and better educated than I am, who think more clearly and have a vision and passion for Africa far greater than I ever had. And more than that, they have offered me friendship I never thought possible. I want to say that I am very sorry for my hardness and coldness towards them and for feeling that I was better than they are. God never intended that one race or class or colour should feel superior to the others. With the best in all colours, all classes and all races, we can re-make Africa and the world.



A. MWAMUKA

LIVING TOGETHER WITHOUT FEAR

By A. MWAMUKA, Secretary of the Southern Rhodesian African Association.

I HAVE been very troubled about the future of my people in Africa. Since coming here, I am convinced that we are going to see our problems in Africa solved. I have been doubtful of M.R.A. because we in Africa have been doubtful of the Europeans.

I have had great bitterness against anyone who was White whether they had good intentions or not. I must say my experience in Moral Re-Armament has taught me a new way of looking at life giving me hope. I thought that if my

known for his work in Moral Re-Armament, had interviewed him and asked for his co-operation in finding African bricklayers to start building a new township for their own people.

It was necessary to complete the first 200 houses by March 15, or the Government loan would be withdrawn, but for the first week or more only five bricklayers were forthcoming, as the Africans were suspicious of this new move. When, after a week or two, Mr. Archibald called a meeting and, apologising for his own mistakes, asked the bricklayers for suggestions for better working arrangements, the African workmen were quickly won over and their numbers increased rapidly. He inspired them with his conception of the scheme to produce really adequate homes for the ordinary people. In record time a new township was opened and houses are now available at rents which workers can afford to pay. One thousand seven hundred new houses have been built in one year. Not only are houses being built, but a new spirit of co-operation is growing, which is setting a pattern for other places. News of it soon began to spread and a short while ago the Johannesburg City Council invited Mr. Archibald to become their director of housing.

The Africans were disappointed at losing Mr. Archibald; but,

people organised, we could retaliate for the injustices which had been committed against us. In Moral Re-Armament I find that my people will not find the answer by retaliating. Have we the chance of doing better than the people now ruling my country? We who come here are convinced that Africa will not be just for one race but for all of us.

I have been thinking of the shape of Africa on the map. It is like a big question mark in the middle of the world. We in Africa are a very big ques-

although many would have liked to have gone to Johannesburg with him, they saw that he was trusting them to carry on the good work begun in Springs and decided to stay.

Resolve Differences Now

A CALL for Europeans and Africans to get together and resolve their differences once and for all, was made in Lusaka by Godwin Lewanika, Founder and first President of the Northern Rhodesia African Congress.

He said: "When I came back from the Moral Re-Armament Conference at Caux in Switzerland last year, I found our Trade Union had called a strike. I was asked whether I was going back to work. I said 'No' because I was a member of the Trade Union. I went to see one of my friends on the Committee and asked for the history of the case. But people were starving and I felt they would be prepared to return to work unconditionally. I wrote to the Branch Secretary suggesting that negotiations should be resumed. The Council appreciated the spirit which prompted me to write and considered the matter carefully and agreed. The people in the copper mining areas now have better conditions.