

Peter Howard, MRA Leader, Dies



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LIMA, Peru, Feb. 26—Peter Howard, 56, world leader of the Moral Re-armament movement, died yesterday after a heart attack. He had been hospitalized with virus pneumonia.

He was on a tour of South America, and was to have met President Fernando Belaunde Terry of Peru yesterday. In the past five weeks, Mr. Howard had been received by the presidents of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

A former London newspa-

perman, Mr. Howard joined MRA in 1940 and became its head after the death of Dr. Frank Buchman, founder of the movement, in August, 1961.

Mr. Howard wrote more than ten plays, among them "Through the Garden Wall," "Space Is So Startling," "Miracle in the Sun," "The Man Who Would Not Die," "The Ladder," "Pickle Hill," "Music at Midnight" and "The Man With the Key." Many had toured the United States, India, Japan and Germany.

His books have been trans-

lated into 16 languages. His best-known works include "Frank Buchman's Secret," "Men on Trial," "Britain and the Beast," "America Needs an Ideology" and "Remaking Men." His "Design for Dedication," published last year, has a foreword by Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

The royalties from his works, estimated at \$1.2 million, have gone to MRA, which stresses absolutes of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

Mr. Howard was a political

columnist for the London Express from 1933 to 1941.

He captained an English rugby team in 1931 and the British bobsled team which set a world record at Cortina, Italy, in 1939. He was a graduate of Oxford University.

Surviving are his wife, Doris; a daughter, Mrs. Anne Wolridge-Gordon, and two sons, Philip and Anthony.