

AFRICA SPEAKS TO THE

Moral Re-Armament—The Rise of a New

BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, claimed by both, committed to neither, lies Africa. Out of the heart of this strategic continent is coming a superior idea proclaiming to the world that hatred cannot unite humanity, that materialism can never set men free, but that changed men can build a new world and God-led men can lead a continent to be an answer for all men everywhere. This is the ideology of Moral Re-Armament.

"Continent With the Answer"

In *Nigeria*, the application of Moral Re-Armament has averted violence which would have set back for years the cause of African self-government.

In the *Gold Coast* it has saved the unity of the first African parliament. The Tolon Na, Yakubu Tali, Member of Parliament and President of the Northern Territories Council, said, "What Abraham Lincoln did for America, Moral Re-Armament is doing for Africa."

In *Kenya* it has changed white settlers and administrators and Mau Mau leaders and given them a common battlefield.

In *Morocco* Prime Minister M'barek Bekkai cabled that his government "participates wholeheartedly in the action of the World Mission of Moral Re-Armament."

In *Tunisia* Mohamed Masmoudi, Minister of Economic Affairs, says, "But for Moral Re-Armament Tunisia would be another Indo-China."

In *Egypt*, the *Sudan* and *Ethiopia*, the MRA force has been officially welcomed by the Heads of State.

In the newly formed *Central African Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland* the Secretary of the African Association says, "There are many plans on paper to bring the races closer together, but MRA is quietly going ahead and actually doing it."

In *South Africa*, Africans who fought for bloody revolution, and Europeans who fought for white domination, are fighting side by side for the unity of the nation.

Frank Buchman, initiator of Moral Re-Armament, says, "This is Africa's hour. It is the continent with the answer."

Pride and Bitterness Conquered

Throughout the principal cities of South Africa men are finding the healing of hate and bitterness. George Daneel, well-known Afrikaner and football

star, speaking at a multi-racial meeting in Cape Town City Hall, said, "I was proud and superior and thought I was always right. Tonight I want to say to all Africans and Indians present here that I am indeed sorry for my superior attitude and for the division that I have caused between us."

Dr. William Nkomo, founder and first president of the African National Congress Youth League of South Africa, said, "I stood for the overthrow of white supremacy in Africa. I saw white men change and black men change. And I also decided to change. I saw I was giving my life for something sectional, narrow, divisive, something not ultimately in the interest of the millions in Africa. Now I fight for a greater revolution, the only one that will save the African continent. I have pledged my life to join with all revolutionaries who fight under God to re-make the world."

Speaking at an MRA multi-racial assembly in Johannesburg, George Golding, President of the Colored People's National Union of South Africa, responded to the change he saw in white South Africans. He said, "On hearing the apology of a young Afrikaans student, I went home and got down on my knees and asked God to forgive me. I saw that the way I was living created hatred and disunity in my own country because I had hatred and superiority in my heart."

It was Manilal Gandhi, son of the Mahatma, who described MRA's work on the African continent as "a new dimension of racial unity."

"Freedom"

The charter of the new Africa has been put into a play called "Freedom." The play was written by a group of 25 Africans from seven countries at the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Caux, Switzerland, 1955. Prominent African leaders playing in it have sacrificed money and position to carry "Freedom" through Europe.

After the first performances before an audience from 35 nations who received it enthusiastically, Dr. Frank Buchman stated, "This is a history-making play. It must be given in every American town like 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' was in my youth."

The press of Europe said:

LE MONDE (Paris)—"An African play that will go round the world."

VART LAND (Oslo)—"An ideological weapon of first rank in the battle for the world's freedom."

TRIBUNE DE GENEVE (Geneva)—"The play 'Freedom' supported comparison with those dramas which have heralded the great social revolutions of history."

In February a special plane brought the cast of "Freedom" to Nigeria for its African première and filming for use around the world. They were there during the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The "Eastern Sentinel," a Zik enterprise, the only daily newspaper published in Enugu, capital of Eastern Nigeria, said, "We consider it to be an event of extreme significance for a group of our own countrymen from different parts of the African continent to have decided to write a play on such a theme. 'Freedom' points out the high road to unity. Its challenge is forthright. . . . Many of our leaders from all parts of Nigeria owe much to Caux, for the influence of MRA since 1949 has been greater than anyone can assess. It has produced stability in this country without which the Queen's visit would not have happened. We believe that the play 'Freedom' can make permanent the spirit of unity we are enjoying at the moment."

Michael Ogon, Member of Parliament, Eastern Nigeria, introducing the play in Lagos, said, "What God wants is not a white Africa, white-run and white-controlled, nor a black Africa, black-run and black-controlled. What God wants to see and what everyone wants to see is an Africa that is God-run and God-controlled. . . . 'Freedom' is a great play. It is real, universal and God-inspired. It should be shown every day in Nigeria for the next twenty years."

World Response

Last summer the leaders of Asia and the Middle East invited an MRA World Mission of 198 from 28 nations to visit their countries. Accompanying this Mission was the MRA musical "The Vanishing Island." After Asia and the Middle East, the Mission moved through the principal European cities.

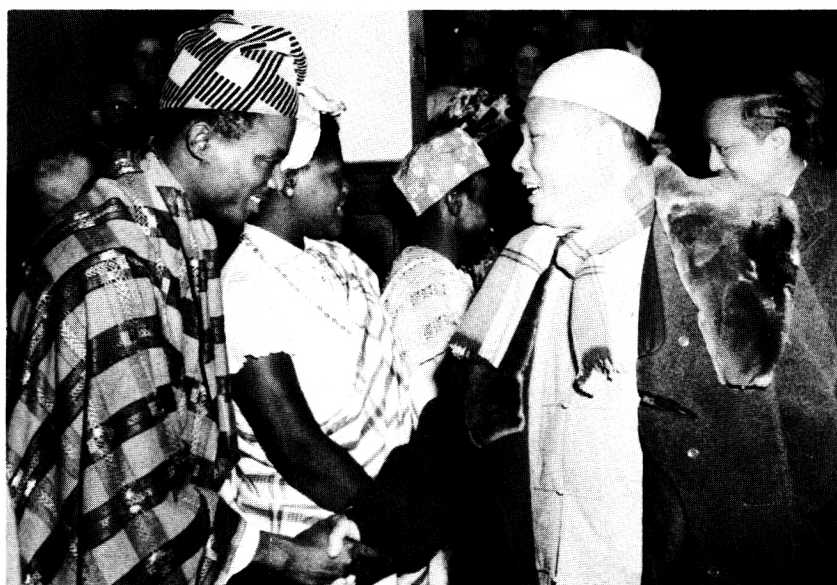
During the last weeks they have been in Bonn, Berlin and other parts of Germany on the invitation of Chancellor Adenauer and members of his cabinet.

The following cable was sent to the Chancellor in Bonn by members of the United States Congress:

"As members of the United States Congress, we recognize the great significance of Moral Re-Armament. The principles that Moral Re-Armament represents, which are basic to all people who desire freedom, can be a decisive factor for the



Manasseh Moerane, president of the Federation of South African Teachers Associations, representing 10,000 teachers, takes the part of the Prime Minister, and appeals to the King, played by Modesto Apaloo, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Gold Coast Parliament, in a scene from the all-African play "Freedom."



In Helsinki Premier U Nu of Burma greets John Amata, president of the student body of Ibadan University of Nigeria, and other African leaders traveling with the MRA Mission who form the cast of "Freedom." U Nu told the press, "I believe very much in Moral Re-Armament. I am prepared to give it every backing."

WORLD

Statesmanship

whole world when applied by men and women of all races, all classes and in all walks of life. We heartily commend this Mission to you and to your people."

Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House

John McCormack, Majority Leader

Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Minority Leader

Walter F. George, President pro tempore of the Senate and Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee

Alexander Wiley, ranking Republican member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee—
and 33 other members of the Senate and House.

The Chancellor cabled in reply: "The presence of the ideological mission of Moral Re-Armament and performances of the three ideological plays have left behind a deep impression."

This European advance is summed up by the great Catholic philosopher Gabriel Marcel writing in the Paris daily "Le Figaro": "It is a hope. Perhaps it is even *the* hope."

The story of this Mission in Asia and Africa is told in Peter Howard's "An Idea To Win the World," \$1.00, and in the pictorial "So Near at Hand," 50¢.

Moral Re-Armament

Thirty-five years ago one man from Pennsylvania, Dr. Frank Buchman, started out to remake nations by remaking men. One experienced diplomat says he has done three things: first, he saw the need; second, he forged an answer that works; finally, he created a world force of men and women of every color, race, class and nation. They have begun a renaissance of free men—built on the experience that adequate, accurate, definite information can come from the mind of God to the mind of man—that when man listens, God speaks—when man obeys, God acts—when men change, nations change. They have united under God to remake the world.

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, President of Lincoln University which has trained such great African statesmen as Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe and Kwame Nkrumah, writes of Frank Buchman in nominating him for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1956, "Frank Buchman, his roots in Pennsylvania's culture, has proclaimed the ancient spirit of brotherhood to all the world, in a fashion no less notable than that of his great predecessors Penn, Woolman and Franklin. . . . I speak on particular behalf of persons of African descent in the United States of America and many brethren in Africa, where our University has great influence. . . . Frank Buchman has made here what is indeed a new



Dr. Frank Buchman, Pennsylvania-born founder of Moral Re-Armament, welcomes Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, first president of the National Council of Negro Women and founder of Bethune-Cookman College, to Mackinac Island, Michigan, North American Assembly Center of Moral Re-Armament. (Right to Left) Michael Ogon, Member of Parliament, Eastern Nigeria; The Tolon Na, leader of 1½ million Africans in the Gold Coast; Dr. Buchman; Mrs. Bethune. Dr. Buchman is now in Australia at the invitation of the Chairman of the Olympic Games Organizing Committee.

world. . . . This is, we believe, the greatest and most incomparable contribution to permanent peace observable in the world today."

Dr. the Hon. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Premier of Eastern Nigeria, who decided at a critical moment some years ago to go to the MRA Assembly at Caux instead of accepting an invitation to Prague and Moscow, decided to base his statesmanship on the principle of "not who is right but what is right." He averted imminent danger and bloodshed in his country and hastened the coming of self-government.

In June, 1950, when Robert Schuman was Foreign Minister, the French government conferred on Dr. Buchman the Legion of Honor for his work in building unity between France and Germany. Senator Eugenie Eboué of Guadeloupe, Vice President of the Assembly of the French Union and widow of the heroic Governor of French Equatorial Africa, was chosen to make the presentation.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune (see picture above) responded to the evidence of change and reconcilia-

tion she found at the MRA World Assembly in Washington, D.C., in January, 1955. Speaking with a member of a prominent Virginia family, she said, "There are 16 million people like me in America who have been dreaming, praying, working, toiling, sacrificing, forgiving for an hour like this. Only a basic change of heart in men and women of all races can handle the present integration program in the United States. . . . This task of morally re-arming the nation is the greatest job to which any of us can apply our energies and talents. To be a part of this great uniting force of our age is the crowning experience of my life."

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Dr. William Nkomo, a founder of the African National Congress Youth League, and his family have learned the secret of listening to God. Along with families all over the world, they fight under His guidance for a new world based upon the absolute moral standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.



In the Philippines, President Magsaysay receives South Africans from the MRA World Mission. (Left to right) George Daneel, football star; Dr. William Nkomo; George Molefe, educator; Mary Waruhiu and Agnes Hofmeyr, whose parents were murdered by the Mau Mau; Bremer Hofmeyr of the well-known political family.