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At Women's Club

MRS MARIE VAN SELM who has travelled round the world twice for Moral Re-Armament, was the guest speaker at a special tea at the Port Elizabeth Women's Club.

Mrs Van Selm was in the City with the cast of *The Dictator's Slippers*, which was presented by Moral Re-Armament. She spoke on "Theatre Round the World."

She said that theatre had become a universal language. While she was travelling in the Far East with a Moral Re-Armament play, which was acted in English, scripts in the local language had to be printed for the audiences.



MRS MARIE VAN SELM

"Theatre in Russia is well-nigh perfect. It is used to raise the thoughts of the people. For instance, during the incidents on the Manchurian border, the Bolshoi ballet was sent to smoothe over the trouble. They were also sent to Japan, with productions from Peking, during the student rioting.

"What a powerful weapon the Free World is wasting," she said.

Speaking of plays and musical shows from the East, she said, "Japanese plays are like the language — staccato and vigorous. Their songs and music however are like waterfalls—very delicate."

Chinese plays, she said, were filled with age-old traditions. Their music was either militant or mournful.