

# London Welcomes West African Delegation To Caux

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The Tolon Na and Mr. Michael Ogon, a Nigerian Member of Parliament, presided over a platform of twenty-one West African speakers, who have just arrived in England from the Moral Re-Armament World Assembly at Cux, Switzerland, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, Monday night. The Mayor of Westminster, Councillor J. Gordon Elsworthy, welcomed the delegation in the great hall which was packed to overflowing, with a large crowd standing. Mayors of three other London boroughs with representatives from all parts of Africa and Asia were also present.

Councillor Elsworthy urged that we need today a world force which is renewing and strengthening the moral and spiritual basis of our civilisation. In this historic city at the centre of the British Commonwealth it was a privilege to greet representatives of parliament, trade unions, education, industry and church from countries, on the road to self-government. The Tolon Na reported how a constitutional crisis had been averted in the Gold Coast through the new spirit brought by MRA. He said he had come to Caux to learn more about this new secret. "Only in MRA can I find the real answer to bring unity and remake the world," he said.

Mr. Ogon, who was one of eight Nigerian speakers, said, that two alternatives faced Nigeria on the verge of selfgovernment, "strong personal government based on dictatorship with the minimum of liberty or representative democratic government under the guidance of God." He said that the new generation of Africans would bring new thinking and action to Nigeria. He would continue to fight

against exploitation and imperialism but without bitterness and hatred. "Change on a colossal scale is the most important factor in the political development of our nation," he added. Mr. Adolphus Mbah, Vice-Chairman of the All Nigerian Trade Union Federation, spoke with a group of trade union leaders from both the Gold Coast and Nigeria. He stressed the need for teamwork at this crucial moment in the history of his nation and for understanding between political and trade union leadership. He said that he had just received the news of the Nigerian Government's decision to recognise his Federation as the mouth-piece of the Nigerian trade unions. He had resolved that "trade unionism

should be a part of the operative functions of the state and not a platform to fan class antagonisms on." He concluded, "I am determined to carry on this fight against materialism and moral defeat which are the real enemies of our true freedom and unity."

Mr. V.E.C. Dako, superintendent of 400 Presbyterian schools in Ashanti, introduced a group of educationists including Mr. Samamavih, a college tutor in Kumasi, Mrs. Agabaje, headmistress of a Moslem school in Nigeria, and Mr. Ankrah of Achimota school. Mr. Dako said, "We need to turn out people not only academically qualified. Education is not complete unless it is based on firm moral standards. Through MRA we teachers can help to reshape the destiny of our country".