



Mr Hofmeyr (left) talking with John and Pat Harvey at the recent MRA meeting.

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT — A WAY OF LIFE

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MORAL Re-Armament is not an organisation, a church nor a political party. You can't join it or resign from it; you live it. It is a way of life based on absolute moral standards of love, honesty, purity and unselfishness and guidance from God, said Mr Bremer Hofmeyr, a close associate of the founder member of Moral Re-Armament, Frank Buchan.

Mr Hofmeyr was speaking at the Rhodesia Chorme Mine mess, Selukwe, to an audience of interested people from the town.

"When man listens, God speaks; when man obeys, God acts; when men change, nations change," he said.

"MRA challenges everyone who loves his country to take part in the remaking of the world. World history can change, that is the destiny of our age. MRA says that if you really want a new world, the best place to start is with yourself."

Mr Hofmeyr spoke of a recent Moral Re-Armament conference in Pretoria where delegates came from all parts of the world. Mr Chad Chipunza, chairman of the African Progressive Party, also attended the conference.

Mr Hofmeyr was a Rhodes scholar and played for Oxford at rugby and tennis. He also holds degrees from the University of South Africa and Cambridge, where he captained Trinity Hall at cricket.

He is one of an old Dutch family in South Africa for 400 years. Members of the Hofmeyr family have held seven cabinet posts in the South African government in recent years.

Mr Hofmeyr is married to

the former Agnes Leakey of Kenya, who is a cousin of the famed anthropologist, Professeor Louis Leaky, discoverer of the oldest human skull.

Mrs Hofmeyr's father was a blood brother of the Kikuyu and has written about them.

At the time of the Kenya uprising he was buried alive by the Kikuyu as a living sacrifice because they believed that a god man should die to avenge the wrongs the Kikuyu had suffered.

Following the uprising MRA workers were instrumental in bringing about a new way of life. Mrs Hofmeyr said that African officers' wives "were able to see through God's guidance that they were at least partly to blame for their husbands' actions — drinking, gambling, womanizing and dagga smoking".

Another MRA worker who accompanied the Hofmeyrs to Selukwe, Yvette Walburg-Schmidt, spoke of having tried marijuana and of friends her age who were on LSD.

She said: "We of the younger generation criticise everyone, but what I myself needed was a great purpose to live for and that I found in building a new world under God's direction.

"MRA helped us bridge the generation gap in our family, because my parents and I found a new honesty together."

Mr Hofmeyr told the meeting his name had been on a Nazi list of MRA liquidation.

The Nazi document stated: "The MRA opposes the cross of the Swastika with the cross of Christ and gives a Christ-

ian garment to world democratic aims".

Mr and Mrs Hofmeyr were the guests of Dr Garth Rustin and Mrs Gretchen Rustin in Selukwe.

The Rustins pioneered the MRA in Selukwe and plan to hold a leadership orientation course in the town soon.