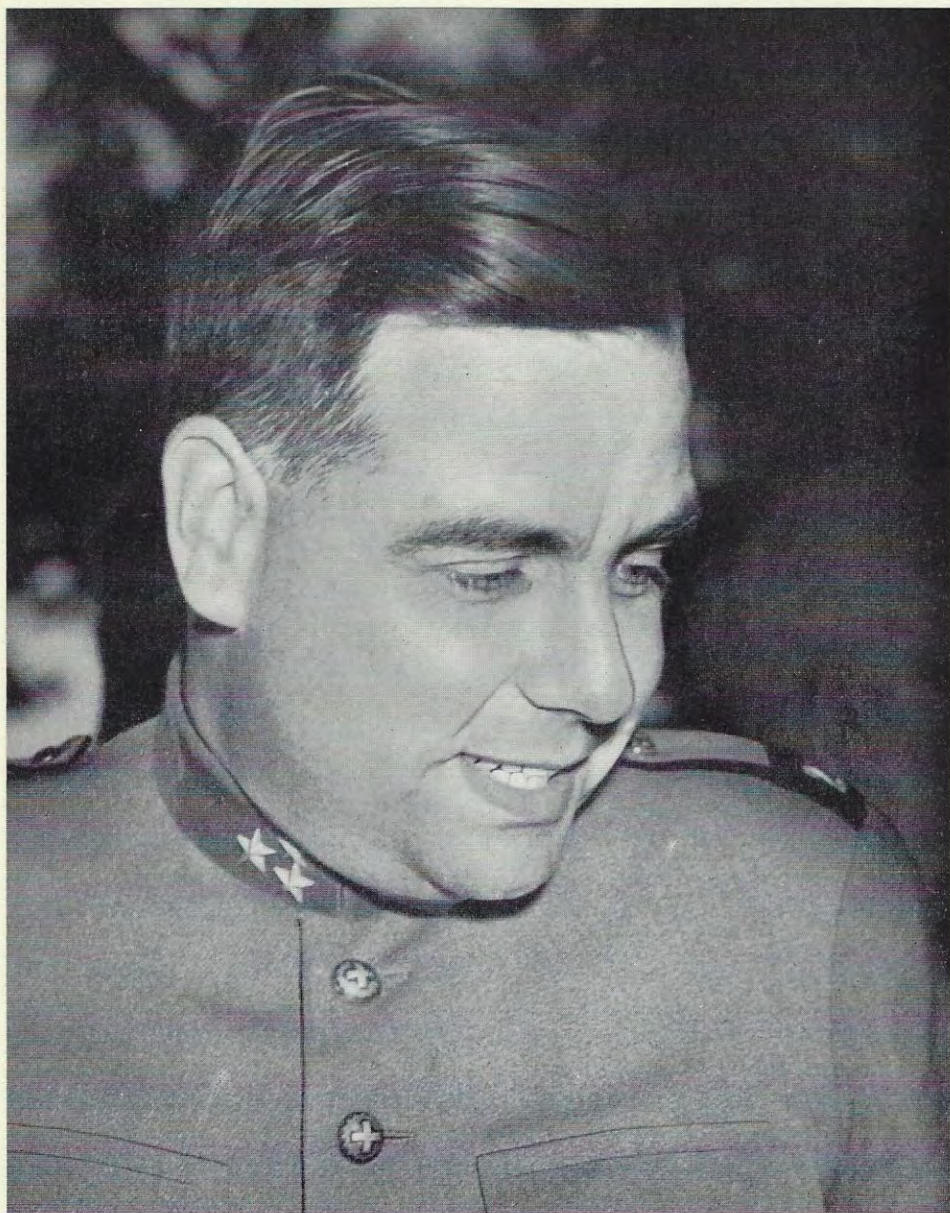


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**R**OBERT HAHNLOSER died suddenly at Zurich on 22 March, 1950, in his forty-second year. The following pages give some brief account of the manner in which his passing and his memory have been honoured. Throughout the world, Robert Hahnloser was known and loved for his outstanding part in the creation of the world centre for Moral Re-Armament at Caux. As many have said, Caux is his living and enduring memorial.

Robert Hahnloser lived for most of his life in Zurich. His family is known for their famous art collection, one of the finest of its kind in Europe, as well as for their interest in industry. He studied engineering in Switzerland and later in the United States, and was an electrical engineer of considerable experience. He made a special study of industrial relations and personnel management. He held the rank of Captain of Artillery in the Swiss Army, to which he was also devoted. In January, 1941, he married Miss Dora Gassmann, of Zurich, who undertook with him the great work to which he gave his life. They have four sons.

In 1945 he was invited to the United States by Dr. Buchman to attend the Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Mackinac Island. Here he and his colleagues took the decision to create a European centre for Moral Re-Armament in Switzerland. This led directly to the establishing of Caux in 1946. To this task he and his wife gave themselves completely, spending themselves, their special talents and their fortune with unhesitating sacrifice.

Memorial services were held in his honour not only in Zurich, but in London, Stockholm, Gelsenkirchen, Los Angeles, Johannesburg and in New Zealand. A Robert Hahnloser Memorial Fund for Caux has been launched in Britain and, subsequently, in Germany, Switzerland and other countries. Its aim is to accomplish Robert Hahnloser's deepest wish to see Caux fully equipped and freed from all financial burden for its decisive work in the years ahead.

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In Robert Hahnloser Zurich and Switzerland have lost a citizen who had won, for our country and its best traditions, countless friends throughout the world. In memorial services which took place simultaneously in the Westminster Theatre in London, in Gelsenkirchen in the Ruhr, in Johannesburg and in Stockholm expression was given everywhere to the great gratitude which Robert Hahnloser had earned as one of the founders and organisers of Caux, through his complete dedication to the work of Moral Re-Armament, a work which his friend and counsellor Professor Max Huber has described as the "Christian and constitutional duty" of every Swiss citizen.

After the completion of his studies at the Federal Technical High School he gained an insight into American industry through further training at Dartmouth College and with the General Electric Company. Subsequently, his work with the Brown Boveri Company (Baden) and as works engineer with Landis and Gyr made him familiar with conditions in Switzerland. Through his work as assistant at the Institute of Industrial Economics in the Federal Technical High School, and on the staff of the Institute for Applied Psychology at Zurich and Lausanne, he came increasingly to feel the importance of the human factor. He realised, as Professor Spoerri, the former Rector of Zurich University, said at the memorial service, that "with every perfection of technique our civilisation draws nearer and nearer to the edge of the abyss because this central factor has become overlooked and neglected". As time went on he realised more and more that whether the world is to be destroyed or to be remade depends on people, and which idea dominates them.

A journey to America and England shortly after the armistice showed him the powerful uniting effect of the idea of Moral Re-Armament in the divided post-war world, and led directly to his subsequent work as co-founder and directing organiser of Caux. Thanks to his farsightedness, his many-sided

experience and above all his selfless personal giving, materially and spiritually, it was made possible in the last few years for 20,000 representatives from 82 countries to be received in Caux.

Robert Hahnloser's greatest interest however was always given to industry, and to the numerous industrial delegations which came to Caux from almost every European country and found there an idea great enough to unite employer and worker in the colossal task of remaking the world. He himself was a living example of the fact that small adjustments are not enough, and that a radical re-orientation and change of attitude are needed today. There are countless others who mean to follow after him. The setting-up of a Robert Hahnloser Fund for the benefit of the work in Caux by Sir Roy Pinsent, a well-known English industrial lawyer from Birmingham, and the similar steps taken in other countries are an expression of this determination. Dr. Morris Martin, who spoke at the ceremony in Zurich in the name of the friends from abroad, declared: "Wherever one goes in Europe, if one speaks of Caux, statesman and peoples know that you are speaking of their one great hope. Robert Hahnloser's memorial is Caux and still more the spirit that has gone out and will continue to go out from Caux into all the world."

## MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ZURICH

On Saturday, 25 March, a Memorial Service for Robert Hahnloser was held in the Fluntern Church at Zurich. The church was filled with many hundreds of his friends from all parts of Switzerland, and with others who had travelled specially from France, England, Germany and Italy.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. Martin Fluetsch and the Rev. H. Metraux, and addresses were given by the Rev. Metraux, Professor Theophil Spoerri, retiring Rector of Zurich University, and Dr. Morris Martin who spoke for Robert Hahnloser's many thousand friends in other countries. The final words of farewell were spoken by Dr. Frank Buchman.

The choir sang "Steal away to Jesus" and "I want to be like Jesus in my heart", and a special song written for the occasion by Dr. Konrad von Orelli and Mr. George Fraser.

In the course of his address, the Rev. Metraux said: "Two great dates in Robert Hahnloser's life have turned the scales decisively: his marriage nine years ago, and his meeting in America with the active work of Moral Re-Armament which was the deciding factor for the last five years of his life. If we dwell in our minds on how sad we should feel here today if Robert Hahnloser had been simply snatched away from his profession as an electrical engineer, we begin to realise how decisive has been the divine guidance which has made of this half decade something unimaginably rich. One might almost think of the passage: 'I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.'

"Our thoughts go out with deep sympathy to his Mother. Many of us here remember when his brother died, fifteen years ago. What a faithful son he was to his mother, then and since, and how much he gave her comfort.

“As a Christian congregation, let us also think in deep sympathy and prayer of his wife and of his children. How many of us today, in reading the passage for the day, have thought of her when it says: ‘If the Lord had not been on our side the deep waters had gone over our soul.’

“When, more than nine years ago, Robert Hahnloser and his betrothed prepared for their wedding-day, they prayed to God for the sentence that could be their guide along the road. And strange to relate, each of them, independently of the other, thought in the morning quiet time of the same verse, John 13, v. 34, which they chose as their wedding text: ‘A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.’

“In the days that followed, it became not only a verse that stood watch over their marriage and hallowed their love; it became a signpost for the service and the consecration of their lives which they were called to make in unprecedented fulness. We are convinced that in that way they came nearest of all to the true meaning of these words.

“This marriage of Robert Hahnloser, which had been begun with this text, became one great single-hearted inspiring service of love. One thing remains unforgettably imprinted on our minds: this complete, unstinted dedication unfolded in these few years a life blessed with an almost supernatural richness of experience. This new commandment gives to all our lives a rich content and a clear goal for which it is worth giving ourselves entirely.”



ADDRESS BY  
PROFESSOR THEOPHIL SPOERRI

*Rector of the University of Zurich, 1948-50*

All of us who lived and worked with Robert Hahnloser were always conscious of the sort of man we had in him; still more are we conscious now of what we have lost in him.

To the outside observer Robert Hahnloser was the Swiss that one reads of in books. He was a realist, through and through; he did not seek to shine; he never said a word too many, but rather a word too few. He had a heavy gait and when he sat deep in his armchair, with his broad shoulders bent slightly forwards, one might have thought: There he sits like a block of native granite, and what in the world can ever stir him out of his inertia?

The solidness of his existence also showed itself in his interests. He was given to the visible and the calculable. As he himself said, he had the soul of an engineer. He also knew the proper way of judging good food or a good picture. Above all he loved to be peacefully at home, reading a technical magazine, chatting with his mother or his wife, or making models with his boys. He was the pattern of a faithful son, husband and father.

To be sure, on closer acquaintance one was soon aware of the golden purity of his character. Yet there was nothing that would have given either the casual or the close acquaintance an idea that this man would come into a movement which seems to turn upside down everything that appears, to the prosaic, calculating security-minded Swiss, as normal living. In his studies at the E.T.H., and in his practical life as Organiser in industrial firms, Robert Hahnloser came to realise one thing more and more forcefully through his experience: the importance of the human factor. It became constantly clearer to him that with every perfection of technique our civilisation draws nearer and nearer to the edge of the abyss because this central factor has been overlooked and neglected.

So his meeting with Moral Re-Armament was decisive for him because he found here what he had always looked for and never found elsewhere: a realism

which surpassed his own, a realism which made man himself real in putting him in the simplest way into contact with the highest Reality: with God.

What he has now done in these last five years since the time he met Frank Buchman and his people is more than most men that I know do in their whole lives. He remained the dear, faithful, modest person he had always been, but a peculiar freedom and sureness came into his life. He had never been impetuous but now we saw him step by step advancing towards an ever-widening horizon. Everything happened with a calm determination which put us all to shame. The moment came when, together with his courageous wife, he decided to sacrifice all civil and professional securities in order to give himself, and his whole time, to this remaking of the world. Only a few know what he let this step cost him. But we saw the fruits of such a decision; how Robert unfolded in the wholeness and richness of his humanity. All his gifts now came to life anew. Together with his friends he became the great organiser who made possible, humanly speaking, the miracle of Caux. He planned, calculated and acted. No work was ever too slight for him, no detail too unimportant. He thought of everything. But he put everything into its place against the greater background, and the human being was always central for him. To the workers with whom he had constantly to do, he was a father. His family often had to do without him, but in the short times he was with them he gave them so much love and attention that all absence was made up for. He always found time for his friends, too, and always gave himself with such warmth and openness that in a very short while you were as close to him as if you had lived with him all your life.

Now his great heart has ceased to beat. God granted him a gentle death. In peaceful slumber he passed from time to eternity, without being beset by fears for his nearest and his work. He is no longer here and we can hardly grasp that. And yet we know that he is closer to us than ever. The work he laboured at, the world he strove to build—he is here and invisibly goes on working and building with us. We know his work was not in vain. As Swiss we are proud that he helped to build up the greatest opportunity our country possesses at this time.

The gap Robert has left is a call to us. No one will be able to replace Robert as an individual, but together we can all take a new step. For many

it will perhaps mean the most important decision of their lives. God grant us that we, too, may take it with humility and determination as Robert did. Then his departing will become a new beginning, and his life will find its continuance in our lives.

In our little homeland we do not realise what Caux means for countless people throughout the world. Only recently, when I was in Innsbruck with some youth of the College of the Good Road, was I able to see the gratitude with which men of all classes, workers and statesmen, Protestants and Catholics speak of the new hope which has arisen for them in Caux, for their lives and for the world. And for them our Swiss, Robert Hahnloser, is a man who has made history as the old Confederates did in days gone by.

Above all it has been clear for all to see, in Robert, what Christ can do in and through people who have given themselves wholly to him. That is the answer for the troubles of our times. Precisely because of his simple humanity Robert Hahnloser became all the more convincing. He is the pioneer of a new age. A work which such a man toils at with such complete dedication will not pass away.

ADDRESS BY  
DR. MORRIS MARTIN

*Great Britain*

To speak about Robert Hahnloser is not an easy thing for me—nor for any of us here. There is so much one would want to say. He has left us so much to remember, so many memories of his kindness and of his affection. My wife and I owe Dorli and Robert very much and it is a great honour for me to speak in the name of Robert's many friends all over the world.

Today in America, Germany, France, Italy, England, Egypt and many other countries are thousands who are thinking of Robert with full and grateful hearts. So on their behalf I would like to speak first, as an Englishman, about Robert Hahnloser as a Swiss.

This morning on our way back from Italy, we passed by the Rütli. We thought of the men of the Rütli, the men who founded Switzerland. They were not men who wanted a comfortable life. They were men who sacrificed to build Switzerland on the idea of Freedom "in the Name of God Almighty". They gave everything.

Robert was a true Swiss in this great tradition. He gladly served his country in the Army, but he had a greater idea of what a Swiss could do to help his country fulfil her destiny in the world. He saw clearly that a nation that does not live up to its destiny, goes backward. He saw that the real battle was to recreate for Switzerland a new sense of her true destiny.

Robert did not wait until he could retire after a successful career in industry, until he had seen his children safely provided for, before he decided to give himself fully to this task. When God called him to serve his land in Moral Re-Armament, he obeyed. He did not put first his security, or the security of his much-loved family, he put the true security of his land in the first place, and gave all for that.

Robert did not know how much time he had. No man knows how long his life may be. And today, no nation knows how long its life may be.

Wherever you go in the world today, when you mention Caux, statesmen and peoples know that you are speaking of their one great hope. In Germany, where its results are everywhere to be found; in Italy where the situation at the moment is critical, and where industrial and labour leaders are planning together to bring hundreds of Italians to Caux this summer; in France, where M. Schuman the Foreign Minister, looks to Moral Re-Armament to solve the ideological conflict of Europe, and in my own country of England—in all these and many more countries, it is for Robert Hahnloser personally that many are grateful today.

To make this gratitude practical and real Britain is taking action that could be copied in all other countries. Sir Roy Pinsent, a corporation lawyer intimately concerned with British industry, has decided to create a Robert Hahnloser Fund to endow Caux financially for the future. That will give Robert the greatest delight. He loved the practical step and he especially loved Caux.

Caux is his memorial, not only the buildings, every detail of which he loved deeply, but even more the spirit that has gone out from Caux, and which, with this sort of backing, will continue to go to the whole world.

So to a word of personal thanks to the mother who gave Robert to the world and who shared him with so many, to Dorli who made the years of their life together so happy and included so many of us in their home, and to the boys who will grow up into a mighty heritage of which their father was a pioneer—I add these lines:

In the day of the world's remaking, by numberless hands upborne,  
The dome of God's Plan for the nations will greet the eternal morn;  
Deathless the sun of His Mercy; boundless the air of His Grace,  
When patriot, lover and labourer meet again face to face.

Not for their works are they blessed; they were called, and they answered the call,  
And the gracious Master of History had different tasks for them all;  
No, they obeyed and are blessed, and their task was perfectly done:  
God grant us our race so to finish as the race this our brother has run.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LONDON

On Sunday, 26 March, several hundred of Robert Hahnloser's friends gathered from all parts of Britain for a Memorial Service in the Westminster Theatre, London. The Service was conducted by Dr. Paul Campbell of Canada, and a number of his friends spoke, from Switzerland, Canada, the United States, Finland, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Germany, Ireland, Burma and Japan, as well as from many parts of Great Britain. The Swiss National Anthem was sung by a group of Swiss girls in national costume.

At the Service, the Robert Hahnloser Memorial Fund for Caux, initiated by Sir Roy Pinsent, Bart., was launched by a group of British business men.

MRS. JOHN CAULFEILD: I first got to know Robert Hahnloser about twelve years ago, when some of us were working for Moral Re-Armament in Zurich. One day we heard that a young Swiss business man who had been in America had met Moral Re-Armament there, and that he was coming back soon. That was Robert. I suppose many of you know him. A tall, handsome Swiss, heavily built, with brown hair and eyes, very gentle eyes—you could see through them how much caring he had for everyone.

When he came back he had known Moral Re-Armament only for a short time, but he was thinking constantly how this message could go to Swiss industry.

During the war he married Dorli, one of my best friends. Most of this time Robert was an officer in the Swiss Army which he loved very much. He also had a position as Advisor on Industrial Relations, and he came to know Swiss industry in every part of Switzerland, and travelled a great deal.

In 1945 he came to America with Philippe Mottu and Erich Peyer and several others. One afternoon we were all becoming a bit worried. We did not know where Robert was. Everyone was asking, "Have you seen Robert?"

Finally quite late in the day Robert appeared, and told us he had spent hours and hours walking through the woods, and in the woods God talked to him and told him that He wanted him to give his whole life and his whole time to bring a new spirit to industry. It was a great step for him. He had already three little boys, and he was the only living son of his parents.

That same summer Robert and his friends saw clearly what Switzerland could give to the world, and they felt that because God had saved our country during the war, Switzerland could, in gratitude, provide a world centre for the statesmen, to do for the world what Mackinac had done for America.

So Robert and the others went back to Switzerland. He was a man of action. He and the others looked for the right place for the World Centre, and that was when they found Mountain House. Robert, as much as any other man, is responsible for Mountain House being what it is today.

First of all, in company with other Swiss, he gave a great part of his capital to buy Mountain House, and during these recent summers it was again and again this sacrificial giving that made it possible to maintain Caux. But not only that. It was his caring that made these hotels what they are today. You have no idea what they were like three years ago, when Robert first took them on. For weeks and weeks Robert was busy with blue-prints, planning with the architects and supervising all the work necessary to transform a hotel which had been used to entertain 200 guests into a place where nations could come from all over the world, and where 1,200 people could meet. Robert is the one who thought all that through in every detail, because as well as breadth of vision Robert always had a great love of beauty and a great care for detail. His family is known in Switzerland for that. Many people know of the Hahnloser collection of beautiful pictures which his family has collected over the years. In Robert's home every detail is planned just perfectly to make everyone feel welcome. He did not only use these gifts for his own home and family, but put them at the service of us all, the whole Moral Re-Armament family, and these gifts went into Mountain House.

He has four little boys and he loves them very much. The eldest is about eight and the youngest six months. He loved being with them more than anything else, and yet he constantly answered the call to give everything for the creation of Caux, even when it meant long separation from them. Yet how

wonderfully God does plan, because just recently he has had weeks of unhurried time with these four little fellows, which has meant so much to them and to Dorli.

He was always on the give. He really put everything at the service of this world family, fighting that this answer should go to every corner of the world; and thinking of him today, I think that what would mean most to Robert would be for his home-going to inspire us to give all, and I want to commit myself anew to give all I have to build a new world.

MRS. CHARLES L. SLATTERY, *Widow of the late Bishop Slattery, Boston*: I have always been grateful for Robert and for what he has done for America, but I never realised until last January what a kind-hearted person he was. He happened to be standing beside me when I received a telegram. I did not realise when I opened it how much it was going to hurt me, but he must have realised it. He helped to stop the tears flowing as they would otherwise have done, and I was extremely grateful. I would love to give a thousand dollars to Caux for anything that Robert would like, and I feel that a lot of people will feel the same way.

MR. STUART SANDERSON, *Woollen Manufacturer, Scotland*: Robert was essentially an industrialist. He was, I think, one of the most lovable people that I ever knew. He poured himself out for people, and as he gave himself for his friends, he gave himself for his nation. The whole world was his neighbour.

I had the privilege of living in his home for a week about this time two years ago, and one of the things that struck me then was the mass of work that he got through. He had endless people to see. He had meetings and conferences to plan for, and above all he continually had Caux in his heart, but he always had time for his guests, and I believe that it was out of that strainless, happy home background that there sprang the love for his country and for the world as it flowed through Caux. To very many in Europe Caux is synonymous with Moral Re-Armament, but perhaps not to so many is the name of Robert Hahnloser synonymous with Caux. Yet I believe that it was largely through his mind and heart that there was created that growing point for the



new world, from which has been released the spirit which, in these five short years, has reverberated round the world, and at this very moment is reverberating in the docks of this country.

Robert literally gave himself to save Europe and for the remaking of the world, and it may be that his passing on at this time is in some way a promise that Europe will be saved and that the world will be remade, if we are faithful. Now Robert has the permanent and living memorial of all the people who have gone through Caux and have found there a passion, philosophy and plan, an inspired ideology that will bring the nations under the control of God. And these people, and all who have accepted this ideology of Moral Re-Armament, will want to ensure that those things for which Robert gave his life are made effective in the life of the world, and that the millions for whom he gave his life are really reached. I believe that we can do no greater honour to his memory than to put this determination into practical form. Mrs. Slattery has already said she would like to give something in the way of money, and I, too, feel that I would like to join with her and with many others in a fund so that the work of Caux can be carried on as it should be. My guidance is to put five hundred pounds into the fund which will be started.

I would like to read you what Robert said on the last Sunday morning at Caux this summer:

“This morning I was thinking back over these four years since Caux began. And I remembered how my wife’s conviction was that a great stream of life would flow out from here to the whole world. It is a great task . . . We have here the pattern and model of a new world. From this place there go out across the world people who are living and building that new world. And we have the privilege and the responsibility that we too belong to it. We are called in the future to take up that responsibility . . .

“So I believe that today must be for each one of us a day of decision. A decision as to what our contribution is to be. What is my part in the building of this new world?

“I realised that I could give three things to sustain the advance of Moral Re-Armament: I could give a large proportion of my capital to make Caux possible; I could give all my time; and I could take up this fight with my whole family. Here I feel is the only answer we have in the world today.”

MR. HAROLD LINDLEY, *Business Director, London*: Robert was a great giver. He was clothed with the authority that unstinted giving brings to the human heart. The last time he addressed the World Assembly last year he told with authority and simplicity of the needs of Caux and I would just like to read you one or two short sentences of what he said at that time:

“At Caux we are building a new economy between the nations whereby everybody has a chance to give. There are endless opportunities of giving and the needs are immense . . . Caux has given untold gifts to the world, and the gifts of the world can underwrite the future of Caux . . . To bring this world answer to the nations in time calls for a mobilisation of resources on an unprecedented scale, and for a revolutionary level of investment in the remaking of the world.”

Sir Roy Pinsent with his wife were asked to go to Zurich for the funeral, but Sir Roy was unable to do so, and he sent a message to us here in which he said that a fitting tribute which every nation could make in memory of Robert, and towards Caux, would be the foundation of a Robert Hahnloser Memorial Fund. There were many things that Robert still had in his mind to do for Caux in the material way. I want to back with all I have this formation of the Memorial Fund. Let us go forward in faith, keeping our eyes on that bright morning star whose rising brought peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.

*Following this address the Memorial Fund was opened with gifts totalling three thousand pounds.*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE IN NEW ZEALAND

During the Service in London, the following cable from New Zealand was read by an Australian friend of Robert Hahnloser's, Mr. Gordon Wise:

New Zealanders, Australians, Americans, Canadians, British joined in a memorial service for Robert Hahnloser here this morning. His last speech at the World Assembly was read from the Caux Report, and plans were made to make it widely available here. Representatives of various nations paid tribute. The theme was, "His vision which planted Moral Re-Armament as an established force at the very heart of nations." He ventured into the materialistic world and claimed its resources for God. He fought for flawless standards of beauty and perfection. Many recalled his energy, industry, simplicity, love of home, his great heart, his gift of friendship, and his wife's gracious and inspiring partnership in all he did. He dared to have great faith. His home-going is God's way of confronting thousands with the picture of one who gave all. Loudon Hamilton read the following poem:

Honour to the memory of a valiant fighter,  
Gone not far, only to the bosom of his Lord;  
While on his peaceful face a light shines brighter,  
And in his heart the joy of Thy reward.

He would not have us pause amid our sorrow  
The building of that world he longed to see,  
But rather lift our eyes to the bright tomorrow  
When all of us shall share his victory.

Ring out, sweet bells, o'er Zurich's ancient towers,  
As there today his body's laid to rest,  
Guard those he loved throughout these precious hours,  
Sharing with him the triumph of the blest.



## MESSAGES FROM GERMANY

Robert Hahnloser's work was widely appreciated in Germany. Minister-President Maier of Württemberg-Baden, one of the many hundreds of German leaders whom Robert Hahnloser had welcomed at Caux, was among those who sent messages of sympathy.

The Minister of Food for North Rhine-Westphalia, Dr. Lübke, expressed the thought of many in Germany when he wrote: "We shall miss Robert Hahnloser, but we will never forget him. We want to express our gratitude by working in his spirit, and in line with his deepest wishes, to spread Moral Re-Armament far and wide in Germany with all our heart and strength."

The Minister of Education for Hesse, Dr. Erwin Stein, wrote: "We lose in him a good friend, whose friendliness and open-heartedness in the difficult years after the war we shall never forget. It was he who welcomed us so cordially when we first came to Caux, and the way in which he cared for us was deeply appreciated by all of us from Germany."

Robert Hahnloser took a special personal interest in the advance of Moral Re-Armament in the Ruhr. A memorial service in his honour was held in the heart of the Ruhr at Gelsenkirchen. Mr. Hans Dütting, Director of the Gelsenkirchen Group of the Gelsenkirchen Coal Mining Company, wrote: "Here in the mining area of the Ruhr his name will be spoken of again and again, and his achievements will give us the strength to carry forward the spirit of Caux, which he personally lived out in a way which was a pattern for everyone."

The following telegram was sent from the Ruhr by a group of German Labour leaders: "We know what he gave to make Caux possible. Caux gave us new hope. He has given to us trade unionists of the Ruhr the uniting ideology for the workers of the world. We send you all our heart-felt sympathy and our gratitude for his emboldened leadership." This message was sent by Mr. Karl Goroncy, National Treasurer of the Mineworkers' Union of Germany; Mr. Paul

Dikus, Chairman of the Works Council of the Gelsenkirchen Group of the Gelsenkirchen Coal Mining Company; by Mr. Max Bladeck, Chairman of the Works Council of the Rheinpreussen Pit, and by other Ruhr trade unionists.

On 4 June 1950, the twelfth anniversary of Moral Re-Armament was celebrated at Gelsenkirchen, on the invitation of the Chancellor, Dr. Adenauer, and the President of the Upper House, Minister-President Karl Arnold. Hundreds of Ruhr miners, industrialists and political leaders were assembled there, and in his address Dr. Buchman closed by speaking of Robert Hahnloser:

“A young Swiss engineer, successful in his profession, with family, friends, position and wealth, died this spring. He had discovered this same secret of investing his life and his possessions to create a new world based on change. He gave himself with his wife, who is with us today, and with his children, to make Caux the world centre it has become for all nations. Suddenly people have realised that in five short years he accomplished more for the world than many men in their whole lives.

“This young Swiss followed in the steps of another young man who, 700 years ago, put aside fame and career and gave everything he had to change the world. He was St. Francis of Assisi. This young Swiss engineer, so his wife tells me, kept constantly by him these words of St. Francis; and they are the secret of how to change the world:

Lord, make me the instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred may I bring love;  
Where there is malice may I bring pardon;  
Where there is discord may I bring harmony;  
Where there is error may I bring truth;  
Where there is doubt may I bring faith;  
Where there is despair may I bring hope;  
Where there is darkness may I bring Your light;  
Where there is sadness may I bring joy.

Oh, Master, may I seek not so much to be comforted as to comfort,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love,  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in losing our lives that we shall find them,  
It is in forgiving that we shall be forgiven,  
It is in dying that we shall rise up to eternal life.”

## MESSAGES AND TELEGRAMS

Messages and telegrams from all parts of the world expressed the affection and respect felt for Robert Hahnloser by men and women in every walk of life. Some of those from Germany have already been quoted.

From France, Italy, Britain, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Sweden, Austria and Holland, messages streamed in. Robert Hahnloser's friend Admiral Ekstrand, war-time naval Chief of Staff in Sweden, was one of a group in Stockholm whose message spoke of him as a "valiant fighter and friend".

From more distant continents came cables, from Tokyo: "We fight on in his memory", sent by members of the distinguished delegation of thirty-four leaders of Japan who were at Caux last year; from Australia; from South Africa: "His name is loved by very many in this far continent. Uniting with you in a Memorial Service to honour his memory. Our nation is indebted to him for his great part in giving Caux to the world." Others came from New York, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco; from Canada; from Bombay and from New Zealand: "His generous, untiring giving has richly contributed to make Caux a beacon light for humanity."

Dr. Frank Buchman expressed the deepest feeling of Robert Hahnloser's friends throughout the world in his cabled message:

*He lives gloriously.*

WHEN that day comes, and we at last will go  
Through heaven's gate, we shall see him standing there,  
Alight with welcome, as so many times at Caux  
He drew us in; whose presence everywhere,  
Whose generous hands, whose ever-giving heart  
Welcomed the thousands who, from ends of earth,  
Came to his home, to Mountain House, a part  
Of God's design to bring all men rebirth.  
He lives, and gloriously, and evermore:  
Still in his sons, his work, in all who came,  
We see his living spirit, and are sure  
That millions will be lit from his bright flame.  
    Deep are the joys that now he freely shares:  
    More wonderful the mansion he prepares.

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