

# BUILDING THE NEW AFRICA

## Students work at self help project

The President of Kenya, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, addressing delegates of the MRA All-Africa Demonstration as they worked on the construction of a new hospital in his constituency of Gatundu, said—

“It is a grand thing to come together as you have done to do a piece of good work with hoes, shovels and picks. When you go back to your homes and villages and countries, do it every day, not just once a year, every day. You will set a good example because in many countries through wrong education young men and women grow up without wanting to dirty their hands, they don't like getting the dirt behind their fingernails. I tell you to think about this. The soil is the mother of everything. Hard work won't kill you. It will do you good, and if you do this we will build a new Africa.”



ABOVE: President Kenyatta with the students from the MRA AIM FOR AFRICA conference working at the Gatundu Hospital project. The cast of the new musical presentation sang 'Up, up with people' to the President. TOP RIGHT: Students of all races shift a rock while helping on road construction. To demonstrate the concept of "Harambee" 800 young men and women from 14 African states built half a mile of road in a day.

Photo: Kenya Information Services

## 'Harambee Africa' at Eldoret

A CROWDED audience eagerly pushed forward with their shillings and cents when after a public appeal to the citizens of Eldoret, the Mayor, Councillor Paul Mayabi, held out his hat for contributions after Saturday night's performance of *Harambee Africa*, the new all-Africa musical presentation.

An "Harambee Africa Fund" has been launched by the young cast to finance their journey by boat, bus and train throughout East Africa and beyond during the coming months.

To a packed, standing-room-only crowd who paid admission, the cast sang out their new theme song:—

*"We say yes to the youth of Africa;*

*We need everyone in Africa;*  
*We will send from the land of Africa*

*Super modern man."*

Speaking after the performance the Mayor said: "We are aware of the important role MRA is playing. This performance of *Harambee Africa* demonstrates their aims. If the ideas presented by these young and vigorous youth are pursued by our people, 1966 will be the best year ever."

The performance was sponsored by the Mayor together with a committee of leading citizens who covered all the expenses of the visit of the show to Eldoret, including the 100-mile journey from Narosurra. Featured in the musical are The Strollers, the young Kenya TV performers.

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**Editorial**

**Catching the imagination of Africa's youth**

THE future of a nation or of a continent can be foretold by the ideas and the ideals its youth stand for or are known by.

950 young men and women of Africa of all races from all over this continent met at the Moral Re-Armament "Aim for Africa" Demonstration in Nairobi during December. It struck an overdue chord — the modernisation of Africa in all its aspects. This factor is needed not only in Africa but throughout the world. Which continent is going to be the one to modernise humanity? To answer this challenge, at a time when new ideas are hitting the African continent like unsteady darts, we realised a superior idea lived by the whole of the human race is the only practical means of modernising human society.

We found a common, intelligent, practical purpose that youth would so live, and be so concerned for their fellow men and nations, that we could become the people and the countries that, under God, we are meant to be. We live in growing nations. We have immense opportunities. We could pioneer true unity for the whole world.

From the Nairobi demonstration we learned that this unity can only come when we forget our selfish motives and adopt a policy of 'what is right, not who is right.' To sacrifice our own ambitions and to learn in our own lives the art of enlisting the whole continent in the task of bringing about global sanity, peace and unity.

There is a price to pay. We must sacrifice our selfishness for our nations or condemn our nations through our own selfishness. We demonstrated, and will continue to demonstrate, that progress and prosperity comes from work — hard work. It is blazing clear that our continent is a potentially great continent. We are concerned that we in Africa will not for ever tolerate begging for foreign aid. We know Africa will not achieve its greatness through foreign aid alone. We are convinced that with the 250 million men and women of this continent instilled with the will to work towards one goal we will see in our lifetime the day when we can say "no thank you" to the wealthy powers. We shall pay back their sweat, time and sacrifice given to us through their development programmes with a convincing revolution of human character. Africa can become an understanding father in showing other nations how to walk in prosperity without decadence.

We are on the move. The silence of sane people made possible the implanting of the bamboo and iron curtains in some parts of the world. In other parts through the "I-would-not-get-involved" attitude, power seekers created two world wars. We must not repeat history. We cannot condone these same influences which exist on this continent today. This continent

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**STUDENTS' AIM FOR AFRICA**

*MRA rally at Kenyatta College*

EAST Africa will see a new type of student demonstration during the next three weeks which could have important repercussions throughout the world.

One thousand young men and women, including students from the University of East Africa, 181 secondary schools of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and many other parts of Africa will converge on Kenyatta College, Kahawa.

Delegations are expected from Nigeria, Sudan, Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Malawi, Basutoland, Swaziland and South Africa. They will be taking part in the Moral Re-Armament All-Africa demonstration of an Aim for Africa which is being held from December 8 to 22.

Initiated by young East Africans, the conference will give those taking part "a new sense of purpose" and to answer what they describe as "the crisis of character and leadership of our generation".



Mr. Simon Motian, a young Masai from Narok Secondary School, announcing the conference, stated: "There are so many people coming to help us in Africa. But can they achieve anything, if we do not achieve anything ourselves?"

"We need an aim for Africa; an aim that will capture the thinking and living of young men and women who are assuming positions of leadership throughout this continent. An aim we can live for and an aim we can proclaim.

"MRA is the idea we need to demonstrate, not only to other African countries, but to the rest of the world. That is why we decided to hold this conference."

Mr. Godwin Msechu, from Ilboru Secondary School at Arusha, who has written a play which will be produced at the conference, added:—

"Humanity knows what it wants. We shout about it, write about it, sing about it and some even die for it. Now is the time for us to live for it. It will take God-guided men of discipline and character to achieve the best for humanity. We want to see such men and women coming out of this demonstration."

Mr. Buth Diu, a Southern member of the Sudan Cabinet, in a message to the conference initiators, writes: "My recent experience at the O.A.U. conference in Accra convinced me

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must not be bought or sold by money, ambition or power seeking. We will show in our lives and in our life-time an answer which is economically, socially and morally sound.

This is the challenge and the vision that has caught the imagination of the youth of Africa, black, white and brown. We need the help and encouragement of every man, woman and child in our continent if this vision is to come true. Like the patriots who fought for the political freedom we enjoy today, we have the will to sacrifice and the will to win. We have no money. We have no power. But we have the vision and the spirit to build a new Africa. Like them we will succeed.

Godwin Msechu, (Tanzania).

*INITIATIVE BY KENYANS*



Three of the students who have initiated the Moral Re-Armament Aim For Africa demonstration at Kenyatta College. They are (left to right), Simon Motian, a Masai student at Narok Secondary School; Julius Meme from Meru, a student at Alliance High School; and Philip Tumbo, a sixth former at Thika High School.

**Youth plan for leadership training**

that the most practical basis of African unity is the groundwork of character-building to be undertaken at your Kenya conference.

"From the Sudan we want to send youth representing both the North and the South, with the purpose not only of finding an effective solution to our own problems, but also to demonstrate Afro-Arab solidarity for a greater, global aim." His son, who is the star of the Sudan international basketball team, will be leading the Sudanese delegation.

Among the overseas speakers who have already accepted the invitation to address the conference are Mr. Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and Editor-in-Chief of the Indian news weekly *Himmat*; Mr. Conrad Hunte, vice-captain of the West Indies cricket team, one of the fastest-scoring opening batsmen in world cricket, the Marquis of Graham 30, direct descendant of the Scottish hero Montrose, and Air Vice-Marshal Nigel Blair-Oliphant, a serving Royal Air Force officer.

A guest of honour will be Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod, Chieftain of the Scottish Clan MacLeod, who is 87. She has travelled the world meeting members of her clan and has recently been on a speaking tour of Asia with Mr. Gandhi.

The conference chairman will be Mr. Andrew Peppetta, a young South African teacher. In their printed announcement of the conference the students state: "We cannot assume freedom will continue. It is a constant fight demanding self-sacrifice and determination. We youth of Africa will train for leadership in tomorrow's world and with the greater aim that comes from world responsibility we want to demonstrate that:

**Freedom is not free.** We have to sacrifice to pay the price for liberty.

**Violence is outmoded.** A new society can be created without resorting to force or dictatorship.

**Wealth comes from work.** Development aid is no substitute for the hard work that is the only guarantee of progress.

**Unity comes from change.** Only a common aim and new motives in men will make resolutions a practical reality.

**Prosperity need not lead to decadence.** Free man must decide the disciplines that will guide them and their nations. If everyone cares and shares enough, everyone will have enough.

**African can pattern a common purpose for all mankind** and make her unique contribution to the growth of civilisation."

In addition to the guest speakers there will be a daily sports programme, arranged by Mr. Mal Whitfield, the Olympic Gold Medallist, assisted by local sportsmen. Mr. Conrad Hunte will also take part.

Workshops will be conducted by experts in Journalism, Music, Drama, Agricultural Development, and Public Speaking. Special features arranged include two entire days spent working on a self-help community development project selected by the Kenya

Ministry of Labour and Social Services.

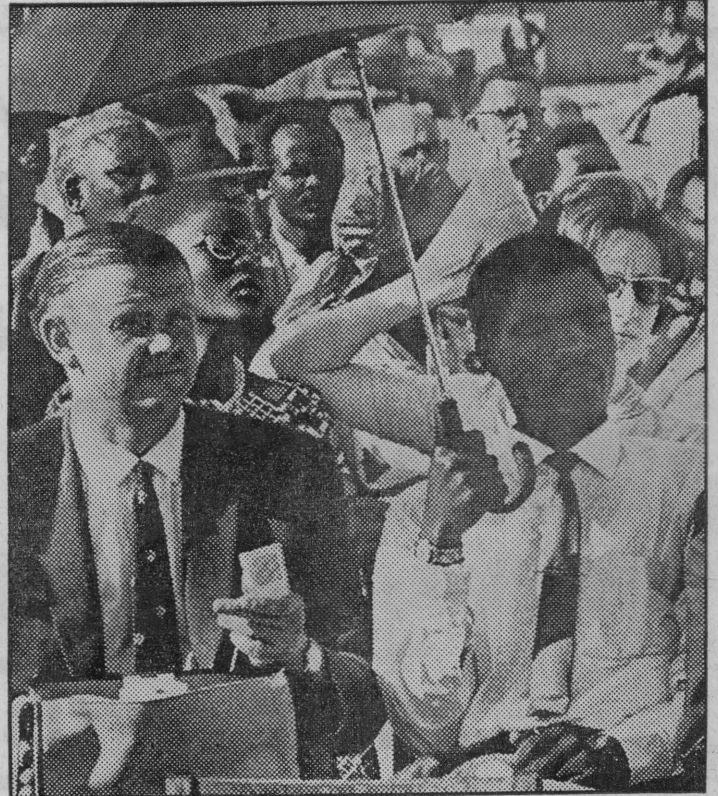
On Saturday Dec. 18, there will be an open day for invited guests to see the conference at work. A music and drama competition will be held and a public meeting will take place in Nairobi at which the best talent will perform and overseas guests will have the chance to speak to Nairobi citizens.

Kenya farmers and business men of all races are contributing both financially and with their produce to support the initiative of the students. Meat, flour, beans, potatoes, fruit, eggs, vegetables and other goods have already been donated and will considerably reduce the costs of feeding 1,000 young people for fourteen days.

The first conference of this kind was held in Kenya two years ago at Narosurra in the Rift Valley, when 75 students from Kenya and Uganda met for ten days. This was followed last December by a further conference for 250 students at the Prince of Wales School.

In addition to the assistance given by the Kenya Ministry of Education in making available the Kenyatta College, Tanzania's Minister of Education, Mr. Solomon Eliufoo, M.P., informed all secondary school headteachers, giving his approval for students to come to Nairobi to participate in the conference. More than 200 are expected from Tanzania.

From 75 students from Kenya and Uganda two years ago, the forthcoming conference has mushroomed to 1,000 from at least 12 African countries, together with their guests from Asia and Europe.



## M.R.A. conference 'a great success'

Above: Girls from Tanzania give a demonstration of traditional dancing. Below left: Students work up enthusiasm while singing South African folk-music at the rally.

**D**ELEGATES to the first Moral Re-Armament All Africa Demonstration conference which has been taking place at the Kenyatta College, Nairobi, during the past two weeks resolved at the weekend to spread the aims and ideals of the organisation throughout Africa.

On Saturday, during an open-day ceremony attended by guests from many parts of Kenya who had been invited to meet distinguished Moral Re-Armament members from overseas, the chairman of the conference, Mr. Andrew Peppetta, said the conference had been a great success.

Mr. Peppetta, a South African from Cape Province, said the 950 young men and women from 14 African States who had been attending the conference had patterned the way for Africa.

### Most grateful

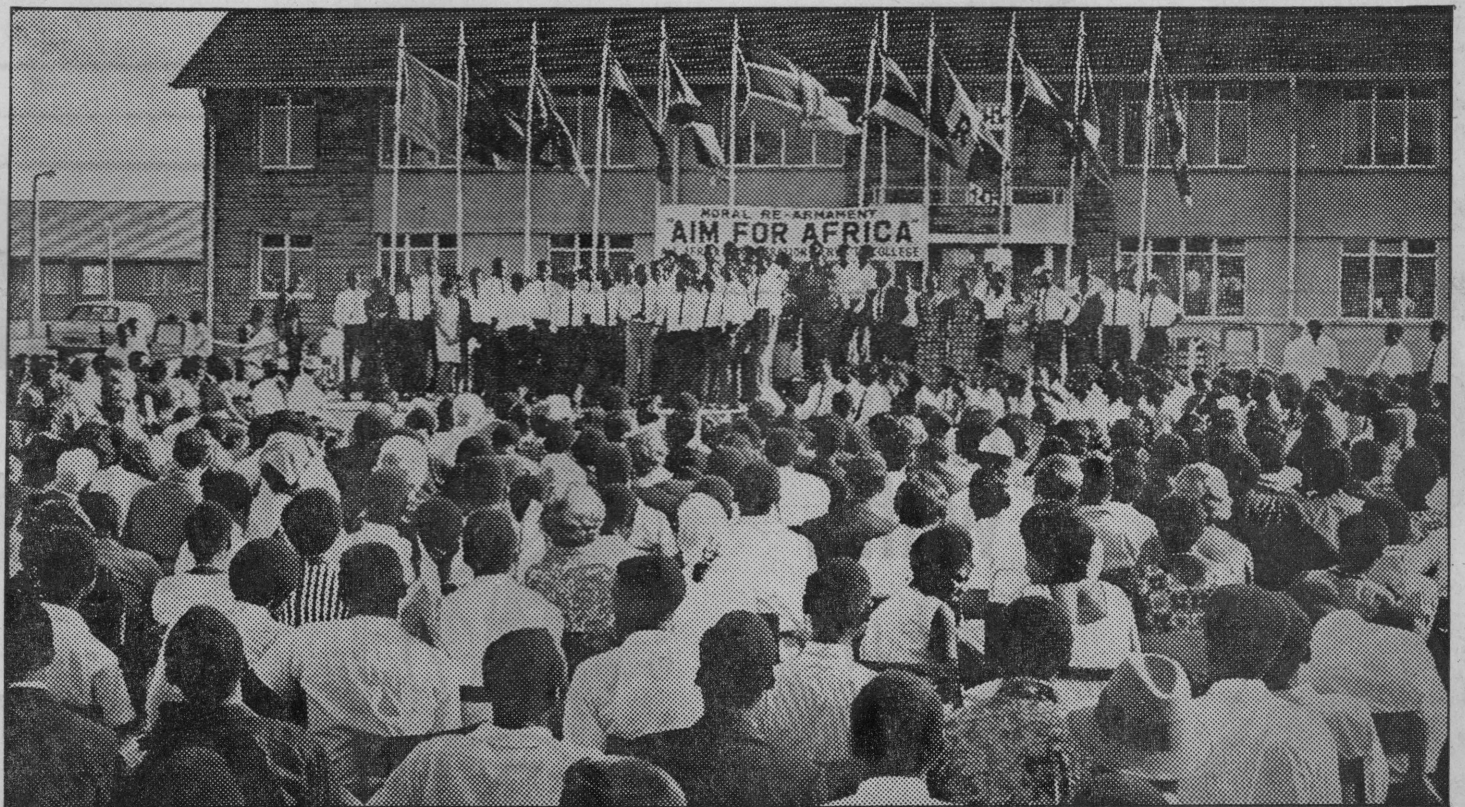
Africa's youth, he said, were most grateful to their leaders who had freed the continent of imperial tyranny. The youth, however, had more to do. They had to ensure that Africa was not under the tyranny of anybody, whether black, white or red.

The African youth were determined to make the continent an example to America, Russia, Asia and Europe. Africa would bring out a way of life that would ensure permanent freedom and peace for people of all races, tribes and creeds.

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At the M.R.A. "Aim for Africa" open day at Kenyatta College on Saturday a hot sun beat down on the open-air activities. One man

(above) makes a recording of the dancing while a friend holds aloft an umbrella to shelter them. Below: a general view of the rally.



# WEALTH COMES FROM WORK



Delegates from 14 African States participate in a self-help project at the M.R.A. Demonstration.

## WE WILL DEMONSTRATE ...

We are here to demonstrate an aim for Africa big enough to include all states and all people regardless of colour, race, creed or any other division — an aim that will be the solution to the various problems in Africa and the world today. Western Capitalism is not the answer. Communism is not the answer. China and Russia are as divided as Capitalism is from Communism. The answer may have to come from Africa.

**CECIL MARUMA, TANZANIA.**

This is the end of one era and the beginning of another. We youth of Africa have decided to create a new Africa guided by God where people live for others, not for their own selfish interest.

**CHARLES EBALU, UGANDA.**

This conference has created us into a force of individuals and nations. Myself and my delegation are going back to put right the corruption in ourselves and our nation and to make Africa a pattern for the whole world.

**ABEL NDIFE, NIGERIA.**

I am fully convinced that with the weapon of Moral Re-Armament we can create a continent which will be free from the evils of hate and division and can civilise the whole world.

**BHUPINDER SINGH, KENYA.**

The majority in Africa are women so it is of great urgency that we women need to make the decisions that will

effect the future of our continent. The ideas of M.R.A. will teach us what these decisions must be. I have realised I must make many sacrifices and I for one have decided to give everything I can to bring these ideas to my school, family and country.

**STELLA SALI, UGANDA.**

For me this conference has been the experience of a lifetime. It has enabled us to learn to tolerate, share and care for each other regardless of colour or creed. I believe M.R.A. is the most effective revolution taking place today.

**NASSIM MEGJI, KENYA.**

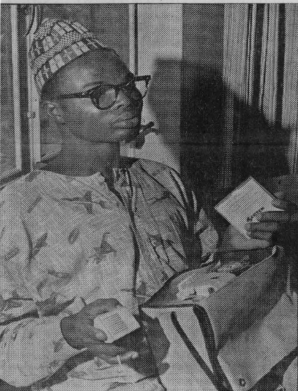
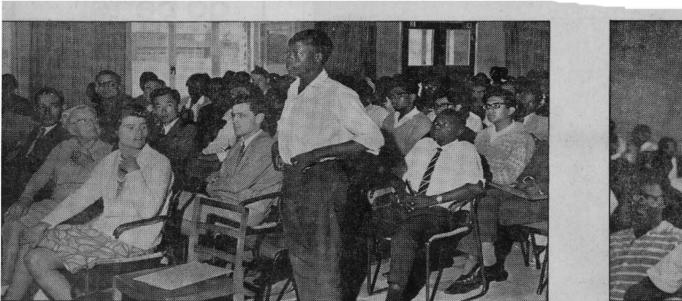
We youth are not prepared to wait for the continent's problems to be solved. Out of this conference we will raise a force and provide an answer and take it to Cairo, Khartoum, Lagos, Accra and Salisbury.

**JOHN GETHI, KENYA.**

We have decided that we will sacrifice as much if not more than the leaders who fought for independence to see that Africa will stay in freedom. A great continent demands great living and we need men and women who cannot be bought by money, drink, position or sex. We are out to create a quality in the people of this continent which will speak louder than all the slogans that have been made up to this moment. We have the chance to show mankind how nations are meant to live on God's earth.

**ANDREW PEPPETTA, SOUTH AFRICA.**

**Chairman, Aim for Africa Demonstration**



Mr. Emmanuel Oyeswale, a freelance journalist from Northern Nigeria, records a guest speaker at the conference.

People at the M.R.A. conference. Left, Mr. Salomon Ouna, of Masseno National School, questions the speaker of the day. Dame Flora MacLeod, Mr. Rajmohan Gandhi, Mr. Toshio Hara of Japan and the Marquis of Graham are among the guests. Centre, Miss Stella Joy Sali, women's editor of the conference newspaper, pictured at a session of the journalists' workshop. Right, Mr. Conrad Huntie, vice-captain of the West Indies' cricket team, begins the day's programme, at 8.15 a.m., by leading the physical education class.

# AFRICA'S REBEL WITH A CAUSE SEEK TO END WORLD'S DIVISIONS

**P**REPARATION for responsible leadership and initiative in a world where Africa has an increasingly vital voice is the main emphasis at the Moral Re-Armament All African Demonstration, now in its second week at Kenyatta College.

Nearly 550 young men and women between 18 and 25 are attending from 14 African States. Among the delegations are Sudanese from both North and South; Nigerians from all regions; Black and White from South Africa.

More than 200 have come from Tanzania and 160 from Uganda. More than 180 East African schools and colleges are represented. Zambia delegates include teachers, a branch president of the National Union of Zambia Students and a great grandson of the Litunga of the Barotse people.

It is a vigorous daily programme they are working out the main theme of the conference — "How Africa can pattern a common purpose for mankind and make a unique contribution to the growth of civilisation." Only in such an aim, they claim, can the racial and tribal divisions of the continent be resolved.

This is the first conference in Africa where the youth of the continent have come together from many lands and backgrounds not just to protest against what is wrong but to demonstrate for what is right.

On Kenya's second anniversary of independence young Kenyans from different tribes declared their intention to work as hard to maintain a nation whose leaders had fought hard to obtain. They signed a common pledge of African secondary school, said: "As Africans

of all backgrounds and colours we must start thinking how to reach the rest of the continent with an answer to fear and racialism."

A hundred-voice chorus underlined their decision with a song which proclaims "Freedom isn't free. You have got to pay a price. You have got to sacrifice for your liberation."

The conference chairman, Mrs. Andrew Opendi, a young South African school-teacher, told the assembly: "We have to liberate the continent of Africa from our hard-won freedom. We have also to develop the continent socially, economically, politically — and morally."

"It will not happen by shouting slogans but by the commitment of our lives. We cannot be bought — by money, drink, position or sex."

Delegates take this challenge seriously. Two Nigerian school caps, John Nkhekwue and Abel Nfide, told of what commitment meant for them. Nkhekwue, of Lagos City College, says: "Being head prefect of my school was in the habit of embracing school properties. I wrote to my school principal, told him sorry I was and returned the things I could and could not."

## BEGAN TO FIGHT

"I was also in the habit of allowing myself to be bribed with little gifts of liquor by students who wanted to break school regulations. I apologised to them for my irresponsibility and began to fight for them to do greater things. It was the most active moment of my life when I made the experiment of against absolute moral standards."

The daily training programme begins with physical education at 8.15 a.m. on the former British Army parade ground. This is conducted by Conrad Huntie, vice-captain of the West Indies cricket XI.

Among speakers who have already addressed the conference are Mr. Huntie, Mr. Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma and chief editor of *Himmat*, Air-Vice-Marshal P. O. Mahalingam, a serving R.A.F. officer whose theme is "Africa and the atomic nuclear age"; and Mrs. Peter Howard, one of the late world leader of Moral Re-Armament.

"History is now in the hands of the black man," Rajmohan Gandhi told the youth. "Africa should change people, not hate them, transform a civilization, not bring it to a grinding halt."

Anti-imperialism was the small, an underdog, a great colonial power, and the nuclear age it would eventually be suicidal, he said.

"Those who have suffered can teach forgiveness," he said. "Africa can show the world the victor of a continent freed from hate. Our task is to fashion a new civilisation, to permanently avert nuclear war, prevent tyranny of any kind, and to create a free, self-fed, clothed and house every man, woman and child."

"Part of the life is spent in 'workshops'. Prospective journalists are publishing a daily conference newspaper and the drama workshop plays are being written and produced. One by a Tanzanian is called *Johnny of a Thousand Miles* and deals with the answer to bribery and corruption in the civil service. Peter Howard's theme, *The Dictator's Shogun*. We are tomorrow and The Lotus are producing a play to demonstrate that we will work on Masada where we

take part in a self help community development scheme in Gatundu Division.

The music department spans the range of a 100-voice chorus, beat groups and drummers. The best items from a talent competition will be presented at tomorrow's open day. Singers or soloists are invited at 3 p.m.

Guest performing performers are two girls from Kenya — a girl from Kenya Muslim and Judith Kavari from the girls' school conducted by Elmal Waineni from Tarime. The Cheskia group with traditional Tanzanian songs and dances, and Nigerian drummers.

## UGANDA GIRLS

In the agricultural course 65 students are learning about farming, forestry and techniques. They have seen films on research visited a farm training centre and been addressed by Kenya's Director of Settlement, Mr. Manna.

These taking part in the public speaking workshop were given sound advice by the head of the British Embassy of MacLeod, whose grandson, Patrick de Winton, London, is one of the younger members of the British Empire of Commonwealth has been close to the political scene in Britain since she was born in No 10 Downing Street, during the premiership of Disraeli.

In the opinion of this house, manual labour is beneath the dignity of the 'civilised man' — was a motto of the 'civilised' — defined in a debate at the public speaking workshop. The delegates will have the chance to demonstrate that we will work on Masada where we

anybody else in Africa." A question which caused the imagination of youth was asked by Rajmohan Gandhi: "Can Africa civilise the world?" Judging from the eagerness and the enthusiasm of these outstanding representatives of Africa's future leaders, the answer may be a resounding "Yes".

Godwin Muebu, from Moshi, says: "We have looked at Communism. We don't want it. We want M.R.A. We are prepared for the day when we can give it to the Chinese, the Russians and the capitalist blocs."

Sudanese Ibrahim Kiirwada, from Kampala, who leads the African delegation, adds: "We have here whites and blacks from Africa and whites from Britain. We are united. I see no reason why the whites of Salisbury the Africans or Rhodasia and Mr. Wilson cannot also find a common aim."

As the conference continues, the overseas guests have been invited to the City Hall by Rajmohan Gandhi has addressed the Union of Nairobi.

Overseas interest in the conference is shown by the messages sent to it. Prime Minister Keith Holyoake of New Zealand cabled: "I extend warmest good wishes for a successful and rewarding demonstration and the attainment of its objectives you are seeking."

Mr. George Mwangi sent the message: "As members of the national Parliament of Senegal, land, which is the home of the old Dame Flora MacLeod conference centre, we welcome the initiative of Kenya's leaders in holding the All-African Demonstration for M.R.A. This demonstration will be a foundation for the youth of the continent and far beyond."

The President of the Finance Committee of the German Parliament Dr. Otto Schmidt, sent their wishes for the union of Africa on the basis of what is right not on a reciprocal basis. The German youth called: "We are 18 years ahead of

## Message from the Prime Minister of Basutoland

"I am glad that two young men from your country have been able to attend this All-African Conference. I welcome the opportunity which I have been given to identify myself with all of you young (and not so young) people gathered at Kenyatta College. You have been given an opportunity to pause for a brief period for the purpose of giving yourselves time to widen the horizons of your thinking. In doing this you will include in your thoughts not only this beautiful continent on which we live, but you must think of the world of which we are a small part."

"We in Basutoland, along with all right thinking people all over the world, attach much importance to this Conference. The world today is not a peaceful place. Thirty Years ago the then President of the Swiss Confederation said: 'What is needed is the changing of lives through new spiritual power so strong that it reconciles dangerous conflicting forces and produces brotherhood and solidarity.' If the changing of lives was needed thirty years ago, it is needed even more today."

"I greet you as the Prime Minister of a new State — I could almost say a State in the making. The changing of lives is so necessary in my country as anywhere else and I should like to express the hope that some day in the not too distant future a Conference similar to this one may be held in Basutoland."

"May I conclude by wishing you success in all you put your hand to at this Conference, remembering that your over-riding aim is the re-making of the world."

LEABU JOHANNAS, Prime Minister of Basutoland.

# AFRICA'S HOUR



**Mr. Peter Howard**

"God is colour blind and character conscious. Man is character blind and colour conscious. We must reverse that.

"We need a revolution on God's earth to change the social, political and economic outlook for every man, woman and child. Africa can and will play a conquering part in creating the right revolution."

"Old England has failed. Modern America is failing. And the massive lack of unity

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**From an address to African students, diplomats and businessmen in London by Mr. Peter Howard, journalist, playwright and sportsman, who was in charge of the world programme of Moral Re-Armament until he died in Lima, Peru, on February 26, 1965.**

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between China and the Soviet Union won't unite the world.

"Why shouldn't in our lifetime Africa create a system where human beings care enough so that every living person has enough to eat, a decent home and an opportunity to live as men?"

"Africa is going to be the mother of tomorrow's world. The world is waiting with an eager heart and hungry mind to listen to the voice of the new Africa. It must be a voice so revolutionary that China, Russia, America, Europe, black men, brown men, yellow men, white men say with one accord, 'That is the way God's earth is meant to live.'

"Africa needs to show the world that it is not the colour of a man's skin but the character in a man's heart that counts. Africa has, if she chooses, the God-appointed destiny of uniting the entire world on the level of character. Africa, the continent of character, the character of

brotherhood that lies hidden under the hates, greeds, fears and bitterness of every human heart.

"I am for a revolution big enough to lift all men beyond the need of bloodshed into the realm of partnership and of peace. If that could come to pass we might see an Africa where everybody cares enough and everybody shares enough so everybody has enough. We might see an African freedom so generous and true that Moscow, Washington, London, Paris and Peking say: 'We all need what Africa has brought to birth in her continent.'

"This is Africa's hour. What Africa decides to live today the world may decide to live tomorrow. The continent, which we white men once called dark, may lead all men into the sunshine of a new and greater civilisation, where governments guided by God govern nations made of men and women who love each other as sons and daughters of God."

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## On the carpet

**Q** What do you remember of your grandfather, the Mahatma?

**A** His great humour. The fact that he was an extraordinarily down-to-earth human being. One always sensed that he was completely committed to his task; that he wasn't living for himself but for a great aim.

**Q** Anything else?

**A** Well one vivid memory — the scene when he ended his fast which was to try to get unity between the Hindus and Muslims of New Delhi.

The fast lasted five days and I remember seeing him, with a large pile of surrendered illegal arms in the corner of the room handed in by both communities, being given a glass of orange juice by a prominent member of the Muslim community, and he sipping it slowly.

**Q** What has it been like to have lived in the shadow of such a great man?

**A** Well, not having decided myself that I was going to be his grandson, I don't bother about it much.

**Q** You are Moral Re-Armament leader in your country — when and why did you get interested in the movement?

**A** When I was 20, just completing my college education in India. I got to know about it and continued to study it more thoroughly when I was on the "Scotsman".

**Q** And what do you think would have been the Mahatma's reaction to it?

**A** He would have said it was exactly what the world needed and would have been a front-rank fighter for it.

He knew Dr. Frank Buchman, the father of Moral-Re-Armament, very well. They were great friends.

**Q** What eventually made you get involved with it?

**A** I imagine my love of my country. To begin with I saw that the problems of lethargy, division, lack of initiative, hate among different groups of Indians, corruption and so on could only be solved through MRA and that our country could not grow strong or have a great future without it.

**Q** What contribution do you think MRA has made so far in this field?

**A** Already, a considerable one in my opinion, especially among the youth.

We have trained about 8,000 students in the last few years in leadership, team work, in hard and honest work and these students have taken this spirit back to their colleges and schools.

**Q** What does MRA offer, particularly to India?

**A** It offers individuals and nations a satisfying purpose in life. It offers India the chance of rapid economic progress and friendliness with her neighbours.

It also offers India a solution to the hate between different caste and language groups, to cure corruption and to modernise herself.

It offers every country the opportunity to play a great and inspired role in world affairs.

To the world it offers a way out of the nuclear war threat.

But the Communist and non-Communist world can find in it something which could unite them both, not out of appeasement of one to the other, but by real change in both. It is an idea big enough to include both groups, to change them both.

**Q** How?

**A** Let's take the example of a former Norwegian Communist leader. He says the unsolved item on the agenda of every Communist country is how to create the new type of man.

Kruschev himself used to say that the difficulty in the

RAJMOHAN GANDHI, 30, is the grandson of the great Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the freedom movement in India and exponent of passive resistance, which was so effective in India's struggle against the British. With a Master's degree in Economics from India's St. Stephen's College, he went to Edinburgh for a year with the "Scotsman" newspaper. Now a leader of Moral Re-Armament in his country, he recently came to attend the MRA Aim for Africa conference in Nairobi.

Here he answers questions about his work.

# My hope for the world

Soviet Union was that they had not yet produced the new type of Communist necessary to the creation of a new type of Communist society.

These leaders say that in MRA they have seen that man can be changed, that his selfishness can be curbed, his greed ended, his hate cured; that man can build the new society.

That's why these same leaders say MRA builds the classless society which the Communists have tried to do and failed.

The sincere Communist knows this; that the class war can only end today if there is an atomic war which would destroy the anti-Communist as well as the Communist world.

Secondly, he knows that Communism cannot solve the problems even within its sphere.

China and Russia are now divided because of rivalry and jealousy. And Communism has not solved the problems of corruption and inefficiency inside the Soviet Union. They are looking for a way out.

The world obviously needs something which leaves neither victor nor vanquished.

## PRACTICAL

**Q** If MRA offers as much as you suggest why hasn't it caught on in a bigger and faster way up to now?

**A** Already, it has caught on in a very big way. Take men like Adenauer and Schuman — Adenauer, the former Chancellor of West Germany, Schuman, the late Prime Minister of France.

You may or may not agree with their policies, but they were both practical men of the world who would evaluate the force of MRA in practical terms.

Adenauer said that unless the work of MRA was extended the peace of the world cannot be maintained.

Schuman said: "If MRA were just another theory, I should not be interested but it's a philosophy of life I've seen applied by millions. It is a world-wide transformation of society which has already begun."

Both men said that the decisive role in the bonding of the new friendship between France and Germany, two ancient enemies, was played by MRA.

Similarly, MRA played the decisive role in ending the long and bitter hatred between the Japanese and the South Koreans. The Korean Education Minister recently instructed that all anti-Japanese references in text books were to be deleted — a fantastic change.

I could name important men on all continents and in all countries, whose convictions tally with those of MRA so I believe it has already played a decisive part in world affairs.

Moscow Radio has said that MRA is in the final phase of its expansion throughout the

world. It has established bridgeheads on every continent with the power to capture radical revolutionary minds.

Peking Radio says that MRA is the only ideology in the non-Communist world that they have to fear.

**Q** What hopes do you hold out of influencing China and other Communist States?

**A** The first thing is to change the attitude of the non-Communist nations. To revolutionise Japanese society, Indian, Pakistani, Thai, Philippine society, to unite the other Asian countries in the great purpose.

The same goes for Africa, Europe and the other continents and then I think the Chinese and Russians will say: "Perhaps they have got what we need."

We all know that the youth in the Soviet Union is no longer passionately Communist and I'm told that when the French Cultural Affairs Minister recently saw Mao Tse-tung he too admitted that the younger generation was no longer so enthusiastic about Communism.

**Q** Let's go over one or two serious problems in the world today and see what answers MRA has for them: Rhodesia?

**A** Well, take this MRA conference I've been attending here, outside Nairobi. Nearly a thousand were present — the vast majority, of course, Black African students, a certain number of Asians but also a good number of Whites.

The Whites were absolutely united with all the others at the conference — on the one aim, which is the re-making of the world by the re-making of man.

Now if these Whites can be so united with all the rest, I believe the Whites of Rhodesia, the Africans of Rhodesia, the Africans of the rest of Africa and Mr. Wilson and the Whites of Britain can also find a similar unity.

It is absolutely insane to believe in a nuclear age that race must hate race, that Black, White and Brown cannot live together.

Now, I believe Kenya has already pioneered in this field to a certain extent — different races can live in unity and at the same time, have complete democracy and majority rule — which I believe must come to Rhodesia. I believe force is going to give no solution to Rhodesia.

It would consolidate the Whites against the Africans. It would divide the world and provoke a confrontation between Black and White.

I think that for certain people it is more important to shame them into change rather than to dare them to defy you.

I have no ready-made solution. You ask what is MRA's solution. But I think the real question is: What is Kenya's solution and what is the solution of those immediately involved. If they applied MRA

they could find it.

**Q** MRA is obviously well off — where do you get your money from?

**A** Money comes from the sacrifice and contributions of those who believe that MRA is what the world needs. These are hundreds of thousands of ordinary people throughout the world, black, brown, yellow and white.

I wish the governments of the Soviet Union and the United States would give us money — neither has given us a cent so far. Nor for that matter has any other government.

**Q** Voluntary contributions are your only source...?

**A** Yes. Many men have sold their homes, their cars, their insurance policies — the sacrifices have been of this kind.

**Q** Aren't you worried by the fact that no government will support you?

**A** I think governments should be worried by the fact that they have not.

I am not worried about the future of MRA, rather I am worried about the future of governments because if they don't get MRA they and their nations are in grave danger.

**Q** Do you mean that you think they will be overtaken by MRA, or something?

**A** No, MRA is not competing against governments. It is something the governments should take and make it their own.

**Q** And if they don't...?

**A** Then their nations suffer. MRA is not on trial, it is actually an eternal idea, not something new. It boils down to the simple question of right versus wrong.

## WIDESPREAD

**Q** Would you discuss the future leadership of MRA. Since Peter Howard's death in South America, the leadership has been vacant, hasn't it?

**A** The work of MRA has now become so vast, so widespread, so huge that I believe it is humanly impossible for any one man to lead or control it.

Already in every part of the world the work is being carried on through a united leadership.

And in the coming years I am convinced the leadership of MRA will not be held by one man but by teams of united men — unless of course, some, staggering personality with immense capabilities emerges on the scene who can grip the whole work.

Perhaps some such man may come from Kenya or Africa, and if so — terrific.

Until then I believe God will lead MRA through scores of people working in disciplined team spirit.

**Q** What is your position vis a vis the many very different religions of the world?

**A** The road of MRA is one on which everyone can walk. The doors of MRA are open to everyone in the world — to men of all religions, to men of no religion.

As far as the different churches are concerned, you must ask their leaders, but it's a fact that throughout the world our work is getting support and understanding.

**Q** One of your great beliefs is in non-racialism. What do you think of Kenya's record so far and what do you think her role can be?

**A** Already Kenya's example is being quoted throughout the world. Harambee is now a part of the vocabulary of many languages.

And I think Kenya's task is to produce "Harambee Africa" — to Harambee the world.

I think Kenya also has to show the world that unity does not just come by chance — but by change; that unity does not come from one crowd accusing the other crowd, but by each crowd and each race admitting where it might have gone wrong, admitting also its need of the other crowd. The future of the world must lie in co-operation, not confrontation.

**Q** I have found a certain amount of coyness and cynicism evident whenever people discuss MRA. Some pour scorn on it by saying you all have too much money to splash about; you pretend to be saints and behave like religious fanatics.

**Why do you think that, for instance, Sir Derek Erskine, when telling members of the United Kenya Club that you would be addressing them said: "I don't think I have to be coy about it — Mr. Gandhi is an MRA man."**

**A** Well, you'll have to ask Sir Derek about that. But whenever the common man has seen MRA, he has absolutely responded to it because it is exactly what he wants — a decent, sane world and country. This is the common man's revolution.

The common man wants a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free world. It is impossible to prevent rumours and stories of all sorts flying around.

MRA is a revolutionary force — mind you. And in a world which is full of corruption, where men do thrive on hate it is not in everyone's interests that the world shall be revolutionised in the right manner.

But these men too can change. If they won't, it is inevitable that they try to prevent the rise and spread of MRA. And lies invented by knaves are sometimes swallowed by fools.

**Q** How are you going to get over this?

**A** By confronting the common man with the truth about MRA every single time we get the chance. By reaching millions. And we are already doing it in every part of the world.

**Q** How does Africa fit into your scheme for the future of the world?

**A** Africa perhaps needs the world. Unquestionably the world needs Africa.

I have had the privilege of travelling in many parts of the world and have observed that it's the African who commands attention wherever he goes.

At a function, at a party, people gravitate to the African. He has the floor, he has the microphone. To what he says the world will listen out of real interest.

The world may not listen to an Asian, a European or an American, but it will listen to an African.

I believe therefore, that it is Africa's task and destiny to give MRA to the world.

What an African says will

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be heeded in Washington and Moscow, in London and Peking, in Tokyo and New Delhi.

And what I've seen of the African here — the way they have responded to MRA — makes me believe Africa and MRA are perfectly fitted to each other.

**Q** What is the first thing you do when you want to morally re-arm someone? Does he give up smoking — I've noticed none of you smoke. . . ?

**A** You see MRA stands for complete liberty — if he wants to be a remaker of the world. . . .

**Q** If I can just take you up on liberty . . . is this compatible with your view that Communism can also travel on the MRA road.

**A** It depends on what you mean by Communism. . . .

**Q** Well, in this context, an organic State where the people are marshalled, not free?

**A** If Communism means the creation of a classless society where every man, woman and child irrespective

of background has an equal chance to rise to greatness, then I am for Communism.

If Communism means that the mass of the people are to be regarded as illiterate, incapable of deciding what is good for them, and that a few people in fact decide what is good for them and impose their will on everybody, then I am against it.

If Communism is, as Lenin defined it, that the "myth of God" is removed from the mind of man, and that men must consult the State before their consciences, then MRA is the precise opposite of Communism.

Supposing a man wants to be a remaker of the world, he can apply standards of absolute honesty, purity and unselfishness to his own life.

We all want the other man to be straight, hate-free, incorruptible, free of jealousy, and so on.

Well, what about ourselves? We should apply standards we should like others to apply. Then we can know and put right what is wrong in our lives.

We should know what to put right in our lives. If it's jealousy or hate — one can apologise, if one has stolen, one can return it.

The criterion should always

be: what effect my actions will have on others.

It's not an exercise in individual goodness, which I think is a dull exercise.

It is preparation to make oneself fit to be a really effective participant in the creation of a new society.

**Q** It seems to me that you may not only have corrupt men, but human nature itself, with all its ingrained weaknesses, to overcome in the creation of this society. . . .

**A** Yes, precisely. But human nature can be changed, that is the root of the answer.

**Q** And how do you hope to accomplish this at the same time allowing, indeed encouraging, complete liberty for the individual?

**A** Well, you cannot change it by dictatorship. Each man has a free will, for good or ill, and this is a fact we face. You can't expect man to change just by making him free.

I think you can try, at any rate, to inspire others by your own united effort.

In this modern age, with all the mass-media at man's disposal, it is now possible for statesmen, sportsmen, men of the theatre to reach and change the hearts of millions.

## FOUR ABSOLUTE MORAL STANDARDS

**O**N behalf of all the delegates representing different African and overseas States at the Moral Re-Armament Conference in Kenyatta College, I send our most sincere congratulations to the President, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, and all the citizens of the Republic of Kenya on the second anniversary of their independence celebrations, and wish them another progressive year, 1966.

Casting our minds back two years, the people and the countryside portray to us what tremendous prosperity Kenya has had, both socially and economically, under the wise and efficient leadership of Mzee Kenyatta. Remarkable, also, is the way the people of Kenya have been united both in Parliament and in the Provinces. We are glad that Kenya is trying to show the other African States the way a nation should live.

In Kenyatta College, we are meeting young boys and girls from all over Africa to discuss the problems which confront man in his daily life, and trying to find out how solutions to such problems can be inaugurated, not with violence and force, but with the guidance of Moral Re-Armament, the only ideology that will help man to create a new, just society where greed, hatred and corruption will not exist.

We believe that if the present world-wide situations continue, they will lead the

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world to destruction. We are sure that nuclear weapons will not bring about peace, but destruction. Violence has failed completely to restore peace in South Vietnam. Right now, Salisbury is the scene of the most chaotic mess in the history of Africa. There is division in the Sudan, trouble in the Congo and racialism in South Africa.

We have witnessed presidential assassinations from the time of Caesar to the time of President Kennedy. Nations

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have tried to be jealous of one another and shown no symptoms of peace. Instead, more nations are joining in wars. Will peace never get its turn in the world? What can we youth do about it?

We have met here neither to criticise our leaders, nor to find out who is wrong. Our aim is to find out what is wrong and how we can put it right. We are not Communists, neither are we capitalists, nor are we non-aligned. We stand neutral. We are determined to found a

new world, where Communism or capitalism will be but nothing.

Everyone needs equality, peace and unity. It is what we are raising a revolution of character to fight. Many have tried to change the physique, we shall change the character.

We want our leaders to be guided by the four absolute moral standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. Not only our leaders but we ourselves. We want to carry these standards all the time, everywhere. If we want to change other people we ourselves must change first. We are in earnest that if our leaders take the idea of Moral Re-Armament seriously, we who follow them will do so in the spirit of unity and peace. It is the only sane way to moral freedom.

The youth have come to realise that we cannot wait for our leaders to grow aged and then revolutionise the world when our time comes. Who knows when our time will come? Maybe too late, or not at all. The time to begin is now.

We hope that the fortnight we are spending here will not be a waste of time, but a time that may light the way to future incorruptible man, not only in Africa, but throughout the world. The Communist idea of finding another planet or blowing up his own is out of date.

We believe, and shall continue to believe, in the four absolute moral standards as the only other planets to build our hopes on.

PATRICK MUNYAO.

Nairobi, Dec. 16, 1965.



## AFRICA CAN CIVILISE THE WORLD

Mr. Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, speaking to the cast of the new All-Africa musical presentation produced by the delegates to the Aim for Africa Demonstration, stated:

"This musical can have a great influence on the course of events in Africa. At this time of crisis to have black, brown and white Africans, men from North and South Sudan and men with real links with Rhodesia on the stage, is more than a coincidence. It is possible to create a spirit that has consequences that could solve the real problems of Africa today. The task before these young men and women is to create a core of ten thousand revolutionary servants of Africa. When these men arise they will have a part to play not only to solve the problems of Africa, but in civilising the world, colonising it for God and creating an empire of honesty and unselfishness. When Africa speaks with that kind of voice the whole world will learn from Africa."

Mr. Gandhi earlier addressed the students and faculty at the University College of Nairobi. He told them that the history of the world is now in the hands of the black man. "Many people in India are beginning to evaluate the remarkably unselfish work of many white men there, but white men have failed because they didn't live absolute moral standards. Africa could do better. She is meant to change people not hate them and to transform civilisation not bring it to a grinding halt."

Mr. Gandhi added that anti-Imperialism is too small an aim for a great continent like Africa and would eventually be suicidal. "Those who have suffered can teach forgiveness. Africa can show the world the vigour of a Continent freed of hate", he said. Mr. Gandhi appealed to Africans to help create the new type of Indians and said "Indians self-absorbed who believe the country owes them a living become a nation of consumers not producers. America has generously provided one seventh of the wheat crop. Now some people were asking that this aid be doubled. Because of selfish Indians such a policy would impoverish the U.S.A. before it enriched India. Indians need to find the secret discipline of regular hard work."

Thanking Mr. Gandhi, Dr. A. T. Porter of Sierra Leone and the College principal said: "It is for us to translate the challenge put to us into action. In this we are hopeful. Without translation we will be nervous for the future of this great country."



The Mayor of Eldoret presents Mr. Peppetta with a cheque from the citizens of Eldoret in response to the idea that the All-Africa musical show be launched to the whole continent from there. (See story Page 1.)



The Mayor of Eldoret, Mr. Paul Mayabi, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen and Town Councillors gave a reception for the cast of the musical show on the lawns in front of the City Hall. "Harambee Africa" has put Eldoret on the map," declared the Mayor.

# What We are doing...

In the Editorial, "Catching the Imagination of Africa's Youth", written by one of the "Aim for Africa" demonstration initiators, you have read our aims.

During 1966, we want to rouse our generation and our leaders to revolution — a revolution of character. We have the will and the way to do it.

In April we plan to bring our musical presentation to the capitals and principal towns of East Africa. A force 120 strong will make this safari by road, rail, boat and air.

When July and August come we will offer ourselves to other African States.

By the end of this year Africa, shaped like a question-mark, will have the answer for mankind.



The new musical show produced by the conference delegates presented in the Nairobi City Hall.

# ...What You can do

It will need money. We need musical instruments, transport, costumes, food, accommodation, equipment. The Mayor and people of Eldoret started us off with 2,000/- and want us to begin our April safari in their town with a further, and larger, contribution.

There are books and films you can use to spread this revolution in Africa.

You can begin with yourself — as we have done by doing the things we should have been doing and quitting those things we shouldn't!

Write us. Send us your contributions and ideas:

AIM FOR AFRICA  
P.O. Box 20035,  
Nairobi.

(Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Moral Re-Armament).



The Strollers, Kenya's popular TV singing group, back up the 200-man chorus.

BELOW: "You've got to pay a price, you've got to sacrifice for your liberty," sing the chorus.

Uganda students sing a duet.



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