

"Kerkbode" Criticises M.R.A. Publicity

(From Our Own Correspondent).

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CRITICISM of the methods used by the Moral Rearmament organisation in publicising the visit of Dr. Frank Buchman and his international team to South Africa, is expressed in "Die Kerkbode," official organ of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk.

The editorial alleges that the original claim that the group was invited by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and four Administrators, is not born out by the facts, which are that these men merely expressed their appreciation of the visit.

"These people are always busy with kings, princes and the great of the world, but in their methods they seldom follow the royal way, and their conduct is often unparliamentary," the article says.

"Whether the visit will prove a blessing or not we cannot say, but we must deplore the fact that the organisers used this method to further their cause. There is evident a planned propaganda move to advance the movement in South Africa by the use of the influential names of political leaders."

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The editorial says that the Moral Rearmament organisation is the revival of the Oxford Group, known to South Africa during the years of 1933 to 1937.

"To make the matter clear we say that we are not keen to see this movement come to our land, particularly along the paths they are now following," the article concludes.



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