

MRA talks look at future of education

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A LOOK at the future of education in Rhodesia and an attempt at realising some of the changes that will have to be faced were the basis of a Moral Rearmament conference at Coolmoreen Farm, Gwelo, over the Whitsun weekend.

Taking part was a cross-section of people ranging from a university professor, lecturers and teachers of all races, an industrialist. The co-Minister of Education, Mr. G. C. M. Magaramombe, took part in the last two days.

ASPIRATIONS

One of the main organisers was Mr. Don Barnett, a Salisbury accountant.

He said: "We talked about the problems that are facing education and of the aspirations, particularly those of the black and coloured people, and about the fears expressed by some white people.

"We were not meeting with the object of finding all the answers, but in the firm belief that there is a wiser authority.

"If we are prepared to listen to that authority then sometimes we might get the inspired answers."

WIDER BASE

He said the conference took a look at the need to broaden the base of education across the colour line, the need for quantities of teachers, particularly in African education, the problem of inadequate facilities, particularly in African secondary education, and the fact that whites need to face that they have had privileges

which they must be more ready to share.

At its end the Minister told the conference: "I am thrilled to see how you are tackling the problems. These few hours have been inspiring to me as a politician and as a Christian.

"You are committed not to condone or to condemn evils, but to winding God's guidance to see how these problems can be put right.

"Any country without moral standards is built on very shaky ground and is in danger of collapse."