

# London Letter

From Our Own Correspondent

## CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION

THE House of Lords debate on Central African Federation on April 1 was followed with great interest by people throughout Britain. After distinguished speakers from both sides of the House had discussed the Federation Scheme, the basic ideological factors were raised by Lord Addington. "Federation or not," he said, "unity is still the most vital issue. In Southern Rhodesia there are two most hopeful signs—and I would emphasise the word 'hopeful.' The first is that many Europeans are coming to see that there must be contact and consultation with the Africans on a new level and in an atmosphere free from suspicion and fear. The second is that African leaders are beginning to take the initiative themselves in working out the ideological strategy for Central Africa."

Lord Addington reported that "from Africa alone 90 leaders from 12 different areas have been to Caux in Switzerland where this ideology is not only taught but lived and caught." Among them had been Mr. Godwin Lewanika, founder and first President of the Northern Rhodesian African Congress, who on his return arranged the first round table talks between Europeans and Africans. Speaking at such a round table conference, Mr. Hove, the editor of the 'Bantu Mirror' in Bulawayo, reported that national leaders of the European and African trade union organisations were for the first time planning together to influence the greatest number with a positive ideology.

"I suggest," concluded Lord Addington, "that there are thus firm grounds of hope for a solution, both of this particular problem of Federation in these three territories and of the wider problems of unity and race relationships in Africa and many other parts of the world."

Miss Peggy Metcalfe, a Civil Servant, said: "The problems at a conference table are often not as difficult as the problems around the table. In MRA we have a real and vital chance to bring a solution to the divisions and frustrations of the world."

From Finland came Miss Kirsti Hukkarainen, a factory worker, who twice lost her home in the war." I have been prepared to die for my country," she declared, "but I did not know how to live at peace. I was looking for something so big that it would make a new world possible. In MRA I found it. Applying this ideology in my own life has cured all the deepest wounds in my heart."

Mrs. McArthur Holman, who had recently returned from India, summed up the thoughts of the women present. "If we want a safe world for our children and our children's children and for our own old age," she said, "we must give everything now."

### A Lead From Management

In the Digbeth Institute, Birmingham, where the workers' meetings have been taking place during the great strike in Austin's Motor Works, a meeting for trade unionists, mainly from the motor industries, heard industrial speakers on Moral Re Armament.

Mr. John Nowell, General Manager of the Camden Tannery in Cheshire, and last year's President of the British National Association of Cut Sole Manufacturers, spoke on revolutionary change in industry and the nation.

"Moral Re Armament is creating the inspired teamwork of men set free from their fear, hates and resentments," said Mr. Nowell. "It means change for us in management." He told how he had apologized to the trade union leader in his factory, and then adjusted all wages on the basis of what was right. A Works Council jointly led by management and labour, had been so successful that a well-known revolutionary leader from Europe had commented: "Here I have seen my boyhood's dream fulfilled. This could never happen under Communism. You men are free—I see it in your faces."

### The Healing Of The Nations

Women from many countries thronged the Cowdray Hall,

London, recently to hear evidence of a world force active in over 60 countries, and to be presented with the challenge of what is right and not who is right. The meeting was called by the well-known actress, Miss Lena Ashwell O.B.E. (Lady Simson) and Miss Hilda Pocock, S.R.N.

Lady Simson said "Moral Re Armament is the most powerful and vital instrument God is using today for the uniting of the nations." Miss Pocock told the audience "I went into nursing for the healing of peoples' bodies; I am in MRA for the healing of the nations."