

# MRA told of 'bitterness' toward Whites

PRETORIA. — Those who had suffered the most hurts and humiliations were the ones who could bring reconciliation and healing to the world, the Subbiah Kistasami, an Indian teacher formerly of Durban and now teaching at a London high school, said, when he addressed the international Moral Re-armament conference here yesterday.

More than 350 people from 25 countries and many different parts of South Africa heard Mr Kistasami and four others speak on "A moral and spiritual revolution — what everyone can do".

Mr Kistasami, who left South Africa after the 1949 Durban race riots in which many Indians died, told of the bitterness he felt towards "White superiority".

This bitterness spread to his family life in Britain where he "swore, drank and dominated my family," he said.

Through meeting Moral Re-armament he learnt to "listen to the still, small voice inside" and this led to him breaking his urge to dominate and a wholesome family life was created.

## Challenge

Mr Kistasami said he had taken up the challenge to help reconcile and heal the world and his home in London would always be open to people of all races so that this message could be spread.

Mr Antonio Balcao, a Brazilian port worker who was a communist for 18 years, told how Recife, port for the north-east of Brazil, was crippled in the early 1960's by corruption and maladministration.

A revolution at the port in March, 1964, saw the appointment of an army colonel — "a good administrator but the most arrogant man I have ever met" — to head the port.

The colonel's attitude increased discontent at the port. "Then, one day, some Moral Re-armament friends came to see me and we asked what we could do about the situation," Mr Balcao said. "God told us what to do."

## Attitude

Mr Balcao and his friends saw the colonel and told him what his attitude was doing to the port workers. "That is possible," the Colonel said. "But what can I do?"

Apply the spirit of Moral Re-armament, he was told. "We said to him that if he started at the top and worked downwards we would start at the bottom and work upwards".

By showing Moral Re-armament films and talking to the trade unions and port workers, Mr Balcao and his friends showed that the port was also the responsibility of the workers.

"In one year we cancelled out the port's debt and showed a bank balance of 1½ million crucitos," said Mr Balcao. — Sapa.