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A COOL WELCOME AWAITS DOMINEE

JOHANNESBURG.—A cool reception awaits Dr F. E. O'Brien Geldenhuys, Moderator of the Northern Region Synod of the Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk of the Transvaal, when he returns to South Africa from Switzerland.

Dr Geldenhuys is at Caux attending a conference of the Moral Rearmament movement.

He said in an address there: "The inherent sluggishness, selfishness and self-righteousness of we Afrikaners has blinded us totally to what is going on in the world today.

"We Afrikaners have been thinking far too much from the standpoint of how we can save ourselves."

Carrier

This has been the signal for sharp Nationalist attacks on the Moral Rearmament movement.

Dr Carel de Wet, M.P. for Vanderbijlpark, said at a meeting in Boksburg: "We do not need the Moral Rearmament movement in this country. It is the carrier of liberalism."

Nationalist newspapers recall that this is the second time within a few months that members of the Moral Rearmament movement here have made statements that conflict with the Afrikaner's traditional views on colour.

This is a reference to an apology made to the Bantu people by Judge C. J. Classen for "pride towards them in the past."

Dissatisfaction

Judge Claasen said this during a visit to Maseru by a team of the Moral Rearmament movement.

He added: "As an Afrikaner, my attitude was one of indifference and superiority."

A Nationalist paper here reports that Dr Geldenhuys' statement has caused dissatisfaction in political circles.

"A stage has been reached where reaction is becoming sensitive to the spirit of Caux."

Dr Geldenhuys is certain to be asked to explain his "liberal" statements when he returns to the Union.