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## MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

New World News Agency reports from Caux-sur-Montreux:

THE assembly of the Moral Re-Armament opened on Switzerland's National Day, before representatives from 25 countries. They included political, industrial, and cultural leaders from Europe, America, Africa, and the Far East.

Paramount Chief Nana Kwasi Afrani III of Ashanti announced that as a result of his visit to the World Assembly of Moral Re-Armament he had decided to Distribute four thousand Acres of his own farmlands to his people. "This land will be distributed among all those who need land for farming so that my people can both live in happiness and have more to eat," he said. "Moral Re-Armament brings unity love unselfishness, honesty and affirms moral standards of life. We need God's guidance to give us inspiration. Men are made new

here in Caux. That is the significant answer of Dr. Buchman."

Shankar Hegde from Bombay, one of the young leaders in the struggle for India's Independence, sprang to the platform and said, "this will be great news for Asia and Africa. The burning passion of the landless for land is one of the greatest causes of conflict and bitterness. In the East millions are looking for a solution. I thought the only way was the liquidation of the landowning class, This action proves that Moral Re-Armament is the better way."

[The noble example set by the Paramount Chief Nana Kwasi Afrani is III Ashanti is worthy of the greatest praise and emulation. In so far as India is concerned it should be noted that the wonderful achievements of Acharya Vinoba Bhave in solving the land problem by non-violent means stand as an example to the whole world.

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He has succeeded in getting millions of acres of land from land-owners to supply the need of the landless—Ed. I.O.]

Sir Rustom K. Masani, the first Indian Municipal Commissioner for Bombay University, paid tribute at the Moral Re-Armament World Assembly to the contribution of Dr. Buchman the world peace and co-operation. "He insists on change in the individual as a necessary condition for rebuilding the world. This call to change is the call of the future. Change in individuals and nations must come before peace and international brotherhood."

The Indian leader, who was chairman of the National War Front and a member of the Defence Council during the war, said that Dr. Butchman's visit to India was eagerly awaited. "Of all countries India is the most attuned to the message of Moral Re-Armament. It is in tune with the keynote of Hindu philosophy," he declared. "Many people blame the politicians for our troubles.

But there are no insurmountable political and economic problems. It is what each individual thinks and does that leads people to war or peace." Lady Masani described their visit to Caux as "a landmark in my life. I feel as if I have come to my native land," she said.