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Loyalty of minister accepted

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—The Church Council of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde congregation in Pretoria East has unconditionally accepted the good faith, honourableness and loyalty of Dr. F. E. O. B. Geldenhuys, the minister of the congregation, who, it was previously alleged, had criticised the Government and the Church at a Moral Re-Armament meeting at Caux, in Switzerland.

A statement by the Kerkraad says that it has had an opportunity of hearing the verbatim text of Dr. Geldenhuys's statement at Caux.

"The Council is now convinced that the confusion and uncertainty which had arisen about his message in Caux, must be ascribed to the fact that the Moral Re-Armament Association had not only released an incomplete text of his speech, but had also created an incorrect impression with the translation and editing.

"The Council wants to give the assurance that Dr. Geldenhuys still stands exactly where he had always stood, and wants to give all his time and energies to his Church with deeper devotion, without in any way identifying himself with the M.R.A. as a movement."