

IN THIS ARTICLE ON MORAL REARMAMENT
AND COMMUNISM THE WRITER DESCRIBES
A DESIRE AT CAUX TO

End the deadlock in Black-White relationships

THAT nearly two thousand Marxists were among the delegates from all over the world who attended this year's Moral Rearmament Assembly at Caux, Switzerland, is far more significant than the figures, at first glance, would suggest.

Each delegate is representative of some hundreds, possibly thousands, in the area from which he comes, and will return to considerable influence among them.

It was in this way, through the influence of a single member, that Communism has fallen 45 per cent. in certain districts of the Ruhr, formerly the traditional home of Marxism; also why, at Castrol-Rauzel, in Germany, 90 per cent. of the Communists followed the president of their Works Council after he had found that Moral Rearmament was a superior ideology.

M.R.A.'s activities, needless to say, are not confined to the superseding of Communism by a better alternative. This is only one facet in a many-pointed programme which claims to have the answer to problems in every sphere of human endeavour.

But so impressive has been the evidence at Caux this year of the world-wide impact of M.R.A. on the Communistic front that a studied interest in this ideology has been provoked in many quarters where, formerly, hesitancy was felt in championing a cause suspected of having too strong a religious bias to be treated objectively.

As one of the South Africans who attended the assembly at Caux — which concluded this month — I was an "ear"-witness to statement after statement, publicly made not only by large numbers of Communists but also by representatives of management, labour and every class, colour and creed testifying to the way in which this ideology is sweeping the world. Of all these, the breakthrough into the Communist ranks was the most impressive.

Italy

FROM Italy, reputed to have the largest Communist party outside Russia, over 100 leading Marxists came to Caux. From France, Germany, Holland, the Scandinavian countries and from the East came Communists who turned from their materialistic ideology to an ideology based on the belief that the Creator has a plan for men and nations and that this plan can be discovered and that it should be obeyed.

Confronted by M.R.A.'s insistence on and proof of the idea that human nature can be changed, the Communist at Caux admitted openly to finding himself to be a reactionary rather than a revolutionary, by clinging to the outmoded Marxism that the capitalist class, since it cannot be changed, must be destroyed.

On this one cornerstone of Marxism alone thousands of Communists are finding it necessary to make a radical clean sweep of their ideas in favour of the new teamwork established by M.R.A. to rebuild the world.

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OF special interest to South Africa were the changes of heart I found occurring, under M.R.A. ideological influence, among Africans from the predominantly Native territories of Northern Africa where Communism has made such marked inroads of recent years.

A representative number with whom I talked to gauge the immediate results of their "change" expressed keen desire, in every case, to end the deadlock in the Black-White relationship.

Communism, for all that it had infiltrated among them, had become suspect. It was principally because of the comradely approach made by Communists towards the Black races that they had been so successful among them. Material help, though proffered by and accepted from the Communists, was admitted to be not the main issue in the racial conflict but only a means to an end.

"Open door"

THERE were many scholarships in Nigeria, one African from there assured me, and the many well-to-do Nigerians were more than ready to assist their less fortunate countrymen who wished to study overseas. What provoked acceptance of Communist aid was the friendly hand held out by Communists in European countries where racial discrimination was encountered by the unbefriended African travelling in White men's countries.

In consequence, and mainly in order to find an "open door" overseas, numbers of Africans were accepting the aid they did not need, so that there are today some 40 to 50 of them taking degrees with this financial assistance at Charles University, in Prague.

At Caux it was quite evident that oppressed peoples the world over are beginning to suspect that Communism has promised them the moon and little else. But what, many of them asked, has democracy to offer them besides declarations of lofty purpose?

This at any rate is the most that, under its present burdens, democracy could hope to achieve were it to follow such suggestions as that made recently by statistician George E. Gallup, who, alarmed at the success of Russian propaganda in the Far East, considered that America should spend 5,000-million dollars in counter-propaganda.