

MRA Advance Force flies to Latin America

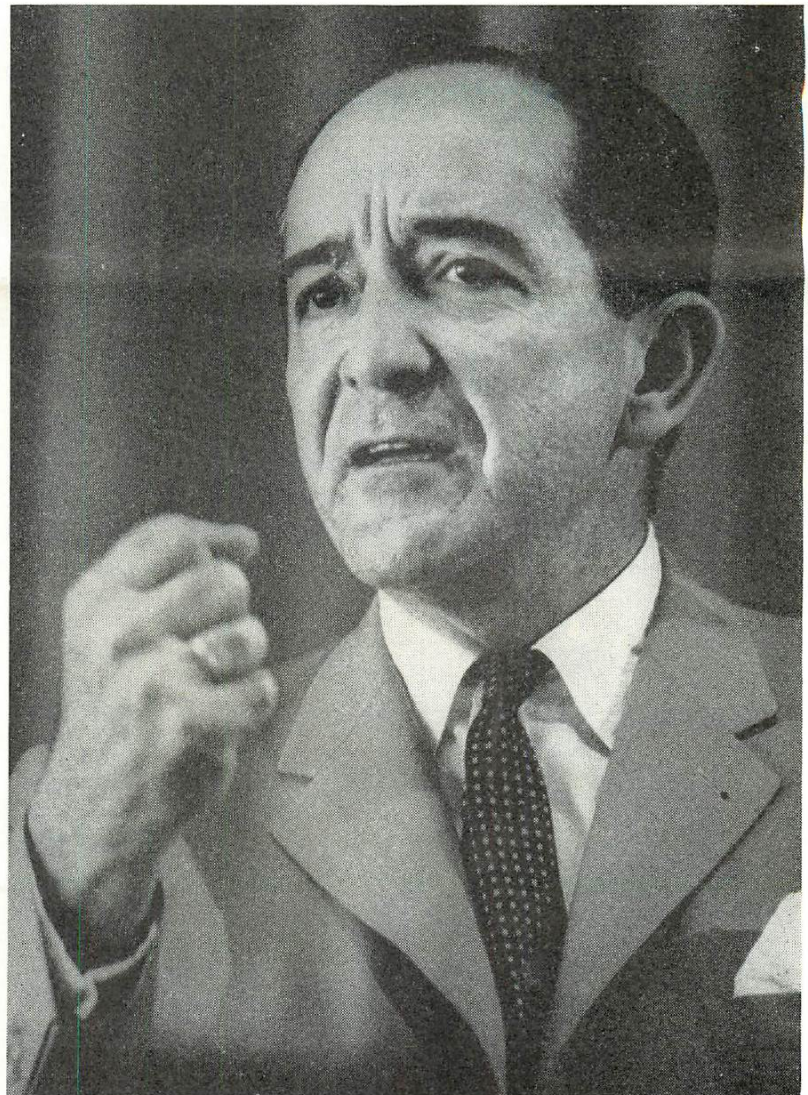
AT DAWN on 27 April an MRA international task force took off from Miami's International Airport for Brazil. One hundred and fifty people, including the full cast of the Japanese play, *The Tiger*, were on board the charter planes, on the first leg of a journey that would take them through the republics of Latin America.

'We are starting the fight today that will preserve forever our freedom,' said the Commander-in-Chief of the Peruvian Army, General Lindley. 'Moral Re-Armament is the only ideology that can confront Communism.' He told the task force, 'As Commander-in-Chief, I offer you all aid possible so that MRA can reach its objectives in Peru.'

Spearheading the international force *The Tiger*, a drama of the Tokyo riots, was written, produced and acted by students of the Zengakuren Organisation. The cast have made headline news across America recently by their apologies to General Eisenhower and former White House press secretary, James C. Hagerty, for their part in the violence last June.

Now *The Tiger* is in Sao Paulo, Brazil, fresh from the Moral Re-Armament Hemisphere Assembly in Miami.

'The visit of this play to my country,' Dr. Alejandro Zorilla de San Martin, the former President of the Uruguayan Parliament, told the cast before they took off from Miami, 'will be the first sign that those who believe in freedom are taking the offensive.'



Dr. Zorilla de San Martin: 'We will fight'

THE CROWNING EXPERIENCE



CROWDS flock to the Cyprus première of 'The Crowning Experience' in Nicosia



OFFICERS and men of the new Cyprus army, Greek and Turk, come to the film



Cyprus Premiere

By our Middle-East correspondent

AT a time when thousands in Cyprus are demonstrating for Castro and anti-American feeling is at its peak, *The Crowning Experience* has launched a positive answering ideology of decisive importance for the Middle East.

The Cyprus première of the film was seen by a capacity audience of 1,000 in Nicosia on 21 April. A cross-section of the political, military, and educational leadership of Cyprus, including the Minister of Defence and the Commanding Officer of the Cypriot Army; Commanding Officers of the Greek and Turkish military contingents with 60 officers; the Chief Political Officer of Archbishop Makarios and the Personal Private Secretary to Dr. Kutchuk; Mr. Denktash, the President of the Turkish Communal Chamber; and Members of Parliament, as well as Greek and Turkish Supreme Court Judges and the Chief of Police were among the 600 who attended a reception following the film.

The Ambassadors of America, Germany, France, the Lebanon, and Free China as well as diplomatic representatives of the U.A.R., were also present. Former President Naccache of the Lebanon flew from Beirut.

The Island's leading film distributor exclaimed, 'Miracle, miracle. Never a première like it!'

The Chief of Police is arranging for the training of the entire Force with *The Crowning Experience*.

GENERAL Pantelides, Commander-in-Chief of the Cyprus army, talks with ex-Communist Ruhr miner **Max Bladeck**

AROUND THE WORLD

JAPAN



MR. SHINGI SOGO, the President of the National Railways of Japan, announced on 29 April the plans of Japanese leaders to provide an ideological training centre in Asia for Moral Re-Armament.

He was speaking as guest of honour on the occasion of the birthday of Emperor Hirohito of Japan at a luncheon given at the MRA training centre at Dellwood, Mount Kisco, New York.

Sogo outlined for the guests, who included Mr. John Newington of Greenwich and Madame Irene Laure, former French Deputy and leader of the three million Socialist women of France, the effective work accomplished by MRA in Japan since the Second World War. Emphasising its significance in answering Communism at critical points in Japan's economy, he said, 'At the end of the war, the three Governors of the National Railways before me were attacked by the Communists. One was assassinated. At the time of the General Strike in 1956 when I was governor, I didn't know what to do.

'I turned to Moral Re-Armament. Through MRA I was reconciled with the leader of the Railway Union. This opened the way to new co-operation between the National Railways and the unions. The strike was settled.'

The President also referred to the massive impact that German Ruhr miners and their Moral Re-Armament play *Hoffnung* made on Japan last year during its world tour under the sponsorship of Chancellor Adenauer. At Sogo's invitation they had travelled to mining towns where strikes were crippling Japan's 1960 output of coal. 'Ever since the visit of *Hoffnung* the atmosphere in the mines has been very different,' Sogo declared. 'Strikes have ended.'

The urgent need for an ideology superior to Communism had led him and other Japanese leaders to the decision to provide a major Asian ideological training centre for MRA on Japanese soil.

GERMANY

35 KILOMETRES from the Iron Curtain border Schweinfurt, Germany's centre of the ball-bearing industry with 20,000 working in the Swedish ball-bearing factory SKF and Kugelfischer, last week experienced the launching of a week-long ideological offensive of Moral Re-Armament films.

As flags of many nations and a huge banner announcing 'Moralische Aufruestung' draped the city's market, City Hall and cinema street, Socialist Mayor Wichtermann introduced the German miners' film *Hoffnung* for a majority of the City Council, leaders of the political parties, industry, press, churches and the military.

Welcoming the international force from Europe, Africa and America, the Mayor said, 'For years I have followed with keen interest the advance of Moral Re-Armament. I am overjoyed that citizens of this town are meeting the disastrous ideology of Communism with an ideology of the West—an ideology which gives faith and a moral quality of life.'

The Lord Mayor later gave a reception for the international MRA force in the famous Renaissance City Hall.

KERALA

A FORMER COMMUNIST leader from Kerala, Sukumaran, told a dockers' audience in Calcutta last week that in MRA he had found an ideology superior to Communism. Sukumaran is one among thousands of Communists from Kerala and across the Asian Continent who are turning to MRA as the fundamental solution to the threat of war and death brought about by the rumblings in Laos and throughout South East Asia.

Sukumaran who until a few months ago was a member of the Trivandrum Communist Party said, 'MRA builds new men and so a new type of society.' He told the hundreds of waterfront workers who jammed the hall how he and scores of his comrades had been directed to destroy the work of MRA in Kerala, but that they had been challenged by the dimension of this new ideology which was not anti-Communist but a superior idea to Communism. He went on, 'I often called others reactionary, but no one is more reactionary than the man who wants to change society but refuses to begin by changing himself.' He described how in his village, formerly a Communist stronghold, the Party membership had dropped from 612 to 74 through the work of Moral Re-Armament. 'Communism is a menace to the world,' he said, 'but anti-Communism is useless. We need a moral ideology—MRA—to answer Communism.'

THE CROWNING EXPERIENCE



LIVERPOOL

WITH 38 miles of quays on both banks of the River Mersey, Liverpool is one of the greatest trading centres in the world and the principal port in the United Kingdom for Atlantic trade. With a population of nearly 800,000, it imports grain, sugar, fruit, oil, timber and cotton from all over the world, and is Britain's vital island lifeline.

This week, as fear of unofficial and Communist-inspired strikes spreads from the nation's waterfronts throughout the country, there is a serious threat to the safety of Britain. Ideologically the fate of the nation depends on what happens in Liverpool and one or two other key cities. On Sunday, 30 April, *The Crowning Experience* opened in the heart of this vital town at the ABC Futurist Cinema. 'House Full' notices were up before the show began.

The civic, sporting and business leadership of this city were there. Among those present were the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Liverpool, the Mayors of Wallasey, Bootle, Crosby, Widnes and Warrington. There were also stars of the Liverpool and Everton football teams,

including John Gabriel, right-half for Everton and Scotland, Conrad Hunte and his Test colleague Wesley Hall. The Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce was present, together with Labour men crucially involved in the three month long strike which has resulted in serious damage to two large liners.

Conrad Hunte, West Indies Test opening batsman, introducing the film, said, 'My ancestors many generations ago were sold in bondage. Twenty-eight years ago I was born free. Yet I inherited the bondage of inner conflict and outer materialism. I have been in the West Indies team around the world. I have many friends who likewise are enslaved. *The Crowning Experience* brings a penetrating ray of light into the darkness that threatens to overcome us. It is the answer to the hurts, hates and hopes of mankind. I am committed to give my life for the whole world that every man, irrespective of colour, class or creed, may find his full destiny.'

Joe Mercer, Everton and England football star, who was born in Liverpool and saw *The Crowning Experience* in Birmingham, sent a

'A winner

The full-length musical technicolor film **THE CROWNING EXPERIENCE** is touring the provincial towns of Britain, drawing new crowds into the cinemas wherever it goes.

On every continent and in every country where it has already been premièred, it is creating an increasing tide of public opinion for ideological strengthening of the free world. Communists too are

special message to the première. He said simply, 'This is a great film. Everyone in Liverpool should see it.'

Four hundred people, including all the civic leaders who were present at the theatre, came afterwards to a reception at the Adelphi Hotel.

ROTHERHAM

ROTHERHAM stands in the centre of the Yorkshire coalfield. It is the headquarters of the heavy steel industry. Last week, under the patronage of the Mayor, *The Crowning Experience* was presented to the miners and steel-workers of this pivotal town in the Black Country.

'This is the way—the only way,' said a colliery manager at the première on 23 April. Sportsmen, students, labour and management, professors and trade unionists were there from all over the area.

Seventeen trade unionists from Yorkshire and the North Midlands introduced the film on the opening night. During the week's run *The Crowning Experience* was news daily in the Yorkshire press. The Rotherham Rotary Club invited an MRA speaker to address them on 'The Choice for Britain.' Twenty-one

STOKE-ON-TRENT

all the way'

being changed by it. Capitalists are cured of the type of living that causes men to turn to Communism. Youth are being fired with something more thrilling than sex and drink. Sportsmen are rising to its challenge of clean, crisp living and thinking. And the man in the street sees in it a vision of greatness and the means to fulfil it, for himself and his country.

In the last two weeks it has been playing in:

branches of the National Union of Mineworkers' were visited and many branch secretaries were at the film.

One miners' delegate who has been to Moscow and Peking said, 'I'm coming to this film. We certainly need something like this the way things are now.'

One of the Branch Secretaries said: 'The most wonderful film I have ever seen in my life.' Another said to a Communist colleague at a trade union meeting, 'You must go and see it for yourself. You will accept its idea right away.'

HEART of the North Staffordshire coalfield and centre of the English Potteries is the city of Stoke-on-Trent. Here last Monday, in Longton, one of the 'five towns' which make up Stoke-on-Trent, workers from the mines, engineering factories and steel works of the Midlands gave a powerful May Day message at a crowded performance of *The Crowning Experience*.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Lord Mayor-elect and his wife, and two former Lord Mayors attended this first performance of the film in North Staffordshire, along with 20 aldermen and councillors, the Chief Constable and colliery managers and miners' union officials.

A message from Germany to the General Secretary of the North Staffordshire Miners, Mr. Harold Lockett, was read: 'We miners of the Ruhr who have found a great aim to live for through Moral Re-Armament greet the miners and citizens of Stoke-on-Trent. It was your miners who first brought this ideology to us in the Ruhr. We will fight with you that the spirit of *The Crowning Experience* sweeps across all borders and reaches and changes the whole world.' It was signed by ten representatives of management and labour.

The 'Sheffield Star' reports

'For my money, this is a winner all the way' is the headline in the *Sheffield Star* of 24 April of a feature article on the film *The Crowning Experience* by John Piper.

Referring to the song 'Sweet Potato Pie,' Piper writes: 'It is the sort of foot-tapper that beats with young hearts—keeps doing a run-around musical marathon on your brain. Some of the songs, choral and solo, are calmer and deeper. All are captivating. 'Potato Pie' is just one of a flood of musical pleasures in a film where colour magnificence vies with brilliant camera work for the order of merit. Both win.'

Piper concludes: 'For many the musical scoring will be the most captivating feature of a film bold in its gentleness, pure gold in its sincerity. This is a film to make you think. A film which your children can see without your stretching the corner of conscience.'



Cllr. John Pate: 'We can decide to fight.'

Among the guests were the President of the British Pottery Manufacturers' Association and many representatives of the great pottery family firms whose names are household words throughout the world.

The film was introduced by workers' leaders from all over the Midlands.

Mr. Bert Allen, President of the A.E.U. for the Birmingham district, said, 'The moral standards of MRA are something that a trade unionist needs. With it we can build our nation into what it is destined to be so that the brotherhood of man becomes a reality. The answer to all we see in Laos, Algeria and the Congo is the unity of humanity which Moral Re-Armament is bringing about.'

Councillor John Pate, of Sheffield, said, 'I am convinced on this historic May Day that we can all decide to fight the real battle in the hearts of men. We must clean up the moral dirt, compromise and ambition which stifles us. Then Labour led by God will lead the world and unite the world.'

At the reception, afterwards attended by 200 people, the Lord Mayor-elect of Stoke, Alderman W. Hancock, of the Conservative group in the Council, presented the stars of the film each with a bowl of flowers made of Staffordshire china.

Moral Re-Armament Assembly of the Americas:

To Plan 'Immediate Nation-

It is estimated that nearly one hundred million dollars annually is used for the advance of Communism in the republics of Latin America. With the failure of the anti-Castro invasion two weeks ago, much capital was made of so-called 'Yankee imperialism' and 'U.S. aggression' to fan the fires of revolt throughout the continent. Many anxious eyes turned to countries like Bolivia and Venezuela, where Castro-like movements are already gathering hundreds of supporters.

From 14-24 April a Moral Re-Armament Hemisphere Assembly was held in Miami, Florida, with the stated purpose of planning 'immediate nation-saving action' with the leaders of the Americas.

Four hundred delegates from 31 nations attended, including the former President of the Uruguayan Parliament, the Commanding General of the

General Hugo Bethlem, former Brazilian Ambassador to Bolivia, Cuba and Pakistan: 'The choice between Moral Re-Armament and Communism indisputably faces Latin America'



Peruvian Army, the former Chief of President Aramburu's military household (Argentina), and the ex-founder of the Communist Party in Peru, the one-time Latin American delegate to the Comintern.

Resulting from action taken at the conference, a delegation headed by General Hugo Bethlem, Brazil's former Ambassador to Bolivia and Pakistan, left Miami on 22 April for South America. They went to prepare for a visit in the next months of an international force of Moral Re-Armament with films and plays to the Latin American Republics. (See front page.)

Ex-Comintern Delegate Speaks

MRA's objectives were discussed by Eudocio Ravines, former member of the Comintern for Latin America. He called for 'a vast penetration of the ideology of Moral Re-Armament into Latin America' as the one way 'to face and defeat Communism.'

Ravines, who led the Popular Front in Chile and directed the second half of the Spanish Civil War, analysed the nature of Communist penetration in Latin America for the Assembly. 'I say with the authority of having been a Communist and having successfully conducted one of the greatest Communist movements . . . the cause of the penetration of Communism is corruption and moral decadence in the countries in question.' He went on to describe tactics Communists used to exploit these weaknesses.

He warned that 'anti-Communism has been ineffective because it has either been an arid intellectual approach that has not moved the masses, or anti-Communists have been corrupt. . . . Military aid and dollars alone cannot solve the problems of the Americas.' He called on the United States to export a moral

Former Latin American delegate to the Comintern, Eudocio Ravines (right) of Peru, calls for 'a vast penetration of the ideology of MRA into Latin America.' With him is Dr. Zorilla de San Martin, former President of the Uruguayan Parliament



ideology to 'cure the divorce that exists in our countries between morality and politics.'

During the ten-day conference delegates laid plans for the forthcoming visit of the Moral Re-Armament task force.

The head of the employers' association of Peru, a leading textile industrialist, spoke with the General Secretary of the 30,000-strong textile workers union of Peru. They said that the application of MRA principles had affected the whole textile industry, Peru's third largest.

Brazilian Marxist Changed

Jose Veras, secretary-general of the streetcar workers of Rio de Janeiro, told how he had changed his mind about Marxism when he saw capitalists changed by MRA. 'In the ideological age a reactionary

'Saving Action'



Times headlined a story on the Assembly: 'An Answer: Advance Force in South America.' The address to the Assembly by the Commander-in-Chief of the Peruvian Army was reported on the front page of the *Miami Herald* and appeared in the *New York Journal American* as well as several Florida papers. An editorial in *El Pais* of Montevideo called the Assembly 'a launching platform of the biggest ideological offensive yet undertaken in Latin America.' Miami television Channel 10 interviewed the cast of *The Tiger* for thirty minutes in a peak-hour telecast.

On the eve of *The Tiger's* departure to Latin America, Captain Manrique, former Chief of President Aramburu's military household (now editor of *Correio de la Tarde*), declared, 'We stand with the United States, but it is important that her leaders in Washington understand the ideological issues confronting



General Nicholas Lindley, Commander-in-Chief of the Peruvian Army: 'This is the only ideology with which to confront Communism'

our countries. Economic aid is necessary but our greatest need is Moral Re-Armament.'

is one who reacts against moral standards. The man who doesn't change betrays his country, because Communism advances through morally defeated people.'

Mrs. Y. L. Phillippi, whose husband is Minister of Reconstruction and Economy in Chile, said, 'We have stood by watching the world go to destruction. We have tolerated immoral movies, twisted news, atheist books, all of which undermine our country. We Christians face great responsibility for having forgotten absolute moral standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. Moral Re-Armament gives us the impetus we need. If we Christians wake up and live our faith, we can transform Latin America.'

Press, radio and television carried the news of the Assembly to the American nation. The *New York*

Colonel Orencio Cesar Anaya (right) of the Argentine, who represents the Minister of War in the Presidency, speaks with P. Q. Vundla (left), nationalist leader from South Africa, and Bremer Hofmeyr of a famous South African political family



THE CROWNING EXPERIENCE



U Nu at Rangoon Premiere

THE Burmese première of the MRA film, *The Crowning Experience*, was given in Rangoon on 29 April in the presence of Prime Minister U Nu, members of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice, the former Chief Justice and other leading Judges.

The Diplomatic Corps was represented by the Ambassadors from Britain, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, North Vietnam, Japan, Cambodia and Indonesia; the Chargé d'Affaires of the United Arab Republic and representatives of the United States Embassy.

Also present were the Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma, the Secretaries of Home Affairs and Agriculture, Members of Parliament, the Advocate General of the Army

and the Chairman of the Burmah Oil Company.

The film was introduced by the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies. 'It is tailor-made for Burma,' he said. 'It exactly fits the need of the country.'

The same evening the popular radio feature 'In Town This Week' devoted half the programme to an enthusiastic acclaim of *The Crowning Experience*. It spoke of 'this unusual and inspiring film of indescribable beauty,' and said, 'Something will happen inside you that you just cannot escape. It gives the promise of cure in the nuclear age and will be a powerful force for bringing about unity between men and nations.'

Sierra Leone

Independence Celebrated

DURING the Independence Celebrations in Freetown, the Sierra Leone government on 29 April presented *The Crowning Experience* before members of the cabinet, parliament and delegates to the celebrations.

The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. M. S. Mustapha, representing the Prime Minister, read a message from Dr. Frank Buchman to the nation.

The message read: 'Founded to free men from the tyranny of man's hate, fear and greed, Sierra Leone's destiny is to pioneer a new Africa that goes not left, nor right, but straight; a nation guided not by the will of others, but the will of God to follow what is right. Strong as a lion she will be among the nations. Her leaders will show the world how to live—incorruptible, hate-free, fear-free greed-free. The whole world is anxiously waiting to see what God can do through a nation wholly

given to Him. Sierra Leone can be that nation. My heartiest congratulations.'

The Hon. Mustapha said, 'I met that wonderful man, Frank Buchman, and decided to throw my whole weight into this movement of Moral Re-Armament.'

Introducing *The Crowning Experience*, which was repeatedly interrupted by applause, Manasseh Moe-rane, of South Africa, author and star of *Freedom*, the MRA film well known throughout the country, said: 'Political independence is important. Economic stability is important. But, above all, a new nation needs an ideology. We in Africa cannot afford neutralism. We have got to stand for what is right.'

Bremer Hofmeyr, also of South Africa, said: 'Moral Re-Armament is the ideology that sets men and nations free, that keeps men and nations free, and unites free men to win the world.'

Kenya

A bridge built

HIGH above the Kerio and Rift Valleys stands the remote administrative centre of Kabarnet where, following nine years restrictive detention at Lodwar, Fred Kubai, the Kikuyu nationalist leader, awaits his release. Recently Kubai has invited friends and neighbours in to see *The Crowning Experience* in his house. He told them, 'MRA has created new thinking in the minds of our people. The world is constantly looking to Kenya. We desperately need this new thinking so that posterity may live in freedom based on absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. Corruption and bitterness are destroying Africa and leading the country to greater bondage. MRA can build a bridge between the rival blocks in Africa.'

'I have only been able to live all these years away from my people without bitterness because I found the answer to my hatred of the white man at Caux.'

Finland

Bishop calls for ideology

KUOPIO is the second largest diocese in Finland. Twice as big as Denmark, it has a border of 240 miles with Russia. It is the seat of the county government and the high court and an education and textile centre. It is situated at the watershed of the Inland waterway system of Finland—a country which is one of the world targets of Communist imperialism and which has already given the free nations all too ample proof of the dangers of East-West trade.

The bishop of Kuopio called a Press Conference at the central office of his diocese to launch *The*

Crowning Experience. He said, 'MRA has something new. It is not only an idea but it counts on miracles in people. It is an ideology that fights hate and bitterness. Ideas may be good. But the real point is whether we are changing people. We need the type of man who gives himself wholly. We must understand the true nature of the ideological war. We are naive indeed if we do not realise how important an ideology is for the West. We Christians demand high standards of other people. That is our weakness. We must begin with ourselves.'

France

Force for reconciliation

THE MILITARY insurrection in Algiers has come and gone. It has proved beyond dispute the strength of character and personality possessed by General de Gaulle. He has emerged triumphant. Yet beneath the surface in both France and Algeria boil the feelings of hatred and revenge that still play so great a part in the so-called civilised world. It is these passions that must be solved if there is to be any permanent respite or peace in the Algerian triangular duel or anywhere else on earth where men are ready to die for their desires, ambitions or pride. It is these passions, skilfully exploited by the Communists, that could lead to the breakdown of the Atlantic alliance and the end of freedom for mankind.

While the tanks rolled along the Champs Elysees and the citizens of Paris donned their volunteer uniforms, the film *The Crowning Experience* was showing in the 'Red Belt' of Paris. A workers' audience in Blanc-Mesnil, the suburb adjacent to Le Bourget Airport, key point during the emergency, heard M. Gabriel Marcel, the philosopher, introduce the film. Where only five had attended another film the previous evening, hundreds left their radio and television sets to which they had been listening day and night during the crisis, to hear the distinguished author and member of the French Institute and see the film.

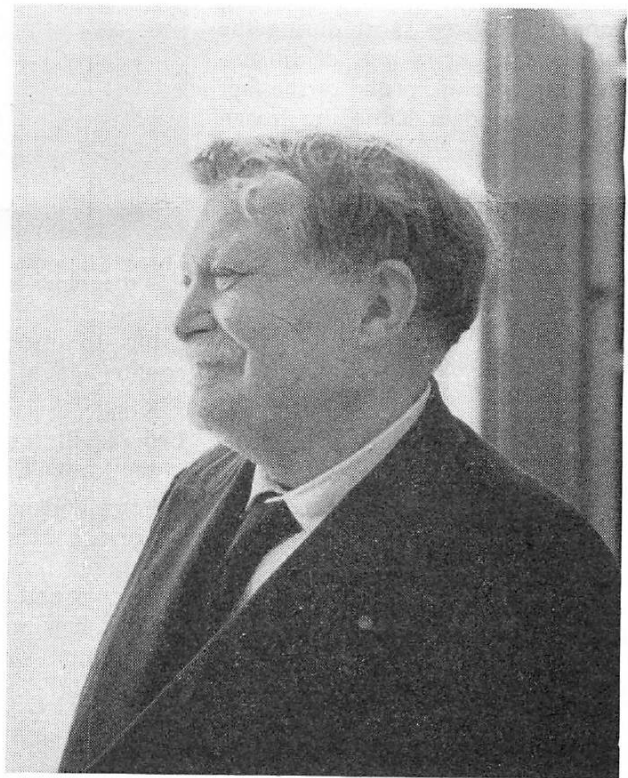
Marcel said, 'Moral Re-Armament can play an essential part in the reconciliation of the communities in Algeria. My blood runs cold at the thought that in these days Frenchmen may shoot each other. In these circumstances we should be guided by an idea—that of brotherhood. What I infinitely appreciate in Moral Re-Arma-

Australia

College sees film

THE Catholic community at New-norcia, the oldest mission in West Australia, saw *The Crowning Experience* on the initiative of the Lord Abbot, Dom Gregory Gomez, of the Benedictine Monastery there. The film was shown in the Ildephonus Boys' College theatre. Present were all the monks from the Monastery, high school boys, the staff of the Marist Brothers' College, nuns and senior girls from the Convent and local Aborigine workers.

The school's headmaster, Brother Oswald, said, 'This was truly a crowning experience for us.'



ment is that it acts in the most effective way all around the world to create the brotherhood of all peoples.'

He recalled the decisive influence MRA had on the Cyprus problem and continued, 'I have the firm hope that the moment will come when MRA can also play an essential part in Algeria. I want to stress the great role that this force is called to play and the importance we must attach to it.'

'This is the answer'

The following story was written by one of a ten-man team of Moral Re-Armament, now operating in the towns and villages of the Congo. Often in danger of their lives, this force has been working since before the crisis began last summer, showing the films of MRA and giving training to thousands in an idea superior to Communism, travelling many thousand miles. This fascinating day-to-day account comes from his cables over the last ten days from Leopoldville.

18 April — TSHELA:

There was a white man with a U.N. flag in jail and all the villagers were out at the crossroads with long rifles, keeping close watch for any possible intrusion by foreigners, as the MRA force of black and white drove into Tshela today.

This is the centre of the palm oil, timber, rubber and cocoa plantations of Mayombe. Work and money have been short during the last months, but in spite of difficulties the people are proud of the fact that the President Kasavubu is one of them. His village of Bemba is typical of the thousands of African villages nestled in the hills covered with lush forests.

The villagers were surprised, to say the least, to see the Hollywood television stars, the Colwell brothers, and their African friends of Moral Re-Armament, arrive in the middle of a sweltering afternoon to sing for the inhabitants.

When suspicions were dispelled, the eighty-year old uncle of President Kasavubu, the head of the village, came out of his house with a chair and sat under a palm tree to listen to a specially-written song in Kikongo. He ordered his men to take the MRA guests into the nearby forests to drink coconut juice in the traditional manner of welcome.

By seven o'clock more than three thousand had gathered in a big open air place in Tshela for the Moral Re-Armament film, *Liberté (Freedom)*. Bars closed up and the show began with a mixture of shouts and applause as Mr. Konde challenged the huge audience to stop living for money, beer and pleasure and start



The MRA force push their vehicles over the mud covered roads during their thousands of miles journey through the towns and villages of the Congo

living to meet the needs of the country.

Konde is a civil servant from Leopoldville leading the MRA action in the Lower Congo.

Loud applause greeted the words of one of the MRA force who apologised for the hypocrisy of the white man and told of his decision to build a new world with every race and nation. Many came after the film saying 'This is the answer.' The police commissioner said, 'I really saw my mistakes in that film and I must put them right. This is the answer for Africa.'

20 April — BOMA:

There was a sea of faces last night as ten thousand people crammed into the civic centre in Boma, original capital city of the Congo, for the

MRA films. The huge throng, which stood for the presentation, stayed four hours to see *Liberté* and *Men of Brazil* and wildly applauded the Colwell brothers' songs.

At the end of the projection of *Liberté* Konde asked the crowd if they wanted more. With a roar of approval they replied, 'We'll stay all night for more of this.'

One man speaking about the Communist films of violence recently banned through the fight of MRA men said, 'Those were just trash. These MRA films are really films.'

Three days ago The Colone Scolaire, largest school in the Congo with two thousand students, saw *Liberté* here.

The elder brother of Mr. Konde said everyone was talking and saying they want the MRA force to stay for a month to spread their idea.

21 April — KITONA AIRBASE: 22 April — MATADI:

The Indonesian battalion occupying the strategic Kitona Airbase at the mouth of the Congo River saw *Freedom* at the base last night. 'We want to thank you, not only for an unforgettable performance, but especially for the lesson we've learnt,' said the colonel, commanding the troops. 'This is the idea the U.N. needs if it is to fulfill its task. You must come to Indonesia.'

The battalion is confined to their barracks to prevent a return to the bloody incidents which occurred a few weeks ago between Sudanese troops and Congolese soldiers. The whole battalion, which is shortly leaving the Congo after eight months service, applauded wildly the songs of the Colwells and nearly every sentence of the convictions of the MRA force.

While the last reel of the film was being shown to the Indonesians, another performance of *Freedom* began ten miles away for the entire population of Moanda, main village of the Banana Peninsula. Congolese soldiers came in truck-loads to see the film.

At the end a Congolese Territorial Administrator, Metard Tiocquat, said, 'For some, independence has meant to expect change from somebody else. But independence means start to change with oneself. It is the only way to build the country.'

The Administrator drove eighty miles with the force to Boma to ensure their safety.

22 April — BOMA:

Last night hundreds of dockers and managers of this important Congo river port gathered in a huge warehouse to see *Men of Brazil*. After the film the director spoke. He said, 'We of the port of Boma want to follow the example of the dockers of Rio.'

Men of Brazil was then rushed to the Hotel Excelsior for a special showing for the District Commissioner and Administration officials and Catholic church leaders.

For the first time in the history of Matadi, the Congolese Army troops and the police were called to attend together a common function tonight. The Territorial Administrator had a showing of *Freedom* at the football field.

These Congolese troops had a fight against the U.N. troops several weeks ago and feelings about foreigners run high. Not knowing exactly the nature of the meeting, the soldiers with their weapons were posted around the field in case of a trick.

As the Colwells sang and the film started, the soldiers moved towards the screen with enthusiasm.

At the end of the evening, the Administrator spoke and called on the Army and the Police to solve the divisions in the country.

23 April — MATADI:

Tonight, in front of the Catholic Mission of Matadi, an audience of 10,000 people gathered to see *Liberté*. In the front row were the Administrators and the Reverend Father Superior.

The Archbishop of the diocese said special prayers this morning with the MRA Congolese force that the

message of the film would really reach the people's hearts in this tense and difficult situation.

26 April — THYSVILLE:

No civilian has been allowed into Camp Hardie, the main base of the Congolese Army, since last November's mutiny when agents penetrated into the camp, bribing the soldiers to release the imprisoned ex-Premier.

Tonight, the Moral Re-Armament force of black and white were invited to present *Liberté* and to speak and sing for the entire garrison by the special telephoned permission of General Mobutu.

The Operations Commander, called the film 'very important' summoned all officers for a compulsory show tomorrow night in the Officers' Mess.

27 April — THYSVILLE:

In the Officers Mess tonight, the Operations Commander translated the film. The Colwells sang in Lingala for the officers and their families. At the close of the evening, he ordered the audience to sing with the Colwells their Army song and is making arrangements for further MRA evenings in camp this weekend.

The Colwell Brothers, Hollywood TV stars, and the MRA force address thousands nightly and record radio programmes for hundreds of thousands who cannot get to meet them in person. Their songs in the Congo languages are sung everywhere



Oslo

Premiere sold out in thirty minutes



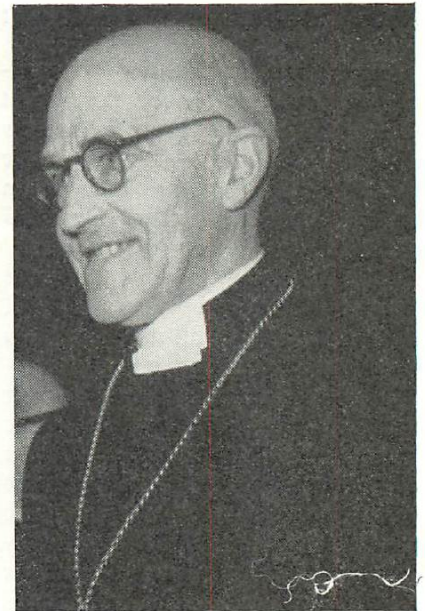
C. J. Hambro, former President of the League of Nations, at the premiere

IN thirty minutes last week all the tickets to the Oslo premiere of *The Crowning Experience* were sold out. 1,400 people crowded the Colosseum Cinema, one of Scandinavia's largest, for the opening night.

In the audience were the Ambassadors of Italy, France, Germany, Turkey and Japan. The audience included the former President of the League of Nations, for many years the Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, C. J. Hambro. Also there were many Members of Parliament, the whole Board of the Oslo Cinemas and representatives of all walks of life.

Dr. Buchman cabled the premiere, '*The Crowning Experience* will call out in Norway the pioneering spirit and the fighting qualities that saved the nation in the past and will clean up the nation today, making it secure against Communism that grow from corruption, immorality and decadence. The hour is late. Here is the answer. For God's sake, wake up.'

Stars of the film, Muriel Smith and Ann Buckles, arrive at Oslo airport



Bishop Bengt Jonzon of Sweden

Bishop Jonzon of Sweden read a message from Bishop Johannes Smemo of Oslo, which said, 'This is the kind of film we need for the sake of our youth and the future. It will help to give perspective and cleanse the air, not only in the cinemas, but in the youth and in the life of the nations.' Bishop Jonzon concluded, 'We in the church should take the head. The church is not there for its own sake, but that God's Will be done in the lives of men and nations.'

The Rector of the Theological Seminary, Alex Johnson, had the following statement on the editorial page of *Aftenposten*, biggest paper in Norway: '*The Crowning Experience*. I wish the whole city would see the film. One can be quite sure not to be bored. One feels engaged from the first moment not only because of its high artistic quality, which even the toughest critic would have to recognise, but because it asks a question which occupies all men: "Is there anything at all the ordinary man can do in the critical situation facing humanity?" Whether or not one agrees in the concrete answer the film brings, the question is put in such a way that one is forced to think anew and also one sees a hope.'

SOLID ROCK OR SINKING SAND

BY DR. FRANK N. D. BUCHMAN

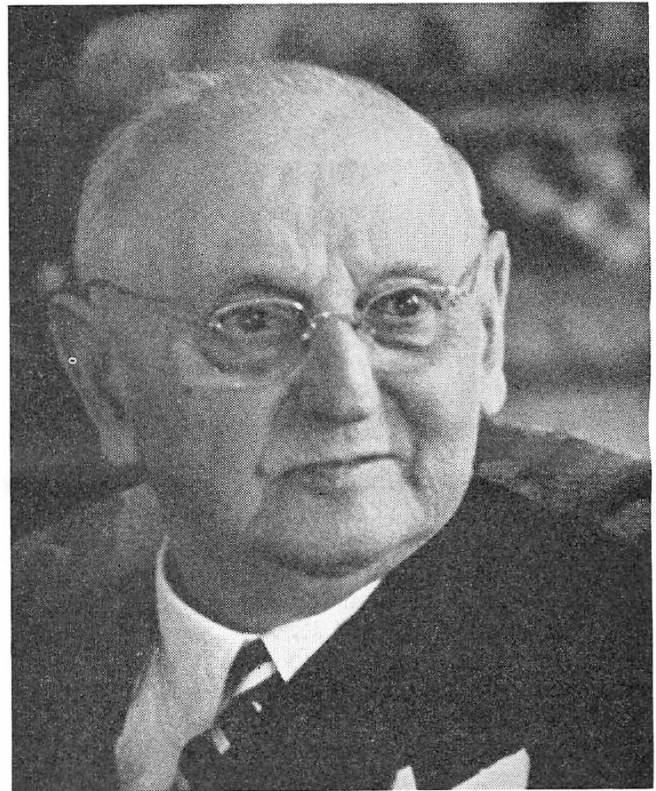
A MONTH AGO I sent an Easter message to the world, 'All the moral fences are down.' There was an instant response. From the statesmen and the ordinary man in country after country came the word, 'That is the problem. Help us to rebuild those moral fences for our nations and the world.'

General Bethlem of Brazil is a man who is doing just that. In Miami, Florida, he dropped down on a group of leaders from all the Hemisphere. There was the General commanding the Army of Peru. There was the President of Parliament from Uruguay. There was the representative of the Minister of War from Argentina, the wife of the Minister of Reconstruction of Chile, dockers' leaders and industrialists from Brazil. There was the man who founded the Communist Party in Peru and brought in the first Popular Front Government in Chile.

Greatest ideological offensive on continent

There General Bethlem also met General Inoue from Japan and with him the force of Japanese youth with *The Tiger*, their play about the answer to the Tokyo riots. He met Chief Walking Buffalo from Canada with his Braves and Counsellors. He met businessmen from Switzerland, labour leaders from France and Germany. He met Philip Vundla, the elected leader of 600,000 Africans, whom the police once described as the most dangerous man in South Africa; and Vaitheswaran, six years a dedicated Communist in South India, whose change has helped give Kerala the solid rock of an answer to Communism. He met William Pawley, son of a former United States Ambassador to Peru and Brazil. From Britain he met Peter Howard, the author, and Admiral Sir Edward Cochrane, great-nephew of the famous Lord Cochrane, who helped liberate Chile and Brazil. He met a Jamaican leader who said, 'You men have the only hope for the Caribbean. We must mobilise now for this answer, otherwise we shall quickly go the way of Cuba.'

General Bethlem had held two diplomatic posts as Ambassador of Brazil to Bolivia and Pakistan, but now he was on a trip with his wife for a holiday in New York. As he listened to these men speak he was gripped by



their unity that was like a rock because God was in command. This was the answer for the hemisphere. Within a week he had turned around and was leading an advance force of these very men to Brazil, which was followed a few days later by a planeload of 129 from 25 countries, to initiate what the newspaper *El Pais* of Montevideo called, 'The greatest ideological offensive undertaken on the Latin American continent.' The General eagerly went back to give Brazil the solid foundation for world leadership that he had longed for for his nation. As his advance-guard he took with him Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Admiral Cochrane, Vaitheswaran, and Takasumi Mitsui of the great Japanese industrial family. They prepared the way.

When the main international force arrived they were

met by radio, press and television. In fact, one enthusiastic television cameraman got on the plane before the visitors could get off. It was national news.

Immediately they spoke at a lunch to 400 leading industrialists and businessmen, including the representatives of Ford, General Electric, Goodyear Rubber and Swifts. General Bethlem said, 'Both North and South America are at the most critical points of our history. Against the background of Cuba, Venezuela and Bolivia, where I have been Ambassador, and the new Russian offensive starting in Mexico on May Day, the inescapable choice for Latin America is Moral Re-Armament or Communism. I know you businessmen, because I was like you. We ask our wives to live purity, but we are not pure. We ask our workers to be honest, but we are dishonest. I have changed and committed my whole life to this fight.'

'This is the work of the Holy Spirit'

To General Bethlem's surprise and astonishment these businessmen three times halted his presentation at that lunch with standing ovations. Some people may say this is an incredible response, but here is the fact. Immediately General Bethlem and his force were invited to speak to a meeting of six hundred leaders of the industrial and business life of Brazil and to take an hour-and-a-half's television programme.

Chief Walking Buffalo, of the Stoney Indians, and his party created such a stir coming to this luncheon that hundreds of school children crowded into the lobby to meet him. For half-an-hour he told them how, in the previous year, one hundred million people had seen and heard him on the warpath in his ninetieth year in a 62,000 mile tour for Moral Re-Armament. He spoke of the time he made me a blood-brother twenty-eight years ago, when he gave me the name of 'A Wo Zan Zan Tonga—Great Light in Darkness.' While the Chief was speaking there came a message from across the street from the Mother Superior of Sao Paulo's most famous convent school for seven hundred children from leading families, asking him to come with his friends to speak to a quickly convened school assembly. The response was electric. Said the Mother Superior, 'This will be a marking day in the annals of this college.' Said another Sister, 'This is the work of the Holy Spirit.' After a television programme that reached a four million audience on the number one programme of the week, a Mother Superior said, 'This is a very profound message. We must work together. You must go to all the Catholic schools. They will respond.'

This can be the normal life of these countries, for which people have been saying there is not much hope. Otherwise these businessmen and their families with all their money and social life will lead to an absence of God, spelling the breakdown of the moral fences of democracy, and, eventually, to Communism.

On May Day the Japanese launched their ideological weapon, *The Tiger*, in Latin America. Crowds outside the Municipal Theatre in Sao Paulo were so great that the traffic was stopped. General Bethlem introduced on the stage a force of 150 people from 25 countries, and read cables from Italian and French Socialist leaders, from 17 mineworkers of Britain, from the dockers of Holland, India, the United States and Brazil, and from Hollywood stars. Former Prime Minister Kishi of Japan called, 'Tonight is being followed by millions of Japanese who are joining this fight to root out Communism, exploitation and slavery all around the world. Your fire and passion for a way which is not Left nor Right but straight, will give the South American Republics their true destiny.'

Mrs. Dorothea Buck, former President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, with membership of eleven million women, received a rousing ovation when she challenged the women of North and South America to 'lay down their comforts and complacency and to unite to take up this ideology without which our children and grandchildren will live behind the Iron Curtain.' Dr. Raul Migone, former Minister of Labour in Argentina, summed up his convictions when he said, 'Moral Re-Armament is the chosen weapon for humanity not only to overcome Communism, which I am absolutely convinced it will do, but also to show the way for mankind as a whole.'

Prime Minister U Nu calls for MRA

These men of action and responsibility like General Bethlem get this message on the move. It is like a current in the air. Take the story of that remarkable man, Prime Minister U Nu of Burma. He visited Moscow and being attracted by their concern for Asia said they should be invited to the next Afro-Asian conference. But then he came to Finland. There he found the ideological plays of Moral Re-Armament. He knew the effect they had had in his own country. He came at nine o'clock in the morning with the Foreign Minister of Finland. What he saw in that theatre changed his policy. On his next stop in Stockholm he called in the press and apologised for the hasty statement which had suggested the inclusion of the Soviet in the conference.

U Nu knew that Burma was a nation deeply influenced by MRA. U Tin Tut, former Foreign Minister, who had been to Caux, spoke of it as 'the one unfailing light'; and Aung San, the first Prime Minister, whose widow as Ambassador in India closely follows this work, said, 'This is what I want for the whole country.' U Narada, the Abbot who is the Secretary to the Presiding Abbots' Association responsible for 75,840 Buddhist monks, has mobilised these monks throughout the country who believe in the validity of this message for Burma. He says, 'My colleagues in the all-Burma Presiding Abbots' Association and myself have accepted the responsibility

of rebuilding the moral fences in our country. Then we will have new men, new nations and a new world.'

These monks are enthusiastically at work, and have shown the MRA film, *The Crowning Experience*, in the presence of the Prime Minister at the national celebration at the Peace Pagoda in the open air to crowds so large that they had to sit on both sides of the screen. The Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies said, 'This film is tailor made for Burma. It exactly fits the need of the country.'

'Come soon, come soon to Burma'

The last time U Nu came to America he told reporters in New York that he was coming especially to Arizona to see me because of the urgent need for this message to his country. He had already sent his daughter to be with us at our assemblies. His word on leaving me was simply, 'Come soon, come soon to Burma.'

Meanwhile U Narada and five Abbots are coming to Europe for the Assembly in Caux, Switzerland, and will celebrate with me my eighty-third birthday in June. These worthies are welcome here and the highest in the land also, who long to come and find in the quiet of these mountains the key to their country's destiny.

In Japan it is the former Prime Minister Kishi and his chief adviser, Mr. Saburo Chiba, who are planning the delegation for this Assembly, with Senator Ohtani, a director of the World Buddhist Federation and adviser to a five million strong Buddhist group in Japan. Senator Ohtani says, 'What Asian Buddhism now needs is Moral Re-Armament. We in Japan have been given the light of MRA. Now we must sweep the whole world with this light.'

It is just a year now since a force of Moral Re-Armament left from Caux to work in the Congo. What is the battle they are fighting? It is a difficult task. But they are meeting with such a response that the Minister for Information and National Defence in Leopoldville says that 'Moral Re-Armament has saved the Congo from a far greater catastrophe.'

The other day they were invited to the controlled area of the Lower Congo, in which are the Ports of Matadi, Boma and Banana. *En route* they encountered several Congo Army road blocks. At one the sergeant said, 'Moral Re-Armament! We listen all the time to your radio broadcasts,' and he began to sing one of the songs. He was overjoyed to meet the Colwell brothers from Hollywood, who had put these songs twice a day on the radio in the languages of his people. At every road block, as the soldiers realised the MRA men were in the car, they crowded enthusiastically around, and at the last block before entering Matadi, the soldiers cheered them for bringing the answer to Communism.

At the end of the road in Boma the square was a sea of faces as ten thousand people crammed into the Civic Centre to see the MRA films and hear these men speak.

That crowd stood for four hours and when asked if they wanted more, roared their approval, and said, 'We will stay all night for more of this.' Said one, 'We want the MRA force to stay for a month right here to spread this idea.'

The Bishop of Matadi said after the film, 'You say what is straight and right. This is the good and only way, the way of MRA which we all need. I congratulate and thank you. I will give you my fullest support so that the masses will follow this idea.'

Africa can be lost in the sinking sands of the materialism of East and West. Leaders of Africa welcome Moral Re-Armament because it is the solid ground on which a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free continent can be built. Marking the independence of their country the Government of Sierra Leone invited the representatives of fifty-six nations to see *The Crowning Experience*. The Deputy Prime Minister presenting the film said, 'I have decided to throw my whole weight into this work of Moral Re-Armament.' Humphrey Wood, officially representing Moral Re-Armament at the Independence Celebrations, presented my message: 'Sierra Leone's destiny is to be a nation guided, not by the will of others but by the will of God to follow what is right. Strong as a lion she will be among the nations. The whole world is anxiously waiting to see what God can do through one nation wholly given to Him. Sierra Leone can be that nation. My heartiest congratulations.'

'We in Africa must stand for what is right'

Introducing *The Crowning Experience*, which was repeatedly interrupted by applause, Manasseh Moerane, Vice-President of the thousands of African teachers of South Africa, said, 'Political independence is important: economic stability is important, but, above all, a new nation needs an ideology. We in Africa cannot afford neutralism. We have got to stand for what is right.'

Bremer Hofmeyr, whose family have held six Cabinet posts in South Africa, said, 'Moral Re-Armament is the ideology that sets men and nations free, that keeps men and nations free and unites free men to win the world.'

President Tubman of Liberia has also asked for the men of Moral Re-Armament to present *The Crowning Experience* to the Pan-African Conference which opens this week in Monrovia. He says, 'I invite the leaders and people of Africa to join in this supreme task and to give priority to the Moral Re-Armament of our nations.'

This African statesman echoes the convictions of Eudocio Ravines of Peru, former Latin American delegate to the Comintern, who spoke at the Moral Re-Armament Hemisphere Assembly in Miami. He said, 'The fundamental answer to Communism in Latin America is moral and spiritual. Events in Cuba are happening because the Americas have not lived an

ideology superior to Communism. That is where we Latin Americans are responsible. But neither has the United States exported moral values to Cuba. It has exported dollars and tourists and those things which made Latin Americans cynically call Havana the cabaret of North America. Moral decadence opens the door to Communist penetration. Many people say that Communism is the product of poverty, hunger and underdevelopment. However, I say with the authority of having successfully conducted one of the greatest Communist movements in creating the Popular Front in Chile, the cause of the penetration of Communism is corruption and moral decadence. Now the government of the United States is offering millions of dollars to solve the economic problems of Latin America. But military aid and dollars alone are not enough. This is the moment for America to export a moral ideology to Latin America. Therefore, the mission of Moral Re-Armament is of fundamental and particular importance.'

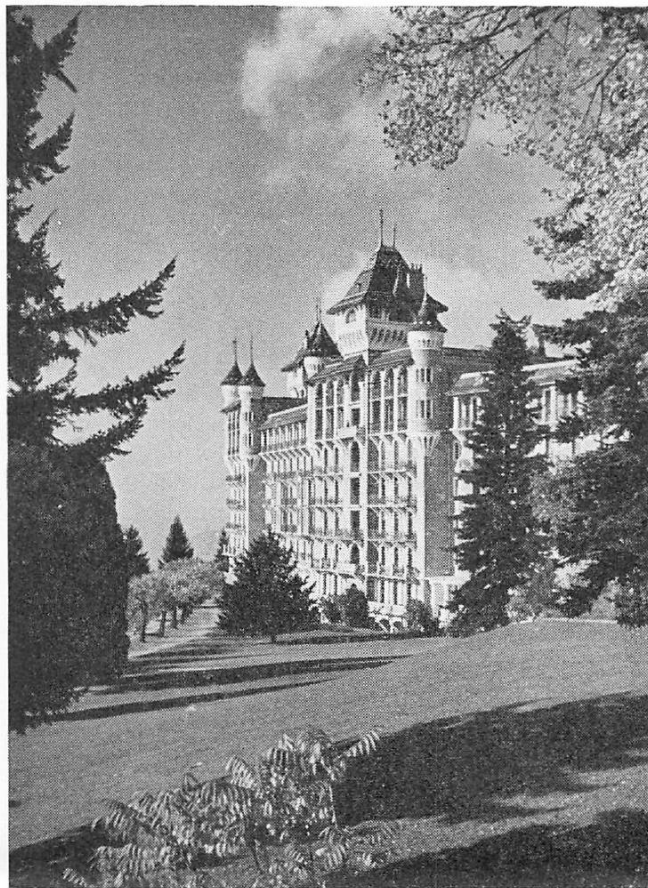
Men who will pay the full price

From this assembly in Miami returned two Swiss businessmen who had given evidence of the striking response to this answer from industry, politics and press in Catholic Central Switzerland. One said, 'I came back from America with the deep conviction that my job was to be ready to pack my bags and travel to bring this answer. In a world crisis like today the old style businessman simply doesn't make sense. Businessmen without a superior ideology only help Communism. I think of the industrialists who gave Castro thirty million dollars and have lost it all. And of the corruption that has become a way of life for businessmen in many Western lands and brought us to the edge of the abyss. We need men and women who will pay the full price of change, honesty and fearless leadership in our nations if the world is to be saved.'

The Moral Re-Armament Assembly at Caux in June will be the focus for leaders from every continent who are seeking solid ground for statesmanship. His Excellency Bernard Hardion, a senior diplomatic adviser to the French Foreign Office and former Ambassador in Brazil, said, 'Moral Re-Armament is a modern chivalry. Chivalry was inspired by faith and belief in God. It was not a substitute for religion. We must once and for all end this defence of a past forever dead. We must take the offensive in the battle for the future and for the submission of men to the divine voice.'

Dr. Azikiwe, the first African Governor-General of Nigeria, who architected his country's freedom, told how he discovered in Caux the idea of 'Not who is right, but what is right,' which 'proved to be a pearl of great price at a time when we were on the threshold of a great political awakening.'

The Catholic philosopher, Gabriel Marcel, spoke to



Caux—Headquarters of the Moral Re-Armament Assembly which opens in June for leaders from every continent

the foreign press in Geneva. He said that in Caux he had seen a power that brought 'a radical and lasting transformation in people. It is magnificent and cannot be gainsaid.'

Robert Schuman said of his experience at Caux, 'I am accustomed to conferences, but they are very different from this. Normally they end with great disappointment. Here we find nothing but satisfaction and hope.'

General Marcel Carpentier, who commanded the ground forces of NATO for Central Europe, sounded a challenge at the most recent assembly in Caux, 'We need a floodtide of Moral Re-Armament to sweep across the world. Then men in Government will be forced to make the right decisions that spring not just from the intellect, but from our hearts and faith.'

Like a mighty army moves this force across the world. Men and women of all races and nations united with a common commitment. The world is on the knife-edge of decision. We must go all out to save our nations. When men change and are gripped by the fire and passion, the purity and honesty of a moral ideology, miracles happen. The foundation is laid of a new world, not on the shifting sand of corruption and compromise, but on the rock-like character of God-directed men and nations.