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CAUX Gibraltar of hope for world US Speaker salutes 20 years

THE CELEBRATIONS of the twentieth anniversary of Caux as a centre of Moral Re-Armament last weekend brought 700 people from Switzerland and thirty-one other nations. The occasion was filmed by Swiss TV.

In the hall of Mountain House the Speaker of the Vaud Cantonal Parliament, Pierre Jacquier, expressed the gratitude of the Vaudois authorities for the creation of MRA's centre at Caux. He said, 'May the torch of this great cause carry light and faith to the rest of the world.'

Politicians and diplomats sketched Caux's influence in Asia, Africa and Europe.

The Philippine Ambassador to Switzerland, Modesto Farolan, said, 'I must congratulate the distinguished leaders of Switzerland for giving a home to MRA. I would like to thank them on behalf of the peoples of Asia who long to benefit from this movement.' He spoke of the newly achieved unity of the peoples of Malay race, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, in which could be traced the inspiration of 'this great movement we celebrate today'.

He was confident that the spirit of Moral Re-Armament could enable the



Speaker of Vaud Cantonal Parliament, Pierre Jacquier, addresses representatives from thirty-one nations. On the left is Georges Führer, representing the Municipality of Montreux, and Daniel Mottu, Secretary of MRA in Switzerland Photos: Meillefer

peoples of South East Asia to overcome the obstacles to unity and eventually bring peace to Vietnam.

The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, John McCormack, sent the following message: 'Soon after the Second World War the Congressional delegation to



the world assembly at Caux described it as "A Gibraltar of hope for Europe". Not only Europe and America but the whole world need hope today. I extend my greeting for the twentieth anniversary of Caux in full confidence that the spirit represented there will contribute greatly towards that hope.' The message was read by Dr Erich Peyer, President of the Caux Foundation.

British diplomat A R K Mackenzie said, 'Many times in the corridors of the UN I have heard frustrated diplomats say, "If only we could get the spirit of Caux here." Statesmen like Dr Adenauer and President Bourgiba have publicly recognised the efficacy of Caux, whose secret is that it takes the problems of nations and continued on back page

From left to right, two Swiss National Councillors; Speaker of Vaud Cantonal Parliament and his wife; Louis Guisan, Council of State member, and his wife and the Philippine Ambassador

Can World Labour meet the challenge of 20th Century?

by William Jaeger

THE WORLD LABOUR MOVEMENT is at a decisive point. The tasks before it are more far-reaching than any in its history. The workers in Africa, Asia, South America, as well as in Europe, earn more money, have more responsibility and take more power in their hands than ever before.

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions have over 60 million members in 56 countries. The World Federation of Trade Unions claim

140 million members in 90 countries. The Socialist parties in the Socialist International get over 90 million votes in 54 countries and the Communist Parties through their governments still control a third of the people of the world.

The future of mankind depends on the aims, unity and ability of the world labour movement to meet the economic and social challenge of the final phase of the twentieth century. Karl Marx criticised the British trade unions for dealing only with 'effects', that is, always finding themselves at the receiving end of industrial change instead of attempting to direct the course of change.

This is still true today, not only of the British labour movement but also

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The ICFTU and Moral Re-Armament

IN A LETTER to an official of the Moral Re-Armament, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has confirmed its attitude of strict neutrality towards that movement as towards any other religious movement. 'You will certainly be aware', Omer Becu, ICFTU General Secretary, wrote, 'that the ICFTU counts among its members persons adhering to a very great number of religious denominations. Any other position of the ICFTU than that of neutrality towards religious issues is therefore entirely excluded provided, of course, that any of these communities refrain from interfering in matters which are properly within the domain of the trade union movement.'

of the labour movements of America, Germany, Russia and China. They have all become involved with dogmatic points of view about each other. They have completely failed to build trust between each other or remove hunger and poverty from the earth.

Now is the time to get to the root of economic crises that are bursting out in nearly every country. Why have Western countries where there has been such increased prosperity had four times the number of workers on strike in the post war years as in the 10 years before the Second World War? Why is it that when nations get more prosperous moral decadence so quickly sets in? Why is America so powerless to solve in a reasonable time a major airlines dispute? What needs to happen to Britain so she regains her proper role in the world?

The Prime Minister of Sweden, Tage Erlander, speaking at the recent Socialist International Congress in Stockholm, said: 'There is an urgent need for Socialists to re-think their aims. There is no way back. The world in which we live has become one and indivisible. The time has passed when we can discuss the problems of others. In the modern world they are always our problems and it must be our common responsibility to solve them.'

New aims needed

World Labour needs aims big enough to unite the world. Anti-Communism, anti-Americanism, class war, are all too small and out of date. They only contribute to more division. A bigger aim is needed which will enlist men in producing food, clothing and housing adequate for all the people of the world.



HARRY EARNSHAW, former Chairman of the Labour Party, (left) talks with George Teal, National Amalgamated Stevedores' and Dockers' Union official in Hull at Tirley conference. Teal said, 'MRA is doing the same thing today for Britain the "gallant few" did in 1940' Photo: Pennington

> The gap is widening between the developed white nations on both sides of the Iron Curtain and the developing mainly coloured nations to the south of them in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. If it is allowed to grow unchecked, it will present a major threat to world peace.

British Labour the key?

What happens to British Labour could be the key to what happens to the whole of world labour. British Labour has always pioneered new stages in the development of workers' conditions across the world.

But not many countries really understand what is actually happening in Britain today. A British writer said recently: 'There is no more understanding today in Washington about the extent to which Britain's national will power has been corroded, than there was in London in the 1930s about the extent of the French sickness.'

The failure to understand the situation in the 1930s and the appeasement of Hitler led to the tragedy of the Second World War. Failure now to understand the causes of the British economic crisis could lead to economic disaster all over Europe and the workers would lose all that has been so painfully gained.

It is the will power of Britain that has been corroded which no economic plan in itself can ever answer. George Woodcock, General Secretary of the British TUC said at the British Trades Union Congress last year, 'If the British people have the will to get things done there will be no need for

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HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia last week attended the Addis Ababa gala première of the all-Africa MRA musical *Harambee Africa*.

When the cast later visited the headquarters of the Imperial Ethiopian Air Force F5 jets screamed fifty feet above their heads at 1,000 mph in welcome.

On their arrival in the country at the Addis Ababa airport as well as a press and newsreel reception, a fullgrown male lion—mascot of the Imperial bodyguard bounded up the steps of their plane to greet them.

This musical, now in Ethiopia on the Emperor's invitation, was produced last December at the MRA 'Aim for Africa' conference in Nairobi. It has a cast of fifty from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa, Burundi, Zambia, Nigeria, Basutoland and the Sudan.

At the Ethiopian première with H I M the Emperor were H I H the Crown Prince, members of the Royal Family, the Prime Minister and nine Cabinet Ministers,





members of the Diplomatic Corps, OAU officials, high ranking military officers and the leaders of the business community.

At the end of the evening the Emperor summoned the cast and stage crew of *Harambee Africa* to the Imperial box where each in turn was presented to him by Andrew Peppetta, South African director of the musical. The Emperor gave each a replica of his personal seal.

The Ethiopian Herald wrote in its editorial on 30 August about the visits of President Charles de Gaulle and Harambee Africa to Ethiopia. 'Three separate events in the recent past which crowded days in Addis all underlined the same theme: the importance of unity in the modern world.

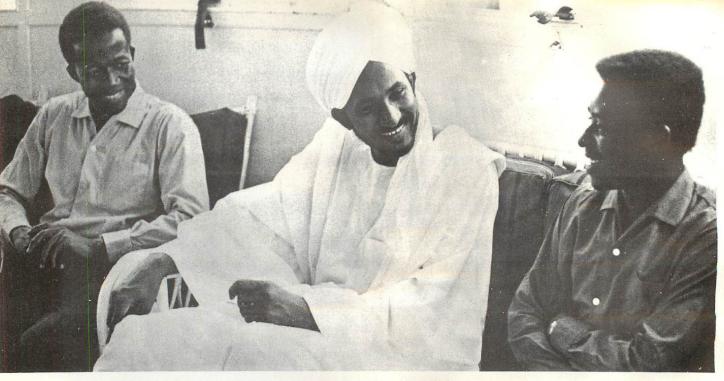
'The first event was the Tripartite National Industrial Relations Conference at Africa Hall. The second, perhaps more fascinating demonstration of the unity theme, was the presentation of the colourful musical *Harambee Africa* at the Haile Selassie Theatre. The final and foremost event of the week was the visit of French President de Gaulle.

'Just as President de Gaulle's visit called attention to the need for world unity the musical revue *Harambee Africa* called attention to the need for even greater efforts to achieve unity among the nations of the continent.'

The cast was received in Africa Hall, headquarters of the Organisation of African Unity and the UN Economic Commission for Africa. The Deputy Executive Secretary, Francois A Nliba Nguimbous of Cameroun, welcomed them. He said, 'When we see a group like you fighting for Africa we of the ECA can only be at your side. We have to build in the economic field and in every field, but particularly in the human field. Your spirit will carry out what we have started.'

Arrival in Ethiopia of 'Harambee Africa' cast

Photo: Kobler



The Prime Minister, Sayed Sadik El Mahdi (centre), talks with 'Harambee Africa' cast members

Photos: Kobler

'Carry Harambee to Africa'-Sudan PM

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL of State of the Sudan, Sayed Ismail Azhari, inaugurated the performances of *Harambee Africa* in the Sudan on 15 August. A State occasion was held in the vast open-air National Theatre in Omdurman on the banks of the Nile.

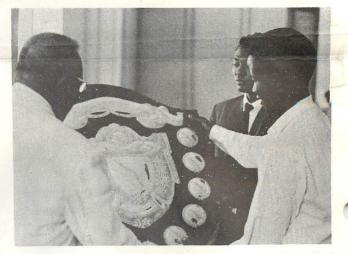
Among those present were Members of the Supreme Council; the Minister of Education, Sayed Hassan Awadalla; Ambassadors; the Commissioner of Khartoum Province and heads of government departments.

Harambee Africa came to the Sudan on the invitation of the Government. On their departure from Nairobi the Sudan Ambassador, Sayed Mohammed Mirghani, said, 'Knowing of the help the cast needs financially you come to our country as guests of the Government, who will cover all expenses including the cost of air transportation.'

The thirty-year-old Prime Minister, Sayed Sadik El Mahdi, entertained the cast on a two-hour cruise on the



Tanzanian girls dance in 'Harambee Africa'



'From the President and members of the Supreme Council of the Sudan to "Harambee Africa",' read the inscription on the shield presented here by H E Sayed Ismail Azhari. In a five day period he received the cast three times in the Republican Palace

River Nile. After hearing their songs and their statements of commitment to the building of a new Africa, he said, 'I hope you will carry "Harambee" throughout the continent. It is the spirit we need today for this generation and for the generations to come. You will always be welcome to return to the Sudan.'

Harambee Africa was performed at the headquarters of the Sudan Railways at Tbara. The Chairman of the 32,000strong Railway Workers' Union, Sayed Mohammed Hassan Abdullah, said, 'We workers stand fully with Harambee Africa in its aims of maintaining freedom and dignity, and developing the continent morally as well as socially and economically.' 'It would be a great assistance to the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to come to an MRA conference. They would find an answer to their problems and to the things that divide people and see a uniting idea' - WILLIAM ARNOLD, representative for Northern Ireland and Merseyside on the General Council of the Boilermakers' Society

WILLIAM ARNOLD, a delegate to the forthcoming TUC conference, said this week he hoped the Prime Minister would get 'a breath of what Moral Re-Armament is doing in Britain' while at Blackpool.

The Boilermakers' official was speaking at the final session of the MRA international conference at Tirley Garth attended by 3,000 people from 45 nations. The session was attended by dockers' leaders from Hull, Bristol and Manchester, management representatives from the steel, chemical and building industries and workers from Northern Ireland and the Midlands, Tyneside, Scotland and London.

The meeting was chaired by Les Dennison, Chairman of the Coventry Building Trades' Operatives and for twenty-two years a Communist, and Jack Carroll, a Bristol docker who said he had been described by the national press as 'a wrecker'. Both



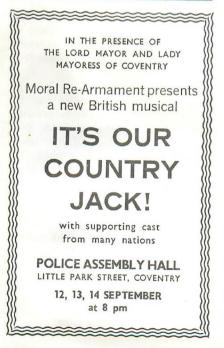
William Arnold, General Council member of the Society of Boilermakers, addresses the conference. Right: Les Dennison, Chairman of the Coventry Building Trades Operatives. Left: S Maldonado, Secretary, Crane Drivers' Union, Montevideo; Douglas Cook; V Gonzales, President, Montevideo Crane Drivers' Union Photo: Houston

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legislation to deal with prices and incomes, and if there is no will, legislation won't work any way.'

This is now the time for world labour to understand the historic significance of Moral Re-Armament which successfully shows how to deal with the will of a human being. It gives a new aim and motive to men and nations. It develops the character in man, cures his selfishness and restores his pride of work. It gives him a new attitude to every race, class and nation.

If world labour deals as drastically with the problem of human nature in the next 30 years as it has done in Western countries with the economic and social problems of the last 30 years, it can create the new world for which so many labour leaders and ordinary workers have given their lives.



Dennison and Carroll said that through MRA they had become constructive forces 'out to rid the world of hate, fear and unemployment'.

'Management must do much rethinking. Leadership in industry should be as much interested in those who do the work as in the work itself. Work should be adapted to the abilities of the man rather than man adapted to fit the work.'

- FREDERICK PHILIPS, President of Philips Electrical Industries of Holland

FREDERICK PHILIPS, whose factories in forty countries employ a quarter of a million people, said that he had found in his company that men could take far more responsibility than had been thought. 'We have also to rethink the dividing line between skilled and unskilled labour as well as between those in the workshops and in the offices.'

Addressing the Tirley international conference he proposed last week that Britain and other European countries should set up schools for industrial co-operation in newly developing nations. These schools would be sponsored by unions and management jointly and would draw on the best experience of European industry.

'If ever there was a need for unions and management to work together and avoid the costly mistakes European countries have made, it was in the developing countries,' he said.

'Training in these schools would not be given in the old spirit of colonialism, imperialism, paternalism or class war—all of which are outmoded.' It would be based on respect for the dignity of man, he said.

The unions, he said, would play a leading part with their union colleagues in African and Asian countries in setting up the training programme for industrial co-operation.

at a glance

Korean PM says moral change is the key

KOREA MUST SHOW an answer to the Communist countries through new ideas and action, said Chung II Kwon, Prime Minister of Korea, on 15 August, twenty-first anniversary of Korean independence. 'We must change the evils of the past through a new quality in our lives,' he said, receiving the cast of *Sing-Out Korea* in the garden of his official residence. 'The people of the world are waiting for this kind of demonstration.

'President Park spoke about the unification of Korea at the liberation celebration today. He said that for unification we need economic rehabilitation and national strength but that more fundamenal and important is our need for the right basic attitudes. Even if we have military and economic power and prestige, if we fail to modernize the attitudes and motives of men, we have no hope for the future.'

The Prime Minister urged the youth in *Sing-Out Korea* to make permanent their dedication to the development of the country and the world. 'It is our responsibility to change the unhappy history of Korea.'

Germany

SING-OUT DEUTSCHLAND, the new musical produced by German youth following the visit of the American show *Sing-Out* '66, was performed at Bundeswehr bases last week.

Major-General Hast, deputy commander of 7th Tank Division, told the cast, 'We older people become young again by your pace and the convincing way you have dedicated yourselves to the country. It is a very important factor that you, on whom the future rests, have committed yourselves to the nation in good or difficult days.'

Other performances were attended by Prince and Princess Lippe Biesterfeld and Karl Buschmann, VicePresident of the International Textile Workers Union and President of the German Textile Workers.

The *Haller Kreisblatt* wrote, 'The young people look critically at the present situation, and hold up a mirror for their compatriots, but behind the seemingly light songs the deeper content becomes visible to shake up people to their responsibility and to guard the values of freedom.'

During the evening of 31 August an hour's programme of *Sing-Out* '66 was broadcast over German national television.

South Africa

MUSIC AT MIDNIGHT, the play by Peter Howard, opened last week in Cape Town. Ivor Jones in a review in the *Cape Times* wrote that the audience 'gave close attention and generous applause to this thought-provoking play'.

Jones quoted Peter Howard in his review: 'I want to see the British theatre once more play its part in restoring honour to homes, unity between colours and classes and to all men, faith in God.' The review continued, 'Mr Howard's incontestable earnestness and sincerity are compellingly evident in *Music at Midnight*—a doctrine of humour and humanity.'

Holland

THE DUTCH NATIONAL RADIO last week broadcast a teach-in on Vietnam. With representatives of political youth organisations and other youth groups a representative of MRA under 25 was invited to take part.

Peter Wolvekamp, medical student from Utrecht University, said, 'Every country in the world including Vietnam has a right to be free. Therefore it is good that aggression is resisted. Only an ideology like Moral Re-Armament, which is more revolutionary than Communism, can bring a permanent answer not only to Vietnam but to the whole of Asia and the world.

'The future of Asia may well be decided by what happens in India rather than by the outcome of the Vietnam war. Therefore we need to give every support to the development of democratic nations like India and Japan.

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answers them with men. The changing of human nature—a factor largely ignored in international affairs—is the true secret of effective action.'

Dr William Nkomo, a founder member of the African National Congress Youth League, said, 'Africa has many problems today but if MRA had not come on the scene we would have lost that continent altogether. To fail to extend the work of Caux would be treachery not only to Switzerland but to the whole world.'

Swiss Federal MP Joseph Leu said, 'Aid to developing nations has received a powerful stimulus from Caux. The task undertaken by MRA must now become the task of the whole civilised world.'

Dr Nasir of Jordan, Vice-President of the Teachers' Training College in Jerusalem, made a gift to Caux and described Moral Re-Armament as 'the quickest way to make our nations as God wants them to be. With all my heart I give thanks to the Government of Switzerland which gave us the possibility to meet in this place.'

Other speakers included Sebastiano Pacci, Judge of the Italian Supreme Court; James Dickson, Swedish MP; Mohammad Ali Mani, an inspector of education in Iran, and former head of the French Socialist women, Madame Irene Laure.

The Protestant and Catholic chapels at Caux were crowded for services. The Catholic Mass was celebrated by six priests—two Chinese, two German and two Swiss.

The Neue Zürcher Zeitung on 26 August published an article by Federal MP Jacob Baechtold, headlined, 'Twenty years of MRA in Caux'.

It was announced that delegates were expected from Africa for a special African weekend at Caux, 17-18 September.

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British plane to Caux. A special plane will leave Gatwick Airport for Caux on Friday, 16 September, returning Monday, 19 September.

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