

Party Strife Disappearing in Ruhr

Dr. Otto Koch, Under-Secretary of Education for North Rhine-Westphalia, the Ruhr area of Germany, made a curtain speech before "The Forgotten Factor" in the Hofmeyr Theatre, Cape Town, last night.

"The effect of this play, which is being shown nightly in the Ruhr can be seen in three ways," he said. "First it is producing a new spirit in politics, turning rival politicians from party strife to trying to find what is best for the country. Then it is showing itself in a new spirit between management and labour, and thirdly in giving a new hope to our youth.

"The Ruhr, which is so vital not only for German economic recovery, but for the economy of all Europe was, as you know, the cradle of the militaristic spirit.

"After the war everyone tended to nihilism and despair. But these are the seedbed of revolution, and I feel it was an intervention of Providence that brought the ideology of Moral Re-Armament to us at this critical time."

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