

CITY COUNCILLORS TOLD OF MORAL REARMAMENT

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"Real and Live Force," Says Mayor

MORAL REARMAMENT was introduced to members of the Cape Town City Council and municipal officials by an international team of men and women members of the movement at a meeting in the City Hall Library yesterday.

Speakers from many countries gave personal accounts of what they claimed Moral Rearmament had done and was doing to change the hearts of men and nations and produce understanding, unity and peace.

The Mayor, Mr. F. Sonnenberg, who presided, said that after being sceptical he had come to realize that Moral Rearmament was a real and live force which was operating much more than many people imagined.

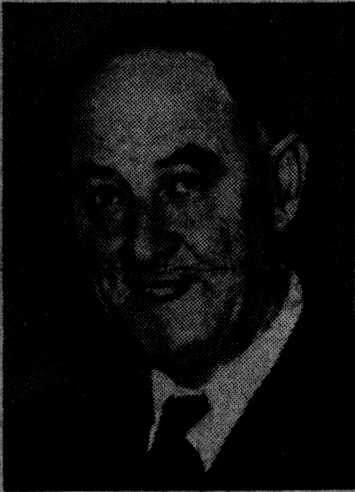
The speeches were interspersed by theme songs from Moral Rearmament shows and plays.

Mr. W. Page, a journalist, said disunity was a mark of the present age because no simple set of ideas of the philosophy of life existed on which all could agree.

Moral Rearmament offered that uniting force to work together to build a new world. It was based first on a personal change in the heart of every individual.

"OILING THE WHEELS"

A Rand mine captain said that Moral Rearmament was oiling the wheels of industry. The practice of the principle of "what is right instead of who is right" had solved many grievances and averted strikes.



Mr. F. Sonnenberg.

Another speaker who said he had travelled the whole of Africa contended that the destiny of Europeans in Africa would be decided, not by might or right, but by whether the Europeans were wanted on this continent by the Africans.

"If we live out the ideals of Moral Rearmament, they will want us," he said.

"Offers the Last Chance"

Mr. Douglas Buchanan, of Cape Town, said there was no body of people in Africa more worried than those in the Union Parliament.

They were worried because of the tremendous gulf that was opening between Whites and non-Whites in Africa.

From Cape Town to the Sahara, Africans were in surprisingly close touch with one another.

"I should have been depressed, too, if I had not met Moral Rearmament," he said.

"I believe it is our fault if the Africans say they do not want us. Unity is our one hope, and Moral Rearmament offers the last chance."

MAYOR AS CONVERT

Closing the meeting, the Mayor said: "If I have done anything in the past which was not right, or if I have hurt the feelings of my colleagues, I want to say I am sorry.

And if this meeting can find the small satisfaction in having at least one convert, I am not ashamed to admit that I am that man."