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A "Hard Man" Reforms

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Moral rearmament affects one of South Africa's most acute problems—the relationship between Black and White, said Mr Piet Naude, of Ermelo, when he addressed the World Assembly for Moral Rearmament, with a group of Asian leaders, at Caux-sur-Montreux.

To date the Assembly has been attended by 4,155 representatives from 57 nations.

Mr Naude said he had been a hard man and wanted to keep his Native workers down, and there were many fights.

"Then I met Moral Rearmament. I decided to refund some money to one of the workers. I told him I was sorry for the way I had treated him and said I wanted to work on the basis of a new relationship with the Natives.

"I gave them better treatment and better food. Today the prevailing shortage of labour on farms is no problem for me.

"When I decided to apologise for my attitude and settle issues on a basis of what was right and not who was right, a new spirit developed. Moral Rearmament shows how both White and Black can live together in this new Africa," he said.