

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT BRINGS MESSAGE TO CITY

IN Port Elizabeth this week are two of the men of whom U.S. President Harry S. Truman said: "If this crowd were given the green light to go ahead, there is no problem in industry that could not be solved."

The two men are Mr. W. A. Strang, former Glasgow textile executive, and Mr. A. Y. Hastings, Edinburgh-born ex-journalist, who gave up everything at the war's end to fight for Moral Re-armament, the fast-growing international movement which began the battle for democracy before the "cold war" was named.

PROPAGANDA DRIVE

The two Scots are in the City to plan for the presentation at the Opera House from July 17 to 21 of a dramatic industrial play, "The Forgotten Factor," which is at present being acclaimed by Auckland (New Zealand) and Dusseldorf (Germany) audiences. The play has been on tour in 15 countries, with a cast of about 35 Moral Re-armament workers, for the past four years. This year it is the spearhead of the movement's first big propaganda drive in the Union.

When it was shown at Washington, President Truman backed it and introduced it himself. After it was shown in Britain, the increase in industrial output in areas concerned was 15 per cent.

"In order to win the world over to democracy you have to present a better world and show that democracy really works," said Mr. Hastings yesterday. "This play helps us in that job and helps toward better industrial relations."

M. Robert Schuman, Prime Minister of France, in 1948 said the same thing in the words: "Moral Re-armament is one of the animating forces at work for inspired democracy, which must re-establish the supremacy of all the spiritual values at the heart of our tormented humanity."

NATURAL FIELD

Mr. Strang gave up his career to join this democratic fighting front after suffering as a war-time prisoner under the Nazi ideology. Mr. Hastings left the Navy to do the same. Some of their colleagues gave up £2,000-a-year jobs to help. One of the cast of "The Forgotten Factor" sold up his estate in southern Scotland to do the same—and put the proceeds into the fight.

As a rapidly-expanding industrial centre, Port Elizabeth is a natural field for the message of Moral Re-armament.



Mr. W. A. Strang and Mr. A. Y. Hastings, advocates of Moral Rearmament who are visiting Port Elizabeth.