

# “Forgotten Factor”

## Senate President's Address

THEIR Excellencies the Governor-General and Mrs. G. Brand van Zyl last night attended the presentation of “The Forgotten Factor”, which is being given under their patronage in the Hofmeyr Theatre, Cape Town. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Assembly welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of the National Committee which is sponsoring the tour of the play in South Africa.

At the end of the performance the President of the Senate, Senator C. A. van Niekerk, addressed the audience.

“We believe that the world is facing a great crisis,” he said. “There is an evil ideology which encourages dishonesty, impurity, and hatred, and this ideology is fighting for control in every country.

“Moral rearmament, on the other hand, can help every nation to restore the spiritual backbone of democracy. Whether it succeeds or fails will affect world peace in the future.

“We also believe that democracy must be backed by moral force. Without moral backbone democracy will be an empty shell. We give the cast our heartiest good wishes and may they have success wherever they perform.”

### TELEGRAMS OF GREETING

The President also referred to telegrams of greeting for the performance which had come from many parts of the world. Among them were messages from Congressional leaders in the United States, a group of members of Parliament in Finland, and British miners' leaders.

Dr. Otto Koch, Under-Secretary for Education, from North Rhine-Westphalia, in Germany, who is here by special leave from his Government to take part in the work of Moral Rearmament, described to the audience the effect of “The Forgotten Factor” in the Ruhr.

Among those present were Dr. T. E. Dönges, Minister of the Interior; Mr. B. J. Schoeman, Minister of Labour; and Dr. A. J. Stals, Minister of Health and of Education; the Administrators of the Cape Province and the Transvaal; the United Kingdom High Commissioner, the United States Ambassador, the Norwegian and Danish Ministers, and 40 members of the Senate and House of Assembly.