

# Wrathall listens to Gabellah at MRA meeting

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A COSMOPOLITAN audience of about 800 attended the opening session of the Moral Re-armament conference at the Harry Margolis Hall in Salisbury last night.

On stage were some of the 150 delegates from other countries and many prominent Rhodesians, including politicians and churchmen.

Cabinet Ministers and Senators, including the Deputy Prime Minister, Senator John Wrathall, also attended the meeting and heard Dr Elliott Gabellah, vice-president of the African National Council, and Mr Alec Smith, son of the Prime Minister, Mr Ian Smith.

The Mayor of Salisbury, Cllr Tony Tanser, opened the conference and said it was the most cosmopolitan assembly he had ever addressed.

The evening started with children dancing to the music of a marimba band.

Dr Gabellah said man was the biggest problem of all and the cause of other problems. Politicians had tried to find a solution to the country's problems and had failed.

There was an untapped source of power which could provide the solution and that source was God. The power was there for the asking, completely free.

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The Rhodesian problem could cause bloodshed and even lead to a third world war. It could be solved by turning to God.

Man must look critically at himself. The tendency was for black to blame white and vice versa.

"Let us not look at who is right but at what is right. There cannot be two rights," he said amid applause.

The Anglican Bishop of Mashonaland, the Rt Rev. Paul Burrough, told members of the audience that they had come to the conference at their peril. They had to accept the terrifying logic of the love of God and live up to it.

Mr Alec Smith said it was because he was a Rhodesian and loved his country that he was seeking a solution to its problems.

If God's plan was accepted the problems of race hatred and injustice would be solved.

The conference continues until Sunday with morning, afternoon and evening sessions at the University of Rhodesia.

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