

U S A
1939 - 1946

PREVIEW OF A NEW WORLD

**How Frank Buchman
Helped his country
Move from isolation
To world responsibility**

Copyright Arthur Strong 1994.

First published in Sweden 1994

by Arthur Strong, Flat 116,

Parkgatan 16, 671 32 Arvika.

Printed in Sweden by Arvika Grafiska AB

and Billes Tryckeri AB.

Color transparencies of every page by Kenneth Ädelby.

ISBN 91 - 630 - 2969 - 3

PREVIEW OF A NEW WORLD

Introduction

Page 1.	BOOK ONE	April 1939 - Fall 1940	40A photo credits and source references
41.	BOOK TWO	August 1940 - January 1942	81A photo credits and source references
81.	BOOK THREE	January 1942 - April 1942	120A photo credits and source references
121.	BOOK FOUR	Spring 1942 - Fall 1942	160A photo credits and source references
161.	BOOK FIVE	September 1942 - May 1944	200A photo credits and source referencies
201.	BOOK SIX	June 1944 - Spring 1945	240A photo credits and source referencies
241.	BOOK SEVEN	May 1945 - Spring 1946	280A photo credits and source references
281.	APPENDIX	President Truman: Was he another Lincoln?	
291.	INDEX		



The manuscript to this book is contained in seven separate sections, placed in an ashwood box made by Timothy Carrant of Devonshire, England.

I started the work on this book in 1966 and finished it in 1993.

For the busy person I have underlined certain passages.

Arthur Strong.

In the 1930's Dr. Frank Buchman's work had resulted in the change of personal and national life in many countries in Western Europe. He believed that the time had come for his own country, America, to live out the faith of her founding fathers. His conviction was that America could offer an attractive and universally recognized alternative to the great materialist ideologies.

At that time Americans had little interest in the world outside their own land. They were in the midst of a devastating drought which was to last for seven years. This made a dustbowl of great areas of the States in the mid-West. As war in Europe developed a poll revealed that 90% of Americans wanted nothing to do with it. Yet within a few years America was to rise from isolationism to become the most responsible power in the world, and launch the Marshall Plan. But for America's care, the bleeding nations of the world would have had little hope of survival or recovery after the end of the war.

Buchman never worked alone. A team of 130 trained workers from many nations came with him for the launching of Moral Re-Armament in America in 1939. A number remained with him throughout the war years. These seven consecutive years were a unique period in his long life. Together this team developed into a world force who were prepared to go anywhere at any time.

In the Spring of 1939 Buchman outlined to the Washington Press Club three great tasks that lay ahead for America. They were: "To keep the peace and make it permanent. To make the wealth and work of the world available to all and for the exploitation of none. And with peace and prosperity as our servants and not our masters, to build a new world, create a new culture and change the age of gold into the Golden Age."

His aim was outlined in the Moral Re-Armament national defense handbook "You Can Defend America", with its foreword by General Pershing. Its main themes were sound homes, teamwork in industry and national unity. One million three hundred and fifty thousand copies were circulated in the United States. It was also dramatized in the revue, "You Can Defend America", which was shown in twenty States before a quarter of a million people at the invitation of Governors, Legislatures, Mayors, Defense Councils, industrial and labor leaders. In the course of this work Buchman and his team travelled 36,000 miles.

On July 27, 1943, at Mackinac Island in Michigan, Bishop Logan Roots, the former Primate of China, said, "Frank Buchman and his team are away out beyond anything in history that men have ever thought and planned and worked for hitherto."

Senator Harry S. Truman followed closely the development of MRA ever since he delivered President Roosevelt's endorsement in 1939 in Washington. Truman became the Chairman of the Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program. Such was the response to the revue that it was followed by an industrial drama, called "The Forgotten Factor". In November, 1943, Truman saw it in Philadelphia. On the stage afterwards he said, "There is not a single bottleneck I can think of which could not be broken in a matter of weeks if this crowd were given the green light to go full steam ahead."

General George C. Marshall, Chief of the Army, was another who valued Buchman's work. At the close of the war he speeded the return of those who had been inducted into the army, so they could resume their work with Buchman. After the war, when Secretary of State, Marshall was put in charge by President Truman of what became known as the Marshall Plan.

Buchman marked his 70th birthday, June 4, 1948, with an assembly to articulate the need for an ideology for democracy in the Americas. Eighty-one Senators and Congressmen signed the invitation, and a group of Dutch businessmen chartered a KLM aeroplane to transport the European delegates to the assembly in California. The visitors were welcomed by a message of support from Paul Hoffman, the administrator of the Marshall Plan, who stated, "You are giving the world the ideological counterpart of the Marshall Plan." After the assembly the European delegates lunched with Marshall and Hoffman in Washington. Marshall told the guests that, while Hoffman's work concerned material things, a spiritual regeneration throughout the world was absolutely vital.

The following pages show how Frank Buchman trained a group of people to help the leaders and led in his country to become responsible for the world.

Local Forecast: Fair with some clouds today. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday with light rain. Moderate west wind. (Complete report on Page 29.)

SAN FRANCISCO, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1939

APRIL 25

Moral Rearmament' Urged by Tennis Star

BY JOE WILLIAMS
 NEW YORK, April 25.—When a tennis player who has been known as a member of the "Breadbasket Club" in the United States...

enough to be called that, in thought, it is possible to the state of humanity...

TO LISTEN TO
 HIS NEW MESSAGE



BOOK ONE deals with the launching of Moral Re-Armament in America during the spring of 1939. Large meetings were held in New York City, Washington and Hollywood.

MRA Day at San Francisco's World's Fair took place on August 1. The city's Chronicle headlined Britain's Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax's message: "MRA: World Peace Hope: Halifax". Californians also read the double banner in the San Francisco Chronicle:

"NATIONS HEAR THE CALL TO MORAL REARMAMENT"

The year ended with a campaign - "100 million listening December 1,2,3." This was launched in San Francisco. There was full coverage in the press, both the New York Times and the Herald Tribune. Unity between America and Britain was strengthened. Shanghai was among the cities in the world advertising the occasion with posters.

This book closes with intensive training for the MRA force in primitive surroundings in the High Sierra of California. Among the 120 were many young men and women from overseas who Buchman counted on to help him with the meetings and follow-up programs. He longed for them to have the maturity to face the tremendous work he saw ahead in America, and even more for the years to come after the devastation of war. He wanted to instill in them those Christian truths which fed his spirit.

THROUGHOUT THESE BOOKS

captions of photographs are on yellow paper, quotes from speeches, diaries and books on blue, and happenings in other places on pink paper.

Bunny Austin's "Battle for MRA"

was translated into 8 languages and sold on five continents.

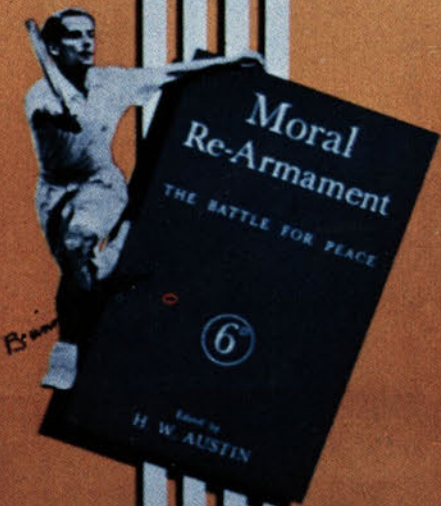
The first edition of 250,000 sold out in six weeks. The second edition of the same number sold out as fast.

A gift of 10,000 billboards carried a giant poster to all parts of Britain. There were 2 million leaflets, 20,000 display cards, 20,000 counter stands, 10,000 window posters, 500,000 envelope stickers and 10,000 auto bumper stickers.

Hundreds of housewives, factory workers, businessmen and students saw to it that they were displayed everywhere.

BRITAIN

MRA



Call to Sanity

HONESTY
 PURITY
 UNSELFISHNESS
 LOVE



INTRODUCTION

Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman began his life's work among the poor of Philadelphia, in his home state of Pennsylvania. A prolonged clash with the trustees of the hospice, which he was running for poor boys, led to his resignation. In 1908 he travelled to Europe, with his health impaired. He was seething with resentment and convinced that his life's work was ruined. He was just thirty years old.

In a Keswick chapel in England's Lake District he listened to Mrs. Penn Lewis of the Salvation Army. She unravelled the Cross of Christ for him. He left the chapel a free man, his bitterness healed, knowing that the power of God could change the deepest thing in his life. That same day he wrote six letters of apology to the difficult trustees of the Philadelphia hospice. "I was the seventh wrong man," he often said in later years. Also on that same day he found that, by sharing his fresh experience, God used him to change the life of another man.

"That was the revolutionary path I set my feet on," said Buchman in after years. In 1921 God gave him the tremendous thought, "You will be used to remake the world." Shaken to the core of his being, he could not write it down for several days. However it was much longer before he was able to express publicly the content of the prophecy. During his remaining forty years the full understanding about what he had been told filled his thinking and living. In 1938 God gave him the thought, "The next great movement in the world will be a movement of moral and spiritual re-armament for all nations." At a reception for him in London, England, 3,000 people overflowed East Ham Town Hall. There he launched MRA with more than sixty mayors, aldermen and councillors on the platform beside him.

Further launching assemblies were held in Europe - Denmark, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland. Thousands of people and many leaders responded. Buchman believed that now was the time to take a large force from many nations to America and launch the ideology of MRA in his own country.

It is at this point, - the Spring of 1939, where this chronicle begins.

If Dr. Frank Buchman succeeds in creating a new moral climate in the United States the monument should be 11,489 ft. high and floodlighted every night.

- New York Times, April 1939.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Front page: The San Francisco News cartoon, April 25, 1939, also the cover of Bunny Austin's book - "Moral Re-Armament - the Battle for Peace." The first edition soon sold out and a further 250,000 copies were printed. It was largely a compilation of letters to the London Times and articles from: the Earl of Athlone, Lord Salisbury, Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, H.H. Elvin, Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, and other leaders of labor, along with men of industry and government.

In a campaign to reach the hearts and minds of the British people, 10,000 billboards (design as in 4) 10 ft. high were given by men of industry.

Austin spoke, with other well-known sporting figures, at football stadiums to tens of thousands during the intervals in the football matches. Teams of men and women sold his book at the gates.

Page three:

1 After the Stars and Stripes were brought in people from 50 nations came with their flags. They were followed by representatives of the 48 States and by Canadians with the shields of their Provinces.

2 "Labor led by God can lead the world", says John Ramsay, union organizer at Bethlehem Steelworks, (extreme left). Sitting beside him is Bill Rowell, unemployed leader from East London (p 24).

3 H.W. Austin tells the 14,000 people, "Sport is a great bridgebuilder. It is one of the greatest instruments forged for the transmission of goodwill between individuals and nations. The challenge to us sportsmen is whether we are sportsmen enough to accept the self-discipline and sacrifice which goes into creating a new world."

4 Some of the audience at Madison Square Gardens, New York City. Among the messages read out are four from members of the Cabinet, including the Secretary of State, Cordell Hull. A Canadian mayor read a message from 100 of his fellow mayors, as he stood in front of 500 Canadians.

Cables follow from 300 British mayors, including the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, and the Secretary of the South Wales Miners' Federation.

Special applause follows the reading of cables from the Lord Mayors of Belfast and Dublin.

change the world. Think of the Church on the march - the nation on the march. The trouble is most Americans don't want to march with anyone else. Each wants his own private parade ground. Some of you have got to give up your customary comforts. That is absolutely necessary if you want to rouse the nation.

May 1939

NEW YORK

NEW MEN NEW NATIONS A NEW WORLD

Bunny Austin: Innumerable meetings were held in all the different boroughs of New York City culminating in a great meeting in that cavernous building in New York gloriously misnamed Madison Square Garden. A great banner behind the platform proclaimed the theme of the meeting: "New Men. New Nations. A New World." 1

Frank held the reins of the meeting which included many speakers from every background and many countries and a radio link-up with Britain. Though the hall was packed with 14,000 people I was interested to learn afterwards that Frank ran the whole meeting with one person in mind. He was true to his deeply held conviction that it is useless to drop eye medicine out of a two-storey building, and convinced that if he reached the heart and mind of that one man he could reach all the other 14,000 people.



America has no sense of danger

Frank Buchman, (Shocked by New York, speaks frankly to his friends, to prepare them for what lies ahead): America doesn't realize what it means to have the front line in her own backyard. London does. There are trenches in the middle of St. James's park. (Photo below) You talk about peace, but it is a selfish peace, not a battle to rouse the nation. I woke this morning with the thought that this message must spread across the whole country. That will demand more from us than we yet realize. America is comfort-loving and irresponsible. She has no sense of danger. We have a colossal task facing us. People will not understand. It is like tying horses to a post and then when you try to drive on they cannot move. If you live in fear of what certain people think of you, you are done for.

(Referring to Romans 12 which speaks of the difference between being "conformed" and "transformed"): The conformers will ruin everything. The transformers will

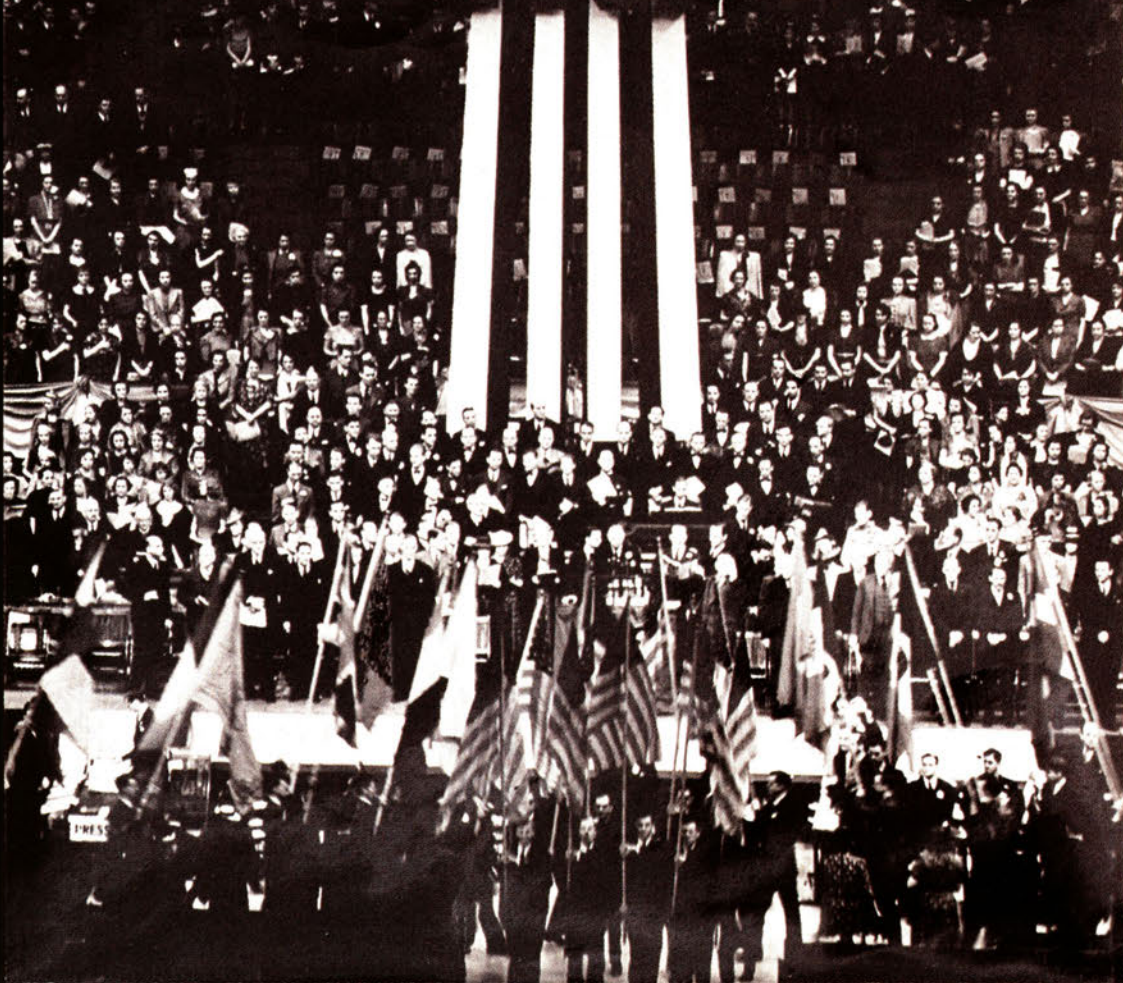


April 1939: President Roosevelt appealed to Hitler and Mussolini to give a ten-year guarantee of nonaggression to 31 nations. Hitler replied in a sarcastic speech to the Reichstag: "Mr. Roosevelt! I fully understand that the vastness of your country and the immense wealth of your nation allow you to feel responsible for the history of the whole world. I, sir, am placed in a much more modest and smaller sphere. I have re-established the historic unity of German living space and, Mr. Roosevelt, I have endeavored to attain all this without spilling blood." Hitler's biographer, Joachim Fest, described this speech as "a moral declaration of war." (Photo: Digging air-raid shelters in a London park.)



NEW NATIONS

MRA



N
E
W
Y
O
R
K

NEW WORLD



CHANGE MORAL RE-ARMAMENT THE WORLD'S SECURITY MRA-A RACE WITH TIME TO REPAIR MEN AND NATIONS

MRA

Moral
Re-Armament
Week, May 7-14

CITIZENS' MEETING
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
MAY 14 8 P.M.



3

2

1

3

4

ROOSEVELT INDORSES MORAL REARMAMENT

Times Herald

2

TELLS DELEGATES OF 50 NATIONS MOVE WOULD PROMOTE PEACE

President Roosevelt last night said "moral rearmament" - the reaffirmation of high moral principles among mankind - might lessen the dangers of international war, but he warned that such a movement must be worldwide to be "most highly effective."

His remarks were contained in a 48-word statement read before a national meeting for moral re-armorment. The meeting sponsored by five Cabinet members and a group of Senators and Representatives, marked the first anniversary of the international movement.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The underlying strength of the world must consist in the moral fiber of her citizens," the President said. "A program of moral rearmament for the world cannot fail, therefore, to lessen the dangers of armed conflict. Such moral rearmament to be most highly effective, must receive support on a worldwide basis."

As marching youths carried the flags of 50 participating nations into Constitution Hall, scene of the meeting, Dr. Frank Buchman, leader of the International Oxford (religious) movement, delivered the principal address, saying:

"The future of the world depends not on what a few men in Europe may decide to do, but on what a million men in America may decide to be. America can be the solvent of the world's difficulties."

A united voice in this nation - with "every last man...listening to God for his orders" - and "order and peace of the world would be assured," Buchman said.

A message from Gen. John J. Pershing, who is en route to Europe to visit the battlefields of the World War, urged support of moral rearmament and added that "today confronted by conditions so threatening to world peace, we must rededicate ourselves to the faith of our forefathers if we are to be worthy of our heritage."

H.W. (Bunny) Austin: Before the launching in Washington, a friend and I were invited to speak to the masters and the sixth form of one of the leading schools called Groton. We talked to Frank about the invitation and he made a typically unexpected and enigmatic remark. "Yes," he said, "you go to Groton and then see the President of the United States."

Wondering what connection there was between speaking at Groton and seeing the President, we went off to fulfil our assignment. After our talk was over the headmaster - Mr. Endicott Peabody - received us. He had been impressed by what we had said and we learned that the President had been a boy at this school. Now we understood Frank's remark.

"Don't you think," asked my colleague, "that the President would be interested in hearing what we were able to tell your masters and boys today?" . . . On the train back to Washington we happened to meet John Roosevelt, the President's youngest son. We told him we had a letter of introduction to his father. "Give it to me," he said, "I'm having breakfast with my father tomorrow morning." And so it was my colleague and I the next day found ourselves telling the President all we had told the boys and masters of his old school.

The President was receptive. Unhesitatingly he agreed to send a message to our Constitution Hall meeting.

Roosevelt had had several old friends working with Buchman, but a more immediate reason for his interest perhaps lay in the recent action of one of his severest press critics. Moved by his contact with MRA, he had, over a private lunch in Roosevelt's study, apologized for the bitterness and bias of his writing. The apology was accepted. The writer remained an independent critic of the Administration but wrote more constructively, appreciating the President's many difficulties.



"If you think I am worthy to represent such a fine initiative for the nation I would be only too happy to participate and to accept," said Senator Harry S. Truman, when invited to read the President's message.

Buchman first met Truman in Kansas City in 1933 when he was a Judge.

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 Washington Post, June 5, 1939: 4,000 people fill the Constitution Hall to capacity.

Inset shows Senator Harry S. Truman, Dr. F.N.D. Buchman, and Brigadier Peter Winser, international judge of horses.

2 Times Herald, June 5, 1939; the front page carries President Roosevelt's message indorsing MRA.

3 Three Scandinavians, among the delegation from Europe, come to help launch MRA in the United States. L-R: Kerstin Olsson, Falun, Sweden; Birgitta Stenberg, secretary, Stockholm, Sweden; Inger Bugge, Lilleström, Norway.

4 Two British speakers: William Rowell, unemployed leader from East London, and H.W. (Bunny) Austin.

5 Delegates from 50 nations are among those taking part.

6 Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri and President F.D. Roosevelt.

7 Dr. Frank Buchman emphasizes the truths that have been the backbone of the real America - the guidance of God and a change of heart.

Extreme left is Bunny Austin. Seated next to him, wearing a white suit is Representative Allen T. Treadway of Massachusetts.

What unites . . .

7

. . . rather than what divides

Frank Buchman: MRA is the triumph of a God-given thought. It came as the answer to a crisis that threatened civilization. A re-emphasis of old truths was let loose in the world - simple home-spun truths that have been the backbone of the real America - the guidance of God and a change of heart.

Everyone agreed that these great truths had to be recaptured, relived and restored to authority - truths which, were they practised, would bring the answer. The phrase that riveted itself upon the attention of men and women everywhere was 'Moral and Spiritual Re-Armament.'

Leadership of the future goes to the men of moral courage; the men who ask and give three feet to the yard, sixteen ounces to the pound. As Americans, as patriots, we find that MRA is the common denominator on which everyone can unite. In an age

of material perfection we must usher in the age of spiritual force. The Voice of God must become the voice of the people; the Will of God the will of the people. This is true democracy.

America is not without her problems in business, the home, in industry, in civic and in government life. We need a re-dedication of our people to the elementary virtues of honesty, unselfishness and love; and we must have the will again to find what unites people rather than what divides them. It must become the dawn of a new era, a new age, a new civilization.

The future depends not only on what a few men may decide to do in Europe, but upon what a million men decided to be in America.

- Constitution Hall, Washington, June 4, 1939.



4,000 Attend Moral Re-Armament Parley in Constitution Hall



California businessmen, killed Scots, steel workers and Capital residents were among the 4,000 persons that jammed Constitution Hall for the Moral Re-Armament Congress called by Dr. Frank Buchman, American founder of the movement. Crowd gathered in hall shown above. In inset are (left to right) Senator Harry Truman, Dr. Buchman and Gen. Peter Wavell, of Oxford, England.

THE WEATHER

Fair today; cloudy and warmer tomorrow followed by showers to arrive tonight. Temperatures tomorrow: High, 80; low, 66.

NO. 124

HIGH TOWN'S ROYALTY DIVINATION

Jam Tiny Square; Women Embrace in Melville, Sask.

GEORGE DIXON... (P.S.)—King George has been shattered over events this trip than monarch since the very VIII, turned non today. His Majesty, as head of the Church, stopped the royal this little Manitoba in so he and Queen would attend services in Church, which is a Canada's Presbyterian lists. were announced as vate, with only their not members of the race permitted in 16 very effort was made church-going as quiet it. Strangely, consid- number of people who their sixth eye to get- close to the sovereign, the effect was almost successful. Crowd Is Dispersed

Roosevelt Indorses Moral Rearmament

Tells Delegates of 50 Nations Move Would Promote Peace

President Roosevelt last night said "moral rearmament"—the re-affirmation of high moral principles among mankind—might lessen the dangers of international war, but he warned that such a movement must be worldwide to be "most highly effective." His remarks were contained in a 48-word statement read before a national meeting for moral rearmament. The meeting, sponsored by five Cabinet members and a group of Senators and Representatives, marked the first anniversary of the international movement. The President's Message "The underlying strength of the world must consist in the moral fiber of her citizens," the President said. "A program of moral rearmament for the world cannot fail, therefore, to lessen the dangers of armed conflict. Such moral rearmament to be most highly effective, must receive support on a worldwide basis." As marching youths carried the flags of 50 participating nations into Constitution Hall, scene of the meeting, Dr. Frank Buchman, leader of the International Oxford



DR. FRANK BUCHMAN, President of Peace Meeting

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

HOUSE BATTLE

Leahy Report

'Moral Rearmament' Parley in Session



GIRLS OF MANY NATIONS AID MOVE FOR PEACE. L. to R.: Kerstin Olsson and Birgitta Stenberg, of Sweden, and Inger Bugge, of Norway, Attending Conference in Native Costumes.—Times-Herald Photo.

Roosevelt Lauds Peace Drive

Says 'Moral Rearmament' Would Help Lessen Danger of War

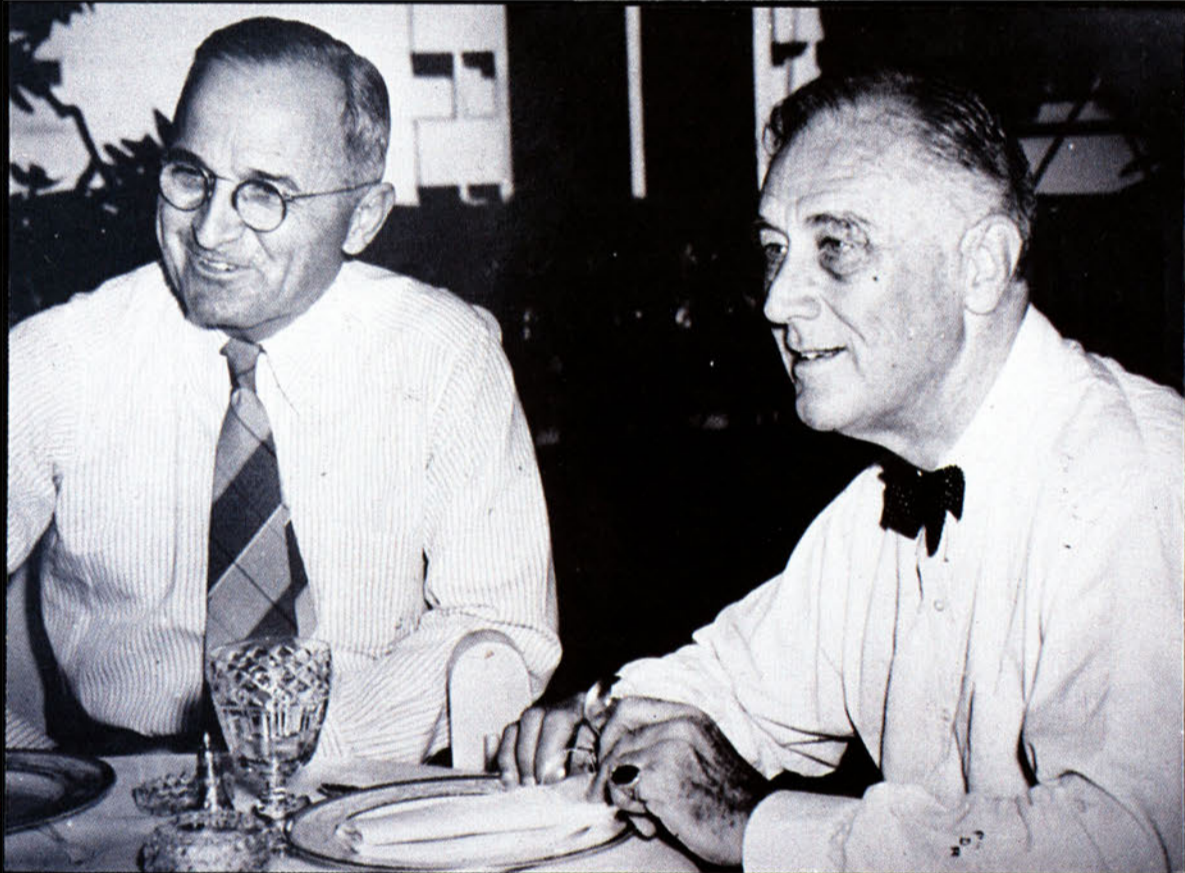
(Continued from First Page) "with every last man... listening to God for his orders"—and "not only peace of the world would be assured," Buchman said. A speaker from Gen. John J. Pershing, who is en route to Europe to see the massing of the World War, urged support of moral rearmament and added that "today, confronted by conditions so threatening to world peace, we must reevaluate ourselves to the faith of our forefathers if we are to be worthy of our heritage." Similar cables were received from international religious and political groups, including one from more than 100 members of the British House of Commons, and the King's cabinet, affirming their "loyalty to those moral and spiritual principles which are more fundamental than any political or economic issue."



H. W. 'BUNNY' AUSTIN (LEFT) AND WILLIAM H. ROWELL, English Tennis Star and London Unemployed Leader Who Addressed Meeting.—Times-Herald Photo.



DELEGATES OF 50 NATIONS IN CONFERENCE. Peace Workers Gathered Last Night in Constitution Hall.—Times-Herald Photo.



Sunday Star Washington

June 4,
1939

By James Waldo Fawcett

(Four photographs with 3,000-word article)

The movement for Moral Re-Armament is only one year old, but already it has assumed aspects of worldwide significance . . . The campaign seeks to develop spiritual forces equal to the needs of humanity in a period of unprecedented confusion and turmoil . . . The founder's original exposition of his philosophy was widely reported in the British and Continental press . . . A dinner at the House of Commons brought Dr. Buchman into contact with many members of Parliament and shortly afterwards representatives of 3 different parties joined in a public statement . . .

Publication of the statement with such names attached created a sensation, but the excitement was surpassed on September 10, when, in an open letter to the London Times, Earl Baldwin of Bewdley and sixteen other distinguished signers declared:

"The real need of the day is therefore moral and spiritual re-armament. A growing body of people in this and other countries are making it their aim. . . Were we, together with our fellow men everywhere, to put the energy and resourcefulness into this task that we now find ourselves obliged to expend on national defense, the peace of the world would be assured. God's Living Spirit calls each nation, like each individual, to its highest destiny, and breaks down the barriers of fear and greed, suspicion and hatred. This same Spirit can transcend conflicting political systems, can reconcile order and freedom, can rekindle true patriotism, can unite all citizens in the service of mankind. 'Thy will be done on earth' is not only a prayer for guidance, but a call to action. His will is our peace."

Probably unparalleled in modern British history, this pronouncement carried, in addition to the autograph of the former Prime Minister, the names of leaders of all walks of British life. The popular reaction was spontaneous and overnight moral re-armament became a watchword of the hour.

Dr. Buchman, born in Pennsylvania 61 years ago today, claims no personal credit for his achievement. Asked to summarize his doctrine in a phrase, he says: "Moral Re-Armament is a race with time for the remaking of men, of nations and the world."

FIRST ANNIVERSARY FINDS MORAL RE-ARMAMENT
MOVEMENT WORLD FORCE

Need for Spiritual Force
Emerges from Turmoil
Effect on Nations sought
As Means of Remaking
Modern System

Return to Home Truths
Basis of Recovery
Honesty, Purity, Love,
Unselfishness Upheld
As Guides to People

Senator Truman, reading an account of the meeting and messages from 10 Parliaments into the Congressional Record, added, "It is rare in these days to find something which will unite men and nations on a plane above conflict of party, class and political philosophy."

As Buchman sat in the gallery of the Senate listening to Truman, word was brought to him that the British Board of Trade had granted incorporation of his work under the name "Oxford Group".

Elated by these two events, he commented that evening, "when you have a day like this you have to live in the midst of the world and keep direction."

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 The New York Times, June 5; "Roosevelt appeals to world to join in moral rearming."

2 Congressional Record, June 8. Senator Harry S. Truman reads into it "National Meeting for MRA."

3 Washington Star photo: Speaking in the interest of Moral Re-Armament in a recent broadcast over a coast-to-coast network, from left to right: H.W. (Bunny) Austin, tennis champion of Gt. Britain; Mrs. James Roosevelt and Baroness de Watteville-Berckheim of France.

4 Letter from American mothers to British mothers, represented by the Countess of Antrim:

"The American Mothers gratefully acknowledge the message sent by British mothers on the occasion of the launching of Moral Re-Armament in America. Your message was broadcast to the world, and June 8, the day of the visit of their Majesties to our Nation's capital, this message was presented on the floor of the Senate and incorporated in the Congressional Record. It is an inspiration to know you are working with us 'for Moral Re-Armament believing that peace can only come through homes and families united under God's guidance to find His plan for the world.' Your beloved King and Queen, through the example of their faith, their family life, and their gracious friendship, have strengthened these spiritual qualities which are the common heritage of our two countries and must become the touchstone of our relations with all mankind." Very sincerely yours,
Signed by: Sara D. Roosevelt (Mrs. James Roosevelt), Eleanor J. Iselin (Mrs. A. Iselin), Emily Vanderbilt Hammond (Mrs. John Henry Hammond), Clara Bryant Ford (Mrs. Henry Ford), Helen S. Hitchcock (Mrs. Ripley Hitchcock), Helen S. Shoemaker (Mrs. S.M. Shoemaker), Emma L. Morgan (Mrs. William Fellows Morgan), Pauline M. Dodge (Mrs. Cleveland Dodge).

5 Washington Star caption:

Part of a group of published articles and statements which show how the new hope of "Moral Re-Armament" has stimulated interest throughout the world. Pages reproduced are chosen from the press of Persia, Austria, France, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

Daily Mirror New York

may 10, 1939

ON THE LINE

By Bob Considine

Austin Re-states
Golden Rule

In Moral Rearmament
Plea to Sports World

NO ONE DOUBTS THE SINCERITY of tennis player Bunny Austin's "Moral Rearmament" program, by which he hopes to reconstruct the spirit of this hooligan world by grafting on to it the simple rules of sportsmanship. Once the transplanting is complete, he reasonably believes that there can be no more war, thievery, slavery and the other popular evils. His problem is simply to get the world to obey the rules.

This sensitive young man, who is the first Prophet in history ever to suffer from a tennis elbow, has made some genuine strides in bringing his gospel to America. He appeared before a hard-bitten audience at the Polo Grounds yesterday and was given time on the microphone by Arch McDonald. Before that he had spoken to a luncheon attended by many prominent sports figures. Next Sunday he will take over Madison Square Garden and open its doors to all who believe that strife - international, domestic and within a family - is a state of mind that can be cured by taking moral examples from the fields of sport.

Austin has chosen athletes as the apostles of his seed-spreading because the interest in a muscle man, or moll, is universal. Such men as Babe Ruth, Henry Armstrong, Don Budge, Glen Cunningham, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Jones, Connie Mack, Davey O'Brien, Gene Tunney, Bill Terry, Joe McCarthy, Dan Ferris and Devereux Milburn signed the preliminary call to arms which said, among other things:

"Moral Rearmament means sportsmanship everywhere. It means teamwork, fair play and clean living - personally and nationally . . . A program of Moral Rearmament accepted personally by sportsmen can create a new moral fibre in the nation, which the President calls 'the underlying strength of citizenship' . . ."

They've been trying this throughout the world since the sun spun us out into space like a clay pigeon. And about the only Man who ever made it stick was the Man who said, "If you would find eternal life, love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, thy whole soul and thy whole mind. And love thy neighbor as thyself."

Here in America it will be harder to sell, as much as we too want peace. For one thing a lot of us have come to look with a fish eye on many of the sports, and the hypocritical businesses that parade as sports. . .

What young Austin needs most at this time, and he can fill the bill himself, for he is perhaps the most articulate man in athletics today, is a parable finder. The greatest man who ever lived spoke in parables, because it was a simple way of getting His message over to the ignorant and the unenlightened and the restless group that wanted to duck the meeting to go down to the public square and buy a tankard of wine. Moral Rearmament, through sport, needs someone of dignity and liveliness who can say, "At that time there lived a man named Walter Johnson and he went down to a home plate one day - when his team-mates were about to brain an umpire for calling Johnson's last pitch a 'ball' - and he said to them, 'Why don't you shut up? That ball missed the dish by a good inch.'"

The concrete is what this beautiful dream of Austin's needs. Only by concrete example will his message ever sink into the hide of Gus Fan, that coatless mugg of the bleachers.

Two hundred and forty British Members of Parliament sent a message which read in part: "Only if founded on moral and spiritual re-armament can democracy fulfil its promise to mankind and perform its part in creating mutual understanding between nations . . ." London's Daily Telegraph headlined its report of this message: "Community of Ideals: Washington and Westminster".

The New York Times

LATE CITY EDITION

Fair, little change in temperature today. Tomorrow fair, warmer. Temperature Yesterday—Max. 77, Min. 54

NEW YORK, MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1939.

THREE CENTS NEW YORK CITY AND VICINITY

BRITAIN POLICY TO 1914

ROOSEVELT APPEALS TO WORLD TO JOIN IN MORAL REARMING

Message to Capital Meeting Says Movement Cannot Fail to Lessen Peril of War

PROGRAM WIDELY HAILED

Lehman, Pershing, Eden Among Those Sending Endorsement—Buchanan Chief Speaker

By FRANK L. KLUCKHOHN

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 5.—President Roosevelt, in a message to Congress today, appealed to the world to join in a moral rearmament to lessen the peril of war.

REFUGEE OFF

Liner S' Coal Fin

ON WAR FOOTING

Danger Period Under Arms

ARMY RECALL

Have to Be Ready

RECALL

Have to Be Ready

Congress, Diverted by Politics, Gets New Incentive to End Session

With Fence-Mending Needed and Conflict Brewing, Neutrality and Tax Revision Will Be Speeded to Floor This Week

By LUTHER MORTON

Special to The New York Times

cellor Hitler

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The House of Representatives today passed a bill to amend the Espionage Act, which would make it a crime to disclose information to the enemy.

ROOSEVELT URGES MORAL REARMING

Continued From Page One

THE message of the President today was a call for a moral rearmament of the world. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

3,000 MANTON CASES

FACING A REOPENING ON HIS CONVICTION

Reviews Asked Already in Five Instances in Which He Gave

Special to The New York Times

SCHOOL SERVICE SLASHED

984 TEACHERS WILL GO; NIGHT CLASSES DOOMED

Special to The New York Times

IS REVISED

Economies Legislature Defensible

Special to The New York Times

Call a Special

Courts Veld Curt

Special to The New York Times

FOOD STRIKERS SEE

LONG-DRAWN FIGHT

Special to The New York Times

But, Counsel for Warehouse

Is Hopeful of Peace Today

Hospitality to Get Supplies

Special to The New York Times

HYDE PARK

ON THE HUDSON, N. Y.

The President's Mother

ON THE HUDSON, N. Y.

Special to The New York Times

Dear Lady Audrim

The American Mothers

gratefully acknowledge the mes-

saged sent by British Mothers on

the occasion of the launching

of Moral Re-Armament in America.

Your message was broadcast to

the world, and on June 5th, the day

of the visit of their Majesty

to our Nation's Capital, this

message was presented on the

floor of the Senate and incorpor-

ated in the Congressional Record.

It is an inspiration

to know you are willing with us

ROOSEVELT URGES MORAL REARMING

Continued From Page One

THE message of the President today was a call for a moral rearmament of the world. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

ROOSEVELT URGES MORAL REARMING

Continued From Page One

THE message of the President today was a call for a moral rearmament of the world. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.

He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race. He urged that the nations should join in a common effort to reduce the armaments race.



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 76th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

NATIONAL MEETING FOR MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

Speech by Hon. Harry S. Truman

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Thursday, June 2, 1939

Mr. TRUMAN: Mr. President, on Monday, June 4, there was held in Constitution Hall, Washington, the National Meeting for Moral Re-Armament. I had the honor at that time to present the following message from the President of the United States, which opened that great assembly:

The underlying strength of the world must rest on the moral fiber of its citizens. A program of moral rearmament for the world cannot fail, therefore, to lessen the danger of armed conflict. Such moral rearmament, to be most highly effective, must receive support on a world-wide basis.

PHOTOGRAPH BY PHILIP H. BRADLEY



HYDE PARK ON THE HUDSON, N. Y.

The President's Mother

ON THE HUDSON, N. Y.

example of their faith, their family life, and their gracious friendships. Have strengthened these virtues qualities which are the common heritage of our two countries and must become the touchstone of our relations with all mankind.

Very Sincerely Yours, Sarah Roosevelt

Edward Jay Scher (Mrs. Arthur Scher)

Lucy Vandenberg Hammond (Mrs. John D. Hammond)

Clara Bryant Ford (Mrs. Henry Ford)

Melba August-Hotelock (Mrs. August-Hotelock)

Miriam Smith Sheenauer (Mrs. Samuel W. Sheenauer)

Laura L. Morgan (Mrs. W. L. Morgan)

Pauline M. Dodge (Mrs. Cleveland E. Dodge)

L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO, June 15, 1939, the organ of the Vatican, headlines its front page article on Moral Re-Armament: "The supremacy of spirit and morals for the peace of the world."

Worldwide newspaper clippings: Abend, Paris-Cinor, JOURNAL DE GENEVE, REARMEMENT MORAL DES NATIONS, etc.

Washington PRESS CORPS

Buchman tells the Washington Press about the support for MRA in Britain. Only a few months before he had spoken at a luncheon given to him at their Trade Union Club. 1

May 18 1939

hear Buchman

THE GOLDEN AGE

Frank Buchman, May 18, 1939: Three great tasks confront this generation. To keep the peace and make it permanent. To make the wealth and work of the world available to all and for the exploitation of none. And with peace and prosperity as our servants and not our masters, to build a new world, create a new culture and change the age of gold into the Golden Age.

What this age needs is a new pattern of democracy, designed by God and worked by everyone. Let me report to you something of the wide response to Moral Re-Armament across the Atlantic. A recent remarkable series of letters in the London Times and other papers brought it to the attention of Europe. Its urgent need as the strength of national life was stressed in a statement signed by a group of Members of Parliament from different parties:

"Democracy without high character disintegrates. Nor is it enough to be the self-appointed judge of other systems. In an age when lowered moral standards have become a breeding-ground for destructive forces, is it not time for democracy to seek again the sources of her strength, and to demonstrate to the world the power of Moral principles?"

"... A crusade for Moral Re-Armament appears to be spreading rapidly and providing a common meeting-ground in many of the chief storm centers of the world. We believe there would be general agreement among thinking men that something of this kind is generally required..."

"... No world movement can succeed which does not have the support of Labor. Fortunately Moral Re-Armament has this support. The present chairman of the Trades Union Congress, representing five million workers, and three former chairmen, are wholeheartedly back of it."

My final word comes from a group of your colleagues in Britain - newspaper publishers and editors. Writing in their trade journal, the Newspaper World, they stated their conviction that the program of Moral Re-Armament is the "primary condition of national service": "In this we in the Press, who set so high a store

Gould Lincoln, Chief Political writer for the "Washington Evening Star", before the luncheon for Dr. Buchman, sent a copy of Bunny Austin's book (p 1) to every member of the Press Club.

Although 100 is considered a large turn-out at the Press Club, on this occasion editors, publishers and newspaper men crowded in. Also present were the Secretary of War, H.H. Woodring, Attorney General Frank Murphy, Sen. Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky and four other Senators and three Congressmen.

3 Ben Tillett: I like Frank Buchman. He talks simply. He is a great man because he is a great lover of his fellow men. (When he was dying he sent Buchman a message.) Tell him to go on fighting. Give him my love and wish him the best of luck. Tell him, "You have a great international movement. Use it. It is the hope of tomorrow. It will bring back sanity to the world."

by our traditions of responsible freedom, have a special part to play. This requires of us . . . that we deliberately set ourselves to create and inspire through our newspapers the will to unity and active reconstruction in the nation. This is practical contribution which we can all make at this time, as well as the defense of our professional freedom."

A week later the following response from a group of newspapermen appeared in the same columns:

"We, the undersigned working journalists, all members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, welcome the letter published by you last week from the representatives of the proprietors' and journalists' organisations emphasising the decisive part which the Press can play in the moral and spiritual re-armament of the nation. We pledge ourselves to work unceasingly for this ideal, and thus build, "bridges from man to man, the whole round earth to span."

British REVOLUTIONARIES

(At a luncheon given in honor of Dr. Buchman by British Trade Union leaders at the National Trade Union Club, London, November 1938. Three weeks before the lunch applications for tickets had filled the hall many times over and the committee had to send hundreds of cheques and money orders back through the mail.)

How happy I am to be here today. I feel at home with old revolutionaries, like those sitting here, 3 Ben Tillett and Tom Mann. What I like about you men is that you are hard-hitters and square-shooters. You and others here know what it is to face persecution. I am a revolutionary, too, and I know what persecution means. It was during a time of great persecution that God gave this thought to me - "Persecution is the fire that forges prophets".

The Oxford Group is a revolutionary movement. That is the reason Labor understands it. That is why the Oxford Group understands Labor. They are both out for revolution. I am talking to men who are authorities in their special subjects, men with vast experience. We can't hope to cover in 20 minutes all the important questions involved. The main point I want to make is that the background we need for solving all these important questions is a new spirit, new men with a new spirit. Think of the new spirit that Keir Hardie brought into the world of Labor. Think of the debt England and the world owe socially and economically to Keir Hardie. British Labor was cradled in a spiritual awakening. Who can measure the far-reaching effects in social and economic policy of such an awakening? . . .

Leaders of British Labor recently wrote in the Daily Herald: "Basically, the world unrest is to be found in the root disease of materialism showing itself in widespread selfishness, fear and greed - not in this nation or that, but in all. We are all guilty. Labor in all countries, if true to its traditions of placing human and spiritual values before material things, can build bridges over national barriers and play a decisive part in the reconciliation of nations."

"It can make such a contribution to world conditions that the voice of faction and self-interest can be effectively dealt with, fear will go and God's great plan for mankind will be revealed and find expression. Such was the dynamic spirit of the early Labor leaders, and it must again be re-created. This is what Moral Re-Armament means for Labor."

I have a message today from the President of a CIO union in the steel industry in America. He came over to Britain recently to study British Labor. He got a new vision for Labor in America. We have unusual conditions over there. We have a split, a schism. This man's message was that the rival Labor leaders could see eye to eye. They all ought to be different and then they could all get together. My friend can say things like that, because everyone knows he is doing a good job and not looking for anything for himself.

In one country we visited, two political parties openly called each other pickpockets. After our visit the leaders of these two parties got together. A new unity was born and out of it came new policies. The Conservatives became so constructive that the Labor Party passed a vote of confidence in them. The Labor leaders said, "On this basis we shall have to rethink the philosophy of Labor and build unity."

Labor united can unite the nation. Labor led by God can lead the world.



"It's not an institution
It's not a point of view,
It starts a revolution
By starting one in you."

When Tod Sloan 3 read these lines outside Canning Town Hall on a poster, he went inside for his 1st meeting with MRA. "I got a basinful," he said later.

His agitations on behalf of the unemployed and homeless, his fights for meals and boots for the kids, essential activities which had at times landed him in gaol, had inadvertently taken a wrong turning. "I'd always said that I loved my family and class... But I saw that the main thing I'd done was to teach them to hate..." One of the first things he put right was the relationship with Liz, his wife.

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 National Trade Union Club, London, November 1938. L-R: Sir Walter Citrine, Sec. Trades Union Congress, H.H. Elvin, Chair. TUC, Lady Citrine and Dr. Buchman.

2 Tod Sloan and Buchman, Visby, Sweden, 1938.

3 Ben Tillett (left), veteran dockers' leader, and Tod Sloan.

4 Railway workers' signatures are among the 75,000 sent to U.S. (p 25).

5 King's Head, West Ham: Three cheers for pub pianist, Lew Hyman, for his jazz rendering of "Bridge-builders", following lunch, May 29.

6 Buchman leaves Rowell family home before launching MRA in the East Ham Town Hall, May 29. Behind Buchman is Mrs. Rowell. Left of man with hat is William Jaeger.

Before going west to California Buchman held training sessions for some hundreds at Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Arthur Strong: Before leaving Washington for the farming area in New England I took the opportunity to talk with Roy Stryker, the head of the Farm Security Administration, in his home. The photographers working for him, 1 Arthur Rothstein, 2 Dorothea Lange, and others had brought to the whole country through their photographs the plight of those who farmed in the Dust Bowl. I wanted to hear firsthand about this national diaster, affecting Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas. (The drought was to last for seven years, not ending before 1942.) Ten per cent of the 400 million acres of tillable land had been destroyed through wind erosion. Forty million acres had just blown away. One of the main reasons for the cause of the Dust Bowl was overgrazing. Another was that too much prairie had been ploughed up for wheat. In Oklahoma City the sky had been invisible for three consecutive days. The citizens held dust masks over their faces and wet towels to protect their mouths at night, while the farms blew by.



To prevent such a thing happening again and to reclaim the lost acres, I was told that shelter belts were already being planted. Chinese elm, Russian olive and apricot were planted by the hundred thousand. The government were furnishing the trees free and were paying part of the labor costs. Cover crops like maize, soya beans and sweet clover were going to be planted to hold the earth down in order to get some root and fiber back into the soil. I was deeply concerned by all he told me.

Being from a farming family I was glad of the chance to see how the farmers of New England were faring. While taking part in the training sessions Buchman was holding in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, following the two cities' demonstrations, I got to know the farmer Rufus Brett. 6 He took me to meet his family 3 and see his farm.

Representative Treadway welcomed some hundreds of us to his constituency and we settled into Stockbridge for a couple of weeks to review the situation. Buchman had told us in the spring that he thought we would have peace until September. Those of us from Europe lived with the thought of the coming war and where we should play our part. But for most Americans the thought of fighting a war to help Britain and France was just not on. Besides many of them had German and Italian roots. Their feelings were sympathetic to the central European countries who had had such a raw deal at the Versailles Peace Conference after World War I. Buchman saw clearly America's need of finding a deeper understanding of nationhood. The next step for achieving this could be the coming campaign on the West Coast. He had always considered patriotism and nationalism as being as different as health and fever. But he believed there should be an extra dimension to patriotism. "A true patriot", in his view, "gives his life to bring his nation under God's control."

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 Father and son walk in the face of a dust storm in Oklahoma, 1936.

2 "Camped beside a California pea field where the crop had failed in a freeze. The tyres had just been sold from the car to buy food. She was 32 years old with 7 children. She seemed to know that the photo would help her." Dorothea Lange, field notes. During the depression she saw the breadlines of the homeless and unemployed and hoped her photos would help them. Rothstein's, Lange's and other FSA photographers' work improved the lot of the migrant workers very greatly.

3 Bill Brett, with his wife and son, look across their New England farm. They cleared the ground boulder by boulder before farming.

4 Bill Brett.

5 The arms of Rufus Brett, the father of Bill.

6 Rufus Brett. This photograph was used on the cover of a pamphlet entitled "Listening", December 1939, with the sub-title:

"God gave a man two ears and one mouth, why doesn't he listen twice as much as he talks."

Frank Buchman, (talking to students and faculty at Oglethorpe University, Georgia, June 1939. On the previous day the University had conferred on Dr. Buchman the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.)



America may not have been moving from war crisis to war crisis, but we have had plenty of economic crises. It seems to many people that we have been moving from depression to depression and from strike to strike. What will happen to America if war comes to Europe?

If, as Emerson suggests, America is God's last chance to make a world, then we have to have a different America. That means different people, - new men with a new spirit. An age of speed does not easily lend itself to the creation of great new productive ideas. America today demands everything in tabloid form. It is one of the major products of our bald materialism. Heaven help the man who tries to outline in twenty minutes the new thinking and the new philosophy that everyone needs!

A great new revolution came into my life when I began

to listen to God each morning. The danger of our age is that we fail to listen. We talk, talk, talk. The answer is listening - that is the secret. It is open to all.

Everyone wants to illumine America, but so many want to do it without installing an electric light plant. We must get the new spirit through men. Universities hold a key position in bringing this about. The function of universities in a world crisis is to create new men who can fashion the new civilization.

America needs a challenge to a new quality of life which will empower her to speak with authority to the world because she has the answer at home. She needs Moral Re-Armament on a large enough scale to bring a new factor into her own life and then to every other nation. We need a new solidarity - national unity with one aim, one mind, one goal. The battle must be won over here, if we are to win the battle 'over there'.

America can give a whole new pattern to civilization. The time is over-ripe. We must change and give a world-wide message with a national voice.

Sven Stolpe, famed Swedish author and TV personality.



MELTINGPOT

Sven Stolpe, (speaking at a Brooklyn luncheon before Raymond V. Intersoll, "Borough President" and other local citizens): We have left behind us a Europe in chaos. In spite of that we have come to America and we believe that we have a message; . . . we know that this chaos must be God's melting-pot. God would not be working so hard with the world and with people if he had not a great purpose. Out of this chaos there is to appear a new type of man, and a new civilisation. As a result of the Oxford Group's work in the Nordic countries, in the last few years, we have seen clearly that our task is not only to be changed and patch up our old shortcomings, but that God is claiming the whole of our life, and that in these days he is beginning to put into action a great plan, which it is our responsibility to submit ourselves to. A steelworker has no fear of the meltingpot. The Christian looks at the need of Europe with the same eyes - he knows that it is God at work in the chaos.

We call ourselves democrats. I myself have been active for a long time as an author of the left wing in my own country (Sweden). But I saw clearly one day that I was actually using my social ideals not to obligate myself but as a weapon to attack others with. Can a man really be a dictator in his home, an anarchist in his financial affairs, and his emotional life, and totally incapable of any real co-operation with other people, and still with his mouth say that he is a democrat?

The new man that God wants to create through us makes no demands on society and on other people, which he has not first made on himself. His endeavour is to make his own life a model for the nation.

Most of us sit like spectators, looking on at the European stage, and are full of good advice. We don't see that we who think we are only passive spectators are through our compromises and selfishness actively taking part, energetic and successful soldiers on the wrong front.

Most of us live insecure, weak, repressed, isolated lives, under our own direction. God wants to create a new man who lives securely, strongly, openly, in fellowship, under God's direction.

This type of man has already begun to appear in various parts of our nordic lands, and wherever he appears, it becomes clear that he bursts through the bounds of our old civilisation. God radically rejects even the best of the old. Just as he must break down the individual and reduce him to nothing through making him see his sin, so can he create a new world only by breaking down the old civilisation. God's plan as we see it both for our own countries and for the world, is to redirect all the formative sections of society - family, school, press, radio, film, the office and the factory, sport - so that they all converge towards a new goal, the creation of what I may call a Christian fellowship man. MORAL REARMAMENT does not mean merely to clear up the worst of the world's messes, to patch up the old. It means full willingness on our part to give our lives utterly for God's work with the new man.

- Stormens År (Askild & Kärnekull, 1975).

THE DUST BOWL

In Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas from 1935 - 1942.



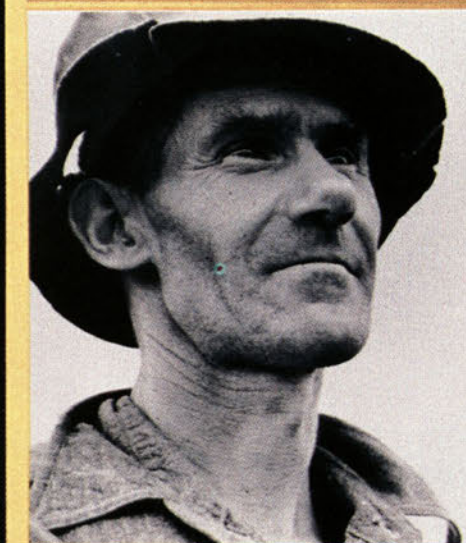
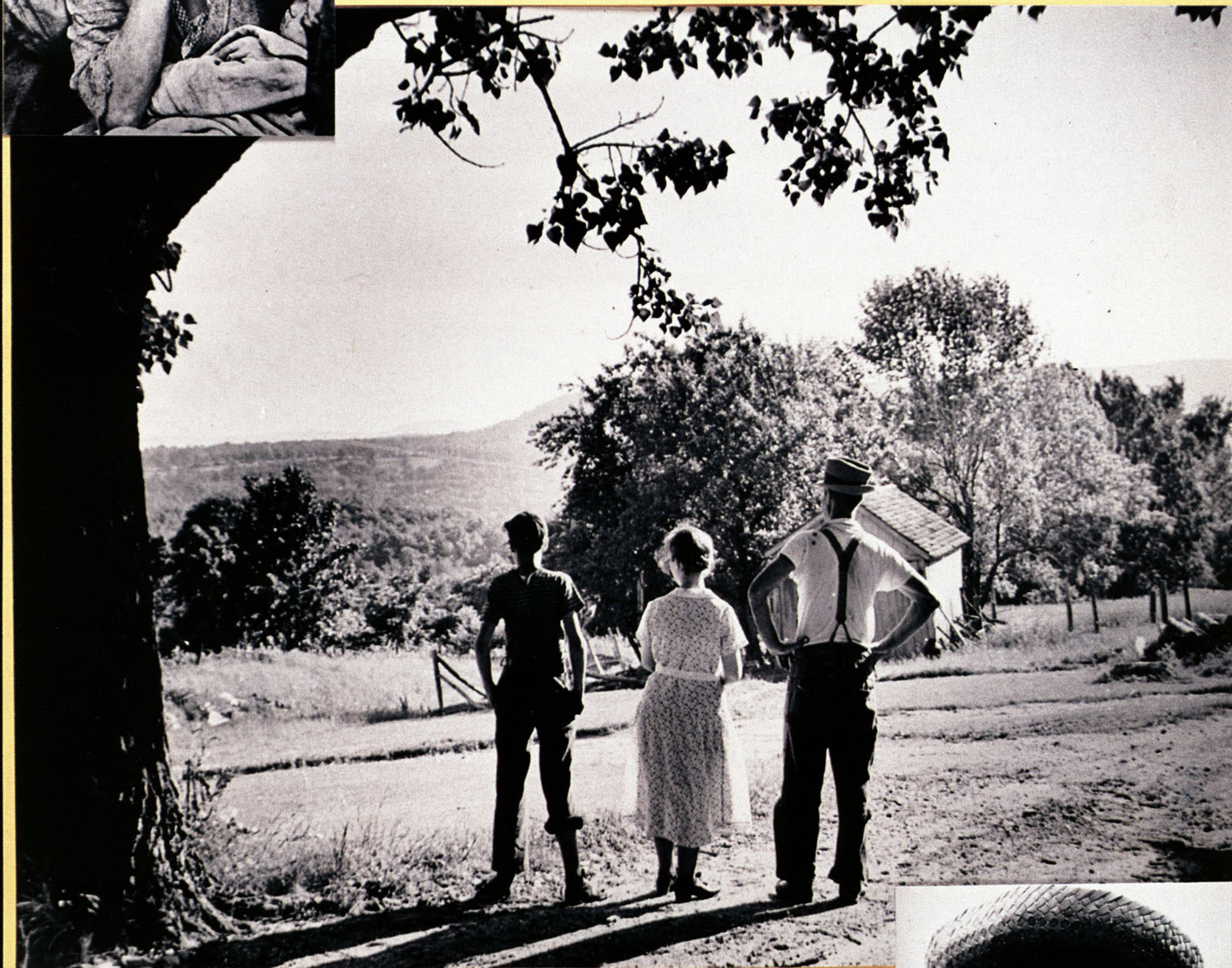
2



1

& a New England farm

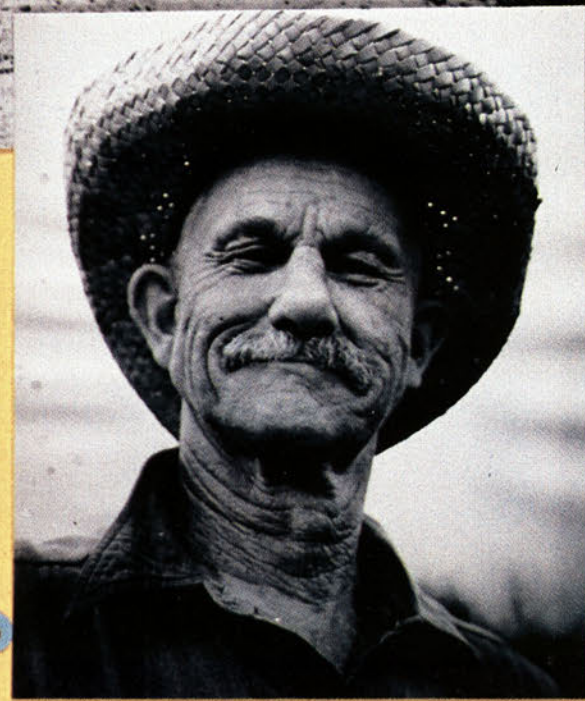
3



4



5



6

COLOSSAL TASK

3 Bunny Austin: Before the Hollywood Bowl meeting Frank Buchman gathered together his friends from all over the world. He appeared to me as he was to appear to me all his life, not as a great leader but rather as a conductor of an orchestra, a man who drew out and relied on the talents of others rather than his own to accomplish God's purposes.

As he often said, "Don't try and do the work of ten men. Train ten men to do your work - and do it better than yourself."

Also, "Leave nothing to chance and then leave everything to God."

"The aim of MRA is twofold," he told us. "First to restore God to leadership as the directing force in the life of nations. Then to work for the strengthening of morale within a country and so build a healthful national life. It is the ordinary man's opportunity to remake the world."

What were Buchman's methods? What made him so effective with people?

I came to the conclusion that for every individual and every situation he met he had a different approach, unfettered by any preconceived ideas or experiences. Those he was training he treated in many different ways. With some he used gentle encouragement; with others a combination of the carrot and the stick. At times, dealing with a human nature as tough as marble, he used the mallet and chisel of a sculptor.

With those not yet enlisted in his work his approach was equally variable. With many he was direct and simple. To a man who jauntily declared himself to be an atheist, Buchman replied quietly, "My friend, you are an adulterer. Let's deal with that and later we'll talk about your atheism."

"How do you know I'm an adulterer?" asked the man. "Because it's all over your face," replied Buchman.

At the end of the talk, as the man faced up to the truth about himself, he found his atheism had somehow evaporated.

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express, July 18, 1939. (Top left photo): Three hundred delegates, representing nearly all the states of the union and many foreign nations are shown when they arrived in Los Angeles today for the big Moral Re-Armament conferences. Under the direction of Dr. Frank Buchman, found of the Oxford Group, the conferences will close here tomorrow night with a rally in the Hollywood Bowl. A ten-day world assembly will begin on July 21 at Del Monte.

(Lower photo): A group of delegates . . . which met at the Vista del Arroyo hotel in Pasadena are shown above. L-R: Daw Nyein Tha of Burma: Blyth Ramsay of Scotland: Dr. Buchman of Allentown, Pennsylvania: Mrs. William Ritter of Washington: George Eastman of Los Angeles: and Peter Tsai of China.

(Right): H.W. Austin and his wife Phyllis Konstam are shown being "piped" down by Duncan Corcoran from the special train on which they arrived from New York.

The accompanying article headed "Huge Rally Planned" referred to the 22-car special train . . . "Only two of scores of public appearances throughout Southern California remained to be fulfilled by Dr. Buchman and his aides prior to the climactic demonstration for world unity and peace in the Bowl . . . Late this afternoon the founder and his advisers were to address the Board of Supervisors on the four absolutes of MRA . . . Tonight at the Los Angeles Athletic Club more than 100 prominent sports figures in the Southland were to banquet with Dr. Buchman and a contingent of young athletes from half a dozen European countries . . ."

2 Six of the Norwegians, whom Buchman invited to help him launch MRA in America, took ten days in the Oslofjord to cross the Atlantic. Signe Lund (2nd from left) like others in their party, expected to stay only for a short time. But it was not to be (p 26).

3 Dr. Buchman meets the special train as it arrives in California at the end of its 3,000 miles journey from New York. Mrs. Ripley Hitchcock, second from right, was one of the organizers. Among the 300 passengers are Bunny Austin and his actress wife, Phyllis Konstam, center. The last time she had been in America was to star on Broadway with Lawrence Olivier. Next to her is the Rev. Samuel Shoemaker of New York City. Extreme left is Mrs. William Ritter, Washington hostess.

4 Los Angeles Examiner, July 19, 1939, (photo caption): Leaders in the MRA international crusade and Los Angeles civic leaders gathered at an enthusiastic luncheon yesterday. At the speakers' table: L-R. Joseph Scott, Br. R.B. von KleinSmid, George Eastman, Bill Rowell, Leftist organizer in London's East End, and Tod Sloan, former aide to Keir Hardie, founder of Britain's Labor Movement. Seated L-R: Kenaston Twitchell of New York, Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Dr. Frank Buchman and James Beebe.

Articles either side show other interests gripping Californians, revealing conflicts Buchman had on his hands. Left article is about Harry Bridges and his Communist control of the San Francisco Waterfront Union. When challenged in court about having Communist literature in his home, Bridges defended himself by saying that he also had MRA literature. To him they were the two ideologies that counted. (In 1942 Att. General Biddle ordered that Bridges be deported. After appeals to the federal courts the Supreme Court, 1945, cancelled the deportation order. Three months later Bridges became an American citizen.)

Right hand article encourages readers to write their senators about 3 questions.

'1. Do you want America to "take sides" in foreign disputes leading to foreign wars?
2. Do you want America to be made an arsenal for other countries?
3. Do you want America to become engaged in another European war? . . . The Pittman resolution would amend the neutrality law by abolishing the embargo laid by Congress on the sales of munitions and war materials, and would make the President a war dictator.'

In 1940, one year after the above article, Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, saw the significance of MRA when his farming friends, living in a Nevada valley, Fred and John Dangberg, changed and settled a 12-year feud over water rights, (pp 36,42,46).

5 Sixteen young Scots were among those who came from Scotland especially to work with Buchman. With them are Alec and Edith Wood, their daughter Edith and younger son, George, extreme left. This photo was taken at the Second World Assembly for MRA at Monterey, California. L-R: Sam Reid, Dr. Jim Cooper, Tom Gillespie, Stuart Smith, John Morrison, Blyth Ramsay, Henry Macnicol, Andrew Mackay, George Marjoribanks, Alec Wood, Duncan Corcoran, Michael Barrett, and Adam McLean. All served America during the war years, working with Dr. Buchman, and in the Armed Services when called to do so. When peace finally came they continued to play their part in every corner of the globe. In time their children followed their lead, accepting similar commitments.

6 George Muff, Labor M.P. for Hull, and Farrar Vickers of Leeds came from Britain.

Some years later Vickers recalled:

On that trip George Muff was my guest. Arriving in Los Angeles we went to sign the register at our lovely hotel. But when I looked at the price of our room I got a shock. George was for going straight home the next day, when he saw what it was going to cost.

Next morning we were eating our breakfast and Frank Buchman came past. "What sort of a night did you have?" he asked. I said, "a bad night, Frank." "Why?" he replied. "Money," I said, "it's costing me a lot more than I expected."

We went along to Frank's room after breakfast to talk things over. I explained that I had allowed a certain amount for this trip for George and myself and that we had already run out of money. When I saw what the bill for the hotel would be it worried me a bit.

Frank said, "You may be a very good businessman, but you know absolutely nothing about the use of money." Well! I thought I knew a great deal about the use of money!

He turned to George Muff and said, "George, if Farrar is too poor to pay for you here, you stay on at my expense. He can go to the YMCA and do what he likes there."

This shook me considerably, and not least because I knew Buchman had no income at all! I had been brought up to believe that one's capital was sacrosanct - you could use your income, but never touch capital. In a flash, at that moment, a barrier was broken down in my thinking, and it gave me a new sense of the use of resources and of what is a valid investment. We both stayed on at that hotel. It was a wonderful time.

L. A. Moral Rearmament Delegates Greet 300 Arrivals

300 DELEGATES • ARRIVE • FOR MORAL REARMAMENT



Three hundred delegates, representing nearly all the states of the union and many foreign nations, are shown when they arrived in Los Angeles today for the big Moral Rearmament conference. Under direction of Dr. Frank Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, the conference will close here tomorrow night with a rally in Hollywood Bowl. A 10-day world assembly will begin July 21 at Del Monte.



H. W. "Bunny" Austin, famous tennis star, and Phyllis Konstam are shown being "piped" down by Duncan Corcoran from the special train on which they arrived from New York.

Huge Rally Planned

'Call of Nations' Program Slated Tomorrow Night

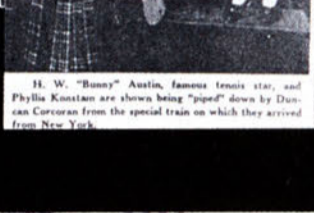
Mid the waving of banners, singing of M. R. songs, playing of bagpipes and shouts and cheers of the welcoming delegation, 300 Moral Rearmament delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada arrived at the Rialto Hotel today on a 20-day special train. They are here to attend the "Call of Nations" which will be held tomorrow night in Hollywood Bowl.



2



A group of delegates to the Moral Rearmament sessions, which meet at the Vista Del Arroyo hotel in Pasadena, are shown above. Left to right: Mr. Nathan Th...



of Burma; Elythe Ramsay, of Scotland; D... of England; Mrs. William Ritter, George... Los Angeles, and Peter Tsai, China.



3

Los Angeles

BRIDGES GAVE CASH TO REDS, SAYS WITNESS

Witness Army Officer Testifies He Drove C.I.O. Leader to Communist Meeting in North

Dawn of New Era Predicted at Luncheon

300 L. A. Civic Leaders Hail Moral Re-Arming

300 L. A. Civic Leaders Hail Moral Re-Arming



LEADERS IN the Moral Rearmament International conference and Los Angeles civic leaders gathered at an luncheon luncheon yesterday, where the aims of the movement were outlined. At the speakers table (above) were, standing, left to right, Joseph Scott, Dr. Rufus B. ...

Active Comments

Witness Army Officer Testifies He Drove C.I.O. Leader to Communist Meeting in North

Dawn of New Era Predicted at Luncheon

300 L. A. Civic Leaders Hail Moral Re-Arming

300 L. A. Civic Leaders Hail Moral Re-Arming

LEADERS IN the Moral Rearmament International conference and Los Angeles civic leaders gathered at an luncheon luncheon yesterday, where the aims of the movement were outlined. At the speakers table (above) were, standing, left to right, Joseph Scott, Dr. Rufus B. ...

Active Comments

Witness Army Officer Testifies He Drove C.I.O. Leader to Communist Meeting in North

Dawn of New Era Predicted at Luncheon

300 L. A. Civic Leaders Hail Moral Re-Arming

300 L. A. Civic Leaders Hail Moral Re-Arming

LEADERS IN the Moral Rearmament International conference and Los Angeles civic leaders gathered at an luncheon luncheon yesterday, where the aims of the movement were outlined. At the speakers table (above) were, standing, left to right, Joseph Scott, Dr. Rufus B. ...



5



6

HOLLYWOOD

John Gunther: Hollywood is a place above all others where creation is a composite phenomenon, not individual. Two fundamental things, it seems, underlie most of the politico-economic-social stresses of the community. The first is that a great many people in the top income brackets - and a fantastic number of people earn fantastic salaries - only reached these brackets at the time that taxation first became really intense. This made them loathe and detest Roosevelt and the New Deal. It gave them a grudge against society as represented by government, and, as they made more and more money, they became more and more reactionary.

The other thing is that a good many talented folk - writers and so on as well as executives - who are not on the supreme level of Louis B. Mayer **1** but who nevertheless get salaries like a thousand dollars a week, feel a sense of subconscious guilt at earning so much money. (In 1944 Louis B. Mayer was the richest man in America earning \$900,000.) Hence they tend to submerge or deflect their bad consciences by generosity to all kinds of leftist "causes" and escape-valve politics.

That the movie world is highly self-conscious politically is well known; the activity is violent on both the Washington and local level. The major companies are controlled by eastern capital and are in reality based in New York. The arch-Republican, arch-conservative studio is the fat king M-G-M. Warners **3** on the other hand is Democratic. Darryl Zamuck of 20th Century-Fox was an orthodox (but liberal) Republican, then a Wilkieite, than a strong Roosevelt man. Frank Freeman **3** of Paramount is a middle roader. David Selznick is a tenaciously extreme Republican. Sam Goldwyn voted for Roosevelt for the first time in his life in 1944.

Behind the two wings, which cut across all the studios, are two groups, the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, on the right, and the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions on the left. Among the MPA members are Gary Cooper, Walt Disney, Rupert Hughes and a brace of M-G-M retainers. The Hollywood Committee, founded in 1943, has a considerably more distinguished list of members including Orson Welles, Norman Corwin, Charles Boyer, Humphrey Bogart, Paulette Goddard, Gregory Peck. One assertion to make is that, even with internecine tussles going on, writers and producers and actors continue to work together amicably.

- "Inside U.S.A.", Harper and Brothers, 1947.

Phyllis Austin: I asked to see Frank to tell him of my various dislikes and criticisms.

He was not at all my idea of a spiritual leader. I was an actress and I liked people to be well cast. The spiritual leaders, I thought, should be tall, grey haired, with fine features and soulful eyes. When I met Frank I did not know whether his eyes were soulful or not but I had the uncomfortable feeling they could see right through me. However, he received me warmly, listened patiently to all my criticisms. He defended nothing and no one. I realised that in the world of the theater in which I lived we liked people because they were physically attractive, amusing, intelligent or charming, and disliked them if they were not. It was obvious in my first meeting with Buchman that he liked people whatever their attributes or shortcomings.

I realised from my first touch with him that he was a realist. He neither glossed over things nor said what one wanted to hear. For the first time I felt I was in the presence of a man I couldn't fool, and who saw through my phoneyess and false motives. It was not a comfortable experience and I can't say I enjoyed it very much. Being around him I began to be conscious of many things I'd done which at the time I knew were not right. Not that Buchman said anything to me, but gradually my conscience which I had silenced for many years began to come alive.



PHOTOGRAPHS

1 Los Angeles Examiner, July 15: Louis B. Mayer and Jeanette Macdonald settle their feud at lunch given by Mayer for Dr. Buchman to inform 200 filmites about MRA. L-R: Will Hays, Buchman, Mayer, George Eastman, Jeanette Macdonald and James Roosevelt.

2 Hollywood Reporter - the bible of the film industry.

3 Victor Hugo Restaurant: L-R: Brig. Peter Winser, international judge of horses; Dr. R. von Kleinsmid (hand on chin) Pres. Univers. S. Cal; Pandro S. Berman, Pres. RKO; Viscountess Yukika Sohma, Japan; Y. Frank Freeman, V. Pres. Paramount; Lady Rennell; Baron R. de Watteville-Berckheim; Will H. Hays, the film czar and MC; Dr. Buchman; L. B. Mayer; G. Eastman, past Pres. Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; Jeanette Macdonald, current MGM's No. 1 star, and James Roosevelt, eldest son of the President; Baroness de Watteville-Berckheim, France; Harry Warner, President of Warner Brothers. (His films were the first to use sound.)

Immanuel "Manny" Strauss of Macy's voluntarily pitched in his public relations skills. His efforts were heavily influential in packing the Hollywood Bowl. The demonstration was preceded by Strauss - inspired events like a Hollywood luncheon **3** which glittered with motion picture stars. It was Strauss who coined a concept "Everyone has some MRA in them, even if it is only 1%. The thing is to increase the per cent."

Strauss also persuaded Buchman to announce at the Bowl meeting the objective of "100 million people listening to God by December 1". (Pages 28,29).



On the MGM lot: 1. Wilmer Glasscock. 2. Cece Broadhurst. 3. Mrs. Eastman. 4. Bill Pickle. 5. Mrs. Slattery. 6. N. Schwab. 7. Du-bois Morris. 8. Mrs. Morris. 9. Dr. Buchman. 10. Miles Phillimore. 11. Mrs. Edison's brother. 12. Mrs. Edison. 13. Rita Johnson, MGM. 14. Eleanor Forde. 15. Kenaston Twitchell. 16. Elizabeth Morris. 17. John Barry, San Francisco News. 18. Dr. Martin. 19. Mrs. J. H. Hammond. 20. Laura Thompson. 21. M. Barrett. 22. B. Hofmeyr. 23. G. Fraser. 24. W. Rowell. 25. J. D. Newton. 26. Wilbur Huston. 27. D. Birdsall.



ALCATRAZ TO LIVERPOOL

CALIFORNIA, 1940: Joe Hancock exploited the "subconscious guilt" of wealthy filmites for the Communist Party (referred to by John Gunther, above), because they were earning so much money. In order to get money for the Communist Party Joe raided a garage in California where he was caught. During the seven years in Alcatraz prison Joe read 11,000 books. When he came out he was not helped by the Communist Party, so he linked up with the Trotskyites. Returning to England he got a job in Liverpool as a crane driver, working on a dredger on the Mersey. At the time of the Beaverbrae strike he was the contact man for the unofficial Strike Committee. The strike cost Britain £217 million. Later, as a result of receiving the MRA booklet "Ideology and Co-Existence" through his letter box, he became dissatisfied by the limitations of Marxism, seeing in Moral Re-Armament an ideology capable of uniting all races and classes. He then launched a monthly paper, "Waterfront Pioneer", which became "The Industrial Pioneer", presenting a constructive shop floor view of British industry.



Leaders Hear M.R.A. Aim

**Movement Explained
at Luncheon Given
for Film Notables**

Moral rearmament, "the art of living together once again," was explained to the film world yesterday through testimonials of a score of outstanding M.R.A. exponents at a Beverly Hills luncheon given by Louis B. Mayer, vice-president of M.G.M.

Two hundred motion-picture executives, actors and actresses, civic and business officials and M.R.A. delegates from all over the world attended the meeting, held as a prelude to the mass "Call to the Nations" next Wednesday night at the Hollywood Bowl.

Will Hays, motion-picture czar, acted as master of ceremonies, introducing Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group and inspirer of the worldwide movement for moral rearmament.

HAYS PRAISES WORK

Hays described the movement, based on absolute honesty, unselfishness, love and purity, as "one of the most important enterprises in the world, which, if it obtains its objective, will succeed in solving all the problems that stifle us."

DESCRIBES BIRTH

Buchman described the birth of the inspiration for moral rearmament as "a God-given thought for which I take no credit."

Film Leaders Pledged to Aid Moral Rearmament



SPEAKERS' TABLE at luncheon of film industry and moral rearmament leaders yesterday. Left to right: Will Hays, who pledged the industry's support in the movement; Dr. Frank N. D. Buchanan, its leader; Louis B. Mayer, George Eastman, Jeanette MacDonald and James Roosevelt.



JULY 14, 1939

L-R: Will Hays, film-industry czar; Buchman; L.B. Mayer; G. Eastman; Jeanette MacDonald; James Roosevelt.

HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood REPORTER

Dr. Buchman Feted At Mayer Luncheon

More than 200 filmites attended a luncheon given by Louis B. Mayer yesterday at Victor Hugo's in honor of Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman and his Moral Rearmament group visiting here. Following his introduction by toastmaster Will Hays, Dr. Buchman spoke to the group on the movement given impetus by a group at Oxford, and which, he pointed out, has been spreading throughout the world among peace-seeking people. Present at the meeting were James Roosevelt, Walter Wanger, Pandro S. Berman, Frank Freeman and other film personalities. The luncheon was given by Mayer for the industry.



PREVIEW of a new world

Frank Buchman: Tonight is a preview of a new world - the world of which we have dreamed, and Hollywood is a matchless setting for this preview.

Moral Re-Armament is the ordinary man's opportunity to remake the world. It is a world necessity. It is finding a world response.

Moral Re-Armament is the scenario of a Golden Age - a God-directed production - a preview of a new world.



Buchman learned that there were going to be pickets at the Hollywood Bowl, so he went alone to the headquarters of the union. They talked for two hours. There were no pickets.

Los Angeles News
July 20, 1939

Bare Human Emotions at MRA Meeting

It was indeed - as one speaker suggested - as though Hollywood bowl last night might have been created for just such a night. No ordinary building, somehow, could have held the emotions, the prayers, the hopes and the inspiration that welled to the stars from the bowl's great recesses as 25,000 hungry people - people hungry for the hope of peace - gathered to hear the great, simple message of Moral Re-Armament.

They were of all ages, and all classes, and all races. . . It was an audience of quick, eager reactions. It was quick to laugh; quicker to applaud. It was as though each hearer were seeking through the applause, the only medium at hand, to tell those on the stage that the message of MRA was "reaching home."

It clapped alike for Japanese and the Chinese; for baroness and former communist; for actress and for school teacher. The night was one of great moments, yet none could surpass the almost painfully exquisite one when a slight Chinese girl and a small bespectacled Japanese man stood smiling together in the speaker's box. He had followed her to the stand and delivered his message, but before he could leave she climbed to the box, to stand shyly at his side. There was a moment of something almost akin to embarrassment as they stood there, smiling.

Twenty-five thousand breathless people stared, seeing not a little Chinese woman and a little Japanese man, side by side, but two nations, bitterness forgotten, standing shoulder to shoulder, and smiling. And then the two shook hands. That was all there was to it. They left the stand and scurried back to their seats, but the symbolism behind that simple hand shake was almost overpowering. There would have been a great catch in the voice of that mighty audience had it been called upon at that moment to speak or to sing. But it wasn't and the program went on.

Outside the bowl newsboys hawked papers bannered the word that the nazis were ready to seize Danzig. But inside the bowl 25,000 eager men and women drowned them out - and all the others all over the world - with a closing song that swelled to the stars straight and deep from hearts newly filled with the sudden, almost surprising discovery that there still is great hope for this battle scarred world.

(In another article in the same issue of the paper) George Eastman, Los Angeles industrialist and local leaders of MRA, introduced Dr. Buchman, by saying: "Twenty years ago I walked over these hills testing the acoustics for a future Hollywood bowl. You and I have been uplifted many times by the wonderful concerts given here and the beautiful sunrise services on Easter - but this meeting tonight has the greatest significance of any meeting ever held here."



Jessie Joy, a school teacher from a small town in Nebraska, who had never before addressed an audience larger than the pupils in her one-room schoolhouse, described how a new spirit had taken hold of her hard-hit area and how honesty about farm relief cheques had created a new atmosphere in the community. Her story was made the basis for the film "Meet John Doe", with Gary Cooper.

Halfway through the meeting twenty burly press and camera men elbowed their way on to the already crowded press seats because William Randolph Hearst, reading of the crowds on his teletype at San Simeon, had seen that his papers were missing a big story.

JAPAN

Mitsui Takasumi. An unpublished autobiographical sketch by him in 1952 describes how he studied at the London School of Economics and later at Magdalen College, Oxford. One of the people who interested him most was Canon B.H. Streeter, the Provost of Queen's College. He and his wife, Hideko, studied Christianity and were later baptized. They met Dr. Buchman and travelled with him to Scandinavia and Switzerland. He told Hideko, "Sumi must become a peacemaker."

In 1938 the Mitsui's returned to Japan in order to bring MRA to the notice of responsible Japanese. In 1939 they came to help Buchman launch MRA in California, then returned to their homeland. Although anti-British agitation had become very severe, Mitsui was undaunted. Hotelkeepers posted signs announcing that there was no accommodation for British people. The Government forbade Christian teaching, even in missionary schools. However Mitsui gave a series of lectures on MRA to business clubs, including 200 Mitsui executives. But his program for saving civilization was called dangerous talk by some of his listeners, and was brought to the notice of the thought-control police who did not approve. It undoubtedly stoked the hatred of the pro-Axis terrorists who were plotting against the pro-British elements in the Imperial court and the government.

Despite opposition in some quarters Mitsui Takasumi was allowed to open a school in Tokyo for the children of businessmen and diplomats, forced by circumstances to return to Japan. He became president of the Mitsui Ho-on Kai, so satisfying his philanthropic initiatives and escaping involvement with the war-making activities of the Mitsui concern.

Adele Ulman, secretary to the great actress Helen Hayes who never had an understudy: "Buchman was planning the Hollywood Bowl meeting with a few friends. We were quiet together. I had the thought that there should be four beams shooting up into the sky, representing the four standards of MRA. There was no comment and I thought no more of it."

"Imagine my surprise on arriving at the meeting to find my thought carried out."

1 Louis B. Mayer was called the highest paid executive in America in a British Broadcasting Review in 1979: "His power was unbridled. He was the movie industry from 1938-1943. MGM was the most famous monogram in the world. He always treated people as sons. He was the 'poppa'. Motherhood was sacred for him. His temper had a low boiling point. He was a great gambler. He ruled the largest movie studio of all time."

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 Louis B. Mayer of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, following the luncheon which he had given for Buchman five days earlier (p 15), sent up a note asking if could speak for the film industry. He said: "Films are meant to be ambassadors in celluloid."

2 Stephen Nakata of Japan and Phyllis Teng of China. "The symbolism behind their simple hand shake was almost overpowering", wrote the Los Angeles Times, July 20, 1939.

3 Japanese speakers include Shinishi and Mrs. Ishibashi, Takasumi Mitsui, Watau Ono, textile industrialist, Tokyo, and Stephen Nakata, Kobe.

4 "25,000 hungry people for the hope of peace," wrote the Los Angeles Times.

Arthur Strong: The four beams of light, striking the mist above the Bowl, gave us in the audience the sense of being in a gigantic cathedral.

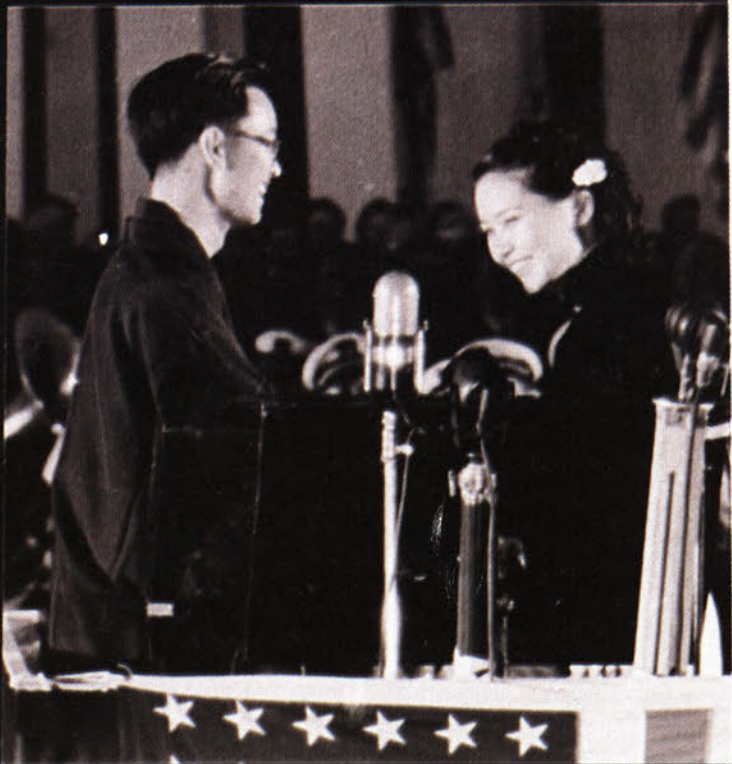
As the meeting drew to a close I realized that I had not got the one photograph that would tell the story of the evening. Like a whisper I had the thought to see what the four beams looked like against Sunset Boulevard. A friend drove me to a nearby hill. There we saw this fabulous view.

Quickly putting my Soho Reflex on a tripod I exposed the 4" by 5" film for 40 seconds at f.4.5 - the widest aperture. Then the lights went out. The meeting had ended.

We had hired a darkroom for the night in Hollywood where we made over 100 prints from the negative, along with others taken during the meeting. In the first post they were sent across the world. L'illustration in France gave their front page to it.



1



2



3



4

A CALL TO THE NATIONS
Hollywood Bowl
July 19, 1939

July 20, 1939.

ESTIMATED 10,000 TURNED AWAY FROM MEETING

REPLETE WITH PERSONAL PARADOXES AND PLEAS FOR CHANGE IN HUMAN NATURE

By James E. Barrett

They came in limousines.

They arrived in jalopies that barely chugged along the traffic-jammed roads leading to Hollywood Bowl; they came afoot, in wheel chairs, in busses, taxicabs. One and all, they came marvelling.

Because in the great amphitheater beneath the stars last night blase Hollywood and Los Angeles were treated to a sight rarely seen - 30,000 men, women and children, gathered to listen to a new presentation of an old gospel of brotherly love and world friendship embraced in the term - "Moral Re-Armament".

THOUSANDS DISAPPOINTED

Police say 10,000 couldn't crowd into the Bowl last night. That they went home disappointed. That tells only part of the astonishing story. From all over the Southlands the thousands gathered to hear of "Moral Re-Armament" from those who started the movement. Men like Dr. Frank N. Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, H.W. (Bunny) Austin, the diminutive, fiery British tennis star, and gnarled Tod Sloan, who preached labor discontent under London's docks until he embraced the movement.

CLIMAX OF PLANS

The Bowl really climaxed two weeks of intensive preparation in Los Angeles by MRA delegates from 30 nations. It marked the end of community luncheons and breakfast club chats where moral re-armament was explained and redescribed. It brought together for the first time all the strength of the vast movement - leaders from Burma, London, East Africa, Australia, China and Japan, - and showed 30,000 persons how it might work...

To the tune of bagpipes played by 15 Scottish highlanders and the California Pipers Association, MRA went on the march. They strode, chins high, behind the massed flags of their nations. Four hundred Canadians; Scandinavians in native dress; Chinese in long white gowns; kilted Scotsmen. This was moral rearmament. So was the warm handclasp that slim Stephen Nakata of Kobe, Japan, gave Phyllis Teng of Shanghai. So were the friendly glances exchanged by George Copperman, Imperial Valley Teamsters' Union treasurer, and G.G. Bennett, president of the Imperial Valley Associated Farmers. Once enemies - admittedly - these men said they now understand each other. So were a score of other cosmic paradoxes that uprose under the floodlights at Hollywood Bowl last night...

WAITING DEPLORED

To crystallize what MRA meant, George Eastman, leader of the movement in Los Angeles and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, declared: "We do not need to wait until war is at our doors; until guns are rattling and our boys are marching off to the front. Why not do the thing now that you and I can do in a constructive way? Build a world force that will make those things unnecessary." (Part of Dr. Buchman's speech followed) He let his "teammates" speak for themselves. Craggy Scotsmen from Inverness and the Clyde shipyards; George Muff, Laborite M.P. from London, who termed "horrible" the fact that Britons have fitted babies for gas masks; and Ruth StDenis, the dancer, who said that "tonight is the supreme hour for which this wonderful Bowl was created."

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Spontaneous, moral re-armament can come to California by individual effort, the 30,000 were told. It is no organized movement; they must accept a "personal challenge." Bunny Austin told them that. Gripping the American flag-flanked rostrum with one brown hand, the former Davis Cup champion declared: "Its a challenge to each one. When I see the distress around me and know of the threat of another war even more terrible than the last I wonder if they have died in vain. I know that they have not thus died. Because I know that moral re-armament can banish war and make peace permanent. If only -" the little sportsman added earnestly, "if only we will sacrifice enough. Sacrifice our lust for personal advancement, glory and success; rid ourselves of fear and greed; and pool our energies and talents in the creation of a new world of men and women, strong, united and at peace."

1 Los Angeles Times, July 20, 1939. Caption to 8-column photo: Listeners - Above is a part of the throng of 30,000 persons which attended the "Moral Re-Armament" rally last night at Hollywood Bowl to hear movement leaders.

(Middle left) Leader and friend - Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman, left, and leader of MRA chats with Hon. George Muff, as crowd pours into the Bowl. Ten thousand were turned away.

(Middle right) Setting - On this lighted shell of Bowl sit speakers and leaders of rally.

(Bottom left) Discussion - Here a group of speakers and leaders gather before rally for discussion of movement that brought leaders from all parts of the world for meeting. George Eastman, left, James McIntyre, Gen. C.R.P. Winser, Stephen Nakata, Sumi Mitsui, and Bill Rowell.

(Bottom right) Speaker - Bunny Austin, tennis star and rally speaker, with wife at Bowl.

2 San Francisco Chronicle, July 24. Moral Rearmament, the world's need.

The rearmament the world most needs is moral rearmament. We are not so foolish as to say that relations between nations were ever morally perfect or anywhere near it. They had, however, been slowly improving. They had before the world war reached a stage where nations had a measure of confidence in the word of other nations, where treaties were usually kept and where, when there was trouble about treaties that was usually submitted to some kind of court or arbitration for adjustment, which was accepted.

Nations did not then live always in deadly fear of neighbor nations. There were disputes but they were usually found adjustable. There was a will to adjust them, which meant that they could be and were adjusted.

3 Ma Nyein Tha of Burma and Karin Stolpe of Sweden.

4 Photographic billboard - 18 ft. long. This was a new departure in photographic presentation in America. No billboard of this size had ever been attempted previously. It was made especially for the meeting in the Hollywood Bowl. It was later on view at the World's Fair in San Francisco.

SALT NOT SAND

3 Ma Nyein Tha of Burma: In the midst of the American campaign I knew I was not fully in it. I talked but the words came from a heavy heart. I was walking in a garden when a friend joined me. We listened to God together. I wrote, "You ungrateful wretch. You are sand not salt."

When sand is in water it sinks to the bottom. It keeps its identity and its personality. Salt dissolves. It loses its identity but keeps its personality. I was not salt. I was sand. I had not wanted to identify myself with America. I was an individualist. I was lonely and I wanted to go home.

"Lord," I said, "I am sorry. Please forgive me. If you want me to stay in America all my life I will."

From that day I told people, "This is my country. These are my people." She was no longer a Burman visiting America. Yet she was always herself - a distinctive Burmese personality.

However in the summer of 1941 she was back in Burma working with Bishop West in Rangoon. One morning as she sat on the veranda the thought came to her to go and see Gandhi. She said to a friend, "How ridiculous. Who am I to go and see this uncrowned king of India?" "Don't brush it aside," the friend said. "Maybe God really wants you to go and see him." The first step was to see if there was a plane going. There was and there was a seat. Two days before she had received a cheque for £30 from a friend in England - enough for her ticket.

Before leaving Burma she cabled the Mahatma that she was coming and when she would arrive. It was a day and a night by train from Calcutta. Ma Nyein Tha spent the long hot hours in prayer. She arrived at the ashram just before evening prayers. She sat down among the praying women. In the darkness she glance at the white figure sitting alone with people grouped around.

At the end of the prayers Gandhi welcomed her and made her feel at home. Then he said, "So you have come to see me." "Yes, God sent me to you." After supper Gandhi asked her to tell him what it was. "God told me to tell you to call all India to return to him." (Pakistan, Bangladesh and India were all one then.) Gandhi was quiet then said, "That is a very difficult thing for one man to do. I don't know how to do it." She told him what God had done through Buchman and what God was doing everywhere. She told him many a story how human nature changes when God is obeyed.

The following morning Gandhi asked her to stay but she said, "My work is done. I must go back." Very soon after her return to Burma the thought came, "Gandhi and the Viceroy listening to God together. God has a much bigger plan for India than either Gandhi or the Viceroy dreams of." She sent it to Gandhi by air mail. Soon after she learned that he had gone to see the Viceroy.

Ma Nyein Tha worked with MRA until she died in 1969.

Philosophy of lasting peace - Buchman

20

Monterey Peninsula Herald. For most of the world it was just another ten days of history; England was trying to iron out its dispute at Tientsin with Japan; most of Europe kept its eyes on Danzig and wondered; a labor leader was on trial for deportation in San Francisco; and America abrogated a 1911 trade treaty with Japan. But for an ever increasing number of the world's millions, the dates July 21 to 31, 1939 are to stand for a very special period - which they even see as a turning point in post-war history. The reason is that those dates encompass the Second World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament meeting in Monterey.

From this assembly and its fruitful series of group conference discussions, the delegates will go forth to spread even further the message which began in East London a year ago.

Their story for the world is this:

"Strife of class against class, labor against industry, home against home, man against man, race against race and nation against nation - conflict in all its forms is too much with us. For all men, no matter what their stature, creed or color, there must come a halt.

There must be a new beginning, beginning with the individual, based upon the standards of absolute honesty, absolute unselfishness, absolute love and absolute purity."

Such is the story of Moral Re-Armament which will be carried forth from the Monterey Peninsula to the globe, as honest, unassuming men and women seek "new men, new nations, a new world."

"The choice is God's guidance or guns. We must either listen to guidance or we will listen to guns. The choice is between a vortex of fear and a pageant of triumph." That declaration of Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman provided the background and keynote for the entire deliberations. Dr. Buchman said that "it is clearer now than ever before that Moral Re-Armament is the essential foundation for any world settlement." He appealed for "a whole new fabric of living," based upon the guidance of God, and said that "we need a new quality of life for all, that rises above resentment, jealousy, greed, and points of view, that is above party, class, faction, nations, - God-control."

Dr. Buchman urged forging of new weapons of spiritual warfare for "we are now waging the greatest battle of history in this world war against selfishness. Sheer economy of time and energy and ultimate bankruptcy may force us to God-control," he said, concluding: "Supposing every individual had the Moral Re-Armament of God-control. Think what a strength there would be throughout the world. Here in this philosophy is lasting peace, and only here." - W. Millis.

George Wood, (son in the family of a businessman from Aberdeen, Scotland.)

Someone said a very wise thing a wee while ago: "A nation's fate is decided over a million breakfast tables." What kind of headlines would yours have made in the newspapers today? The atmosphere of our breakfast table used to set the temperature for the rest of the day. Heat at the breakfast table meant heat at the office. New life at the breakfast table means new life in industry and government. Moral Re-Armament brings this new spirit to a home. It has brought it to ours.

We had a strange sort of government in our family - we had five dictators - there were only the five of us. This form of government made it very hard to make satisfactory decisions and was the cause quite frequently of conflict and resentment. Conflict in our home spelled loss of time and happiness. MRA has brought a new kind of home rule; we have found a common mind - not what father says, or what mother says or what I say, but what God says to all of us. There are no more dictators in our home and no more submerged characters who let others decide their plans for them; it is true democracy. It has brought with it economy of time and temper, and economy means a lot to Aberdonians. This kind of government is the highest gift we, as a family, can give to our country.

Mum used to lie awake at night and listen for my brother to come home. These days are over for her. The whole family listens now - every morning, to get God's plan for the day.

Most young folks have plunged off the rails or aimlessly drifted, mainly because their parents have lived good lives instead of being guided by God - that is the one plan sufficient to direct and satisfy the energy in youth. Good people are outmoded and hopelessly unarmed in this world of materialism . . . The men who will save our age are those people who are inspired by God . . . The important thing is whether or not we have the kind of home which has within its walls the power to redirect the course of the community in which we live. Back in Britain we are threatened with war - my brother and I would have to go and might not return; our home would only be one of millions; many families would be snuffed out entirely. In the face of these facts it is impossible to be satisfied with unintelligent and ineffective goodness. Unless the spirit in our home is such that it cuts at the roots of war everywhere we must count ourselves and our families part of the dead weight on the wrong side of the scales . . . Dad has found in this new home government the answer to disruptive forces in his industry. MRA in the home makes every businessman an ambassador for a new spirit of honesty and unselfishness. Under God's control our home will become the guardians of the destiny of our nation and of our children. - Monterey Peninsula Herald.

HITLER

"People set us down as the enemies of the Spirit. We are. But in a much deeper sense than the conceited bourgeois dolts ever dreamed of. What should I care for the Christian doctrine of the infinite significance of the individual spirit and of personal moral responsibility? I oppose it in icy clarity with the saving doctrine of the nothingness and total insignificance of the individual and of his continued existence only in the visible mortality of the blood of the race . . .

"I am liberating man from the demands of spiritual freedom and personal independence which only a few people can bear . . . A German Christianity is a distortion. One is either German or Christian."

(Extract from Hitler's talk with his Gauleiters.)

- "The Spear of Destiny" by Trevor Ravenscroft, who studied history under Dr. Walter Johannes Stein. Throughout World War II Stein was personal adviser to Churchill regarding the mind and motives of Hitler, - Bantam Books, New York.

"We will not have peace unless we supply the moral and spiritual forces, the lack of which produced Hitler . . . It is in the realm of ideas that we will have to restore the world." Mgr. Fulton Sheen - "Philosophies at War", Scribners, New York.

The first World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament was held in September, 1938, at Interlaken, Switzerland.

For Buchman the Assembly was pre-eminently an occasion for proclaiming a message of sanity to those men in whose hands the destiny of an entire generation appeared to rest.

In Buchman's opening address he said: Now we must develop the framers of the just and lasting peace that is to be. . . We must bridge seemingly impossible and humanly hopeless situations. We must have justice, whereby each sees not only his difficulties, but the difficulties of others also. We must find that answer which will give satisfaction and security to all - an answer that is above party, that is above class, that is above faction, that is above nations.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 D. Corcoran, D. Carey, Bunny Austin.
- 2 The cedars of Carmel, California.
- 3 After one of the sessions at the ten-day World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament, attended by 1,500 delegates from thirty countries.
- 4 Front and back pages of the supplement produced by the Monterey Peninsula Herald, July 29, 1939, at the close of the Second World Assembly. The first was in Switzerland at Interlaken in 1938.



Hitler's feelings about Britain were complex and in the end wrong. The British were Aryan and they were successful imperialists. He could respect them.

"Mein Kampf" assumed no conflict with Britain and a decade after he wrote his book Hitler was still pursuing the same policy of appeasement when he sent Ribbentrop to be his Ambassador in London. But his admiration for the British was for what they had done in the past. Would Britain stand in his way today? On the whole he thought not.

Hitler envisaged two world powers, the one based on dominion in Europe and the other based on dominion of the seas. He hoped if he made this plain Britain would not object to German dominance in Europe. How wrong he was.

For Britain saw that the entire world was threatened with Hitler's totalitarian plan for take-over, - of the worst possible kind. He had to be beaten.



1

JULY 21 31 1939



2

SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY

Monterey Peninsula Herald

Printed in U.S.A.

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1939

MONTEREY TIDES
(Over and Under the bar)
M... 4:05-4:15 P... 10:00-10:15
N... 3:37-3:47 P... 9:45-10:00
W... 4:05-4:15 P... 10:00-10:15
T... 4:10-4:20 P... 10:05-10:20

DAILY - FIVE CENTS

BUCHMAN URGES NATIONAL UNITY

Britain Mobilizes Her Fleet

Show of Sea Might Is Designed to Impress German Government

Lenahan Held In Default of \$5,000 Bail

Attorney by County Jail-Attacks Cameraman

Sulversive Activities Are Curbed

House Passes Law to Tighten Restrictions On Aliens in U.S.

Mayor Grooms Visiting Dignitaries

God Control Of Politics Proposed

'Government by God' Urged to Set New Political Pattern; Assembly Goes to S. F.

By The Associated Press
Division of her naval might today to bring all branches of British military power to bear on Germany, which many European leaders believe will be the result of the British fleet's move.

BALTIMORE, July 28—John W. Lenahan, former well-known Monterey attorney, was locked up in the county jail here today because he failed to pay \$5,000 bail pending his trial on grand theft charges.

WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)—Legislation designed to curb sulversive activities of un-American citizens was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

Mayor Emmet McManis of Monterey (center) welcomes two distinguished visiting officials among the 1500 delegates attending the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament.

Dr. Buchman was chairman of a meeting in which France and Irish delegates outlined the new relationship of Moral Re-Armament to local and national democratic government, and which was concluded by an address by the Hon. George Murray, Labor Party member of the British Parliament.

Dr. Buchman called for "a master plan for government, designed by God and worked by everybody," and said: "What we need in America is national unity."



3

PAGE TWELVE MONTEREY PENINSULA HERALD, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1939

"New Men, New Nations, A New World" Through M.R.A, Aim

Rebuilding of Men, Nations Set as Goal

World Based Upon Four Standards Is Call of Assembly
By WILLIAM HILLES
For most of the world it was but another 18 days of history. England was trying to trim out its dispute at Tientsin with Japan; most of Europe kept its eyes on Dunkirk and wondered; a labor leader was on trial for deportation in San Francisco; and America celebrated a 1912 trade treaty with Japan.

Visiting Scots at Stevenson Shrine



Origin and Growth of M. R. A. Told

From East London to Monterey, New Spirit Spreads over World
Moral Re-Armament, now holding its Second World Assembly on the Monterey Peninsula, was born a little more than 13 months ago in a town hall in East London, birthplace of the British labor movement.

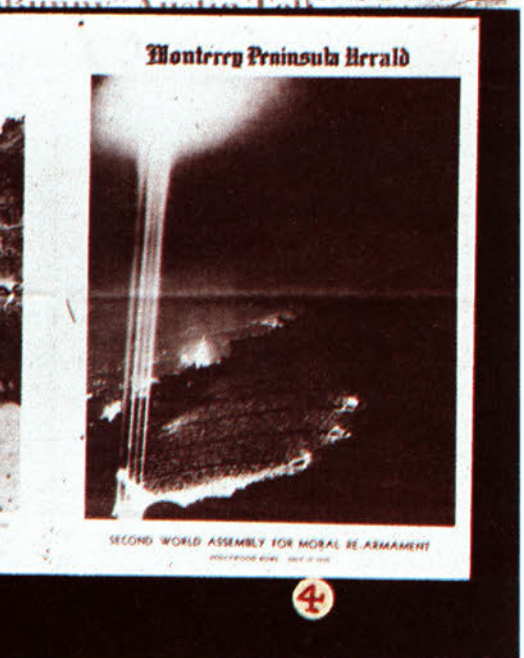
Implications of M. R. A. in Business and Industry

By W. PARKER VICKERS
Moral Re-Armament, now holding its Second World Assembly on the Monterey Peninsula, was born a little more than 13 months ago in a town hall in East London, birthplace of the British labor movement.

30,000 at Hollywood Meeting

Vast Throng Present For Demonstration On Eve of Assembly
On the eve of the Second World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament, which has been in progress on the Monterey Peninsula since Saturday, a vast throng of 30,000 people gathered for a demonstration on Hollywood Boulevard.

Monterey Peninsula Herald



4

ONE SURE HOPE

1 MRA DAY AT WORLD'S FAIR, SAN FRANCISCO

August 1, 1939

"Vanguards of a mighty host are we
Free for remaking the world,"

sang one thousand representatives of MRA from every continent as they carried the 150 flags of the countries and states represented.

There was an official welcome from the President of the Exposition as well as one from the Mayor of San Francisco followed by a luncheon and receptions in the various foreign pavilions. After a banquet in the evening the "Cavalcade of the Golden West" was performed on the great open-air stage. All through it ran the story of adventure and sacrifice, of pioneers with a great spiritual mission, with the belief that God was with them in their struggle to build a new country. At the close a trumpet heralded the pioneers of today as MRA staged "A Cavalcade of the Nations", with flags unfurled filling the arena - committed to rebuild the world.

4

aug. 3 San Francisco Chronicle

MRA WORLD PEACE : HALIFAX

NATIONS HEAR THE CALL TO MORAL REARMAMENT

MRA RADIOS AN APPEAL TO WORLD FROM EXPOSITION

Dr. Buchman Sums Up Objects Of Movement and Tells of Race To Remake Men and Nations

The world wide forces of moral rearmament moved in on Treasure Island, Tuesday, broadcasting to the Nation and to far away places on the globe a message for peace and unity based upon MRA's four standards - honesty, unselfishness, love and purity.

Moral rearmament was summed up as follows by Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman, founder of the Oxford group and initiator of MRA:

"It is a race with time to remake men and nations, to create a new way of thinking, a new personality. We must be accustomed to paradoxes. It's not a new denomination but a new determination above creed, party and point of view."

LUNCHEON ON ISLE

About 350 of the 1,000 MRA representatives of 25 countries attended a luncheon in the banquet hall of the Administration building over which Dr. Buchman presided. Leland Cutler, president of the Golden Gate International Exposition, welcomed the guests to Treasure Island, and Dr. J.C. Geiger, Director of Public Health, read a message of greeting from Mayor Rossi, who said:

"We know that from your experience in many countries you have found a working solution to the problems of capital and labor, in a spirit of unselfishness which thinks of the good of the Nation above sectional interests and establishes justice and fair dealing for all."

Cutler presented Dr. Buchman who spoke of the beauty of the Exposition, paid a compliment to the two great bridges. "As I crossed the bridge this morning, I marveled and said: 'What bridge builders these San Franciscans are'," he declared. "It was in Denmark that we (MRA) were first called bridge builders."

MESSAGE FROM KING

He then read a message of greeting from King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to the 350 Canadians who attended the second World Assembly for Moral Rearmament for 10 days at Monterey, a conclave that closed last night on Treasure Island. Nine Premiers of foreign nations, he said, also sent messages.

A pretty, slender Chinese girl - Phyllis Teng - told of the growing spirit of national unity in her country. T.S. Mitsui, member of the famed Japanese industrial family, asserted that MRA was "the last hope for world affairs." He read a cablegram of support from Baron Tichero Hirayama, Premier of Japan.

Tod Sloan: In my home in East London the people are really hungry for a new leadership. They want this new thinking and since MRA came to East Ham it has reached out in all directions. Today there are homes where whole families are living this quality of life. One of these belongs to my close friend Alderman Fred Welch, the Deputy Mayor. After putting things right with his wife, he apologized to his arch enemy in the same party on the Council. Evidently when one spoke in the Council the other always got up and spoke as well, just to annoy him, although they were in the same party. The change in Fred brought a different atmosphere to the Council meetings.



4 Lord Halifax, Britain's Foreign Secretary, cables:

"I am glad to add my greetings to those of so many thousands of my countrymen who have joined in the National Message (p 25 1) for Moral Re-Armament. Fresh insistence in thought and action on those principles of morality and faith which are fundamental, will not only build national well-being, but is the only source from which we may draw sure hope for peace and prosperity for a disturbed world."

2 Dr. Buchman broadcasts to Asia and Latin America:

"The permanent cure for crisis can only be found in the fearless application of Moral Re-Armament by the statesmen and the people of all nations. The spirit dominating the councils of nations provides the one sure hope of a just and lasting settlement. We need to think not of man's plan, not of this or that nation's plan, but of God's plan. Again we face a time of crisis - crisis that teaches men that Man's extremity is God's opportunity. . . We all look at the headlines. But we can do more than that. MRA is everybody's chance to do something about them. We can look at ourselves and our own nation, and see where we need to be different. For when men change, nations change."

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 "MRA Day" at World's Fair. Representatives from 25 countries on the Avenue of the Seven Seas on Treasure Island sing:
"Youth and faith and daring,
Clean drive of a love unsparing,
The course of Empire bearing
To westward once again.
Stripped of soft protection,
That Christ may have full
direction,
A country's resurrection
Flames in the lives of men."
- 2 Dr. Buchman broadcasts to Asia and Latin America.
- 3 Adeline Wykes of New York sells literature at the MRA stand.
- 4 San Francisco Chronicle 3.8.39.
- 5 MRA delegates in national costumes. L-R: Helene de Trey, Swiss; Else M. Alfsen, Norwegian; Dora Bugge, Norwegian; Elisabeth de Mestral, Swiss; and Grethe Morthorst, Danish.

RUSSO - GERMAN pact

August 23, 1939: British cartoonist David Low comments:-

SOMEONE IS TAKING SOMEONE FOR A WALK - towards the eastern frontier.

To the amazement of the rest of the world, Germany and the U.S.S.R signed a treaty of friendship and non-aggression by which each of them abjured the use of force against the other. The treaty was supplemented by a secret protocol defining spheres of interest: to the U.S.S.R., Finland, Estonia, Latvia; to Germany, Lithuania, including Vilna. Later Lithuania was given to U.S.S.R. and the Polish provinces of Lublin and Warsaw to Germany.

On August 25 an Anglo-Polish treaty, implementing the Chamberlain-Beck declaration of April, was signed. It was more of an attempt to check Hitler than solid comfort for the Poles. France concluded a similar treaty with Poland, although it was not signed until September 5, after Hitler's attack on Poland.

- "Total War" by P. Calvocoressi and Guy Wint, 1972.





1



2

MRA World Peace Hope: Halifax

San Francisco Chronicle

COMPARATIVE TEMPERATURES

San Francisco	Max 64	Min 48
San Diego	Max 72	Min 52
Los Angeles	Max 78	Min 58
San Jose	Max 68	Min 48
Stockton	Max 72	Min 52
San Francisco	Max 64	Min 48

NATIONS HEAR THE CALL TO MORAL REARMAMENT

MRA Radios an Appeal to World From Exposition

Dr. Buchanan Stuns Up Objects Of Movement and Tells of Race To Remake Men and Nations

The Moral Rearmament (MRA) movement, which is being broadcast from the Golden Gate International Exposition, today made its first appeal to the world through a series of radio broadcasts.

Dr. Robert H. Schuller, president of the MRA, today told the world that the movement is a "race to remake men and nations" and that it is a "call to moral rearmament."

The MRA movement, which is being broadcast from the Golden Gate International Exposition, today made its first appeal to the world through a series of radio broadcasts.

Response Leaders of World Hail Assemblage

Gambling Ship Battered by Captain Belies Navy

The U.S. Navy today accused a gambling ship of being "battered" by a captain who "belies" the Navy's claims.

The ship, the *Albatross*, was reported to have been "battered" by a captain who "belies" the Navy's claims.

In Distress Flood Yawl Is Disabled In Pacific

A small yacht in distress today was disabled in the Pacific Ocean.

The yacht, the *Albatross*, was reported to have been "battered" by a captain who "belies" the Navy's claims.

Never Joined the Party, Didn't Attend Meetings, Harry Bridges Testifies

Harry Bridges today testified that he never joined the party and did not attend meetings.

The testimony was given during a hearing on the charges against Bridges.

Can Europe Escape? Bebis Again Piling Into Hugo Figuros

The question of whether Europe can escape is being debated as Bebis continues to pile into Hugo Figuros.

The debate is taking place in the context of the MRA movement's appeal to the world.

Government Maps Lengthy Questioning

The government is mapping a lengthy questioning of the MRA movement.

The questioning is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



3



5

The message broadcast to the world from Treasure Island, urging moral rearmament upon all mankind, springs from no new philosophy. It has been told in all lands and in all tongues, through the centuries dating back to the dawn of faith in man, that there must be within him the inspiration of some power higher than the brute. If there is in this philosophy an intangible quality that makes it elusive to the mind, it is because of its inherent simplicity. It was voiced by the most ancient of sages. It was spoken in the deserts and the high tablelands, a spiritual truth constrained to no race, creed or color.

It was known to the oldest esoteric groups, it was told upon the Mount, it survived the obliterating forces of the Dark Ages, that the only rescue of man and his world is by honesty, unselfishness, love and purity. To men made cynical by crass materialism, there may be a ring of futility in a message told so often and so long, yet which now is reiterated to a world bent upon a feverish race to create engines of destruction. Yet the truth and force of this message are proved by its survival through the centuries and the fact that it still inspires the soul of mankind to carry on the word.

The message that was broadcast from Treasure Island by MRA is a message that has guided man in his slow, upward spiral of spiritual development. If there is something less than realism in the hope of the courageous fellowship, old and young, virile, enthusiastic, that the present efforts can have practical effect upon world crises, it is only because they have too much confidence in us; it is only because they believe us capable of taking a spiritual stride longer than other generations have been able to take. Our materialistic advance has been amazing. In one generation we have conquered radio, aviation, cinema, and have become adepts over time and space. But the spirit has lagged. If there is futility in the appeal of MRA, it is not in the weakness of the message but in our capacity to act upon it.

STILL A REVOLUTIONARY

William Rowell, (representative of London's 420,000 unemployed at the Trades Union Congress 1936): When my three-months-old daughter died of starvation in my wife's arms I became a Communist leader, which I was for eleven years. I come from London's East End and have lived and worked in its poorest sections all my life. I have taken part in London's bitterest struggles, leading hunger strikers, organizing strikes, holding houses in siege against the police.

Six years ago an accident in the plant where I was working permanently disabled me. But even before the accident, conditions were so bad that my baby died, not because she was ill but because she was starving.

These things made me a revolutionary. I am still a revolutionary, but determined to bring about a new world order through Moral Re-Armament, not through economic or political warfare. I learned about MRA from the son of a member of the House of Lords. He came down my street, known thereabouts as "Suicide Street", to apologize and make an effort to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between his class and my class. He showed me the meaning of true democracy when he came and lived in my kitchen. I call it Moral Re-Armament. I discovered that though I was a democrat in public life, scorning everything that savored of dictatorship, I was a dictator in my home. After twelve years of married life, I gave up being a dictator to my wife and children.

The night Miles Phillimore came to live with me, he asked: "May I have some bread and butter?" I didn't answer him. "Where do you keep it?" he asked again. "In there," I replied, pointing to a cupboard, "when there is any." But there wasn't any. The children had to go bed hungry night after night because there just wasn't enough to eat. We had no light because we didn't have a penny for the gas.

When I met MRA I saw what a ridiculous mess I was making of my life. I had forbidden the children to salute their country's flag which, I felt, gave them so little. I had brought them up as atheists. When Miles came to my house, he slept across two chairs because there were no extra beds. I saw him putting into practice the four standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. If this was revolution, as he claimed it was, I determined to try it too.

Now, on our street, there are seven families living and working MRA. My nextdoor neighbor came to me and said: "When I accepted this plan of MRA I decided there was no need of a fence to divide my life's from Bill's." He said: "Bill, can I take it down." I said: "Go ahead." Imagine nations living on that same basis. No Maginot line, no armament races, just mutual trust and honesty. That is Moral Re-Armament. The answer lies with you and me. I don't want to move out of that little slum house in London. I want to be with my people in the Moral Re-Armament of our nation. People come from all over to hear about MRA in the place we used to plot the overthrow of our government. The other day, one of the ladies-in-waiting to the Queen came to talk about MRA. After a simple dinner, she said: "I can spare you ten minutes." Four hours later she said: "Shall we make some tea?" That is the spirit of MRA.

Rowell also tells of the change that came in the West Ham town council when 14 councillors, more than half the membership, started putting MRA into action. They moved and passed legislative matters unanimously for the first time in 27 years. Since that time when Rowell first heard of MRA he has traveled to many countries spreading its message. His companion on these trips was the Hon. Miles Phillimore, 24 years old and a graduate of Cambridge University.

Miles Phillimore: One day I asked Bill Rowell if I could stay with him. I was one of those people that Bill wanted to see at the other end of a machine gun. I was what he called a bloated aristocrat, and he was pretty suspicious of me at first. I told him that I had been a typical example of the selfishness of aristocracy and that I wanted to be different. On this basis Bill and I became friends, with one plan and one job, to re-arm Britain morally. In England, one of the most abominable things is the tremendous gulf that exists between people, between employers and employees, between class and class. This is something of which I feel thoroughly ashamed, but I know Bill and I have found an absolutely satisfying solution to this problem. In my family I have always been destined to be, if possible, something of a statesman. I wouldn't dare to be a statesman without this kind of partnership, someone like Bill Rowell working side by side with me. When we begin to build in England and America the kind of fellowship and partnership that bridges gulfs between men, we will be building the nucleus for an epoch in history that the world has never dreamed of.

- "The American Weekly", New York Journal American's Sunday Magazine, 1939.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 75,000 British sign message of MRA in thirteen books.
- 2 3 San Francisco Chronicle, August 3, 1939, pages 1 and 12.
- 4 Tod Sloan from London's dockland, Hon. Miles Phillimore, William Rowell, unemployed leader from East London.
- 5 Wedding Party. Hallen Viney and Eithne Lewin-Harris at the home of Mary Eversole in Pasadena. L-R: Basil Entwistle, Joan Harward, Bremer Hofmeyr, Enid Mansfield, James Montgomery, Mary Reynolds, the bridal couple, Mary Gaddie, James Newton, Elizabeth Morris, Michael Barrett, Jean Barker, and George Marjoribanks.
- 6 Mrs. Kitty Crosby at her home in Palo Alto with those working with MRA in northern California.

3 Diane de Watteville left by plane for Paris two days before war broke out in Europe. She had two sons in the war. One was killed, the other was taken prisoner.

She wrote to a friend in America: "Are you ready? Are you preparing the great answer, building the pattern of a new world? People used to love peace because it was comfortable. Now we have to face life and death because life is never comfortable and an eternal fight."

GOTSWOLD ENVOY TO THE U.S.A.

A young Gloucestershire woman was chosen to take the message on behalf of Moral Re-Armament. She is Miss Joan Harward of Temple Guiting, and her message, which consists of 5,000 pages of signatures, is in the form of 13 beautiful books. 1

"At this fateful hour," the message says, "we pledge ourselves to give the last full measure of our devotion - the service of heart, mind and will - to the moral and spiritual rearmament of our nation - to the building of the world of tomorrow, a world of new men and new nations, where every resource of human genius is liberated under God's leadership to enrich the heritage of all mankind."

Copies of the message went to all parts of the British Isles. With them went thousands of blank sheets of hand-made paper for signatures.

Many pages, from rural and industrial England, from Scotland and the mining valleys of Wales, were returned beautifully illustrated with designs showing local industries, village scenes and drawings of special local features.

The cast of the Shakespeare Festival Company filled one page and a group of Northumberland grandmothers, with a total age of 1,212 years and an average age of 80, all signed together . . .

- Cheltenham.

← "The American Weekly"

circulation 7,500,000

estimated readers

40,000,000

EDITORIAL PAGE

The San Francisco Chronicle

Founded by M. H. de Young, Publisher 1865 to 1925
GEORGE T. CAMERON, PUBLISHER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1939

Weakness Not in the Word
But in Our Capacity

The message broadcast to the world from Treasure Island, urging moral rearmament upon all mankind, springs from no new philosophy. It has been told in all lands and in all tongues, through the centuries dating back to the dawn of faith in man, that there must be within him the inspiration of some power higher than the brute.
If there is in this philosophy an intangible quality that makes it elusive to the mind, it is because of its inherent simplicity. It was voiced by the most ancient of sages. It was spoken in the deserts and the high tablelands, a spiritual truth constrained to no race, creed or color.
It was known to the oldest esoteric groups. It was told upon the mount, it survived the obliterating forces of the Dark Ages, that the only rescue of man and his world is by honesty, unselfishness, love and purity.
To men made cynical by crass materialism, there may be a ring of futility in a message told so often and so long, yet which now is reiterated to a world bent upon a feverish race to create engines of destruction.
Yet the truth and force of this message are proved by its survival through the centuries and the fact that it still inspires the soul of mankind to carry on the word.
The living force of this philosophy is found in the sense of right and wrong even in the individual who violates his own conscience. It has provided inspiration and has raised the level of human standards. We at least are horrified by man's inhumanity to man, that in other eras were calmly accepted as commonplace.
The message that was broadcast from Treasure Island by MRA is a message that has guided man in his slow, upward spiral of spiritual development. If there is something less than realism in the hope of the courageous fellowship, old and young, virile, enthusiastic, that the present efforts can have practical effect upon present world crises, it is only because they have too much confidence in us; it is only because they believe us capable of taking a spiritual stride longer than other generations have been able to take. Our materialistic advance has been amazing. In one generation we have conquered radio, aviation, cinema, and have become adepts over time and space. But the spirit has lagged. If there is futility in the appeal of MRA, it is not in the weakness of the message but in our capacity to act upon it.

instead of going to it. Recall the swift and unexpected course of events before that tragic 1st of August 25 years ago. And compare it with the conferences, negotiations, fears and alarms in the present state of the world, yet without precipitation of world conflict.
The incalculable factor is Stalin, not Hitler. Stalin flirts with diplomats but always dodges away. If he will give the word, there will be war. But he will give no word that puts Russia to war. He has the force and can fight, but will fight only under necessity. He is not afraid of Hitler, or England, or Japan. But he is afraid of Russia. Stalin is willing that Russians fight, on the Mongolian boundary or in Spain. But he is not willing that Russia fight. He gave all sorts of encouragement to loyalist Spain, but skipped out when Russia might be involved. He does not fear attack upon Russia, because then he would not fear Russia.
Stalin will help none. He wants the Nazis to collapse. He wants the democracies to collapse. He prefers to collect victories by political rather than military force. Yet, while he talks to England, Hitler fears to move. All the war talk in headlines is alarming. But silence would be more ominous, if 1914 is a criterion.

A stranger in a lift asked Ma Nyein Tha, "What is Moral Rearmament?" Her immediate reply was, "God has a plan. Find it. Follow it."



Vertical text on the left side of the page, partially obscured by the editorial.



For many... House... killed... The... econo... Pol... elect... acrive... Deal... form... politic... ocrat... Indir... ocrat... from... For... ken... sums... 000,00... minus... Hon... signifi... 2... of... ready... will... actio... But... Presi...

MRA Delegates Take Over Treasure Island



The flags of the world's great nations are banners for Moral Rearmament.



BARONESS DE WATTEVILLE. She came from Paris.



If you can't tell by the costumes where these young men hail from, maybe you can tell by the names. Left to right: John Morrison, Adam McLean, Andrew Mackay, Ryley Ramsey, Lash, man!



Four of China's delegates (L. to r.): L. P. Lu, Mo Mein The, Lapviree Thong and Peter Teu in the Fair's Chinese Village.



Next (L. to r.): Ray Purdy of New York and General C. R. P. Winner, C. M. G., D. S. G., front (L. to r.): Manny Strauss and Harold Boyton.

More on MRA Nations Hear Call From Fair

Continued from Page 1... (transcription of the article text)



A. N. Hicks. A leader of the Vancouver...

Dr. Buchman liked the way Manny Strauss (left, above) thought in big global terms. But as time went on he suspected that Manny was more interested in his image than actually in his performance, for Buchman was interested in Manny finding God in his life. In the end Manny would go no further in that direction so they parted company.



5

6

Where are the FRONT-LINE TRENCHES ?

(In October 1939 Buchman initiated a series of world broadcasts reaching out to the countries of Europe and Asia across the frontiers of war. Others who spoke with him in this program included Senator Harry S. Truman, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and H.H. Elvin, Chairman of the British Trades Union Congress, 1938. The broadcasts were made from San Francisco and Boston.)

Frank Buchman: I am speaking today to the millions across the world who in these anxious days are increasingly looking to Moral Re-Armament as the one hope for the future. Especially I am thinking of the men in the front-line trenches, the men faced with the hard realities, the men who know what war is.



Yet where are the front-line trenches today? Today in many countries every civilian carries a gas mask, every garden has its air-raid shelter. It is a new phase in war, where everybody is responsible and every home is a front-line trench.

Our arts of reconciliation have not kept pace with the arts of war. The art of destruction is beginning to outpace the art of living. All our values are slipping as currencies slipped after the last war. As my friend the great Oxford philosopher, Dr. Streeter, said, "A race that has grown up intellectually must grow up morally or perish."

Today we have reached the parting of the ways. Civilization, man-controlled, is faced with collapse. The long-endured cycle of moving from crisis to crisis must end. Nations must move beyond crisis to cure.

A new world philosophy is needed, a world philosophy capable of creating a new era of constructive relationships between men and nations. A new statesmanship and a new leadership will ensue from this heightened quality of thinking and living...

A situation is growing up in which people will want God to speak to them. Men need some adequate voice to interpret and mould events. Expediency must be supplanted by guidance. And dark nights of waiting may prove a blessing in disguise, for guidance is a staple necessity that is not rationed.

The world is awaiting an answer. War is the price of the selfishness of nations. We need people trained not only to make an adequate peace, but also to keep it. If peace had demanded as much of us as war, war would have been outlawed long ago. We cannot make peace between the nations when the people in the nations are in a state of permanent personal warfare. Someone must always MAKE peace. For peace is not an idea; it is people becoming different...

Miracles of science have been the wonder of the age. But all those miracles have not brought peace and happiness to our homes and nations. A miracle of the spirit is what we need...

Television points to a great truth. The ordinary man and the statesman must discover its counterpart - guidance - on the spiritual plane. Just as television is that space-conquering vision on the material plane, so guidance is the far-seeing perception on the spiritual. It is limited only by our capacity for disciplined obedience. The first step in reorientating our minds to God is to listen twice as much as we talk. Fear is another kind of guidance. People are afraid, and so they will not fight the daily battle against selfishness. We are waging the greatest battle of history in this world war against selfishness...

Our aim should be that everyone has not only enough of the necessities of life, but that he has a legitimate part in bringing about this Moral Re-Armament and so safeguards the peace of his nation and the peace of the world. Thus each individual who has enlisted in this program can find a job he can do that will affect the civic, industrial and national welfare. The unemployed must have the safety and security which comes from knowing that they are needed and that there is a job for them to do...

Think of the vast forces available - Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile. MRA is open to all and bars none. It is a quality of life. You don't join and you can't resign. You live a life...

We must remake the world. Every man, woman and child must be enlisted, every home become a fort. A world philosophy will be brought to power through the cumulative effect of millions of people beginning the experience of listening to God.

Norwegian's dilemma

Signe Lund 4 : When the war had broken out I felt I ought to go home to Norway, while the Atlantic was still open. I told Frank one day in San Francisco. He listened to all I had to say. He looked beyond me and said nothing, but obviously he was deeply 'elsewhere'. Then he looked at me searchingly and I felt very caringly, and said in a sort of fatherly fashion with an inclusive warm sense of confidence and trust: "I think you stay with us for a little longer". A sense of humor in his eyes made me realize it was more than that. He meant for life - he was inviting me to work full time with him and the world force. I had only so far been invited for the American campaign, and had stayed on longer than the rest of those from Scandinavia on the same mission. This was because of my offer to work on the billboards 2,3 preparing for the one hundred million listening-campaign up and down the West Coast. The poster work was then completed.

I was stunned, and went home to my lodging and cried. I realized I may never see my family again, but I knew deeply that he had helped me face what I had known for some time. I made a new pact with God, putting all my relationships, all my security and comforts into his hands, trusting deeply that his plan for my life would somehow work out, though I felt as if blindfold.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 Olympic mountains, Washington State
L-R: Dubois Morris Jr., R.A.E. Holme, A. Strong.
- 2 500 billboards displayed on the West Coast.
- 3 Soon after 350 more followed. Four companies in California contributed sites, paper, ink and printing.
- 4 Signe Lund (left) and Marie Sanger on the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais near San Francisco, 1939.
In 1938 Signe was working for Sweden's leading publishers as a commercial artist, when three men came to supervise the printing of the Swedish edition of the Moral Re-Armament publication "Rising Tide".
Receiving an invitation to the launching of MRA in Sweden, she travelled to Visby in the Baltic island of Gotland. There she found a purpose for her life. One year later she was one of a party of Scandinavians who went to America to help launch MRA there. (See p.13)
During the war years that followed she was only able to send the occasional Red Cross letter of 25 words. It was seven years later when she saw her family.

BRITAIN DECLARES WAR

August 31, 1939: Germany, having invaded Czechoslovakia, invade Poland.

September 3: Britain declares war on Germany.

September 9: Joseph P. Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador in London, warns King George that England would bankrupt herself and should get out of war if possible.

September 12: The King wrote to the American Ambassador: "England, my country is part of Europe. We stand on the threshold of we know not what. Misery and suffering of war we know. But what of the future? The British mind is made up. I leave it at that."

Similar pressure on the King also came from his brother, the Duke of Windsor, who with his American wife, admired the Nazi system. The Duke saw it as a way to defeat Communism. They were the guests of Hitler in Berlin. Once war was declared they were in danger of being used by the Nazis and had to be strongly encouraged to leave Europe for the Bahamas where he became Governor for the duration of the war.



Warsaw sisters.
(Black Star)





All the past we leave behind,
We take up the task eternal and the burden and the lesson.
Conquering, holding, daring, venturing so we go the unknown ways,
Pioneers ! O pioneers !

- Walt Whitman.

1



Signe Lund and Marie Sanger with San Francisco beyond the hills. Sunny, as Marie was usually called, opened the hearts of her parents to MRA. Her father, Henry Ford's Detroit banker, put a room in their exclusive Grosse Pointe home at the service of the MRA team working with Labor.

Sunny was only to live a few years. In 1946 she wrote a song with Jessie Allen, a Californian teacher, that played a great part in the uniting of France and Germany after World War II. It was sung by a farmer and wife in a musical revue, called "The Good Road": "The whole world is my neighbour when you and I get together." They sung it to a crusty old farmer who approached them with a gun pointing at them. The wife held out a cake for him to have, as the pair sang the song.

At the revue's final curtain the leading citizen in the audience came on stage to receive the cake. Tens of thousands of people saw the revue in city after city throughout Germany in 1948.

4




MRA *Enlist* FOR A **FEAR-FREE
HATE-FREE
GREED-FREE AMERICA**
Listen with 100 million others!
Moral Re-Armament
Listen to broadcasts • • Follow newspapers

Donated by
MORSE & SHIPLEY
A Public Service

2

Foster and Kleiser



For a fear-free America

PRESCRIPTION FOR: *Mr. and Mrs. America*
R *Honesty
Unselfishness*
- use daily

Moral Re-Armament

3

Foster and Kleiser

100 MILLION LISTENING

Lord Athlone Opens Britain's M. R. A. Events

In London Radio Address He Predicts a New World Where War Is Ruled Out

The Earl of Athlone, uncle of King George VI, in a radio address yesterday from London which officially opened the program of Moral Re-Armament Week End in the British Empire, hailed moral rearmament as "the world force which will make future war unnecessary."

Lord Athlone spoke of the present war as one phase of "a deeper struggle" against "the menace of human selfishness in ourselves, in our nation and throughout the world." He predicted that victory in this struggle alone would "surely bring that enduring peace and prosperity, that hate-free, greed-free, fear-free world for which every one of us longs."

Lord Athlone, as evidence of the growing popularity of the principles of Moral Re-Armament in the British Isles, announced that a "call" to support M. R. A. had been indorsed by 350 British mayors, provosts and other civic leaders.

The "call," as read by Lord Athlone, said in part: "We cannot live forever from one crisis to another, from one war to the next. We seek a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free world, where every man has his work to do. This, not recurring crises and destruction, is the God-given destiny of mankind."

"We deeply need the leadership of God-led men and women who base their lives on the Christian principles of honesty, unselfishness and faith. Such men and women will not only make the morale of the country impregnable, they will today create and spread that spirit which will insure a just and lasting peace."

Lord Athlone said that people of "all classes, creeds and parties" throughout the world had accepted Moral Re-Armament as "the cure for that deep disease of the spirit from which civilization is suffering."

"In all of us there is that deep longing, however humbly, to be builders of a new world, a world where men can cultivate the arts of peace and achieve the moral and spiritual progress which will alone insure that industry and science can be used for the enrichment and not the destruction of mankind."

America's participation in the world-wide observance of Moral Re-Armament Week End began Thursday night with a radio speech by Speaker William B. Bankhead of the House of Representatives: "Moral Re-Armament must become the mainspring of our national life and the touchstone of policy at home and abroad." - By radio.



San Francisco

THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1939

'LISTENING TO GOD' HELD DAILY NEED

World Broadcast of Oxford Group Gives Technique for Inviting Revelation

M. R. A., PRAISED BY CAPPER

Senator Speaks From Capital - Dr. Buchman Says Every One Must Rearm Morally

The technique of "listening to God" was explained yesterday in the third and final world-wide broadcast of the "moral rearmament week-end" sponsored by the Oxford Group.

Believers in the Oxford Group set apart a certain time daily in which they forego activity of all kind and await divine revelation on how to order their lives. They hold that God has a plan for each individual, and if he listens for God's word that plan will be made clear to him.

"The place to begin," he said, "is to take fifteen minutes a day to listen to your God. By a miracle of science many millions of people are listening unaided at this time to human voices. By a miracle of the spirit God is always broadcasting to the world. Just get quiet, early in the morning, before the doorbell or the telephone rings, and ask God what He wants you to do."

Use of Notebook Suggested "Most people find it helpful to have a notebook and pencil to write down the thoughts that come, so as not to forget them. The Chinese say that the strongest memory is weaker than the palest ink."

"You don't have to be very bright to listen, because God does the talking. If some foolish things cross your mind—well, lots of us are rather foolish people—God must have us just the same, because He so many of us. Whoever you are and wherever you are, God can talk right down the street. He can talk in every language. Honesty, purity, unselfishness and love make sense here he wants you to start."

Additional details on the method of listening came from another of the speakers on the program—H. Kenaston Twitchell, who has been an Oxford Group worker for fifteen years.

"You probably won't hear any voice or anything unusual," Mr. Twitchell said. "But a quiet, insistent thought may come into your mind. Something you did wrong and have never yet put right. Something you forgot. The name of some one you ought to help. Something to do. The assurance of faith begins to come into your life. A new kind of love begins to move in your heart. A new sort of firmness gets into your will. And you have a plan for the day."

Capper Hails Movement

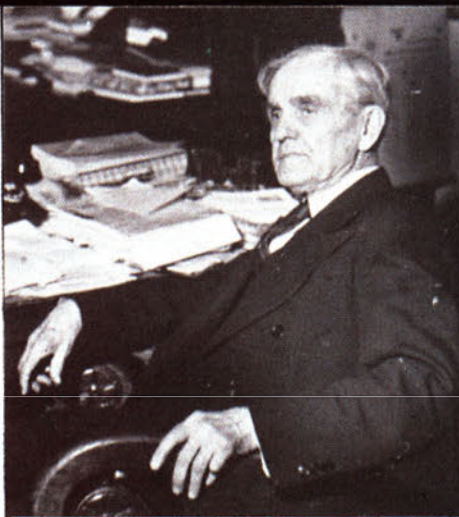
The moral rearmament movement was hailed as a force of good nationally and internationally by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, who spoke on the program from Washington. Referring to President Roosevelt's request, at the outbreak of the European war, that partisanship be adjourned and national unity prevail, the Senator, a Republican, said: "This ideal has never before been attained in this country—if in any country. But that does not mean it is an impossible ideal. It can be had at a price—the price of each of us honestly facing where we are and our party have been wrong, being willing to put that wrong right, and allowing the guidance of God to rule every act and policy."

"The Republican party will never win the confidence of the electorate unless we are willing to clean house at home—unless we ask ourselves whether we do not condone within our ranks many of the very practices of which we accuse the other party. Similarly, America can never hope to win the confidence of the world unless we also recognize our share of guilt in the present chaos, and decide to do differently in the future."

Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, closed the broadcast with a brief speech. In which he predicted that 1940 would be "M. R. A. Year." M. R. A., in the Oxford Group, stands for "moral rearmament."

"We now move," Dr. Buchman said, "from a hundred million people listening to a hundred million people enlisting. A world-wide family. You cannot pick and choose who will be rearmend. Every one should be rearmend."

"You and me—the ordinary man, remakers of the world. When we listen and enlist we shall learn to share and care. This will bring us nearer to the solution of that vexed problem of unemployment. If every one cared enough, wouldn't every one have enough?"



Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, urged that America "read the handwriting on the wall and throw every energy and influence we possess behind this cause."



Shanghai



SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, DECEMBER 1, 1939

MRA

World Crusade Opens Today Over Radios

Intellectual leaders of the world's nations await today the outcome of an unprecedented experiment in the application of moral strength to the mighty doors of Mars which stand as seemingly insurmountable barriers between their peoples and peace.

With a new undeclared war raging in Europe and new griefs added to peaceful nations by internal dissensions, a hundred million people will join today, tomorrow and Sunday in listening for guidance through the hate, fear and greed infested maze.

Their only signpost is hope—their remaining source of strength, faith—their only leaves, love and charity. The physical means of experiment will be the radio—the spiritual instrumentally, Moral Re-Armament.

Officially, the three-day observance will be inaugurated in San Francisco at 12 noon, when Chief Administrative Officer Cleary declares the ceremony under way at the city plaza.

Evening broadcasts will be over KYA at 7:15, KRE at 8:45, KQW at 8:15, and KIX at 9:45. KYA broadcasts will be at the same hour each of the three days and will feature application of MRA locally.

Speakers tonight will be members of a working family (a mother, three sons, a daughter-in-law), a business man, a doctor, a newspaper columnist. Tomorrow's speakers will be a shipyard worker, an employee and his wife, a personal director, a building laborer.

Speakers tonight will be members of a working family (a mother, three sons, a daughter-in-law), a business man, a doctor, a newspaper columnist. Tomorrow's speakers will be a shipyard worker, an employee and his wife, a personal director, a building laborer.

Speakers tonight will be members of a working family (a mother, three sons, a daughter-in-law), a business man, a doctor, a newspaper columnist. Tomorrow's speakers will be a shipyard worker, an employee and his wife, a personal director, a building laborer.

Speakers tonight will be members of a working family (a mother, three sons, a daughter-in-law), a business man, a doctor, a newspaper columnist. Tomorrow's speakers will be a shipyard worker, an employee and his wife, a personal director, a building laborer.

Save Freedom, Byrd Urges

Today in the crisis which threatens to destroy freedom and civilization, the most important pioneering to be done is in the realm of the spirit.

America's first line of defense is the character of her citizens. Character cannot be taken for granted. If we are going to preserve freedom, it has to be built for by every man, woman and child every day and every generation. Without character, man doesn't deserve freedom; so he loses it. A man of character has a deep sympathy for his fellow men. He wishes his neighbor well. We are all neighbors today.

The building of character is moral rearmament. That is the fight of America and of the world. That is the only armament that can stop armaments of destruction, and on the eve of my departure for the Antarctic, I want to say that I believe that this way lies the hope for peace.

Moral Re-Armament—the fight for a new world, strong, clean, united—should fire the hearts of all red-blooded Americans and spur their wills for action.

HEAR ADMIRAL RICHARD BYRD, Commanding Officer U. S. Second Antarctic Expedition.

Organizing Speeded

Meanwhile, feminine leaders in the Metropolitan Bay Area continue organization work expected to lead to formation of hundreds of listening groups. At the same time, they signed a statement on aims of the mobilization, which follows, in part:

"We are facing today a world-wide disaster or the emergence of a new order. Nations are caught in conflict.

"Hate, greed, fear and selfishness—the seeds of war—are in every land. The people of the world look to America, but they see no sign of broken homes and industrial strife. Yet America is still free to mobilize for an answer. "America will be free and able to stand secure."



"A Call to Our Citizens" was issued by 550 British Mayors.

After outlining the principles of Moral Re-Armament, it continued:

"In fresh and whole-hearted acceptance of them lies our moral strength for these dark days - the answer to our fears and to our griefs, our one sure hope for a new world."

Seattle

← One of 500 billboards used up and down the West Coast.

Left of speaker is Sen. Harry S. Truman. The speaker is Wilbur Huston, the son of Bishop Huston of Seattle, third from right.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 Inside San Francisco's City Hall, June 4, 1939.
- 2 Outside four arc lights, representing the four standards of MRA, are seen against the dome of the City's auditorium. Six years later, the first United Nations Assembly was held here.
- 3 New York Herald Tribune, December 2, 1939.
- 4 New York Times, December 4, 1939.
- 5 San Francisco Chronicle, December 1, 1939.
- 6 Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas.
- 7 China: MRA programs were carried on 3 radio stations in Chinese and English, - also in the great daily newspapers.

3 NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, December 2, 1939.

The Earl of Athlone, uncle of King George VI, in a radio address yesterday from London which officially opened the program of Moral Re-Armament Week End in the British Empire, hailed moral re-armorment as "the world force which will make future war unnecessary."

Lord Athlone spoke of the present war as one phase of "a deeper struggle" against "the menace of human selfishness in ourselves, in our nation and throughout the world." He predicted that victory in this struggle alone would "surely bring that enduring peace and prosperity, that hate-free, greed-free, fear-free world for which everyone of us longs."

Lord Athlone, as evidence of the growing popularity of the principles of Moral Re-Armament in the British Isles, announced that a "call" to support M.R.A. had been indorsed by 350 British mayors, provosts and other civic leaders. . .

The "call", as read by Lord Athlone, said in part: "We cannot live for ever from one crisis to another, from one war to the next. We seek a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free world, where every man has his work to do. This, not recurring crises and destruction, is the God-given destiny of mankind. . .

"We deeply need the leadership of God-led men and women who base their lives on the Christian principles of honesty, unselfishness and faith. Such men and women will not only make the morale of the country impregnable, they will today create and spread that spirit which will insure a just and lasting peace."

Lord Athlone said that people of "all classes, creeds and parties" throughout the world had accepted Moral Re-Armament as "the cure for that deep disease of the spirit from which civilization is suffering." He described the purpose of M.R.A. as "the practical application by every one, everywhere, of the standards of honesty, purity and love."

"Surely these living principles have ever been the true strength and security of our Nation and Empire," he added. "In fresh whole-hearted acceptance of them now lies our moral strength for these dark days - the answer to our fears and to our griefs, our sure hope for a new world."

"In all of us there is that deep longing, however humbly, to be builders of a new world, a world where men can cultivate the arts of peace and achieve the moral and spiritual progress which will alone insure that industry and science can be used for the enrichment and not the destruction of mankind."

5 SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, December 1, 1939.

Today in the crisis which threatens to destroy freedom and civilization, the most important pioneering to be done is in the realm of the spirit.

America's first line of defense is the character of her citizens. Character cannot be taken for granted. If we are going to preserve freedom, it has to be battled for by every man, woman and child every day and every generation. Without character, man doesn't deserve freedom; so he loses it. A man of character has a deep sympathy for his fellow men. He wishes his neighbor well. We are all neighbors today.

The building of character is moral rearmorment. That is the fight of America and of the world. That is the only armorment that can stop armorments of destruction, and on the eve of my departure for the Antarctic, I want to say that I believe that this way lies the hope for peace.

Moral Re-Armament - the fight for a new world, strong, clean, united - should fire the hearts of all red-blooded Americans and spur their wills for action.

- Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Commanding Officer U.S. 2nd. Antarctic Expedition.

4 NEW YORK TIMES, December 4, 1939.

The moral rearmorment movement was hailed as a force of good nationally and internationally by Senator Arthur Capper⁶ of Kansas, who spoke on the program from Washinton. Referring to President Roosevelt's request, at the outbreak of the European war, that partisanship be adjourned and national unity prevail, the Senator, a Republican, said:

"This ideal has never before been attained in this country - if in any country. But that does not mean it is an impossible ideal. It can be had at a price - the price of each of us honestly facing where we and our party have been wrong, being willing to put that wrong right, and allowing the guidance of God to rule every act and policy.

The Republican party will never win the confidence of the electorate unless we are willing to clean house at home - unless we ask ourselves whether we do not condone within our ranks many of the very practices of which we accuse the other party. Similarly, America can never hope to win the confidence of the world unless we also recognize our share of guilt in the present chaos, and decide to do differently in the future."

Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of the Oxford Group, closed the broadcast with a brief speech. . .

"We now move," Dr. Buchman said, "from a hundred million people listening to a hundred million people enlisting. A world-wide family. You cannot pick and choose who will be rearmend. Every one should be rearmend.

"You and me - the ordinary men, remakers of the world. When we listen and enlist we shall learn to share and care. This will bring us nearer to the solution of that vexed problem of unemployment. If every one cared enough, and every one shared enough, wouldn't every one have enough?"

Fire That Forges Prophets

Bunny Austin: During the days when the most important results were being achieved in the aircraft factories, the London Sunday Pictorial got into the act. It launched an attack. This newspaper, which had often carried my picture in the past, carried it once again. Across the top of the center page spread ran a large black headline: "These Men Are Making Fools of Themselves - And Britain."⁴

This was followed by an attack in the Sunday Despatch. It was not an altogether pleasant experience to be attacked in this way. I had learned to expect opposition. I had learned that whereas, when I had lived entirely for myself, I was elevated almost to the position of a hero, when I decided to try and live unselfishly there were many who were only too ready to condemn me. And it interested me too that whereas to my knowledge there were six other British tennis players in America at that time, I alone was singled out for attack.



BRITAIN GIVES MISSION TO NATIONALS IN U.S. - REJECTS SERVICE OFFER BUT BIDS THEM CULTIVATE

GOODWILL - New York Times headline, May 31, 1940.

4

When war broke out in Europe the 33 MRA overseas workers stayed on in America on the advice of British Consular officials acting on instructions from their Embassy. Twenty-nine were British, one was Canadian, one S.African, one Danish and one Norwegian.

W.J.Grogan, (Transport Workers Union full-time official for 22 years): Brookdale, California, lies in the Santa Cruz Mountains, an easy drive from San Francisco. One spring afternoon in 1940 three steelworker organizers and their wives - the Flannerys, Shippeys and Riffes, drove up to Brookdale Lodge. They looked curiously around them. It was a comfort to John Riffe to think that if things grew dull there was, nestling in the trunk of his car, a large case of whisky. Meantime they found themselves warmly welcomed and shown to their rooms. So far so good.

At dinner that night they met Dr. Frank Buchman, then in his early sixties. He proved to be very different from what Riffe had expected. He was first of all a wonderful host, so easy to talk to. His conversation had an unusual quality - it was both lucid and profound; it was enlivened constantly by a rich sense of humor. John Riffe was deeply impressed by Buchman's knowledge of world affairs and personalities, and by his friendship with trade union leaders in many lands. Buchman's grasp of realities lay not in theories but in actual experience.

Riffe heard stories of people who had been changed. Buchman explained it in this way: "Everybody wants to see the other fellow change, but everybody is waiting for the other fellow to begin. Moral Re-Armament means that I start with myself." Riffe told Buchman he didn't think he needed to change. Buchman listened while Riffe talked more. Then he smiled and said, "Maybe there is someone else you'd like to see changed or different - that employer, that difficult man in your union." Several names immediately leaped into John's mind. "That's the point," Buchman went on, "to learn the secret of changing your enemies and making them your friends." Riffe later described this as "a new thought for me, one I'd never had before." Then Buchman said, "Or maybe you'd like your wife and children to be different."

Now Riffe was really interested. This would be such a good idea for his wife, Rose, he thought. Yes indeed, if she changed, everything would be fine! Suddenly he thought of the case of whisky still in his car. Somehow, after meeting Buchman, he didn't feel the need for it. The ideas he was hearing, the people he was meeting kept his heart and mind fully occupied and warmly satisfied. It was a refreshing new atmosphere and climate.

That weekend was the start of a transforming friendship between Riffe and Buchman which was to last as long as life itself.

³ **John Riffe was the West Coast Director of the Steelworkers union.** Together, with Buchman and Austin, he knew what it meant to be attacked for carrying out the work he believed in. On one occasion, while organizing trade unions in the Southern States, he was smashed up and left for dead.

He understood Buchman when he talked about the fire that forges prophets. ●

At the round table initiated by the Seattle Star ¹ **Buchman met the District President of the Boeing Union, Garry Cotton, who invited him to speak to 5,000 of his members.** From this developed a training program for the Boeing branch, and shortly afterwards, Cotton's leadership prevented a strike in Boeing which would have halted production of aeroplanes on the whole of the West Coast.

The Boeing Aircraft Co., Seattle's major industry, gearing up to produce the B17 Flying Fortress bomber, was in turmoil, due partly to break-neck expansion and partly to the ideological confusion spread by the Communist leadership of the local branch of the Machinists' union.

At the Lockheed Co. in Los Angeles a similar Moral Re-Armament training program was launched in the largest union local branch in the country with 35,000 members.

FINLAND'S WINTER WAR

Erkki Vuoristo (right, at MRA Assembly in Visby) was killed defending Finland against the Soviet during the winter war - November 1939 to March 1940.

At the start of the fighting the Russians mismanaged the campaign so badly that their attacks in the south of Finland got nowhere. In January they were decisively defeated in the center. This was largely due to Stalin's great purges from 1936 onwards of 20-40% of all officers below brigade. Consequently young party enthusiasts, who neither inspired confidence nor understood the new equipment, took the place of the professional military men. In order to beat the Finnish army of 200,000 men in three months, the Russians had to employ 1½ million men.

Finland had expected help from America, Britain and France. But apart from some volunteers there was no concrete help. At the cost of 68,000 dead the Russians got Karelia, and 200,000 Finns had to leave their homes and lands to remain in what was left of Finland.

THE WOMEN OF FINLAND

Inspired by the lead of their President's wife, the women of Finland issued a call for MRA. They said, "In this way we can, with our lives, build and fortify our country's unity and power. It is to this mobilisation that we now call every woman. We, our people, the Nordic North, all the nations of the world, must return to listening and obeying the living God."



PACIFISM

January 1940: It was estimated that 34% of all English voters favored "peace at any price", almost all of them in the middle and upper classes who had suffered the most through World War I.

Fearing that a Fifth Column might develop through which the Nazi secret services could infiltrate to seize or influence the power of the state, Churchill authorized the detention of 436 persons, 150 of them described as "prominent". - "The Secret Servant" by Anthony Cave Brown, 1988.



New York City. May Day marchers protest, 1940. Photo by Parade.

In a 1939 poll, 90% of Americans did not want to join the fight, though 80% hoped the Allies would win.



Nazi Swastika beside the Stars and Stripes at German-American Bund rally. The President was denounced as "F.D. Rosenfeld, part of the international Jewish conspiracy." Bund's membership was 85,000. Photo by Heller.

PHOTOGRAPHS

¹ **Seattle Star** carries a series of articles on MRA. New Year editorial suggests "Round Table" conferences where "public problems" could go "toward building a unanimity of effort" for the country's benefit.

² **San Francisco steelworkers** hand out news and facts about MRA to their work mates.

³ **John Riffe, West Coast Organizer of the Steelworkers Union, with Mrs. Annie Jaeger** at a Round Table conference in Santa Cruz, California.

⁴ **London's Sunday Pictorial** publishes an attack against Bunny Austin, Buchman and other MRA overseas workers.

STEELWORKERS ACT



John Riffe and Annie Jaeger at Brookdale Round Table Conference. He and his party arrived in a sceptical mood. Later he told that the main item of their luggage was a crate of whiskey. He was particularly struck by a phrase used frequently - "Not who's right, but what's right." He left Brookdale with the beginnings of a changed attitude towards his wife and his work.

seattle star

A New Year, A New Decade! What Will Seattle Do About It?

WE APPROACH a new year—a new decade.

It's time we took stock as to what they will bring to Seattle.

Looking back over the last 10-year period, there is little we can find about which Seattle can be proud. Putting all due blame on the depression and other economic drags, there was still too much disunion and too little progress.

To the nation at large Seattle came out of the 30's with a black eye and a bad reputation.

We believe the city itself will agree that we ended the decade with only a shred of the once-proud Seattle Spirit that built, on the ashes of adversity, the greatest city of its age in the world.

We believe the city itself will agree that during the last decade we have built up a system of chiseling, back-biting and short-sightedness that has been a stone wall holding back the logical growth of our community.

As one prominent Seattleite expresses it: "The reason Seattle gets so little done is that when someone has an idea he is generally more interested in getting credit for it than in making it work . . . and when others, who might help, hear about the idea, either they oppose it unless they are included in its benefits, or they ignore it altogether."

This is pitiful—but it's true. We've seen it happen a dozen times, at the expense of new industries that wanted to locate

TURNING a new leaf, like charity, begins at home.

And so The Star apologizes publicly for the mistakes it has made in the past. Perhaps it has been too free to run down the ideas of others—too prone to insist on ideas of its own.

And on this eve of making new resolutions, it figuratively offers its hand to its competitors and to all others who want to honestly and conscientiously help to build Seattle, with a pledge that it will do all in its power to co-operate.

We believe that if we, as a city, can attain more unity, which after all is merely less individual pride and more respect for the other fellow's ideas, we will be on our way. That will automatically bring about the submerging of old feuds and unnecessary rivalries, which must be forgotten if the decade of the 40's is going to bring the progress to which Seattle is entitled.

As a specific plan for bringing about a rebirth of the old-time Seattle Spirit and a program in which every person can co-operate, The Star offers this:

Why not a "Round Table" where, frequently and as an informal group, members representing business, labor, property, farmers, local governments, the three newspapers, and other major divisions of Seattle life could sit down and discuss our public problems?

29. 12. 39.

Alan Thornhill writes to his mother, July 17, 1939, about his work in the Seattle High Schools and University. At some periods there were thirty of them. Some worked with William Jaeger in the industrial areas, especially Boeings.

"Stuart Smith has received a telegram that his brother is 'missing' after Dunkirk. His father was killed in the last war. It has helped us all to fight harder and sacrifice more, in this fight against the titanic forces of evil in the world."

December 13, 1939. "A student of journalism came in last night in serious trouble. He writes for the University Daily. He poured out all his troubles and said he wanted to make a new start. Just as we finished having a quiet time, in came one of his best friends, also changed this term. So we all ended on our knees together. That's the sort of experience that makes everything here worthwhile."

February 17, 1940. "We've had a great week of school meetings—five on one day!"

March 4, 1940. "I'm getting to know a lot of teachers. . . Our Sunday night meetings topped 100 last evening. Rather amazing as we never advertise it or even ask people to come. One or two students spoke with real fire and conviction."

"There is a big "Housing and Home Exhibition" in town, and we have a MRA booth at it. They expect 100,000 people. We have large photos of changed people and families, also books, and some inviting chairs for people to sit and talk."

John Walters wrote this and other articles attacking those working with MRA throughout the war years. Forty years later he wrote that his articles "were not directed against MRA beliefs." That may be, but the tabloid press, for whom he wrote and by whom he got paid, used the articles for evil ends. Their aim was to break up the committed and trained group of people of MRA.

On the same day as this double page attack in London's Sunday Pictorial, the New York Times, presented a different picture.

It stated that the "33 MRA overseas workers" were advised by their Embassy to remain and continue to "cultivate goodwill." May 31, 1940.

LONDON'S SUNDAY PICTORIAL, MAY 31, 1940.

They're Making Fools of Themselves, AND— They're Making A Fool of Britain!

DO you know what Moral Re-Armament is? You've probably seen the name—or its initials M.R.A.—on posters in your town. And you have probably read stories in the newspapers about meetings and conferences of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign. Have you ever wondered just exactly what the campaign is? And have you ever speculated on just who is running it?

First let me give you what M.R.A. means in the words of its sponsors and leaders: "Moral Re-Armament means power to change people, your enemies as well as your friends, the other nations as well as your own. We must be prepared for unexpected emergencies."

Who were they? None other than Dr. Frank B. Meyer, Jr., a prominent American, and a group of men, known as the "Moral Re-Armament Group," who were active in the "Old World."

Cuba University did not take it all so readily. Dr. Meyer's first visit to the island, and his year the Old World group gradually began to spread and expand since there is little else to do in Cuba.

But I don't intend to tell you what they are doing for the world. I want to tell you what they are doing for the United States. I want to tell you what they are doing for the British Empire.

Now let me tell you what they are doing for the world. I want to tell you what they are doing for the United States. I want to tell you what they are doing for the British Empire.

Now let me tell you what they are doing for the world. I want to tell you what they are doing for the United States. I want to tell you what they are doing for the British Empire.

Now let me tell you what they are doing for the world. I want to tell you what they are doing for the United States. I want to tell you what they are doing for the British Empire.

Now let me tell you what they are doing for the world. I want to tell you what they are doing for the United States. I want to tell you what they are doing for the British Empire.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.



It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.



It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

The activities of the British members of the Moral Re-Armament Campaign are spreading all over the world.

It is a way to defeat the influence of Russia and Germany, which are the great enemies of the world.

THE MOTHER OF ALL ISMS

Frank Buchman: (Broadcasting to Asia, Africa, South America and Europe by Short Wave, June 4.)

We are gathered here from all sections of the United States in this most beautiful city of San Francisco... Crisis draws us closer together. Every patriot wants to see his country strong and her defences adequate for national safety and security. The call of the hour is a call to strength. Mr. Edison, Secretary of the Navy, whose mother (top 1 photo) speaks here with me today, said recently:



"There is one ingredient in national defence that transcends all others. It is born of the hearts of our people and it may be called National Character. Without character and a deep-seated moral armament bred into the fiber of our citizens, no matter in what walk of life they may perform their civil tasks, there will be little worth defending.

"The Navy is responsible for the training, welfare and discipline of its personnel. But these are few. A hundred and thirty-seven million others must know why their country lives and is worthy of living. To build a citizenry whose roots are deep in the finer traditions of our land - to form a National Character that may some day lead the world back from chaos - to make our country impregnable both from within and without - is not the job of the Navy, it is yours."

Mr. Edison further says, "Moral Re-Armament shares equally in importance with material re-armament in these critical days." He has voiced the real task that faces all of us. It is the conquest of materialism within our borders and within ourselves. Materialism is our great enemy. It is the chief 'ism' we have to combat and conquer. It is the mother of all the 'isms'. There is the battleground. There the warfare must be waged so that we can firmly establish those homely truths of honesty, unselfishness and obedience to God that are the hallmarks of personal and national sanity.

The great Catholic journal and organ of the Vatican, OSSERVATORE ROMANO, after describing the response to Moral Re-Armament in many countries, calls the movement "a powerful help in the Pope's daily efforts to recall souls and the world to the virtues of the Gospels." Another Catholic journal, ITALIA, in an article on Moral Re-Armament states: "The problem is now to redirect the thinking of all people, to inspire them again with the conviction that God is a living and active force in the midst of us, to persuade them that machinery, technical knowledge, organisation, excellent in themselves, are incapable of solving our problems." This is the battle of Moral Re-Armament. Without the conquest of materialism, our nations will decay from within while we prepare to defend ourselves against the attack from without.

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 Buchman speaks to Los Angeles City Council, June 1940. With him are (left) Mrs. Edison, widow of Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor, and Joseph Scott, a leading American lay Catholic. Fifteen years later Scott said: "As we stand at the crossroads of history there is only one answer and Frank Buchman has got it."

2 John Barry in San Francisco News wrote six times in one month about MRA, - June 1940. On Buchman he wrote: "Half a dozen years ago I made his acquaintance at a luncheon given by R.E. Tobin. He impressed me then as a modest, quiet man. Now that I know him better and have grown more familiar with the work he's doing, I can see that he belongs among the most remarkable figures in our time. He has stimulated a great number of people throughout the world, he has been the means of making over their lives, of giving them a new and finer outlook. Perhaps his greatest feat has come from his enabling them to let up on themselves."

3 San Francisco News headlines: "Materialism is the Foe".

4 Supervisor Dr. A. E. Schmidt, Chairman of the Citizens' MRA Committee, reads the Mayor's Proclamation for MRA Week for National Unity, on the steps of San Francisco's City Hall, June 1. Left of the speaker with folded hands is Supervisor John Anson Ford of Los Angeles County.

Dr. Buchman, speaking at the Commercial Club, San Francisco, said: "The average business man freely admits that what America needs today is a moral and spiritual awakening. But he quickly adds: 'That is the business of our religious leaders.' True but it must also be the business of our business leaders."

- San Francisco News.

BUCHMAN'S REALITY



Annelou Teixeira de Mattos: (of a leading banking family) Holland: May, 1940.

Frank sent me a telegram. I was in San Francisco.

"If you have any money in Holland, send for it." I cabled my father and said,

"Please send me the money I have in the bank." My father answered, "Its all well

invested. Just you leave it right where it is." I was really much pleased with his

reply because I didn't much relish the idea of being responsible for a large sum.

So I told Frank that I couldn't do it because my father didn't agree. Frank sent me

another telegram: "Still think you send for it." So I sent another telegram to my father. He

replied to my great surprise, "If you want it here it is." On May 4 I got a very substantial

sum. On May 10 Holland was invaded. I couldn't get any more. So that made my stay in America

much easier. I was a little hesitant about what I should do with my capital of \$50,000. Of

course in a banking family you're not supposed to use capital, you're supposed to get income

with it. If you use capital that's a major mistake.

I offered Frank a car because I saw him going around in borrowed cars all the time.

Frank very kindly refused it. He said, "No thank you, but I know something else that is very

necessary. There is a girl in England who needs to come over to Canada and if you like to pay

for her ticket you are welcome to do so." That was more down my alley, so I did that. It was

part of the changing of the furniture of my mind too.



DUNKIRK

June 1940. Rescuing the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk would require all available vessels. Only 41 of the British Navy's 200 destroyers and escorts were available. So every type of vessel was commandeered as well - personnel ships, trawlers, fireboats, paddle-wheelers and old Thames river barges. French, Dutch and Belgian vessels raced to the scene. The call also went out to every yacht club along the coast. Yachtsmen converged from everywhere. Many insisted on joining the operation themselves.

The Germans swept enormous areas of the Channel with shellfire from their guns. Dive bombers were worst of all. The ships were like sitting ducks. There was not enough room for evasive action.

Thousands of German mines littered the shallow waters of the coast. They worked North Pole downward only so the Admiralty embarked on a massive program of magnetizing all ships going to Dunkirk South Pole downward. So the ships repelled the mines. Not a single ship was lost to them.

Inside Dunkirk everything seemed to be on fire. Troops were in disarray. Their gaunt, unshaven faces were expressionless with exhaustion. They stretched in one endless serpentine mass, with no cover from German planes. Ships came as close as they dared. But in many cases it was not close enough. Men in their heavy uniforms waded out, tried to swim but were dragged under by their wet clothes.

In nine days nine hundred ships going to and fro across the Channel brought 338,226 British, French, Dutch and Belgian troops safely to England. Forty-four thousand had to be left behind.

With the beach exploding around them, one Yorkshire infantryman bellowed songs like, "Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside." In the same mood a sailor mimicked a peacetime excursion tout: "Who's for Brighton?"



Los Angeles

Friday, May 31, 1940
Ways of the World

Monday, June 3, 1940
Ways of the World

Tuesday, June 4, 1940
Ways of the World

Thursday, June 27, 1940
Ways of the World

Friday, June 28, 1940
Ways of the World

Saturday, June 22, 1940
Ways of the World

Francisco News
UPPER DAY

'MATERIALISM IS THE FOE'

Dr. Buchman Speaks At Commercial Club

"Materialism is the chief 'ism' we have to combat and conquer," Dr. Frank Buchman, initiator of Moral Re-Armament, declared today at a luncheon sponsored by the Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce and the citizens Moral Re-Armament committee. The luncheon, attended by business men, was at the Commercial Club.

"You business men will pull off the biggest business deal of all time if you give American industrial co-operation and national unity," he continued. "The business men who merchandises the product will prosper. That at least would give the answer to the overhead of fear in business."

"The average business man freely admits that what America needs today is a moral and spiritual awakening. But he quickly adds: 'That is the business of our religious leaders.' True, but it must also be the business of our business leaders."

My friend, Ken Twitwell, and I had arranged to take the day train to Los Angeles together. As the train pulled out, I saw a man in a dark suit and hat who I recognized as Dr. Frank Buchman. He was standing near the door of the train, looking towards the camera. He had a friendly expression and was holding a hat. The train was moving slowly, and the background was slightly blurred.

San Francisco



Krishna Prasada, later Postmaster General, writes of **Lionel Jardine** (left):

We joined the Indian Civil Service the same year, and were allotted to the same Province. We met every day so I can claim to know him. He was one of the tribe of "burra sahibs" who imagined that they had been ordained by God to rule the British Empire. He carried himself with an air of superiority.

But Lionel gives the lie to the theory that man's nature, his attitudes to life, his allergies to people, his reactions cannot change. I can bear witness to the miracle in his life.

- London "Times", 27 May 1980.

GANDHI - 'it is true'.

May 1940: **Roger Hicks** - who spent many years in India and stayed at the Mahatma's ashram for weeks at a time - told Gandhi of the character changes in certain British officials, notably **Lionel Jardine**, then Revenue Commissioner in the North-West Frontier Province, and the effect of this change in bringing peace between Hindus and Muslims.

"Gandhi reminded me of the stories I had told him about Jardine and said he had had Khan Sahib, the Chief Minister of the Province, investigate them and 'they were all true'. He considered that this was the most important thing coming out of the West today . . . If men's motives and conduct could be changed, then the chess board was upset and anything could happen. He bade me go and see the Viceroy and tell him that if this spirit prevailed India and Britain would be able to come to terms at once." - "Frank Buchman: a life" by Garth Lean.

Buchman was to visit India nine times during his lifetime. He told on many occasions how it was like walking with Aristotle when walking with Gandhi.

The whole character of Indian history in this period is the collusion, unspoken and hardly admitted, between the British power and Gandhi. For thirty years they fought each other, but cooperated tacitly in preventing the fight from getting out of hand. Both acted as if guided by the maxim of Machiavelli that you should treat your enemy as if he may one day become your friend. Because of the phenomenon of Gandhi's personality, a momentous struggle for freedom was fought, resolutely on both sides, but with an almost cheerful cordiality on both sides, and in a way which enabled both sides to be reconciled and to cooperate when it was over.

- "Total War", P.Calvocoressi and Guy Wint, Penguin Books, 1972.

JUNE - OCTOBER 1940: Frank Buchman was conscious of the magnitude of the task confronting us. Not only the winning of the war, in which America was not yet engaged, but of reconstructing a war-ravaged world in the future. For this he realized the need to deepen the spiritual life, the inner discipline and commitment and the unity of his team to sustain all that lay ahead, and the need to form new weapons to speak to America and beyond. He was a mature Christian leader in his sixties, his team an able, enthusiastic dedicated band, mainly in their twenties and thirties. They needed deepening and toughening for the task to which God was calling them. This process needed to be learned at the most practical and earthy level. It was not an intellectual exercise but a maturing experience of living their faith in new and deeper ways, plumbing new depths of self-knowledge, of dedication and commitment, in inner change, of honest fellowship, forging a united force of people ready to go anywhere to bring God's truth intelligently and with reality wherever it was needed in the national life.



Garrett Stearly: Tahoe became a crucible for the re-forging of the full-time force and a re-assessment of objectives. The first was to make sure that every individual in Frank's operating team entered into a maximum experience of Jesus Christ and His power. The second was to find the way to express that dynamic so that America would understand and respond to it. The astounding story of those few brief months . . . forged a group of men and women who stood by each other and their common goals through the ravages of war . . . and carried forward a national campaign assessed by many as supplying the moral backbone for a people fighting to preserve freedom in the world.



Willard Hunter: As June wore on and the big events died down it became clear to Frank that his friends' Christian experiences needed deepening. A spirit of activism and the satisfaction that success brings was not always of God. I was not the only one who was doggedly going on, realizing it was pretty dead fish. We had got in touch with all the youth groups of San Francisco. We had a burst of enthusiasm over a policy of not having a youth program of our own but of capturing those who were responsible for the youth.

This violated one of Frank's often repeated warnings: "Have a personalized program rather than personalizing a program."

3 Frank had gone to Tahoe "for a rest" at a cottage of friends by the name of Kroll. Almost at once he decided that this was the place for his battle-weary troops. Often he invited people and found the beds later. Garage floors, unused shacks, hammocks - everything was thrown into the breach.

The flavor of Frank's Christianity had very little sugar and a great deal of salt. At Tahoe, the saline mixture had lost none of its savour. A buzz saw might be a closer analogy. It was a rugged battle course. But those who went through it were transformed. Those who didn't quite accept it faded out. It was a continental divide. Tahoe purged and readied the force for dark days ahead. In a sense the strategy of the war years was begun there.

Frank said to me one morning, "You're nothing but a stubborn and bull-headed Minnesotan. Either you change or find something else to do." I was all set to pack my bags and return to law school. But about three days later, the miracle did happen and my relationship to Frank was from thenceforth for ever different. Fear was replaced by genuine fellowship. Frank had an uncanny way of knowing when you walked into a room whether you were really in touch with God. His quick eye would brighten up and he would look expectantly to hear what your guidance was. Yet on the duller days, you were practically another piece of furniture.

The key to the change in my relationship with Frank was a double one: (1) If one's relationship to God is right, one's relationship to Frank took care of itself. For Frank's relationships to other people were less based on human considerations than is usually the case; (2) The other key is what God told me about the nature of the man himself, that he was not a superman but just an ordinary person like myself, with simple wants like mine, who needed genuine companionship, encouragement, daily forgiveness, corrective, straight dealing, and people around him who would be dead real. In short, he needed and warmly responded to the self-same things he so freely gave to others.

Basil Entwistle: Frank's first concern was that we who were at the core of MRA should be living its philosophy without compromise. He did not expect us to be blameless, but he knew that unless our commitment was wholehearted, no amount of hard work or strenuous activity would be very fruitful.

6 One morning he walked into the chalet where we were meeting, holding up a delicately blooming peach. "That's the way I'd like all you young women to be," he told his startled listeners. "Some of you are going around looking more like prunes. Don't strain and worry so much. This peach reflects God's creation. So can you. Accept what He wants you to be. I'd like you all to be marriageable!"

In larger issues, as well as in the life of the individual, Frank was for ever searching and prodding us to search, for new ways to express our convictions.

One morning Frank Buchman told us we must have the white heat passion of an acetylene torch that will go through the steely selfishness of the nation.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 Mt. Tallac, 9,000 ft. high with its eternal cross of snow.
- 2 Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe, - 5,000 ft. above sea level.
- 3 The Kroll cottage, - the first home lent to Frank Buchman.
- 4 A neighbor's garden; Cece Broadhurst (left of fire) sings with his guitar. Result - bed on the porch.
- 5 Italian born "Poppa" Globin with Buchman and Broadhurst on the steps of Tahoe's only hotel. From July - October he gave a free loan of his chalet 6 with its five bars, former dance hall and kitchen. During the Prohibition years (1919-1933) it was a popular drinking haven, being on the California-Nevada State line. The chalet became the central meeting place from early to late. Globin also gave his hotel top floor.
- 7 Daily 7.30 a.m. meeting at the chalet which Buchman takes. In the foreground green figs are being got ready for breakfast at 8.30 a.m. They had arrived with other food by truck overnight from San Francisco, 300 miles away.
- 8 Buchman at a meeting: L-R. Polly Ann Eastman, Elisabeth de Mestral, Marion Anderson, and William Jaeger.

Signe Strong, 28 years later writing to her daughter:

At Lake Tahoe Frank spent three months, with about 100 of us, on this question of our commitment. He felt we were not able to bring others to new life and commitment, but were only getting people's backing and interest. He wanted us to be able to raise up people who were able to stick together through anything - opposition, discouragement, hardship, discipline, corrective, and still have initiative, courage and vision, even if they were alone . . .

In order to affect the human race and get them moving in a new age of miracles, a completely new era in human history, the real thing is needed.

THE FLAME OF FRENCH RESISTANCE

June 16, 1940. As Hitler marched down the roads of France, Churchill offered France union with Britain in a last minute effort to keep her in war with Germany. There would be a joint cabinet, a joint meeting of the two Parliaments or a single one. But whatever the methods the "indispensable condition for any hope of victory for the two is the real, complete, immediate, and enduring unity of the two countries acting in all things as one, without regard to separate interests." The declaration of Union was sent by Gen. de Gaulle to French P.M. Paul Reynaud.



I, General de Gaulle, now in London, call on all French officers and men who are at present on British soil to get in touch with me. Whatever happens, the flame of French resistance must not and shall not be extinguished.

(Part of de Gaulle's broadcast on June 18, the day after Marshal Petain's government surrendered to Germany.)

French Communists' support for Stalin's ally, Germany, played a significant and perhaps crucial role in the destruction of the French will to resist.



French in Marseilles.

Compiègne,
 France
 June 21
 1940 -
 Hitler
 accepts
 France's
 surrender.





1

2



3

4



5

6



7

8

use all of everything:

NO WASTE in the ice box, cash box, or brain box

Basil Entwistle: Frank had a clear purpose in gathering his workers at Tahoe. He felt the need to train us in a more effective, more realistic and more frugal life-style in tune with the times into which America was moving. He foresaw food shortages, rationing, scarcity of accommodations and other facilities as the world, and the United States with it, plunged deeper into war. He also felt our need for a stronger faith and a re-ordering of priorities.

Frank Buchman tells us to care for the whole man and wear out people with kindness.

feud ends

Bunny Austin: Frank used the visit of two farming friends to demonstrate the care with which he expected a meal to be planned. The visitors were brothers who lived in a valley not far from Tahoe. They were pioneers. They had come west in pursuit of gold, but stumbling on the valley set in the high Sierra mountains and struck not only by its beauty but by its potential richness, they had staked their claims and built their ranches. Tall poplars grew up to shield the ranch houses from the sun, crops grew abundantly under cloudless skies, cattle grazed in the well-watered fields. Everything seemed to exist that could make life pleasant and joyful for the two brothers living with their families in separate homes 300 yards apart. (pp. 46, 47)



The two Dangberg brothers, John and Fred, were diametrically opposed in temperament and a feud over water rights had broken out between them. When Frank met them, the brothers had not spoken to each other for fourteen years. Frank befriended both. Individually they came to visit him at Tahoe. And the great day came when both brothers agreed to come to Tahoe for dinner on the same day. Frank spent two hours planning the meal. What would mean most to these brothers, meeting for the first time after fourteen years? Globin, the hotel owner, had shot wild duck for the occasion. What should go with the duck? What should precede them? What follow them? No detail in the planning of the meal, how it should be cooked or who should serve it at table, was overlooked.

Frank's care was not misplaced. In the atmosphere Frank created, the estranged brothers shook hands and the feud was healed. It happened that one of their friends was Senator Key Pittman, Nev. chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in Washington. Knowledge of the healing of the feud travelled to Washington and echoed round the halls of the Senate Building. It was national news.

Another age-old feud that got solved was between Globin, the hotel owner, and Bannister, 8 who ran the general store. "The only music Bannister enjoys is the tinkle of the cash register," said Frank. So every day he wandered down to the store, bought a root beer and engaged him in conversation. Gradually the lonely man warmed to Frank's friendship and one day offered him the use of an empty camp site without charge. It had primitive screened huts with bunks - just the right place for sleeping quarters for hardy young men. And when Bannister and Globin appeared in public on good terms, the community was shaken to see the end of that feud. Word spread that Buchman and his young people were a good influence. More summer residents offered guest rooms, sleeping porches and even empty garages. Frank welcomed also the help of Californian friends. Paul Cornelius, a meat packer, demonstrated with a side of beef how cheaper cuts could best be of use. Kermit Wilson, a citrus grower, brought crates of fruit from his groves.

bishop's tea-party

Annelou Teixeira de Mattos: An Anglican bishop who had a boy's camp generously lent us 40 cots. Frank wanted to do something for him. What could be more heart-warming for an Englishman, forty years away from home, than an invitation to tea.

Some of us women conferred how to prepare this tea-party for one hundred with our restricted equipment. There was enough china and the view of the lake would certainly make up for any small lacks. I was asked if I would like to prepare the tea. I replied "certainly". I thought it was probably the one thing I could do really well. The thought that at home I had not prepared tea for more than perhaps ten people didn't cross my mind.

The day arrived. Some of us had gone to the village store and bought all the cookies they could find: big, hard, and unattractive. From then on, fatally, everything went from bad to worse.

The bishop arrived. Promptly he was seated - with his back to the glorious view! I produced the tea with some satisfaction, although I noted that Frank looked at the inky stuff with unfeigned interest several times, as I poured and diluted it with water. Halfway through the party I realized that the hot water had been just enough for fifty people. The tea gave out. Panic struck me then. I tried to slip away to the kitchen unnoticed. I placed the huge ungainly kettle on a far too small gas flame and spent, what seemed to me like twenty minutes on tenterhooks, waiting for the thing to boil.

All the time there was a hum of voices outside. Occasionally I could hear: "Is there some more tea?" and "Is there no more tea?" When finally the kettle began to sing I could stand it no longer. I quickly poured water on the leaves. No inky stuff this time, but yellow water with leaves floating on top! After the bishop had left Frank had a word for me. "That was a Dutch tea," he said.

I was angry rather than sorry. What did my nationality have to do with it? In our daily meetings Frank brought up the bishop's tea again and again and yet again, in all the details to make sure we all knew how not to do things! After some weeks I had one simple thought, crystal clear: "Moral Re-Armament means living by teamwork and guidance. You had neither."

However when I mentioned this to Frank, adding how sorry I was about the tea, a big smile crossed his face. His only words were: "Child, there are worlds to change." I cannot remember the tea-party ever being mentioned again.



Arthur Strong: One morning Frank told me to take on supplying our ever-increasing family with Vegetables and fruit.

This was the result of my enthusiasm to prepare raspberries for Frank's breakfast the way my mother had done. Actually I overruled Joan Harward who usually prepared his breakfast.

I told Frank my way was the best. He listened, then typically "threw me into the deep end". I knew nothing about bulk buying - my job for the next 4 months. So every other weekend, with Don Birdsall (responsible for meat), we drove a one-ton truck of food 300 miles to Tahoe. 1

The Dadian brothers bought food with us in San Francisco market, then lent us their truck, driving themselves the first time. Arriving at 4 a.m. several got up to help unload. 2 By sunrise all would be stored in the chalet, to be inspected and graded daily. We took the truck back Sunday night ready for Monday's market.

PHOTOGRAPHS

1 Sunday 4 a.m. Food truck arrives from San Francisco market.

2 Elmer Hubbard, Pres. Cal. Musicians Union helps: "The human mind is like a parachute, it's no good unless it's open."

3 Old stove tests Henry Macnicol and Joan Harward's cooking.

4 Alan Thornhill dries up.

5 Stuart Smith and Terry Blair prepare celery.

6 Bill Manning and George Vondermuhll repair the pier.

7 Lunch is ready: L-R: Ruth Ridgeway, George Marjoribanks, Gudrun Egebjerg, Dot Hagedorn, Denise Hyde and Maisry MacCracken.

8 Tahoe property owner Bannister (3rd from left) with L-R: William Jaeger, Buchman, Duncan Corcoran, Comdr. John Graham, USN ret'd., Michael Barrett, June Lee, Stuart Smith, Paul Petrocokino, Rea Zimmerman, Loring Swaim, B. Ramsay.

"VERY
WELL
ALONE"



A British soldier defiantly alone on a storm-tossed island was cartoonist David Low's comment on the day that Churchill warned the nation: "The Battle of Britain is about to begin."

August 1940: Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, opening the 7th session of the U.S.S.R.'s Supreme Council, accused Britain of prolonging the war by spurning Hitler's peace offers. Communists in America and Britain got the message. Many strikes and go-slow campaigns in ports and factories were the result.



1

2

1940



3

4

5

CAMP FIREMAN

When the time came round for Alan Thornhill, recently Chaplain at Hertford College, Oxford, to be fireman for the camp where thirty or so slept in double decker bunks under awnings, he failed to understand what his job entailed.

He spent the night successfully making sure that no fires started in the surrounding dry underbrush.

But in the morning his peace of mind was sadly shattered when the early risers found there was no hot water for washing.

"O son of Oxford's dreaming spires, you surely are a bright one. You think your job is putting out fires, when it really is to light one.

Determine to relinquish here this sin that Oxford hatches; go leave your fire extinguisher, and get a box of Matches!"

"I composed this," said Alan, "in order to mitigate the wrath that I knew would descend on my head, and which I thoroughly deserved. It worked and I got laughter and applause, especially from Frank. Poor John Bair who had not escaped from some misdemeanor said to me, 'You got off far too lightly.'"



6



7



8

Britain: Twelve whole-time workers and 240 of MRA's most experienced part-timers had already voluntarily enlisted in the armed services, leaving only 29 men of military age available to carry on.

The efforts of these 29, directing a nation-wide campaign, had been widely welcomed (see p. 50), except by a section of the London press.

In three weeks of August 1940 the Communist Daily Worker attacked them 8 times and Tom Driberg in the Daily Express six times.

August 23, 1940: Frank Buchman told his friends that he thought a new handbook or manual was needed. One morning Morris Martin, the youngest Oxford Doctor of Philosophy of his day, read what he thought a citizen could do to strengthen America's defenses. Jim Newton, an outstanding business executive and friend of Harvey Firestone, with some others streamlined the text. Reggie Hale made the first dummy by Christmas, 1940 (pp 50,51).

38

EXPECTANCY

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 Sunset at Lake Tahoe, photographed during the Nazi battle of Britain.
- 2 Double rainbow over the chalet. Time has erased the second one.
- 3 4.30 a.m. beside Lake Tahoe. Frank Buchman calculated that the Pacific Coast Time was the same as the hour of the memorial service being held in London for Lady Minto.



Professor Theophil Spoerri: Buchman included his friends in the deepest springs of his faith. He would quote his favorite passages from the Old and New Testaments and from hymns that were to become the lasting treasures of the team - Wesley's "Jesu, lover of my soul", which contains the lines which Buchman thought the finest in the English language:

"Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within."

Particularly noteworthy was Buchman's use of Ephesians 3 verses 20 and 21. In the Authorized Version, which Buchman used, it reads: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

On occasions Buchman would write it out on a blackboard:

"God through Christ is able to do for you

ALL that you ask or think -

ABOVE ALL that you ask or think -

ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL that you ask or think -

EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL that you ask or think ."

From this graphic presentation it becomes clear how Buchman's reading transformed a text into something moving, moving more and more urgently towards ONE point - the overflowing abundance of God's effective action beyond all the bounds of our understanding or longing.

Phyllis Austin: I arrived at Tahoe in a belligerent mood. I had gone back on my advance after the Hollywood Bowl. I was furious that Bunny had not crossed the country to meet me in New York. The man who focussed my fury was Frank Buchman. I had been used to getting my own way. If I could not get it by temper and tantrums, I would get it by charm or tears. None of these had any effect on Frank and this increased my anger. I hated everything about Tahoe and everybody in it. Used to wafting around in glamorous clothes and expensive restaurants, my fury increased when I was put on a house-keeping team and found part of my job was cleaning out the lavatories.

One day unable to contain myself any longer I went to find Frank to tell him what I thought of him. He saw me coming and turned his back on me and walked away. I had never been treated like that in my life. I raved and berated Bunny. One afternoon Frank sent for me and told me what he thought of spoiled, selfish, bad-tempered women and the effect they had on their husbands and children. He looked me straight in the eye and said, "This is love and its going on." That afternoon I went for a walk with Bunny. I was still angry and furiously projected my own selfishness on to all the men and women in MRA. We were crossing a field. Bunny, wearied by my constant nagging, lay down on a plank of wood and flung out his arms. I looked down on him and suddenly caught my breath. The plank of wood was an old piece of fencing. It had a cross-piece nailed across the top. Bunny was lying stretched out on a cross.

I realised for the first time how I crucified him with my selfishness. I began to realise the courage of a man like Frank who cared enough to tell me the truth and to cure the things in my nature which made me so difficult to live with. When he said it was love, it was precisely what it was. The day was to become when I was to be everlastingly grateful, and the man I had hated became my best friend.

Bunny Austin: Like a true surgeon, Frank knew the necessity of bringing healing. I had been spoilt and selfish and like Phyll needed much change. One day the necessity for change was made clear to me by a friend. I deserved the corrective meted out to me. But healing had not been brought about. I remained in an unhappy state. Frank sent for me. He looked at me with compassion. He spoke three words: "Don't stay bleeding." And then he prayed. I wish I could remember that prayer. I only remember a tremendous sense of healing and peace which came into my heart. I went out of his room a different man.



Lady Minto, widow of a former Governor General of Canada, was an old friend of Buchman's.

Years before she and her sister, Lady Antrim, had taken part in a Middle Eastern tour where Buchman had arranged occasions with responsible people.

When Buchman heard that a memorial service was being held for her in London, he calculated that it would be 4 a.m. Pacific Coast time. So he had a service for her at that exact hour. He made it clear that only those who really wanted to participate should.

However everybody was up - even the Manning youngsters, who hardly knew what it was about. Buchman could intrigue a playboy like Bill Manning, to get up at 4 a.m. for a funeral service for somebody he had never heard of. Bill said he had never been up at that hour, that is having already been in bed that night.

During the time spent beside the lake, Cece Broadhurst sang "The Old Rugged Cross". All joined in. 3

On another occasion Lady Antrim wrote Buchman asking him for the secret of his life. He sent her the following lines:

"Still, still with Thee,
When purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh,
And the shadows flee."

never was so much owed by so many to so few

July 1940: The first directive to prepare an invasion of Britain was issued by Hitler on July 17, 1940. It prescribed that the RAF must first be reduced to insignificance, that all minefields be cleared and that the Royal Navy be kept at a distance. If these circumstances were met the army proposed to put ashore 260,000 men in three days, assemble a force 11 divisions in two weeks and bring Britain to surrender in a month. The SS would follow with a list of 2,700 persons to be incarcerated. Of the Luftwaffe, 2,500 aircraft at most were serviceable. The RAF's front line strength on the eve of the Battle of Britain was 1,200. Besides this force Britain relied for its defense on an early warning system of revolutionary and decisive importance, based on radar. A chain of 51 radar stations was built round the coast. Supplementing the radar system was the Observer Corps. There were 1,000 of these posts, managed by them. Radar and the Observer Corps relieved Fighter Command of the need to keep forces on permanent patrol in the air. The Germans knew about radar but underrated its value to the defense of Britain.

Taking the Battle of Britain to have lasted from August 12 to the last day of September, the Luftwaffe may be said to have lost in operations over 1,100 aircraft of all types. The defense of Britain cost Fighter Command about 650 aircraft. The German bombers failed to wreck Fighter Command on the ground and their fighters failed to destroy it in the air. The greatest danger to Britain during these two months was the erosion of its fighter force. The reserves were never exhausted but they were never plentiful.

Losing the Battle of Britain prevented Hitler from concentrating all his strength against the USSR and eventually transformed a cloud in the west into the Anglo-American hurricane which, in concert with the blast from the east, was finally to devastate the Third Reich. The Battle of Britain was therefore one of the decisive events of the war.

Winston Churchill spoke in Parliament the words that have fixed for all time the role of the pilots who held back the invaders: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."





1

August 1940

LAKE TAHOE

One evening during the air Battle of Britain,
8,000 miles away, we saw a vision in the sky.

The shape of the clouds looked like the first
horseman of the Apocalypse - CONQUEST.

During the twentieth century the other three
horsemen have followed relentlessly -

WAR
FAMINE
PESTILENCE (cancer, aids).

Beside me on Lake Tahoe were two rainbows at
both ends of the chalet. During the following
weeks, in and around that chalet, a revue and
handbook were created. They were called "You
Can Defend America".

The time at Tahoe deepened our faith and
strengthened our wills. Little did we realize
how we were being prepared to help America
rise and accept her God-given role of becoming
the most responsible of nations.



2



3

"I stayed nailed," Frank Buchman.

BOOK 1

Photo Credits & Source References

40A

PHOTOGRAPHIC CREDITS

- P.5. No.6.Press Association. P.7. No.3 S.Wishard. P.9. No.3 Hannen Foss. P.11. No.1. Arthur Rothstein.
No.2. Dorothea Lange P.13. No.2 Mary Gaddie. P.14. No.4 Metro Goldwyn Mayer.
P.20. Hitler from Camera Press. P.25. No.6. Signe Lund. P.26. London's "Evening Star".
P.32. Dunkirk painting by English artist Charles Cundall.
P.34. Charles de Gaulle from Wide World. Frenchman, unknown. Hitler by German photographer.
P.37. Nos. 3 and 4. Signe Lund. P.38. Pilots, unknown. Churchill by Cecil Beaton.
P.40. No. 1 A.H.Ely. No. 2 Signe Lund. All other photos by Arthur Strong.

SOURCE REFERENCES throughout these chronicles are from Frank Buchman's "Remaking the World" by Blandford

Press 1961; "On the Tail of a Comet", by Garth Lean, Helmers and Howard; "Frank Buchman as I knew him" H.W.Austin, Grosvenor Books, London, 1975; "Mixed Double", by Austin and Phyllis Konstam, Chatto and Windus, 1969; "That Man Frank Buchman", by Peter Howard, Blandford Press, London, 1946. Diaries of Reginald B. Hale and John T. Caulfeild.

- P.4. Senator Truman and the President's message, from Ray Foote Purdy's unpublished ms.
14. Joe Hancock from his colleague and friend, Jack Manning, who was editor of the "Port Workers News" in the 1950's in London. Both worked with Moral Re-Armament for the rest of their lives.
15. Joel McCrea. In 1948 this veteran Western film star asked Buchman, "Well, Frank, how is MRA doing?" He replied thoughtfully, "Oh, I think we are occasionally illustrating it."
16. Mitsui from "Mitsui - Three centuries of Japanese business," by J.G.Roberts, Weatherhill, New York, 1988.
Jessie Joy from "On the Tail of a Comet" by Garth Lean, Helmers and Howard 1988.
18. Salt not sand from "The World My Country" by M.Procter, Grosvenor Books 1976, and on P.25.
20. Hitler's feelings from "Total War," by Peter Calvo-coressi and Guy Wint, Penguin 1979. Also the foll:
Hitler believed that the next war would be short and that too much peace was bad for a people. He took pleasure in the thought that a greater and more beautiful Germany would rise from the devastation, inhabited by survivors welded into a nation by their experiences and guided by a messianic leadership which would last a thousand years. He was a Manichee.
Laurens van der Post writes: The difference between Mussolini and Hitler, according to Jung, was that at a pinch Mussolini could be said to rule Italy but Hitler has the power he has, not because he rules Germany but because he is Germany. He is more of a myth than a man. He is the loudspeaker that makes audible all the inaudible murmurings of the German soul.
Signe Lund, aged 20, travelled in Germany in 1936. She asked an old woman about Hitler. She was told about the suffering of the German people since the Versailles Treaty in 1919, of inflation where people had to travel with a suitcase of money. She was told how Hitler had benefited them, with tears streaming down her face. "He is like a father", the old woman said.
23. Lord Halifax, Britain's Foreign Secretary, former Viceroy of India, during the war was Ambassador in Washington, and head of the British delegation at the first United Nations Assembly in San Francisco 1945 (pp 228-229). The Earl of Birkenhead, in his biography of Halifax, writes: "None (of the British statesmen) had the slightest conception of the enormity of Hitler. Their whole upbringing conspired against understanding that such people could exist and that the Nazi State was a lunatic state."
24. Baroness de Watteville from "The World That Works," by Bishop George West. After the war her Paris home became the center for Moral Re-Armament in France.
25. Manny Strauss from Willard Hunter's unpublished ms.
26. Duke of Windsor from "Secret Servant," by Anthony Cave Brown, Michael Joseph 1988.
In 1938 Churchill wrote: "I have always said that if Great Britain were defeated in war, I hoped we should find a Hitler to lead us back to our rightful position among the nations." (Quoted in the Independent Labor Party pamphlet "Common Sense versus Vansittartism," published October 1943 from "I Choose Peace" by K.Zilliacus, Penguin 1949.)
32. Dunkirk from "Total War", and "Spycatcher" by Peter Wright, Bantam Doubleday Pub. 1988.
Joseph Scott (photo 1), "Mr.Los Angeles," proposed the nomination of Herbert Hoover for the Presidency of the United States. In 1955 this 87 year-old attorney travelled with the MRA World Mission of 244 people from 28 countries. In the course of its 35,000-mile journey they were the guests of the governments of eleven countries. They took with them the musical play "The Vanishing Island". He lived to be ninety years old.
34. Garrett Stearly remembers his first meeting with Buchman in 1924 at Princeton. "There were a number of university men working with him. It was a weekend definitely devoted to rediscovering reality in one's religious life. There was a moral key and a breath-taking reality about it. And there was a reference to 'hunches', that might give a clue to what God wanted of us individually, as a will for character and also for career. As the years went by the practice of hunches became a fully mature concept of 'guidance from God' as described in one of the Oxford Group earlier pamphlets 'The Guid-of God' by Eleanor Napier Forde." - January 1989.
Harold Begbie, one of the shrewdest British political journalists of his day, writes: Frank Buchman is of the house and lineage of all true mystics. It is his habit to wake very early, and to devote an hour or more to complete silence, waiting for what he calls "the promptings of the Holy Spirit".
His great emphasis is the mystical notion that in every man is a piece of divinity which best makes its presence felt to the soul in periods of silence.- "Life Changers", Mills and Boon, 1923.
Britain-and-France union from "The Price of Victory," by Michael Charlton, BBC 1983.
French Communists from "Stalin's Secret War" by Nicolai Tolstoy, J. Cape. Stalin's oppression, Tolstoy points out, was arithmetically more extensive than Hitler's, holding at one point 10% of the Soviet population in its barbed-wire embrace. It lasted longer than Hitler's and killed more people. It has never been properly apologized for, let alone atoned for. The Soviet's twenty million war dead, Tolstoy attributes to Stalin as much as to Stalin's foreign enemies. He used punishment battalions of his own men to clear minefields and wiped out whole units of Soviet soldiers who had been encircled and allegedly contaminated by the enemy, then at the end of the war imprisoned and starved several million prisoners and refugees obligingly returned to him by his western allies.
38. Professor Theophil Spoerri's "Dynamic out of Silence", Grosvenor Books 1976.
Professor Spoerri was Rector of Zurich University from 1948-1950. At the age of 32, he was appointed Professor of French and Italian Literature at Zurich University, a chair which he graced until his retirement thirty-four years later. He was also a man of action, as his initiative in the Swiss "Gotthard League" during the war makes clear. He died on Christmas Eve 1975. Closing his book on Buchman Spoerri writes: One final idea with which Frank Buchman grappled all his life was that of permanent revolution, though he did not always use these words to describe it. He tried to show Marxists that the change they demanded in the structure of society would never lead to a really new society unless an equal effort to conquer the selfishness in man himself was undertaken.
Battle of Britain from "Total War" by Peter Calvocoressi and Guy Wint, Penguin Books, 1972.
39. Apocalypse from Revelation, chapter six, in the Bible.