



The Moral Re-Armament force which has been in the Congo for the last nine months at the invitation of Congolese leaders. (l to r) Ifoghale Amata, Nigerian nationalist; his wife, Joy; Paul, Ralph and Steve Colwell, Hollywood TV stars; Bremer Hofmeyr, whose family has given six members to South African cabinets; his wife, Agnes, whose father was killed in Kenya by the Mau Mau as a human sacrifice; Wilfred Hopcraft, a Kenya farmer; (seated foreground) Manasseh Moerane, Life Vice-President of the 10,000 strong African Teachers Association in South Africa; and Leonard Kibuthu, former Mau Mau leader from Kenya.

## CONGO AT THE CROSSROADS

A question for the West is whether the Congo will become a Cuba or a Cyprus. Many press reports keep us confused. We are made to believe that the issue is one of personalities. The truth is that Moscow is using every ruse and trick it can to win to its cause the 13,600,000 Congolese people who form the very heart of Africa. Already more than half that country has gone under the control of Leftist armed forces. *The New York Times* of January 17 reported that Soviet-built aircraft based in Egypt were dropping supplies for the pro-Lumumba forces in the Eastern Province.

"Can the United States and its allies afford to permit forces hostile to the West to take over the Congo?" asked Wallace Carroll, writing from Washington for *The New York Times* on January 18. He continued, "Assuming that the answer to this question is 'no', what can the United States and its allies do to reverse the trend?"

The present trend results from the work of men with a materialistic ideology. To answer it a superior ideology is needed. Many Congolese see this and that is why they call for MRA.

This month at the invitation of Commandant Ebea of Camp Nkokolo, a special showing of the MRA all-African film *Freedom* was given to 2,000 officers and men of the Congolese National Army. The *New York Journal-American* reported that the audience "responded with roars of approval." The report went on to say, "the film was presented as part of an evening of training in Moral Re-Armament for the men of the largest army camp in the Congo, which was the scene of the mutiny in the army last July."

The Colwell brothers, radio and television stars from Hollywood, launched the evening with a special song for the National Army in the Lingala language. As the program progressed, the crowd increased and so overflowed the film area that many had to go behind the translucent screen to see the picture.

Afterwards Leonard Kibuthu, former Mau Mau leader from Kenya, introduced the MRA force. The audience listened intently as Mrs. Agnes Hofmeyr, a Kenya settler whose father had been buried alive by the

Mau Mau, told how through the answer to bitterness that people like Kibuthu and herself had found in MRA they were able to fight on the same side for a new world.

This revolutionary evening came through the initiative of the deputy program director of the Congo radio, a young Congolese who has pledged himself to bring the ideology of honesty and change to his country. Twenty-four hours earlier, he had seen *Freedom* for the first time. One thought persisted, "The National Army must see this film." Twelve hours later he was at the camp gate. He demanded to be let in and have an interview with the commandant. His blazing conviction stirred the commandant to take action that evening. The young Congolese said, "As an ex-soldier in the Congolese army I know this is what the army needs and what the Congo needs. This is the answer that can save us."

After the program Commandant Ebea and other senior officers conferred with the MRA force. They stressed the immediate need for more

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training by MRA at Camp Nkokolo as well as at commando and Military Police camps. A few days later this program got under way when the First Paratroop-Commando Battalion saw *Freedom*. After the film the Commanding Officer said, "Since independence, we have been in a critical situation. Here we find the ideas which can get us out of that situation. It's up to us now to work to save our own country. We must thank you all for having put us on the right road tonight."

Indian medical and Air Force units also received ideological training from the MRA force in the following days. *Freedom* was shown at the UN hospital for these men as well as for wounded Austrian and Nigerian

troops. After the film Leonard Kibuthu spoke. "Communism, colonialism and neutralism are all wrong for Africa," he said. "We Africans are choosing MRA because it is out to put right what is wrong in the world by changing human nature. It is the surest way to achieve freedom, peace and unity."

Jean Bolikango, Congolese Minister of Information and National Defense, recently evaluated the work of Moral Re-Armament in the Congo. He said, "We would have known a more terrible catastrophe in the Congo but for the films and action of Moral Re-Armament. Through Moral Re-Armament we have seen the way to save our country from Communism and set her on a new road."