

MRA and WCC

Litho Proof

SIR, I refer to your article "Background to Two Bodies", printed first in your June issue and now reprinted by you for further circulation. In it you make certain allegations about Moral Re-Armament which are not true.

I have received a letter from the Assistant Secretary of Moral Re-Armament in London, Mr. A. Lawson Wood, dated 11 September 1975. It states:

"There is no truth in the statement that we receive financial support of any kind from the World Council of Churches. Nor do we have any working association with them of any kind."

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It is equally wholly untrue to say, as your article does, that Moral Re-Armament "support organisations and persons known to be the enemies of White-governed Rhodesia and South Africa."

So far from "supporting" pro-Communist bodies, MRA is regarded by both Moscow and Peking as a formidable obstacle in the way of their world plans. Radio Peking has called MRA "the only ideological force left for Communism to fear in the free world." Radio Moscow repeatedly warns its

Communist listeners against MRA's "power to capture radical, revolutionary minds."

My association with the work of Moral Re-Armament began with its launching in Britain in 1938. With the exception of my war service in the Armed Forces, I have worked with it ever since. Recent references in your columns have made clear your opposition to this work. Opinion, however, is one thing; facts are another.

I trust that you will correct publicly the damaging and unfounded allegations which your article has made.

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