

RED CHINA WANTS ATOMIC MINERALS IN AFRICA

MR. KEN GLADWIN, of Cape Town, who is on the Council of Management of Moral Re-armament in South Africa, addressed Graaff-Reinet Rotary at their luncheon on Friday at the Drostdy Hotel. Mr. Gladwin is visiting Graaff-Reinet in connection with the showing of the film, "Voice of the Hurricane" this week.

He spoke of his previous links with Graaff-Reinet when he prepared the schedule of quantities for the new boy's hostel at the Union High School.

Mr. Gladwin said he had chosen the subject "Africa's Challenge and South Africa's Response" because he felt, "South Africa stands in a unique position to assume a responsible role in Africa today. This subject was relevant because South Africa was an integral part of Africa to which that future was tied."

Confusion

He spoke of the situation in Africa which appeared as a picture of confusion.

He said: "There are those people who look at Africa as prophets of gloom, and who see disaster ahead which could engulf this nation. Too often these people feel the only thing they can do is to make the best of the situation as it is now.

"On the other hand, I do not say one can look at the future with irresponsible optimism; but as a South African, I look at the future in terms of what can be done to help shape it."

Realities

Speaking of the realities which need to be faced in Africa, Mr. Gladwin referred to the greatest danger as being

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the break down of any stabilized form of Government.

"This leads to situations which are exploited by a nation like Red China, which has very definite aims for the African Continent," he said.

"China wants control over Central Africa so that she can get supplies of cobalt, copper and uranium for the production of atomic weapons. This is the main reason why China is exploiting the chaos in the Congo, and fermenting trouble in areas like Tanzania and Malawi.

"Why should a nation like China decide the future for Africa?" he asked. How is this challenge to be met so that the tide of Communism is not only stemmed but something far bigger than communism offered to the nations of Africa?"

Eager Heart

Mr. Gladwin referred to a statement made by Mr. Peter Howard, the world leader of Moral Re-armament, who died three weeks ago.

Addressing a group of African students in London, he said: "The world is waiting with an eager heart and hungry mind to listen to the voice of the new Africa. Africa is going to have a revolution. Will it be a revolution of character for the world or a revolution of chaos? A revolution that will destroy a generation or a revolution by consent that could save civilisation?"

Essential Key

Mr. Gladwin said: "This statement points out that character is an essential key. This is what motivates the Rotary movement around the world.

"The question is how to make it real and practical so that incorruptible leadership is created which Africa so badly needs.

"This battle for character cannot be relegated to Governments but is the immediate responsibility and task of the ordinary man."

He quoted examples of how leaders in countries like Basutoland, Swaziland, East Africa and Nigeria are seeking urgent help for this kind of initiative in character training. South Africans are meant to fulfil this role.

Christian Heritage

He concluded by saying S.A. has the opportunity through a Christian heritage to give a dynamic lead where the atheism of communism can be answered by the concept of a revolutionary Christianity which makes it practical to create the men of the character that the age demands."

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