

# Moral Rearmament

*To the Editor of The Star*

**SIR**,—Arising from the report on Moral Rearmament by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions published in *The Star*, I should like to make the following observations:

Dr. Frank Buchman, the initiator of Moral Rearmament, has always said that if you are not being attacked, criticized or challenged you can accept it that you are making no impression. He said in 1939 — “Stones of criticism are so bracing — they just set you up for the day.”

However, to clear up a few points. One of the full-time workers who can now speak on a statesmanlike level is Duncan Corcoran. Duncan was a riveter in the Scottish shipyards and he and others in Moral Rearmament got together at dawn every morning round a lamp post — no better meeting place was available — to discuss plans for their work and homes.

Tom Keep, a London Trade Union docker and a former Communist leader—the party acclaimed him for enrolling most members for the party in one year — found through Moral Rearmament a unity for his home and a higher purpose for living.

## Captured

No Mystic! Andrew Strang, a Glasgow industrialist in 1936 dropped all, yacht, car and career to become a full-time worker. What did he receive for his pains? Andrew was captured by the Nazis in Norway at the beginning of the last war and treated, on account of his M.R.A. activities, as a political prisoner; the after-effects of which remain with him to this day.

Many who believed in M.R.A. fell on the battlefield, some receiving the highest military decorations, including the Victoria

Cross. Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Cochrane, war-time Commodore of Convoys, said of the former famous international tennis player, Bunny Austin, against whom there have been various misinformed allegations: “Speaking as one who himself fought through the war and whose only son won the M.C. and was killed in the fighting against Hitler's Afrika Korps, I say that I am proud to have Bunny Austin as a friend, that the services he rendered to the cause of freedom were distinctive and effective, and that in my own judgment and the judgment of men at the head of the American nation, many Allied lives were saved by the activities of Austin and his colleagues.”

## Experiment

However, enough of that, M.R.A. said to me “try the ideas which we suggest and if the experiment fails you can always go back to the mess you are in.”

Let us try to see “What is right and not waste hours on who is wrong.” The economics of Moral Rearmament are—“There's enough for everyone's need but not enough for everyone's greed.”

“If we all cared enough and shared enough, everyone would have enough.” God is the inspiration of the ideology of Moral Rearmament, there are no leaders and you are in it or out of it by the way you live and a new life can begin today.

A Labour leader summed Moral Rearmament up as “It is not a new trade union. It is not a new religion. It is not a new political party. It is the remedy in the common fight for a new world.”

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