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SPEAKING at the recent Moral Re-Armament Conference at Caux-sur-Montreux, Switzerland, a nuclear

physicist from Chicago University, Professor Robert J. Moon, said that catastrophe lay ahead unless man, who

had learned to unleash such enormous forces, experienced a vital moral change. Professor Moon, who

was one of the original scientists to work on the atom bomb project, declared that living in the atomic age was basic-

ally a moral issue. "Science," he said, "cannot go ahead unless moral development keeps pace."

100 men with an answer for S.A.'s worries

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EXPECTED in South Africa before the end of the year is a 75-year-old American with an idea that is sweeping the world. He will probably be accompanied by a team numbering more than 100.

He is Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of Moral Re-Armament (MRA), an international movement which in three decades has spread to nearly 100 countries, and which is now regarded by many observers as a potent challenge to Communism and other militant ideologies in the struggle for men's minds.

The invitation to Dr. Buchman to visit the Union has been endorsed by State and Provincial authorities, which gives his impending tour a semi-official status.

MRA's philosophy is grounded in four moral "absolutes": honesty, purity, unselfishness, love. MRA's men and women are zealous in their work. Their sincerity is overwhelming.

For 32 years Dr. Buchman has had no salary and no permanent home. His fellow-workers, hundreds of them constantly travelling around the world, likewise are unpaid. But no one has ever gone hungry.

Last week, in Johannesburg, I met some of these young and devoted workers.

Among the MRA workers I spoke to last week were 26-year-old Norwegian Axel Haerem, who says: "We believe we live in an ideological age, which means that history is decided by what idea can most influence the minds of millions."

"Democracy needs an idea as dynamic as totalitarianism. There is a great need for change in the world. But unless this change is based on a change of attitude in the individual, it will bring no lasting solution."

"As someone said: 'You cannot make a good omelette out of bad eggs'."

The Rev. George Daneel, a former Rugby Springbok, told me:

"We meet with Africans on an ideological basis."

"We realise that much of the future of South Africa and the African continent is based on what idea can capture the minds of millions. The Africans need changing themselves. Through MRA we hope that both white man and African will together listen to God. God must have

the answer."

Until last year young Knut Dale was an efficiency expert in a big Norwegian textile factory. Today he is an unsalaried MRA worker in Johannesburg. He said:

"The whole idea of Moral Re-Armament is to restore God to the leadership in the affairs of

men and nations."

An example of how MRA can capture the imagination of men and women who are worried about their civilisation is supplied by Mr. John Becker, a former Cape Town civil servant, now a full-time MRA worker. Said Mr. Becker:

"The standards of absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love are the standards MRA wants in politics, business and human relationships as a whole. We are not a church or a political party. But we can be part of all churches and all political parties."

One of the chief talking