

M.R.A. CHIEF DIES ON TOUR

Mr PETER HOWARD, world leader of the Moral Re-Armament Movement since 1961, died in Lima, Peru, yesterday of a heart attack after being ill for four days with virus pneumonia.

Mr Howard complained of feeling unwell shortly after holding a Press conference in Lima on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Doctors were called and he was admitted to the Anglo American Clinic, where he died shortly after midday yesterday with his wife and Dame Flora Macleod, also of the M.R.A., at his bedside.

His body is being flown to Britain for burial near his home in Suffolk, where he farmed for 25 years.

Doctors attending Mr Howard said last night that his heart stopped beating at 9.30 a.m. but was restarted with the aid of massage and the use of one of Peru's two respiratory machines.

He did not regain consciousness, however, and succumbed to another heart attack at 12.30 p.m.

Books published

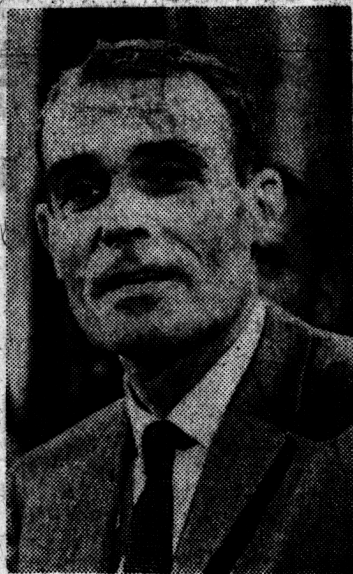
More than 5,000,000 copies of his books have been published for M.R.A.

A prolific author, playwright and journalist, Peter Howard assumed the leadership of M.R.A. when the founder, Dr Frank Buchman, died in 1961.

Educated at Mill Hill School, London, and Oxford University, he played rugby for Oxford and was capped eight times for England.

For the past two months he had been touring Latin America, visiting Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile. He met the Presidents there and was due to meet Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry yesterday.

Mr Howard's wife is the former Greek Wimbledon star, Doris Metaxa.



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