

M.R.A. Attacked In Journal By D.R.C. Minister

A SCATHING ATTACK by a Dutch Reformed Church minister on the Moral Re-armament movement has been published in a journal now being distributed to Afrikaans teachers in the Transvaal and Natal.

The attack, by the Rev. J. H. Jooste, is contained in his comments on "Springbokstormloop," a musical show staged for South African youth by M.R.A.

His comments were made at the request of the Dirkie Uys Foundation, junior wing of the National Council to Combat Communism, and appear in the August issue of "Onderwysblad," journal of the Transvaalse Onderwysersvereniging and the Natasale Onderwysunie.

Mr. Jooste says Springbokstormloop, a "so-called" musical festival is being propagated among South African youth to cultivate a new philosophy of

life — to bind the world together.

He says that although the word, "God," is freely used in M.R.A. publications, the name of Christ seldom appears, and then only if the connection is such or the meaning of Christendom analysed to the extent that it will not give offence to the non-Christian.

ONLY CHOICE

"Moral Re-armament declares itself as the Fighter Against Communism and suggests that the only choice for the world is that between Communism and Moral Re-armament. And here is the great danger for our people, because we so easily accept as an ally anyone who expresses himself against Communism.

"It must be remembered, however, that the primary choice is not between Communism and any other un-Christian tendency. The primary choice for man remains: For or against Christ. And if he chooses Christ through God's mercy, he must reject Communism and Moral Re-armament.

FORGIVENESS

Mr. Jooste adds that inherent in the M.R.A. system is the asking for forgiveness from the group "against which you stood earlier."

But apparently this demand is applied in a "very one-sided" manner.

Mr. Jooste asks: "Are we not apparently dealing with the same double standard of the United Nations? Civilisation always stands guilty compared with barbarism, but never the other way about. Is this now the 'absolute honesty' of which the movement boasts?"