

Round-the-World Play Presented at Library

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THE play that is being presented across the world has reached Johannesburg. It is "The Forgotten Factor," by Alan Thornhill, which President Truman hailed as the best play produced during the war. It opened at the Library Theatre on Tuesday night before a guest audience of leaders of commerce, mines, industry and education.

This vivid play on the clash in industry and its effect on the home life of employer and employee is acted by a cast that gives their services. No names are announced.

The hosts, actors, singers, pianists and organisers are members of the Moral Rearmament group and come from all parts of the world.

They bring a sincerity and a spontaneity that conveys the feeling that the players are living the play — which is what they are doing.

"The Forgotten Factor" depicts the change brought about by moral force — the essential spirit if democracy is to succeed.

lick, who was absorbed by the acting and production; with Mr. Rogers Cooke, who helped with the organisation; with Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Thompson, who had left the Game Reserve that morning yet were in time for the play; with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Williams; and with Mr. Norwood Coaker.

One of the actors, in his curtain speech, urged that the play should go on in the lives of the audience.

Among the audience I also saw Mr. and Mrs. Rheinallt Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Viney, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ollemans, Mr. and Mrs. "Plum" Plumstead, Mrs. Maud Hall, Dr. and Mrs. J. Gluckman, and Mr. and Mrs. John Russell.

"Trekkling on the New World Trail," composed in Johannesburg, was sung by the Mackinac Singers.

While I Think of It

It stresses the need to fight for a care-free, hate-free world.

While pointing its moral the play is smoothly produced and acted with fluidity.

After the show I talked with a man who has seen 150 performances in all parts of the world and always finds it fresh.

I talked, too, with the producer who has trained men and women of all races and found it most interesting to put on this American play in French in the Ruhr district — and the deputy Mayor, Mr. Jack Mincer, who on behalf of the Mayor, entertained the guests to refreshments in the foyer of the Library.

I also had an interesting discussion with Mrs. Taubie Kush-