

D.R.C. Minister Says "Our Time Is Running Out"

CONDEMNS SELFISHNESS OF AFRIKANERS

CAUX (Switzerland), Saturday.—A South African Dutch Reformed Church minister told the Moral Re-Armament World Conference here: "Our time is running out. We must raise people of all races who will seek their common destiny in Africa."

According to a Press release, the minister, Dr. F. E. O'B. Geldenhuys, Moderator of the Northern District Synod of the Ned. Geref. Kerk in the Transvaal, said, "To save the world, the Church must become once more the militant Church, the militant Church must in turn become the Church aflame.

"After 300 years experience of race relations—and I speak now of the Afrikaans section of our people, and particularly the more Nationalistic section, the people who govern South Africa—my people sincerely believe they know best what is right. But most of the Bantu do not agree," he said.

Dr. Geldenhuys said, "It has become clear to me that, even if we have the right answer, no idea that does not have the support of men of goodwill of all races can have any hope of success.

"We Afrikaners of European descent have given much too much thought to how we can save ourselves. We must live a new quality of life, in our families, our Church and our communal life.

"When I first came to Caux I was sure that I had all the answers because I honestly believed that I was bringing the message of my Church and my people, and was living that message, and that I had nothing more to learn from anyone, especially from anyone outside the Church.

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"My religion was just not big enough to shake my people awake and get them moving. The fault is not in my religion, but in the way I was living it.

"The inherent inertia, selfishness and self-righteousness, particularly of us Afrikaners, blinded us completely to what is going on

in the world today.

"I am willing that God make use of anything of mine to lead South Africa and Africa to her true destiny.

"We have a responsibility to our era which we cannot evade. We must go from confusion to clarity; together we can find the answer; we must find it and with God's help we can find it."—Sapa.