

# M.R.A. DEFENDED

**THE OPEN SECRET OF M.R.A.**  
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**T**HE Rev. J. P. Thornton-Duesbery is the master of an Oxford College and was for many years the Principal of the Church of England Theological College in Oxford. He calls his book "An Examination of Mr. Driberg's 'critical examination' of Moral Re-Armament."

Unlike Tom Driberg, the author knew Dr. Frank Buchman personally and over several decades. He says, "You could trust him. I found I could tell him things I never told any other man, and the years have taught me increasingly how deep his sympathy, how wise his counsel were."

He tackles Driberg's questions, "What about Hitler? What about Finance?"

On Hitler's attitude Duesbery quotes the official instructions of Hitler's Gestapo. The document was found in an abandoned Gestapo headquarters in France by the advancing allies. It's authenticity is attested. Its instructions are that the leaders of M.R.A. are to be liquidated. It denounces them for "uncompro-

misingly taking up a frontal position against National Socialism"

On money he makes the simple point that the accounts of M.R.A. are audited annually in every country they are at work, and in Britain Mr. Driberg, or anyone else, can get a copy of the balance sheet from the Board of Trade for the sum of one shilling.

## Change

Even the most biased critics of Moral Re-Armament admit that countless people around the world have found a change in the habits and aims of their lives through making absolute moral standards their measure, and the realising of God's plan their goal. Duesbery compares this insistence that personal change is needed to make "social, racial, national and international change" effective, with the life task of John Wesley who gave himself to the transformation of individual men.

The author believes we may see as far-reaching social changes in the fruits of Buchman's work as the world saw after the death of John Wesley. E.R.S.