

World attitude to S.A. . . .

NEGOTIATION, NOT ANIMOSITY

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MR. BREMER HOFMEYER, chairman of the national council of management of the Moral Re-Armament movement in South Africa, said in Durban that there was a new attitude of negotiation rather than animosity towards South Africa.

Mr. Hofmeyer said in an interview he had found evidence of this new attitude at a recent world conference of the MRA in Caux, Switzerland, which he attended and at which the question of world relations with South Africa was discussed at length.

The speech made at the conference by another delegate from South Africa, Dr. William Nkomo, the founder and first president of the African National Congress Youth League, and now a member of MRA, made a deep impression on the thousands of people present, Mr. Hofmeyer said.

APPEAL

Speaking about the appeal on foreign businesses not to trade with this country, Dr. Nkomo had said: "I want to appeal to leaders of the workers and management to think of South Africa in a new way. I believe that any effort to stop the economical development of South Africa will mean that the very people that some of you are trying to help — my people — will suffer from starvation and lack of suitable housing if trade is withdrawn."

Dr. Nkomo's speech was printed in a leading British newspaper, and in several other papers, including the Indian weekly, *Himmat*.

Mr. Hofmeyer said this speech alone had done a great deal towards improving South Africa's relations with other countries.

CONFERENCE

Now that he was back in South Africa he was travelling to different parts, telling them about the conference, and helping plan a conference of Southern African countries' MRA movements.

On the question of arms sales to South Africa, Mr. Hofmeyer said, there was an encouraging attitude of open-mindedness, rather than stubborn refusal to

see any point of view put forward by this country.

The conference, which was phased over three months, was attended by more than 1,000 people from all over the world. There were 12 delegates from South Africa.