

# THE STORY OF A WORLD-WIDE MOVEMENT

(Continued from page 1) and sold it to the students was called Bill Pickle. He was strong, stockily built, with a furious walrus moustache and the looks of a roaring pirate. At first he feared Buchman. But Buchman won him and changed him.

Bill's old friends heard what was happening and brought along two bottles of the best to try and get Bill drunk again. They handed Bill the first bottle. Bill took it and let it slip through his fingers to the brick floor. The next attempt was more subtle. They pulled the cork out of the second bottle and held it under Bill's nose so he could smell it. Bill tapped the tempter's wrist and the bottle crashed.

The tone of the whole college changed as hundreds of the students began to change. It was no longer good form to hold drinking parties. The college

began to win their games and scholarship improved.

## GOD USE ME

Frank Buchman says, "I had no part in this except that I let God use me." Bill Pickle travelled thousands of miles with

Frank Buchman. He went to the League of Nations and spoke there, with others. Afterwards Carl Hambro, President of the League of Nations, said of Moral Re-Armament: "You are succeeding where we in the League have failed, for you are changing men". And, as Frank Buchman says, "Cabinet Ministers to rule well must change people. Ordinarily Cabinets do not have that art."

After his experiences in State College, Frank Buchman travelled the world. He made his first visit to India in 1915. He spent three years in South East Asia. He stayed with Gandhiji and their friendship lasted until Gandhiji's death.

Frank Buchman's wide knowledge of men and nations has played its part in making MRA a universal ideology for everyone everywhere. As somebody recently said: "The ancient traditions of the East—unity, purity and truth—can through MRA be so lived by the ordinary man and statesman that they become regnant in the life of all nations and normal for the whole world."

## GOD SPEAKS

While attending the Disarmament Conference in 1921 at Washington D.C., Frank Buchman received a postcard from a British General. On it was the picture of a man's head. Underneath was written: "God gave a man two ears and one mouth. Why not listen twice as much as you talk?"

Buchman believes the great truth that "When man listens, God speaks. When man obeys, God acts. When men change,

nations change." Through him millions have now come to know how to spend the first hour of each day listening to that Universal Force that lies in every human heart to give it correction and direction.

Frank Buchman writes down the thoughts that come: "The Chinese tell us that the strongest memory is weaker than the palest ink", he says. "There is no virtue about writing it down except that it helps you to remember."

He was travelling in a railroad train during the night at the time of this same Washington Disarmament Conference and again and again this clear thought came to him—"Resign, resign, resign." Buchman obeyed. It meant giving up the secure post that he then held at a University and giving the rest of his life to the remaking of the world. Since that time he has had no salary. He has lived the truth on which the whole of Moral

Re-Armament is based, that "Where God guides, He provides."

## RESOURCES

He and thousands with him have travelled the world, living in suitcases, financed as a world force by the sacrificial giving of those who believe in their world. Some people think that some rich foundation or philanthropist millionaire provide the resources of Moral Re-Armament. This is not so. In truth, tens of thousands of people across the world sacrifice to make the work possible.

Neither Frank Buchman nor any of those who work at his side take one anna of salary. They give everything. They live as a world force which Buchman talked about when, at a dressing a thousand women transplanting paddy in the field he said: "There's enough in the world for everyone's need—but not for everyone's greed. If everyone cares enough and shares enough, won't everybody have enough?"

There are no dues and no membership for those who join in the struggle to rebuild the world. "You cannot join and you cannot resign" says Frank Buchman. "Everyone has a part. It's the way you and I live. It's not an organisation, it's an organism. It's for everyone everywhere. It's normal living."

A campaign for the Moral Re-Armament of men and nations was launched on a world scale in 1938 in the East End of London, where over three million workers live. From there it has girdled the globe.

One man, Tod Sloan, is typical of many. He describes himself as "a watchmaker by trade and an agitator by nature." He had been



India's national day of independence (August 15) was celebrated at Caux with the raising of the National flag. Representatives of 38 nations taking part in the Assembly, stood in silence on the Swiss mountainside, while Shrimati R. P. Masani hoisted the flag.

## HUMAN NATURE CAN BE CHANGED

years ago 72 per cent of all the works councils of Germany were Communist controlled, that figure is now under 25 per cent and in the elections this month the Communist vote there fell to 4-1/2 per cent.

### SUPERIOR

According to Hubert Stein, a member of the Executive of the 500,000 Mineworkers of Germany, his is "due to MRA". For tens of thousands of those German Workers, like the workers all over the world, are finding in Moral Re-Armament an ideology that is not anti-Communist but superior to Communism. MRA is not anti-East nor anti-West, not anti-Russia nor anti-America, but or change in everyone everywhere. It is the answer to everyism", even materialism.

It gets results because it gets men changed. Frank Buchman often says: "You can plan a new world on paper, but you have to build it out of

Foreign Minister said that no force had done so much to bridge the gulf caused by a thousand years of hatred between Germany and France as Moral Re-Armament.

### IT WORKS

It is an ideology that brings an answer. That answer works—even in the most tense situations. In a country like South Africa, torn by a racial hatred that must be healed, MRA has begun to unite men above party, class, race, point of view and personal advantage. That is why Manilal Gandhi, Gandhiji's son, said in Durban: "Moral Re-Armament is a lighthouse in this dark and stormy world. It will guide us the right way." And he sent a cable to Frank Buchman wishing him success in his "great humanitarian mission" in Asia.

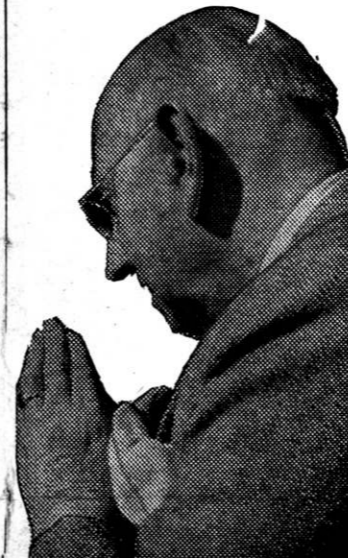
Similarly U Tin Tut as Foreign Minister of Burma, having seen the power of this idea at work in many countries said:

three years. To these assemblies have come over 60,000 delegates, Prime Ministers, Cabinet men, industrialists, and the elected leaders of 50,000,000 organised workers, from 118 countries all round the world. Also the ordinary man and his wife take their part in MRA—for Dr. Buchman has always said: "The ordinary man under God can do the extraordinary thing."

### IN ACTION

The Foreign Minister of a powerful country said recently: "If this were just another theory, I should not be interested. But it is a philosophy of life applied in action which I have seen reaching the millions. It is a world-wide transformation of human society which has already begun."

And these words of the man, Frank Buchman, who began it all by putting right what was wrong



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in gaol twenty-seven times. But this had not changed him. He was walking along the road in the East End when he saw a big notice:

It's not an institution;  
It's not a point of view;  
It starts a revolution  
By starting one in you.

## STANDARDS

Tod liked the word "revolution", so he went inside as he says, "to get a basinful." The course of his whole life was changed through the challenge of MRA's four standards—absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. Tod Sloan and his wife, Liz have been a positive force in the life of their nation ever since.

The response of the mass of workers led Ben Tillett, the great fighter for the rights of the dockers of the world, shortly before he died to send this message to Frank Buchman: "Fight on. You have a great international movement. Use it. It is the hope of tomorrow. It will lead the world back to sanity again."

In these last three years Moral Re-Armament has changed the trend of the docks. In 1949 there was a national dock strike which cost Britain £217,000,000. The men who led that strike has been so changed through Moral Re-Armament that in the last twelve months they have frustrated three Communist attempts to strike the whole British waterfront.

One dock until January 1951 had had a stoppage of some kind or another every week for twenty-five years. Since then both management and labour have changed through MRA. And not one hour of work has been lost.

Similarly, in countries like Germany, the tide of materialism has begun to be turned. Three

man often says: "You can plan a new world on paper, but you have to build it out of people." And again: "Peace is not just an idea. It is millions of people becoming different."

The French Government sent a Senator into Germany, where at the request of Chancellor Adenauer a mass meeting for MRA was being held, to decorate Dr. Buchman with the knighthood of the Legion of Honour. For the

Foreign Minister of Burma, having seen the power of this idea at work in many countries said: "The one light in a dark world is the unfailing light of MRA ... It is an idea compelling enough to change and unite both West and East."

Fourteen of the nations of Asia have sent delegations, including a cross-section of their national leadership, to Moral Re-Armament assemblies in the last

Frank Buchman, who began it all by putting right what was wrong with six men sums up the matter. He says:

"Human nature can be changed. That is the root of the answer. National economies can be changed. That is the fruit of the answer. World history can be changed. That is the destiny of our age."

