

Readers' views

Wrong ideas about objectives of Moral Rearmament

To the Editor of The Star

SIR,—Judging by the statement that Moral Rearmament is promoted by Communists, under the heading “Boycotting Indian Traders” in The Star on February 15, there appears to be considerable confusion as to the objectives of Moral Rearmament and what this force around the world is achieving.

I quote from a published statement by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany, dated January 31, 1960, when he said:

“Now is the time to work more strongly than ever for European unity through MRA. A Europe in which freedom and brotherhood should reign can only be created when nations are mutually conscious of their moral responsibility. MRA has given most valuable stimulation to the great work of uniting Europe. Unless this work is carried forward, peace in the world cannot be maintained.

“If all nations are to continue to live together, one of the most pressing tasks of our age is to overcome prejudices that exist between people, races and nations. In this field MRA has made an important contribution.

Change of heart

“May it above all pass on the truth that the one real hope of nations living together in peace can only be found through a change in the human heart.

“We can be grateful to the men and women of Moral Rearmament that in this world of destruction they have had the courage to raise the banner of moral values. MRA has become a household word in post-war Germany.

The German people gratefully recognize the help which has come so readily to them through MRA. Very soon after the end of the war this ideology reached out a hand to the German people and helped them make contact again with other nations. In Western Germany MRA has worked very force-

fully in the creation of good relations between management and labour.

“Men and nations cannot outwardly enjoy stable relations until they have been inwardly prepared for them. In this respect MRA has rendered great lasting services.”

I would also refer to a statement from Radio Moscow in January, 1953:

“Moral Rearmament is a global ideology with bridge-heads in every nation in its final phase of total expansion throughout the world. It has the power to capture radical revolutionary minds. It is contaminating the minds of the masses. It substitutes for the inevitable class war, the eternal struggle between good and evil.”

It is surely time that intellectual critics and wrongly informed people got a conception not only of what Moral Rearmament is pledged to achieve but of the dire necessity for a new approach to personal, national and international problems based on clear cut moral principles.

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