

S.A. will be at ^{STAR} THIS world conference

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES today normally begin with an attempt to throw South Africa out. But one will take place in Kenya from Wednesday to December 22 to which 20 South Africans, both Black and White, have been invited and at which a South African will be chairman.

The chairman has already left for Kenya. He is a Xhosa, Andrew Peppetta. At college he lost a year of his education because of his revolutionary political views. He is still a revolutionary, but for a concept bigger than colour. He believes that Africa should create a way of life that will answer the tyranny of the East and the decadence of the West.

Whereas most pan-African conferences deal with how to subvert South Africa and how to invade Rhodesia, the Kenya Demonstration has outlined these principles:

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE—it has to be earned.

UNITY COMES FROM CHANGE—That is, a change of personal attitudes.

VIOLENCE IS OUTMODED—a new society can be created without resorting to force or dictatorship.

WEALTH COMES FROM WORK—development aid is no substitute for the hardwork that is the only guarantee of progress.

PROSPERITY NEED NOT LEAD TO DECADENCE—free men must decide the disciplines that will guide them and their nations.

AFRICA CAN EVOLVE A COMMON PURPOSE FOR ALL MANKIND and make its unique contribution to the growth of civilization.

The initiative for the conference comes from six young Kenya Africans who attended the Moral Rearmament Demonstration in America this year, where 6,000 young men and women were trained. One of the six is a Masai. He lives two days

walk from Nairobi. When the time came to depart he packed his suitcase, put it on his head, walked two days across the plains and then boarded a jet plane for America.

International figures will be there. One is Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi of India. The young Gandhi has pioneered in India a move such as the conference convenors foresee for Africa. He is inspiring his generation to build a new India—strong, clean and united. He says it is far more difficult and far more urgent to get rid of corruption today than it was to get rid of imperialism in his grandfather's day. His air-fare is being paid by the Indians of Nairobi.

Another is Conrad Hunte, Vice-Captain of the West Indies cricket team. He is an outstanding leader and has just completed a speaking tour of British

universities. He has spoken out publicly on world platforms against the sports boycott of South Africa.

Yet another is Dame Flora MacLeod (86) who is chieftainess of MacLeod, and who lives at Dunvegan Castle on Skye.

The daily conference programme will include, first, manual work by all delegates on a community project chosen in consultation with the Kenya government.

Each day a speaker will discuss the world situation, and what delegates can do to promote in their nations unity and integrity.

Third will be the creation of ideological weapons of song and drama to carry the ideas of the conference to Africa. A South African, Mr. C. Marivate, lecturer at the University of South Africa, will be in charge of this workshop.