

He has wife and family but . . .

An editor quits to take on unpaid work in spiritual movement

A FEW DAYS AGO 40-year-old Derek Gill came to Johannesburg to attend a Moral Rearmament conference. Today he decided to resign his job as editor of the daily newspaper in Queenstown (Cape Province) and devote himself to Moral Rearmament work.

"My future is in the hands of God," he said.

His immediate plans are to accompany a South African team of Moral Rearmament workers to Lagos, Nigeria, on January 19.

After he returns from Lagos he does not know what he will do or where he will go. But he is not worried, though he knows he gets no pension.

Mr. Gill has been interested in the M.R.A. movement for a long time, but when he left Queenstown last week for the Transvaal conference he had not thought about resigning from his job.

When he made this decision after the conference he had not consulted his wife, "but we had talked about the possibility and I know she will approve," said Mr. Gill.

The Gills have a daughter of 13 and two sons who are younger.

Mr. Gill has no fears that his family will be unprovided for, though he will get no payment for his work in the movement.

"I know we will not starve, but I anticipate that there will be hard times.

"I regard my work for Moral Rearmament as the first thing in my life now, before my family and before my work," said this newspaper editor who has been more than 15 years in journalism and has conducted the affairs of the long-established "Daily Representative" for 10 years.



MR. DEREK GILL