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Spiritual Adventure

THE decision of Clive Ulyate, the Springbok Rugby player, to forsake a career in sport and engineering in order to devote his life to moral re-
armament will no doubt stir up the old debates on the merits and demerits of this much-discussed movement.

There is, however, the wider implication of youth's eagerness to respond to a challenge which demands all. It is on this point that the traditional churches can take a leaf from M.R.A. In attempting to water down religion to make it palatable and comfortable to the self-indulgent, the churches today fail to attract any new following worth considering and certainly not the young people imbued with a spirit of adventure.

Recently a young religious leader in Britain made this criticism from a public platform and urged the Christian churches to demand sacrifice and denounce compromises. Peace considered as an absence of wars is a negative substitute for the exciting peace offered to the persecuted Church of St. Paul.

One does not need to share Ulyate's religious convictions to applaud the spirit which prompts his new choice. In an age and in a country which place much emphasis on personal security and the accumulation of wealth or position, he has joined one of the small bands of practical dreamers who are determined to make their spiritual and moral heritage an everyday affair.